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## European Board for Veterinary Professional Development EBVPD

The decision for the establishment of EBVPD was taken as a respond to the identified need for harmonization of post-graduate education concerning acknowledged veterinarian throughout Europe.

EAEVE<sup>1</sup>, EBVS<sup>2</sup>, FVE<sup>3</sup>, UEVP<sup>4</sup> and Statutory Bodies are the founding organisations of EBVPD.

In 2010, it was decided that, at a first stage, an ‘Interim Board’ would prepare Statutes of EBVPD. This ‘Interim Board’, consisting of representatives of the founding organisations, has been working on drafting of EBVPD Statutes since January 2011.

According to the draft prepared, EBVPD will be a non-profit making organisation and will have as its purpose to set up and monitor minimum **standards** for the acknowledged veterinarian programs across Europe. The objective is to bring transparency, ensure quality of continuous professional development (CPD) programs, harmonise different national systems and promote mutual recognition among countries. Most notably its mission will be:

- To establish and harmonise CPD standards for acknowledged veterinarians programmes in the different areas of veterinary profession
- To evaluate post-graduate training courses and programmes
- To certify existing programs according to the established standards

The organs of the EBVPD will be:

➤ **The Executive Committee (EXCOM)**

EXCOM will consist of one representative of the following organisations:

- EAEVE
- EBVS
- FVE
- Statutory Bodies
- UEVP
- The Chair of each subcommittee, as invited persons without voting right

➤ **The Sub-committees**

EXCOM will delegate one or more supervising organizations with relevant background to organise the sub-committee

➤ **The Programme Evaluation Network**

Duties of the Evaluators will include

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<sup>1</sup> European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education

<sup>2</sup> European Board of Veterinary Specialisation

<sup>3</sup> Federation Of Veterinarians of Europe

<sup>4</sup> Union of European Veterinary Practitioners

- To evaluate programs after certification to check if prerequisites are met.
- To report back to the Executive Committee.

➤ **The Appeal Committee.**

A program provider only can make an appeal, not an individual. The appeal committee will consist of three (3) members and is nominated by the Excom each time there is a need.

At the beginning all costs will be covered by the founding organisations (EAEVE, EBVS, FVE, UEVP), until the organisation is in a position to cover its expenses by the applied fees.

It was decided that the first sub-committees to be established will be for species. At the moment, FECAVA is the first organisation invited to work on the drafting of standards for Companion Animals (CA) Acknowledged Veterinarian and will be used as a pilot. More organisations will be invited in the near future. (Each of the invited organisations shall cover its expenses on its own.)

Next meeting of the EBVPD 'Interim Board' is on 14th December 2011, when draft Statutes is expected to be approved, in order to be ready for taking the necessary legal actions for EBVPD establishment. Moreover, FECAVA is currently working on the drafting of standards for CA Acknowledged Veterinarian and will report back to the group.

The following workflow shows how EBVPD function will be:

## EBVPD Workflow

