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RECTOR'S DECISION

According to the current epidemiological situation in connection with the coronavirus COVID-19 infection in the European area and the latest worldwide developments, the following decision of Management of University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice was made on March 31st 2020 for all foreign students studying at the UVMP in English language:

1. Teaching process in the form of distance learning will continue until the end of academic year 2019/2020 for all years of study and all study programmes.
2. All REGULAR CREDITS and REGULAR EXAMINATIONS will be performed online (not applicable for state examinations and defences of bachelor/diploma theses). The dates and method for completion of credits and examinations will be announced in due time.
3. STATE EXAMINATIONS AND THESIS DEFENCES scheduled for academic year 2019/2020 for the 3rd year students of Animal Science and 5th and 6th year students of General Veterinary Medicine (including post BSc. students) has to be, according to the current Slovak legislation on higher education, performed orally in person in front of the examination committee. The dates of the state examinations and defences will be announced later, based on the development of epidemiological situation and/or decision of Slovak government. We ASSUME, that the state examinations at UVMP in Kosice will be organized latest till the end of the academic year (August 31st 2020), probably in August 2020, if applicable. Students will be notified in advance, immediately after the decision of competent authorities (i.e. crisis management team, government, etc.) on possibility to organize state examinations is released.
4. Regular extramural practice scheduled for academic year 2019/2020 for the 4th and 5th year students of General Veterinary Medicine (including post BSc. students) in the amount of 80 hours has to be completed by the end of student's study at the UVMP.
5. Mandatory clinical practice scheduled for academic year 2019/2020 for the 5th year students of General Veterinary Medicine (including post BSc. students) can be substituted with extramural practice in the total amount of 140 hours (60 hours dedicated to birds, exotic and free living animals, 40 hours to small animals, 30 hours to ruminants and 10 hours to horses). Number of hours, completed procedures, activities and gained skills have to be recorded in Record book of clinical and professional practice of students in General Veterinary Medicine study programme and properly confirmed and signed by supervising veterinary doctor. If the student is not able to complete all mandatory hours for the different species, he/she will be required to complete the remaining hours after returning to the university in the next academic year, i.e. the remaining hours will be postponed to the following academic year.
6. Students that will not be able to secure extramural practice placement (regular or substitution for clinical practice) in their home country due to their continuing stay in Košice over the summer, will have a possibility to complete the practice (or its part) at the University Veterinary Hospital and other university clinics, as long as the epidemiological situation allows it.

Dear students, the UVMP Management will do its best to allow all UVMP students to have a chance to finish the academic year 2019/2020. Nobody from the university wants to complicate this already complicated situation. Please understand that UVMP is responsible for your education. However, we would like to assure you, that your studies are not at risk.

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