VETCEE
Veterinary Continuing Education in Europe

Report to
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VETCEE
Veterinary Continuing Education in Europe Committee

formerly The (interim) European Board for Veterinary Professional Development (EBVPD)

Founding members

**EAEVE** The European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education

**EBVS** The European Board for Veterinary Specialisation

**FVE** The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe

**UEVP** The Union of European Veterinary Practitioners

Co Opted member:

**FECAVA** The Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations

Statutory Bodies working group of FVE
VETCEE (interim) Board
Andrew Byrne (Chairman) FECAVA/UEVP
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Andrew Robinson (UEVP)
Thomas Blaha (EBVS)
Frank Gasthuys (EBVS)
Joost Van Herten (Stat.Bodies)
Stéphane Martinot (EAEVE)
Alois Nicos (EAEVE)
Despoina Iatridou (FVE Executive support)
2. VETCEE objectives

2.1. To **promote structured continuing professional development and life-long learning** in order to improve the level of knowledge, skills and competencies of veterinary practitioners to a level higher than graduation level but at a level below that of a European Diplomat Specialist.

2.2. To encourage and facilitate the delivery of high quality veterinary care at first opinion practice level for the benefit of animal health and welfare and also the benefit of owners and society.

2.3. To **accredit structured programmes that are achievable by veterinarians in full time employment.**

2.4. The development of a system whereby practising veterinarians across Europe can gain recognition for attainment of structured postgraduate education which indicates a competence to deliver a high level of veterinary service in their chosen field of practice.

2.5. The system proposed would recognise and embrace systems, which already exist in some European countries and provide the base for their **mutual recognition** across Europe.

2.6. The VETCEE programme would be totally different from the EBVS specialisation model, which requires superior academic achievement, and continuing research based post qualification obligations.
VETCEE BOARD

STANDARDS for programmes

VETCEE SUB COMMITTEES

COMPETENCIES for programs

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VALIDATION PANEL
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INDEPENDENT of VETCEE Board

Consulting with EAEVE regarding the qualities required by validation panel members and identifying candidates.
Proposed Program Standards

Level: European Quality Framework Level 7, i.e. a so-called middle tier between graduate and specialist (diplomate). VetCEE accredited programmes will be totally different from the EBVS specialisation model which requires superior academic achievement and continuing research based post qualification obligations;

Scope: Species orientation or broad discipline where needed and agreed.

Quantity of education

30 ECTS approx. 750 hours over approx. 3 years but flexible (2-10y).

ie approx. 6 hours per week over 3 years
to be Achievable by a Veterinarian in full time employment.
Modular format: allows for transfer of modules between accredited programs

Quality Assurance of program: re Q.A. systems and qualifications of program directors and teachers..

Assessment:
Re certification of programs and candidates

Target: Veterinary Practitioners (clinical programs) or veterinarians working in the relevant field, e.g., Lab animals
Achievable by full time practitioner
Title: as decided by National Competent authority

Post Nominals: As decided by National Competent authority

VETCEE committee accredits the programs that comply with the standards. It does NOT award a qualification— that is done by National Body.

Target: Veterinary Practitioners (clinical programs) or veterinarians working in the relevant field e.g. Lab animals. Achievable by full time practitioner.
Dossiers of competencies
developed by the sub committees
outlines the skills specific to each program

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Companion Animal Sub committee (FECAVA)
Dossier of competencies (Pilot)
Core Competencies

1. Professional key skills
2. Clinical management and communications
3. Analgesia and anesthesia
4. Emergency and supportive care
5. Diagnostic imaging
Designated Competencies

6 A 1
Internal Medicine

6 B 1
Surgery
Internal Medicine

30 ECTS

Surgery

20 ECTS Competencies

Core Competencies

10 ECTS

20 ECTS

30 ECTS
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Pilot companion Animal Programs

The institutes/associations who have volunteered are:

BSAVA

RCVS
Polish Veterinary Chamber/ PSAVA/
Veterinary Faculty

Veterinary Ireland/ VICAS & University
College Dublin
Consultation phase

opportunity to work with the institutes/associations who have volunteered to participate in the pilot to discuss the draft dossier of competencies.

The final draft competencies were presented to the VETCEE Board on Nov 6th for approval for the pilot
Pilot evaluation

The second phase will be to carry out a trial evaluation of the pilot participants programs. Some of the participants have existing programs and some are developing new programs for evaluation. This phase will help us to test the evaluation systems that are being developed by VETCEE.

TIMELINES for PILOT evaluations of CA programmes
Invitations - <Nov 30th 2012-done
Applications - <Jan 31 2013
Pilot evaluations Feb 2013
Report March 2013
Review April 2013
Final phase of pilot

After having received the feedback to the pilot, the third phase will be to carry through the amendments to the dossier and the evaluation systems.
Porcine sub committee plan
ECPHM & EAPHM

first draft  late December 2012.
Discussion in working group during January and February- 2013

Presenting the final draft to General assembly ( EAPHM/ECPHM) in May 2013 in Edinburg

Presenting the final edition for the VetCEE board in June 2013
Laboratory Animals Sub Committee plan

ECLAM/EVERI: monitoring EU working group that is looking at implementation of a named veterinary surgeon required for the supervision of animal experimentation. Discussed how VETCEE objectives may be complimentary to this.

ECLAM EVERI will discuss and report back in June 2013
## Critical Path summary

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Equine Programs?

Equine Sub Committee formation by FEEVA
Development of Equine program(s) standards and competencies

Consultation between all sub committees and VETCEE Ex Comm.
Thank you for your time

Discussion & Questions

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