



Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations

FEEVA GA Malaga MINUTES 25 May 2017

Location:

The FEEVA GA was kindly hosted at the Ilunion Hotel in Malaga, Spain, in connection with the AVEE congress.



MINUTES

The meeting started at 9.00.

OPENING

Dr. Juan Antonio De Luque Ibañez, President of AVEE, Prof. Badiola, President of the Consejo General de Colegios Veterinarios de España (CGCVE) and Miguel Llorca, FEEVA delegate from Spain warmly welcomed all FEEVA delegates to Malaga.

Giorgio Ricardi, FEEVA President opened the meeting. Apologies were received Austria, where the delegate unfortunately for medical reasons could not join and from the Portuguese Equine Veterinary Association, which are hoping to join the next FEEVA GA.

A round-table was done in which all participants briefly presented themselves.

Update FVE and UEVP activities

Rafael Laguens, President of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) and Thierry Chambon, President the Veterinary Practitioners Section (UEVP) gave an update on FVE and UEVP activities in relation to equine medicine.

Rafael Laguens presented:

- An introduction to FVE and its main priorities
- The structure of FVE and how FEEVA interacts with FVE (FEEVA is UEVP member and also member of the medicines working group and the animal welfare working group)
- The EU Vet Futures initiative. With this FVE and its members tries to identify challenges facing our profession now and in the coming decades, and to develop an action plan to address these challenges. Six key areas were identified (Leaders of tomorrow, Rewarding career pathways, Broadening the veterinary role, Sustainable businesses, Wellbeing of the profession and Embracing innovation) and actions identified for each of the areas. FVE will adopt the final actions in the Tallinn, FVE GA, early June and will also search partners to 'adopt' or 'support' specific actions.

Thierry Chambon presented:

- An introduction to UEVP and its main priorities
- UEVP has 28 country association and 3 sector associations (FEEVA, EAPHM and FECAVA)
- Most important dossiers FEEVA is following at this moment, namely:
 - The medicines law revision (veterinary prescription, internet trade)
 - The Horse essential list, Pharmacovigilance, Colistine, Ketamine and the AMR national action plan
 - Following up on the outcome of the Callisto project Outcome on zoonotic diseases (he recognised the great contribution of FEEVA in this project!)
 - The UEVP CPD paper which will now go for adoption to FVE
 - Issues around corporate practices
- He also emphasised the UEVP briefing note and encouraged FEEVA delegates to circulate it in their countries.

Horse ID and Passport

Mette Uldahl presented the activities on-going in this field.

EU 262/2015 requires that horse owners must apply for passports before the horse is 11 months old and that horse passports must be updated by the passport issuing authorities if the status of the horse is altered such as regarding castration or consumer status.

The legislation also requires that horses can only be medicated legally, if they have a passport. The veterinarian must check the consumer status of the horse in the passport to be able to treat the horse according to current legislation. So how do we treat horses without passport?

After the good debate on this issue in the last FEEVA GA in Berlin, the FEEVA Board decided that the best way forward would be to analyse the situation per country. This analysis showed that this problem occurs in several countries and also visualised the different approaches that apparently was evolving to handle the problem across Europe. The full analysis was sent to the European Commission with a request to find a solution to this problem. The request was received well and the European Commission thanked FEEVA for collecting this information. They asked some additional

questions on most common reasons foals have to be treated, and FEEVA also send a comprehensive answer back. So far, they did not come back with further details on a potential solution.

Frank Gasthuys, Belgium, commented that in Belgium they also have a problem because for horses imported and added to the databank it is unclear if these horses are for food production and not. It is very difficult to find out which PIO has originally registered the horse and its consumer status. This seems a problem in several countries. Also for FEEVA to raise at European Commission level.

Claire Scicluna, France, acknowledged this and replied the same problem occurs in France. A European database would solve this.

M. Llorca suggested to put pressure on PIO to have online registration, so that updating or issuing can be done much faster. He also suggested to contact the inspections services of the DG Sante (previous 'FVO').

Don Collins wondered if it ever happened if vets have withheld medications for foals. So far, it does not seem so; vets usually follow their welfare instinct but on the same time they do not like to work in illegality. In Belgium, they have examples of vets getting fines, nevertheless they always treat. If they would not treat, they would go to court on the basis of welfare claims.

In the US re horse ID, they also are experiencing problems. They have different types of databases and also different databases per state.

