INTERIM REPORT
ON EQUINE SURGERY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AT THE
INSTITUT NATIONAL POLYTECHNIQUE – ECOLE NATIONALE VETERINAIRE
DE TOULOUSE (France)

After its last full visitation, on 6-10 December 2010, at the INP-ENVT, the EAEVE-FVE committee highlighted a single category 1 deficiency, which was taken into account by ECOVE:

*Lack of appropriate equine surgery facilities and equipment*

Therefore, ECOVE decided to give only conditional approval to INP-ENVT.

To fulfill the recommendations of EAEVE-FVE, a program has been developed between mid-2011 and 2013 to re-qualify and adapt the equine clinics of INP-ENVT, including the rebuilding of an equine (large animal) surgery unit, with anesthesia and recovery box, an operating suite allowing proper sterility and safety measures, a system to move and transport anaesthetized horses and all proper equipment devoted to orthopaedic and soft tissue surgery. The new clinic has been inaugurated in June 2013.

The total costs of the re-building program has been €682,706, for building and public works, and €317,050 for medical and surgical equipments. Funds have been gathered from the Midi-Pyrenees Region, the community of Toulouse-Metropole, FEDER european funds and the « Eperon » funds from french horse races. All details on the real estate procurement contracts, and the markets concerning the equipment are available on request.

The new equine clinic works since July 2013 with a team enriched and stimulated by working conditions which considerably improved. The team includes:

- two equine surgeons (lecturers), one of which is diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons / large animals (equine)
- two equine internal medicine specialists (one of which is president of ECEIM)
- an assistant, veterinarian in charge of general application of the curriculum organization
- a groom and a secretary.

Others professors and lecturers of the School staff participate to the equine clinic activity, in particular ophtalmologists, dermatologists and specialists of reproduction.

As far as surgery is concerned, the mean weekly case log raised to 5 or 6, and increases month after month.

You will find above some photos of the new equipment.

Sincerely yours.

The dean, Professor Alain MILON