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On behalf of ECOVE Decision from October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, based on the visit of group of experts in the period from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Aujetzky 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.

