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European Coordination Committee on Veterinary Training (ECCVT)
Update on activities

The European Coordination Committee for Veterinary Training (ECCVT) was created in 2004. Through this committee the three founding organisations the “European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education” (EAEVE), the “European Board for Veterinary Specialization” (EBVS) and the “Federation of Veterinarians of Europe” (FVE) aim to coordinate their views on veterinary education. ECCVT is supervised by the organisations’ executive committees/boards. ECCVT meets twice every year under a rotating chairmanship.

Last ECCVT meeting took place on 18th October 2012. In that meeting it was concluded that ECCVT should be more proactive and increase its visibility. In order to raise awareness of their members and other stakeholders, the three organisations decided that twice every year, a common ECCVT newsletter will be issued, following each ECCVT meeting.

Other points of the agenda included discussion on:

- The revision of the Directive regarding recognition of professional qualifications (2005/36/EC).
EAEVE in collaboration with FVE developed a proposal with a ‘list of day-1 competencies’¹ for veterinarians, which was finally approved by the two organisations.
- The new challenges for the veterinary profession in the future.
Antimicrobial resistance and bee health are only two of the future challenges that the veterinary profession and veterinary education has to confront in the near future among others, i.e. transportation of live animals and meat products, animal welfare, fish, etc. Antimicrobial resistance is already part of the different subjects of the veterinary curriculum in all veterinary schools. Concerning bee health and apiculture as part of the veterinary curriculum, the three organisations will map the existing situation in Europe.
- Update on the VETCEE project. Following the adoption of the developed standards for companion animal programmes, a pilot phase of the validation of existing programmes will shortly commence. This is to check the initial planning and to identify any gaps or deficiencies in the procedure.
- Update on the establishment of the REEV-Med network². The first General Assembly of the REEV-Med network took place in September 2012 in Rabat. Representatives from many veterinary establishments of Mediterranean, North African countries attended the meeting. The network will be based in the OIE office, in Tunis. REEV-Med Network aims at providing a consultative site visit system to the establishments based in the African countries, similar to the EAEVE and FVE evaluation system applying to the European Veterinary Establishments.
- Update on ESCO (European Skills/Competences, Qualifications and Occupations) a European, multi-lingual, classification scheme with the goal of linking the skills and competencies with qualifications and occupations, for the advantage of the EU labour market and education institutions. Members of all 3 ECCVT organisations are involved with the classification of veterinary activities.

Next ECCVT meeting will take place on 20 March 2013 in Brussels.

¹<http://www.fve.org/uploads/publications/docs/064%20annex%20v%20fve%20ga%20nov%202012.pdf>

² Network of Veterinary Schools in the Mediterranean