On behalf of ECOVE Decision from October 30th, 2013, based on the visit of group of experts in the period from 10th to 14th June, 2013, we kindly present:

**INTERIM REPORT**

The following major deficiency has been found:

**The requirements regarding physical facilities with respect to safety and health procedures are not met.**

To fulfil the requirements regarding physical facilities with respect to safety and health procedures the following activities has been taken:

- The Committee for Biosecurity consist of seven members was established at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zagreb on 4th of July 2013 (Memo/Class: 115-01/13-01/47). The Committee prepared Biosecurity Strategic Plan for complete Faculty's facilities, taking into consideration employees and students safety during the whole education process.
- Disinfection plan of premises and vehicles has been adopted and new plan has been applied from January 2014.
• To improve general level of safety and biosecurity the Committee engaged an independent expert from Attest-Controls Ltd as external assistance. This independent expert provided technical assistance to the FVMUZ to develop the Biosafety Protocols for all procedures and facilities.

• All students (from first to sixth academic year), at the beginning of the teaching activities are informed about all biosafety issues related to the all hazards arising from working with animals, as well as with all obligated protective measures, protective clothing and footwear. After that, they are required to sign a Declaration on Biosafety, which confirms that they have understand and will comply with it.

• The eye-washers together with first-aid boxes are on the site in all laboratories in which students perform their practical work. Escape plans and escape signs are visible in all Faculty buildings and areas. Ventilation infrastructure has been improved and ventilation hoods are now functioning correctly in all places.

• The FVMUZ has been certified according to the ISO 9001:2008 standard. The certification was confirmed on September 29-30, 2014 by two experts from the company Bureau Veritas.

• The contingency protocol for patients with infectious diseases, or for any outbreak of notifiable diseases, zoonoses or emerging disease has been done according to the Ordinance on the notification of animal diseases (Official Gazette 31/09), Ordinance on the notification of zoonoses and zoonotic agents (Official Gazette 42/13) and Ordinance related to some of the diseases (avian influenza, Newcastle disease, Aujeszky disease, some diseases of bees and aquatic animals, blue tongue disease, swine vesicular disease, some diseases of horses, etc.). An algorithm containing isolation protocol will be implemented in routine work in the isolation unit and in the clinics.
• An expert from the Department of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases has been elected as institutional contact person for giving biosafety instructions to all staff members dealing with animals in clinics or on the farms.

• The storage and handling of hazardous chemical products in laboratories (especially in the Department of chemistry and biochemistry) is improved and special cabinet for storing the hazardous chemical was installed. Also, central storage cabinet for all chemical and biochemical products was renovated and incorporated in biosecurity strategic plan.

• According to the Ordinance on disinfection of the vehicles used for transportation of animals, animal products or waste material (Official Gazette 7/92) a protocol was written, to be implemented in routine work at the FVMUZ. This protocol contains all the information regarding disinfection of incoming or outgoing vehicles, the appropriate use of high-pressure sprayer, etc.

• The FVMUZ Committee for Biosecurity prepared new protocols for stored products and established more rigorous control procedure for all medications and additional surgery material. All medicines and suture materials needs to be entered in the List of entry and all the dates of expiry are quarterly checked. Each clinic has elected one person obliged to check the expiry dates.