

European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Training

**REPORT ON THE STAGE 1 REVISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
VETERINARY MEDICINE AND PHARMACY IN KOŠICE, SLOVAK
REPUBLIC**

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Background

The University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice was evaluated between 23rd and 30th October 23, 2005. The Report on the visit adopted by the Joint Education Committee (JEC) of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) and the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) on 4th July 2006.

JEC established one category 1 deficiency: „*The facilities and provision for equine treatment, surgery, hospitalisation and care must be improved*“.

The university made efforts to rectify the deficiency and Prof. Emil Pilipčinec, Rector asked for a revisit in 2011. The revisit took place on the 28th and the 29th by László Fodor and Borut Zemljič, members of the European Committee on Veterinary Education (ECOVE).

The university provided a detailed summary on the changes implemented to rectify the category 1 deficiency; however it was a part of several changes at the school (Annex 1).

Program of the revisit:

1. Visit at the Equine clinic, examination of the facility (examination room, operation theatre, clinical laboratory, stables, isolation stables, postoperative recovery box, farriery) and the equipment at the Equine Clinic.
2. Visiting a practical on equine diseases (examination a horse with laryngoscopy) and a practical on horse shoeing.
3. Visit of the construction of the future new Equine Clinic.
4. Meeting the academic staff of the Equine Clinic.

5. Discussion with 5th and 6th year students.
6. Discussion the mobile clinic service of the Equine Clinic, examination of the equipment used in the mobile clinic service.
7. Visiting the riding establishment of the university.

Academic staff involved in the discussions

1. Prof. Emil Pilipčinec, Rector
2. Prof. J. Mojžišová, Vice Rector for Study Affairs
3. Assoc. Prof. O. Nagy, Vice Rector for Clinical Activities
4. Prof. I. Valocky, Head of the Equine Clinic
5. Academic staff of the Equine Clinic

Findings:

1. The previous subject oriented clinics were reorganised and an Equine Clinic was formed on the 1st September, 2007.
2. A new curriculum with a 6-year-long training was introduced from the academic year 2007/2008.
3. The equine facility meets the requirements, the examination room, the operation theatre, the clinical laboratory, the stables, the isolation stables, the postoperative recovery box are suitable for teaching equine medicine and treating patients.
4. There was a considerable development of equipment (600,000€) the details are summarised in Annex 1 Supplement 3. The equipment makes high level of teaching possible.
5. There is a mobile clinic run by the Equine Clinic. The clinic has several sets of instruments ready to use at the mobile clinic.
6. The Equine Clinic provides 24 hour emergency service. The students are involved in the work of it; students' involvement is based on an on-call system.
7. The caseload is sufficient, it has been continuously growing.
8. Registration of the clinical work is done mainly in the form of hard copy, a computer based documentation is ProVet is just under test.
9. The farriery is working as part of the Equine Clinic.
10. The teaching, research and clinical activities of the Equine Clinic are appropriate.

11. The academic staff consists of 8 teachers; they are helped by a total of 12 supporting staff members.
12. There is a new Equine Clinic under construction, which will provide even better conditions. It will be completed by the second half of this year.
13. Students are satisfied with the learning opportunities at the Equine Clinic, they are convinced that their Day 1 competencies regarding horses are appropriate.
14. Every student must fulfil certain prescribed list of practical work under supervision of teaching staff. List must be filled three times, one for evidence of the clinic, once as personal diary of individual student and at the end the student must report on certain number of practical hands on practice they made. On such way control of students "hands on« practice is perfect. The only suggestion would be not to leave too much free space to the students in deciding when they are willing to do specific practical exercise.

Comments:

1. Introduction of the computer based archive system has to be facilitated.

Suggestions:

1. The University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice rectified the category 1 deficiency established by JEC in 2006, inclusion of this school on the list of approved establishments is recommended.

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ECOVE decision: FULL APPROVAL

