Dear Professor Bravo,

The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Life Sciences in Lublin was first evaluated in 1999 and was added to the Approved List of veterinary establishments. The second evaluation was carried out under the Standard Operating Procedures for evaluation, introduced in 2009. The Team which carried out the evaluation visit in May 2011 reported to the European Committee on Veterinary Education (ECOVE) that, the Lublin Faculty had 4 Category 1 deficiencies. It resulted in having removed the Faculty from the Approved List.

According to the SOP rules the Faculty ask ECOVE through the EAEVE Office for Re-visitation. The request was formulated after careful considerations of the current state of the Establishment in relation to that from the last Visitation in 2011. We consider that all of the Major Deficiencies have been rectified. The Faculty hope to be restored to the Approved List of Veterinary Faculties.

The 4 Category 1 deficiencies noted by the original Visitation Team and confirmed by ECOVE were:

1. Absence of isolation units.

2. Overall insufficiency of a bio-security and bio-safety concept.

3. Insufficient functioning of the emergency service with inconsistent involvement of students.

4. Lack of an institutional pharmacy combined with improper storage and access to drugs.

Clinical facilities, general comment – during the last four years from the Visitation in 2011 Faculty has put a lot of effort to improve the state of premises and facilities. The biggest achievement of that time was having set up the architectonic design and having put up completely new and modern clinical facility, which cost around 20 millions Euro. It has replaced some of the old clinical buildings which were demolished to make space on the Faculty clinical premises for the investment. The compound is composed of a companion animal clinic (3200 m²) and the farm animal clinic (7500m²). The bigger building comprise...
also 11 spacious seminar classrooms, auditorium for 265 persons, and laboratories covering needs for carrying out research in all veterinary fields. Both clinics and labs are equipped in modern brand new equipment. At present it is the state of the art veterinary facility in Poland.

At the same time Faculty cooperating with Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Lwow (Ukraine) has been implementing as a leader EU project entitled “Creating a Veterinary School of advanced diagnostic techniques with specialized laboratories” in the frame of Cross-Border Cooperation Programme (1,5 million Euro). The realization of the project enabled us to purchase additional medical equipment and strengthen our facility for clinical training of students and postgraduate training programs (X-ray, C-Rtg, Ultrasonographs, ECGs, patient monitors, endoscopy and laparoscopy set, surgery equipment, software for e-learning and teleradiology, and other things like that). Additionally there were also funds for European experts in chosen areas of specialization. Due to these funds extensive workshops (each of 35 hours) for our younger staff were organized in ultrasonography, cardiology, endoscopy, laparoscopy, emergency and critical care.

In these circumstances all of the mention above deficiencies were eliminated, namely:

Ad.1. Isolation unit for farm animals was designed and located in the building for farm animals. It has separate entrance, rooms for feed and bedding and sewage is piped into sewage treatment plant located nearby.

Isolation unit for small animals was created in the former infectious diseases hospital for dogs and cats in the building “Vivarium”. This building was considered excellent in any respect during the visitation in 2011 so it comply with all necessary requirements.

Ad.2. Both in companion animal and farm animal hospitals clean and non-clean areas are designed properly. There are no intercrossing pathways at all in the compound and in particular to the isolation units and surgery theatres. The obligations to general biosecurity are also fulfilled. The new facility comply with all requirements and standards of modern times. Laboratories, ambulatoires and other important places are equipped with devices for washing and disinfection of hands, disposable towels, gloves, masks, things like that. Moreover there were installed devices for evacuation of medical gases from operation theaters. There are rest and refreshment rooms for staff and locker rooms for students. Every academic staff has a separate room for intellectual work.

Ad.3. In the new clinic for companion animals there is a newly established intensive care unit fully equipped according to the standards of modern times. Moreover, the whole staff was trained in this field by specialist from Great Britain. It was 35 hours course combined with practicals.

Ad.4. The handling of drugs was improved in structure and function to eliminate all drawbacks leading to any hazard. The majority number of drugs is stored with the supply secured by prompt service from a large pharmacy on electronic order. Drugs and materials which are used every day are stored in each clinic in separate store rooms and refrigerators.

Apart from rectification Category 1 deficiencies we managed to eliminate a great majority of other matters that were formulated in suggestions related to clinics, for instance establishing a
centralized laboratory for clinical chemical analysis, establishing a central “reception” for small animal patients, improving the access for large animals to the X-Ray unit – the second separate X-Ray was establish near the new surgical theatres in clinic for large animals, and so on.

**Basic Sciences** – During the last four years renovations were carried out to resolve shortcomings especially those specified by expert group in order to eliminate Category 1 deficiency, namely “Overall insufficiency of a bio-security and bio-safety concept”. Apart from that priority list was set up and necessary refurbishment have been performing gradually every year. This way we were able to manage not only with main deficiencies but also to deal with numerous other important matters.

General concept of biosecurity and safety was improved, all teaching laboratories and other important places were equipped with devices for washing and disinfection of hands, disposable towels, gloves, masks, things like that. Laminar hoods were installed in microbiology labs for students working with infectious biological materials. Anatomy Department was thoroughly renovated. The conditions of the dissection room have changed dramatically, a new system of ventilation was installed for disposal of hazardous chemical volatile, old dissection tables were replaced with modern tables made of acid-proof steel fitted with tap water, sink and sewage system, lockers for students to keep their personal belongings in have been installed.

**Photographic documentation is attached to show and affirm changes that have been done during the last four years. They are divided into two folders, namely 1. Basic sciences – Biosecurity improvement and 2. New Clinical Compound.**

With best regards,

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