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**REPORT on the RE-VISITATION**

**to the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Agricultural Sciences and  
Veterinary Medicine (USAMV) of Cluj-Napoca**

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## **Introduction**

In April 2017, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca, Cluj-Napoca, Romania was revisited to evaluate the progress done in correcting the Major Deficiency identified in the November 2014 Visitation.

The decision by ECOVE May 2015 following 2014 Visitation was: **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** with one (1) Major Deficiency.

The Major Deficiency which led to this decision was:

### **-) Lack of adequate equipment to enable up-to-date training in radiological diagnostics**

Furthermore the team had a number of suggestions (considered by the Faculty as minor deficiencies) to the Faculty.

In October 2015, a revisit was requested by the Faculty and the revisit date was fixed for April 2017.

Prior to the visit, the Team received detailed information about the original SER, the ECOVE decision, suggested timetable for the revisit program, professional advice on travelling etc.

Further to this a 37 page multicoloured report with photographic documentation named '**Re-SER Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca, Romania 2016**' was presented to the revisit team and to the EAEVE office in due time.

Based on this report and during its 3 day stay 5- 7 April 2017 the present revisit report was generated.

## **Introduction to the revisit and the generated site visit report**

During its stay, the team was guided through a program specifically designed to demonstrate the improvements that had been made since 2014. Even if it is outside the remit of this visitation team, it was noted with pleasure that the Faculty had improved even further the general quality of the teaching facilities and had added considerable amounts of infrastructure in different sections. And some of the buildings were improved and enlarged to further facilitate teaching and clinical training.

Everything was very well prepared and organized and the reception of the team was very professional and simultaneously very warm, catering for the needs of the team at all times.

The solutions adopted by the Faculty to address issues raised as suggestions in the 2014-evaluation report strongly reflect the dedicated academic staff and helpful support from the university management. The Faculty has improved tremendously from the beginning of the EAEVE evaluation period.

All teaching activities subject to the team's check are comparable to approved schools; the general standard of teaching facilities, lecture halls, etc. is adequate, although variable from area to area, and conducive to training of future veterinarians.

The visit started Wednesday late afternoon with a brief meeting with the rector, the dean, and the vice deans:

- Prof. Catoi Cornel, Rector
- Prof. Bogdan Liviu, Dean
- Prof. Andrei Sanda Maria, Vice Dean for scientific matters
- Conf. Univ. Fit Nicodim Iosif, Vice Dean for teaching
- Conf. Dr. Gudea Alexandru, Vice Dean for student affairs
- Prof. Pusta Dana, Liaison Officer

and the remit of the revisit was presented to the Faculty.

The team stayed together during the well prepared program.

## **1. Correction of the Major Deficiency**

### **Lack of adequate equipment to enable up-to-date training in radiological diagnostics**

#### **1.1 Findings**

The diagnostic imaging section has renovated and rebuilt the room used for both small animal and large animal radiography.

A digital X ray unit VET-MT271 has been installed in a suitable location and in the same room the original floating x-ray table for small animals is situated at one end.

Both units are connected to a new PACS-unit.

The PACS-unit is not connected to the clinical departments, and pictures are delivered on a cd or a USB-stick to the relevant persons in the clinics which then may decide to give the “pictures” as a present to the animal owners.

Further to this a Siemens CT-scanner has been installed in the adjoining room.

For further technical details please refer to the Faculty Re-SER p. 4 - 7.

Full security procedures regarding protective gear, access restrictions, special demands for the room itself are implemented following national Romanian regulation. The room is officially endorsed for diagnostic imaging.

For teaching purposes students are still taught how to develop traditional x-ray films, but this procedure is not used in the daily routine.

There is a close cooperation with a German university for second opinions on both ordinary x-ray issues and CT-scans.

A skilled veterinarian is designated to become resident (awaiting approval of the programme from the College) under the EBVS-program in diagnostic imaging.

#### **1.2 Comments**

The measures taken by the faculty have resulted in a professional diagnostic imaging unit with access to modern equipment also suitable for large animals.

### **1.3. Suggestions**

None.

### **1.4. Decision of the Visitation Team**

**It is the opinion of the 2017 team that this major deficiency has been fully rectified.**

## **2. Correction of Minor Deficiencies**

### **2.1. Findings**

The Faculty has chosen to read the 2014 team's suggestions as minor deficiencies adding up to a total number of at least 65 minor deficiencies.

Improvements regarding major infrastructure and facilities since the 2014 visitation are listed at p. 28 – 37 of the Re-SER.

### **2.2. Comments**

The 2017-revisiting team did not find evidence of minor deficiencies per se.

However, the Faculty is commended for doing a huge job to follow a number of the suggestions which has led to an even further improvement of the Faculty's efforts to strengthen research and teaching.

For further details the reader is referred to the Re-SER p. 6 – 27.

### **2.3 Suggestions**

None.

### **2.4. Decision of the visitation team**

The Faculty has done a tremendous job to take into consideration all the suggestions mentioned in the 2014 evaluation which in many places has improved the basis for research and teaching.

## **3. ESEVT Indicators**

### **3.1. Findings**

The figures presented for R5 and R14 in the Re-SER (p. 27 – 28) brings the Faculty within the limits for these indicators.

FTE staff	Support staff	R5	Year
164.5	72.5	0.44	2014 - 2015
166.5	83.5	0.50	2015 - 2016
172.5	88.5	0.51	2016 - 2017

Number of graduates	Number of equine cases	R14	Year
87	575	6.61	2014
144	227 (389.1)	1.56 (2.70)	2015
143	448	3.13	2016

### **3.2. Comments**

A huge effort has been done by the Faculty to hire support staff and especially the number of residents in the Faculty internship program to support the clinical functions is impressive.

## **FINAL REPORT AS ISSUED BY ECOVE ON 17 MAY 2017**

Written explanation (Annex 1 to this report) especially for R5 (p. 27-28) should be consulted for the explanation about the very close connection between support staff numbers in different Faculties at the University.

R14 dropped in 2015 due to a 5 five month construction period where hospitalization facilities were not available. A recalculation  $((227/7)*12=389.1)$  of the number of equine cases in R14 taking this into consideration and based on the assumption that the number of equine patients would have been evenly distributed over the year changes the R14 for 2015 to 2.70.

### **3.3. Suggestions**

The Faculty should continue its work to increase the number of support staff and also to increase the number of equine patients.

### **4. Conclusions**

The team recommends full approval following the team's impression that the major deficiency has been fully rectified and that the Faculty is in full compliance with the ESEVT standards.

**Annex 1 Decision of ECOVE**

The Committee concluded that the Major Deficiency identified in 2014 had been rectified.

The 'Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (USAMV) of Cluj-Napoca' is classified after Re-Visitation as holding the status of **APPROVAL**.