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"Towards a Mediterranean Union for Veterinary Education"

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Objectives of the seminar:

- To share information about the veterinary curricula in the Mediterranean countries.
- To inform the Mediterranean countries representatives about the conditions of a mutual recognition of veterinary diplomas into the EU through standardization and harmonization of the veterinary curricula in the EU member States.
- To develop tools for standardization and harmonization of the veterinary curricula.
- To develop a regional roadmap for standardization and harmonization of the veterinary curricula in Mediterranean countries.

Target groups:

- Representatives of the Veterinary Education Establishments of the Mediterranean area, including both the Northern and the Southern parts.
- In addition, representatives of the veterinary administration of these countries.

Proceedings (1)

- The curriculum of every country was briefly presented in a common standardized form.
- By comparison, the veterinary curriculum of three European countries (France, Spain and Italy) was presented.
- The European legislation on the Veterinary profession, including the cross-border movement of veterinarians was presented (*Federation of veterinarians of Europe*).

Proceedings (2)

- The European evaluation system supporting the mutual recognition of the veterinary diplomas in the EU was presented (*European Association of the Establishments for Veterinary Education/ Federation of veterinarians of Europe*).
- The aims of the OIE (*World Animal Health Organisation*) in order to improve veterinary education (PVS programme) all around the world was presented.



Conclusions

The principle of a Mediterranean Union for veterinary Education (UMEV or MUVE) was unanimously adopted.

Recommendation (1):

- To encourage the organization of a network of the Veterinary Education Establishments of Mediterranean countries non-EU members = ***Réseau des Etablissements d'enseignement vétérinaire du Sud de la Méditerranée (REEVSM) or South Mediterranean Veterinary Education Establishments Network (SMVEEN).***



- **The objectives of *SMVEEN* will be:**

- to facilitate and to encourage exchanges between the *SMVEEN* members and between those Establishments and others (North Mediterranean) Establishments, particularly informations on curricula and teaching methodes.

- to facilitate and to encourage exchanges of teachers and students between those Establishments and others (North Mediterranean) Establishments.

Recommendation (2):

- To promote a **curriculum harmonization** between the *SMVEEN* members by:
 - ✓ defining a minimum requirement to train a veterinarian in the area,
 - ✓ elaborating a regional roadmap to implement the UE Directive 2005-36 equivalent in the Southern Mediterranean regions.

Recommendation (3) :

- To create a **common system of evaluation** in order to prepare harmonization and standardization of veterinary training between the *SMVEEN* members .

The EAEVE/FVE evaluation system should be used and applied to the *SMVEEN* members.

- Representatives of *SMVEEN* could be admitted as observers within the EAEVE/FVE General Assemblies.
- *SMVEEN* members encourage the competent authorities of their country to promote the EAEVE/FVE evaluation system in all the Veterinary Training Establishments in the region.



In order to implement progressively the system,

a **Regional steering Committee** was elected by the assembly (it is composed by representatives of Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Greece and Israel).

The road-map of this Steering Committee is:

- to design a method in order to collect detailed informations on the training programmes [*from the high school level up to the veterinary graduation*],
 - to set up a report showing the main strengths and weakness of the existing curricula for each individual establishment,
 - to set up the frame of internal self evaluations,
 - **to implement an external evaluations system with the assistance of European organisations (EAEVE, FVE) and/or international organisation (OIE).**
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