

# University Assessment: The Greek Experience

## Evaluation of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Prof. D. Raptopoulos DVM, PhD, DVA, Dip. ECVAA  
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

# Evaluation of Veterinary training in Europe

**Objective:** To help the veterinary education establishments to improve the quality of their training.

**Legislation:** Directives 78/1026/EEC,  
78/1027/EEC

Advisory Committee on Veterinary Training  
(ACVT) (Directive 78/1028/EEC)

## Directive 2005/36

of the “European Parliament and of the Council  
on the **recognition of professional qualifications**”

- It gives the requirements of form and content that veterinary education should comprise, in order to make them comparable among institutions of higher education
- Fully effective as from October 2007

1986-1989: Pilot study

Evaluation of one Faculty per Member State

Responsibility was assigned by the EU  
Commission to the EAEVE

**EAEVE = European Association of Establishments  
for Veterinary Education**

- 1996, ACVT-EAEVE joint *ad hoc* group
- First evaluation cycle (1992-1999)
- Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) 1999-2007

New SOPs were approved by EAEVE, May 2007

New evaluation system: Two stages

Stage one: “approval”

Stage two: “accreditation”

## Stage 1: Approval that a Faculty conforms with Directive 2005/36, regarding the training of veterinary surgeons

- Preparation of a self-evaluation report by the veterinary institution
- 5-day visit to the institution by a group of experts (including a member from FVE)
- Preparation of a report on the visit by the group of experts
- Review of the experts' report
- Decision by the Joint Education Committee

**Stage 2: Accreditation** that the faculty has the relevant methods for:

- Quality control of training
- Assessment and learning opportunities
- Sustainable system for quality assurance
- Plan for quality enhancement
- Thus providing confidence that the quality of learning of the trainees is acceptable.



## Accreditation

- ✓ Only when full approval on stage-one has been reached
- ✓ Functional system of quality assurance which ensures:
  - Confidence,
  - Limited confidence
  - No confidence

However,

- EAEVE is not yet a member of ENQA
- EAEVE GA: Unanimous decision to apply (2007)

## Evaluation of FVM of AUTH

### First evaluation (1989)

- Deficiencies-suggestions (pilot study)
- Project on improvement of veterinary curriculum (1997-1999)
- Methods of teaching (integration, BBL etc.)
- Theory/practical training ratio
- Proposal of CC accepted early 2001

## Second evaluation (end of 2001)

- Capitalization of the proposals of the CC
- No “Category I” deficiencies
- Suggestions
- Re-organization of the Clinical Department
- Increase number of Faculty members
- Increase number of support staff

# Faculty approved

List of “Approved Faculties” ([www.eaeve.org](http://www.eaeve.org))

94 Faculties members of EAEVE (in 35 countries)

- 50 evaluated
- 39 approved
- 11 failed
- 44 not yet evaluated

## The Greek experience..!

Weaknesses (re-organisation, increase staff especially technical)

**Faculty:** Re-organisation of Clinics

**AUTH:** Small Ruminant Unit + LA Hospital

Appointment of staff : Controlled by **Ministry**

- Scientific: Automatic replacement
- Support: NO replacement!

Requirement:

Support staff / Scientific staff  $\approx \geq 1/1$

Ratio ↓  $\approx$  “Category I” deficiency

**Urgent need** for support staff