PPE activities and Nordic conference in Bergen

Karin Holm Forsstrom, announced the 3th Nordic Equine Veterinary Conference on 9th – 11th of February 2018. They hope to welcome some 400 participants and if possible, also many from non-Nordic countries. The conference language will be in English.

Mette Uldahl presented the next FEEVA PPE symposium which is planned to take place in Bergen, Norway in February 2018 in connection with the 3th Nordic Equine Veterinary Conference.

Moroccan Equine Veterinary Association

The FEEVA Board had invited the newly developed Moroccan Equine Veterinary Association to the FEEVA GA. They invited their representative Aziz Tnibar to say a few words.

The Moroccan Equine Veterinary Association has just been created. The Equine horse sector is very present in Morocco, but the veterinary profession in Morocco is not so organised. They are also confronted with more knowledgeable owners through 'doctor google' and have difficulties to keep up. Now some very high level equine veterinary clinics are starting up in Morocco. The association wants to unite the profession to increase the knowledge and the quality of services offered by equine vets in Morocco. Working equines also need a lot of attention, they are being helped by some charities and the state.

AAEP

Reynolds Cowles, AAEP President, presented the AAEP activities and priorities. They developed AAEP Touch, tools to connect with the horse and horse owners. The top findings were:

- 24/7 coverage and vet care
- Aging horses
- Clients would use their vet more if additional services were offered
- Owner satisfaction is driven by relationship and knowledge based attributes
- Vaccinations are not necessary a lost cause
- Its imperative for practitioner to know their client's profession/disciplines
- Using new technologies to communicate with clients
- One size does not fit all: practitioners should communicate with clients based on their unique needs
- The examination is more than an examination; it creates stronger client relationships
- 26% of horse vets use a non-vet for dental care

The AAEP strategic plan looks at 5 issues: enhancing member value, communications and technology, world class education, quality of life and wellness and promoting the profession.

More information: <https://aaep.org/>

He welcomed all to the next AAEP November 17-21 in San Antonio, USA.

Mette Uldahl, asked how they deal with unwanted and wild horses. Dr. Cowles replied that they are trying several solutions but so far found no easy answers.

Animal Welfare activities

Roly Owers, World Horse Welfare, gave an introduction of World Horse Welfare, their activities and their involvement in the EU.

FEEVA also produced together with Eurogroup for animals, the 'remove the blinkers report'. This report looks into: How many horses, ponies, donkeys and mules are there in the EU? Where are they? What are they used for, and how are they kept? See:

<http://www.worldhorsewelfare.org/Removing-the-Blinkers>

In the UK they did a similar exercise. Results can be found in the report Horses in our Hands:

<http://www.worldhorsewelfare.org/survey-equine-welfare-england-and-wales>

In the European Parliament, MEP Julie Girling drafted an Own Initiative Report on Responsible Ownership which was adopted in February 2017.

The EC also just recently established an EU platform on animal welfare. The first meeting will take part early June.

Nancy De Briyne gave an update on the animal transport guides project. This project aims to draft guides for good and better practice for the transport of 5 species, including horses. The draft guidance document for horses will be sent to the European Commission for approval. Factsheets (which will be translated in 8 languages) have also been developed in respect to the loading of

horses, handling of horses and the watering and feeding of horses. She encouraged everybody to use as much as possible these guidelines and factsheets.

More information can be found on www.animaltransportguides.eu

Ben Mayes, FEEVA Vice-President and part of the FVE/UEVP Animal Welfare Working Group (AW WG), gave a small introduction on the status of animal welfare within the veterinary profession and reported on some of the activities done. The FVE AW WG has adopted a working plan, which for horses includes activities on end of life and equine welfare in sports. Therefore, the FEEVA Board decided to set up a FEEVA Animal Welfare Working Group. A call was circulated to find members interested. Several persons applied.

A small group exercise was done in which the FEEVA delegates were asked to decide their AW priorities and which priorities they are seeing for the FEEVA AW WG.

The top 5 AW priorities listed were:

1	End – of – life (legislation, medication, euthanasie, protocols in slaughterhouses)
2	Need for better client education programs on inappropriate nutrition (obesity, starving), inappropriate husbandry and managment
3	Use of the sport horse, how far to go regarding performance enhancement?
4	Promote responsible ownership and breeding
5	Animal transport
6	Compulsory annual veterinary inspection to keep your registration valid

The new FEEVA Board will further set up the working group and decided on an action plan.

Medicines

Claire Scicluna and Nancy De Briyne, gave an update on European medicines issues.

Nancy De Briyne presented:

- The re-newel of the FVE Medicines Working Group; in both the old as new groups Claire Scicluna is a member
- Update on the EU medicines legislation revision
- The future EU priorities in respect to antimicrobial resistance
- Two position papers will be for vote at the FVE GA in two weeks: namely on the need for vaccination being a veterinary act and the paper on the essentials list.

Claire Scicluna, focused on the specifically equine issues:

- Horse medicines availability:

- Which medicines are missing? penicillin IV is not authorised, but is most countries used via cascade. Oral TMP is missing in the UK, EHV vaccine had problems (some countries solved it by importing it from the US or the Czech Republic).
- It was decided to do a gap analysis, using what was done to map the availability of fish medicines.

ACTION: Distribute a template form for equine vets to list the veterinary medicines they are missing.

- Ketamine: new legislation came into force in France in respect to Ketamine. Via a round-table delegates replied how Ketamine was regulated in their countries.
- FEEVA/FVE position paper on the essentials list. The therapeutic arsenal of medicines for horses is limited. Considering this, Regulation (EC) No 1950/2006 relating to veterinary medicines, establishes a list of essential substances and substances bringing added clinical benefit for the treatment of horses.

FEEVA would like to request to include tenoxic acid, phenylbutazone for systemic use and tetracaine, tetryzoline, synephrine, rifamycin, polymyxin B for ophthalmic use on the list of substances bringing added clinical benefit for treatment in horses. ANSES has analysed the exposition risk for the consumer at 6 months after the use of these substances and concluded that "The results of the evaluation show that the risk to the consumer is considered as acceptable 6 months after treatment".

As the paper has changed slightly from the earlier version (in now includes references and more background documents), Claire asked if all FEEVA members can support this paper. All delegates were supportive of the paper and no members were against. The Scandinavian countries however questioned the need. From their perspective they find it more important to focus on development of next generation NSAIDs. Asking round, all countries use phenylbutazone and believe it is a vital medicine especially for chronic laminitis. France is now planning a double blinded study on phenylbutazone versus other treatments for chronic laminitis.

This FEEVA/FVE position paper will be discussed and potentially voted in the FVE GA in Tallinn, Estonia.

- Pharmacovigilance
Pharmacovigilance is very important to follow up the safety of medicines. However, many adverse reactions are never reported and if they are reported, few feedback is received. This were the results of the FVE pharmacovigilance survey which will be published in the Veterinary Record open access in the next weeks.
In France, a specific equine veterinary pharmacovigilance survey was done which showed some interesting insights. Claire suggested to do a similar survey across Europe.

Veterinary Defence Society

Jonathan Pycock presented the veterinary defence society. This is a mutual society owned by veterinary members. It is founded in 1865 and run by vets, for vets. More than 90% of vets in

practice in the UK carry professional indemnity insurance with the VDS. All their claim consultants are vets. If we believe liability doesn't exist, we will always defend a member's reputation.

The VDS does not make rules, they just use the rules set by legislation or the Royal College of Veterinary Associations.

What can lead to litigation?

- Allegations of negligence → civil court
- Allegations of professional misconduct → RCVS
- Trading standards/health and safety executive, VMD, RSPCA, DEFRA → Criminal courts

In the UK, every criminal conviction will be brought to the RCVS/Veterinary Ireland.

Should somebody 1 year graduated by the same level as somebody with 20 years knowledge? The VDS must treat them equally. Only postgraduate educations make it different. You need to be able to do what a similarly qualified person would be able to do.

Main equine claims: PPE, reproductive cases, delayed claims, adverse reactions, ...

How to stay away from litigations? Know the rules, be careful, be honest, keep good records and choose your friends.

Update on disease surveillance network

Miguel Llorca gave a very short update on the disease surveillance network. A more detailed update will be send by email. The next meeting of the FEEVA Disease Surveillance Meeting is planned in Cluj Napoca, Romania in June 2017.

European Horse Network

Claire Scicluna reported on the latest European Horse Network (EHN) activities. EHN is an MEP lobbying group for the equine industry. FEEVA an important contributor. EHN held its latest lunch on horses in the agricultural policy. The next EHN MEP lunch and President's meeting will be in July.

For more information about EHN: <http://www.europeanhorsenetwork.eu/>

VetPD

Emmanuel Engeli presented VetPD. VetPD is an organisation providing veterinary professional development courses worldwide. They also provide equine wetlabs. VetPD aims to work in partnership with equine veterinary associations. He explained the benefits of these partnerships. He invited all associations interested to contact him on emmanuel@vetpd.com

FEEVA AGM MINUTES

Treasurer's report

2016 final rolling statement and balance

Stefan Wachtarz presented the FEEVA finances. He presented the final rolling statement and balance of 2016. FEEVA ended 2016 with a surplus of 2.927,11 Eur and a reserve left of 14.875,40 Eur.

The **AGM discharged the 2016 FEEVA final rolling statement and balance.**

2017 rolling statement and 2018 budget

Stefan Wachtarz presented the 2017 rolling statement of income and expenditure and the 2018 budget.

In 2016, for the first time in several years, FEEVA managed to end the year with a surplus and losses are now levelling off. Nevertheless this was done with great efforts and to continue the current FEEVA activity level FEEVA will still need to increase the income. Possible solutions could be to reduce the number of Board meetings from 2 to 1, to increase the membership fee slightly, for national delegations to support some Board member travel costs (as AVEF is doing for Claire), to find more sponsorship.

No questions or comments were made.

Membership Polish Equine Veterinary Association

The Polish Equine Veterinary Association (PEVA) was unanimously accepted as a member after a presentation of Lucjan Witkowski. The Polish Equine Veterinary Association has been recently re-activated and has approximately 70-80 active members.

Elections

Elections took place. The Board welcomed four new Board members namely Heidi Kiiskinen (Finland), Istvan Soos (Hungary), Donald Collins (Ireland) and Mark Bowen (UK).

Composition new FEEVA Board:

- Mette Uldahl – Denmark – President
- Stefan Wachtarz – Germany – Treasurer
- Mark Bowen - UK
- Heidi Kiiskinen – Finland
- Istvan Soos – Hungary
- Don Collins - Ireland

Next FEEVA GA and EMY's

P. Maia-Nussbaumer, Switzerland, invited and welcomes all to next year's GA in Switzerland.

Hand-over

Giorgio Ricardi thanked the FEEVA GA for the confidence they have put in him in the last years. He handed over the Presidency to Mette Uldahl.

She very much thanked both Giorgio Ricardi as Claire, Scicluna, Ben Mayes and Christine Hinterhofer for all that they did for FEEVA.

They both thanked enormously the Spanish Veterinary Association for the enormous hospitality.

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Annex II: List of participants: FEEVA Attendance list GA Malaga 2017

Last Name	First Name	University/Company	Country
Collins	Donald	Veterinary Ireland	IRL
Badiola	Juan	Consejo – Spain	ES
Bowen	Mark	BEVA	UK
Brignolo	Andrea M.	SIVE	IT
Chambon	Thierry	UEVP	FR
Cowles	Reynolds	AAEP	US
De Briyne	Nancy	FVE	BE
De Luque Ibañez	Juan Antonio	AVEE	ES
Diugan	Eva	Romanian Equine Veterinary Association	RO
Engeland Lassen	Kenneth	Danish Veterinary Association	DK
Foley	David	AAEP	US
Gasthuys	Frank	BEPS	BE
Holm Forström	Karin	Swedish Equine Veterinary Association	SW
Kiiskinen	Heidi	Guest speaker	FI
Kranenburg	Lieuwke	Utrecht Faculty/NEVA	NL
Liepina	Evaja	Latvian Equine Veterinary Association	LV
Llorca	Miguel C	AVEE	ES
Lucjan	Witkowski	Polish Equine Veterinary Association	PL
Maia-Nussbaumer	Paivide Jesus	SVPM-ASME	CH
Malmgren	Lena	Swedish Equine Veterinary Ass	SE
Mayes	Ben	M & S EVP Ltd	UK
Owers	Roly	World Horse Welfare – guest	UK
Planchy	Jakub	Czech hippiatric association	CZ
Ricardi	Giorgio	FEEVA	UK
Rodriguez	Manuel	Spanish Veterinary Equine Association	ES
Scicluna	Claire	AVEF	FR
Solberg	Ragnhild	Norwegian veterinary Association	NO
Soos	Istvan	Hungarian Equine Veterinary Association	HU
Tnibar	Aziz	Moroccan Equine Veterinary Association	MO
Tolpeznikovs	Juris	Latvian Equine Veterinary Association	LV
Uldahl	Mette	Danish Veterinary Association	DK
Wachtarz	Stefan	GEVA/GPM	DE
Witkowski	Lucjan	Polish Equine Veterinary Association	PO