



VETERINARY CONTINUOUS EDUCATION IN EUROPE

*Update of activities*

***EAEVE General Assembly***

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Andrew Byrne, VETCEE President



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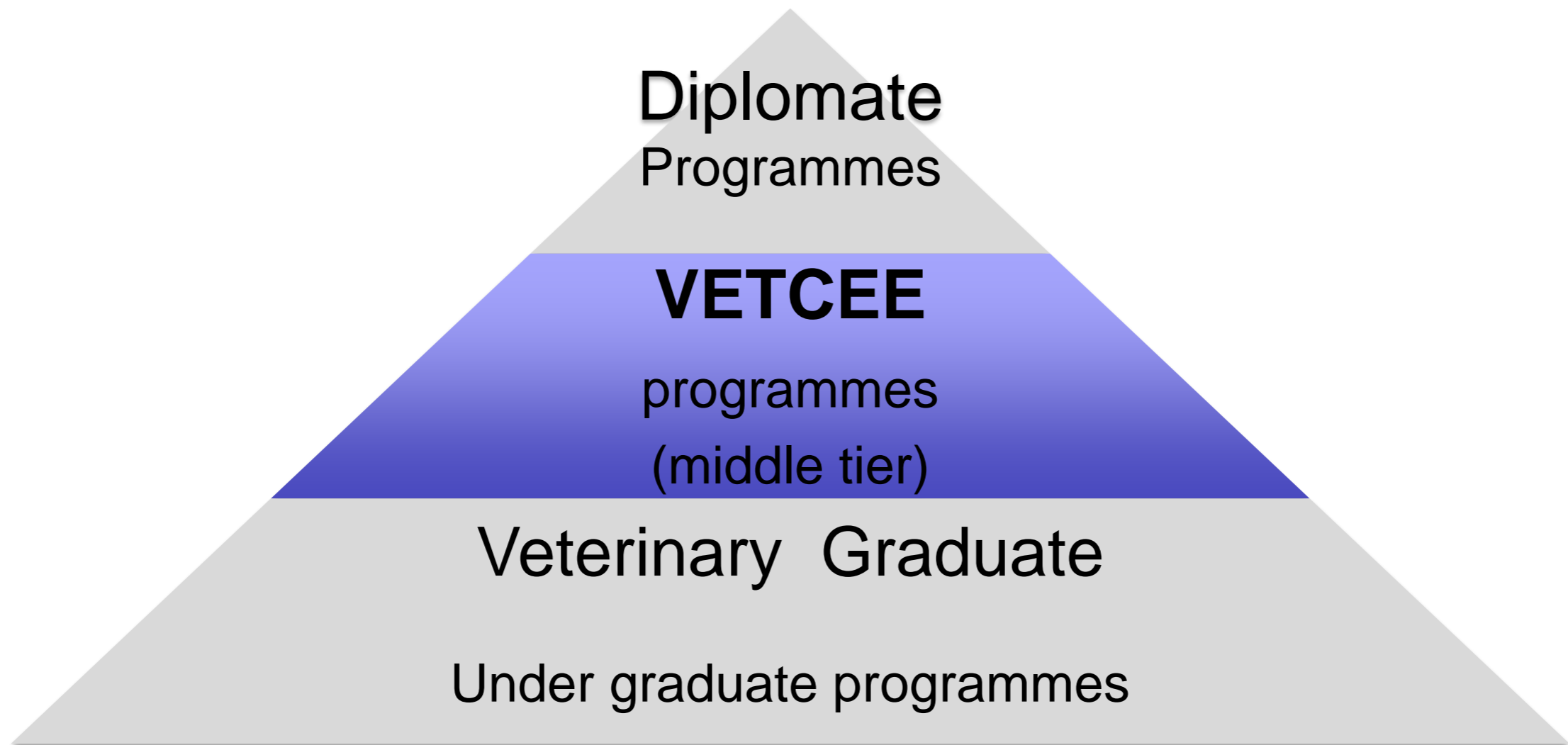
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### VETCEE General Secretary

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**Quantity:**

Equivalent to **30 ECTS** Units

**Level**

**EQF level 7 (7.5)**

**Learning & teaching styles:**

Blended learning

# 1. Standard

## 2. Dossiers of Competences

Subject	Supervising organization	Approved
<b>Companion Animal</b>	FECAVA	Approved
<b>Porcine</b>	ECPHM & EAPHM	Approved
<b>Equine</b>	FEEVA	Approved
<b>Bovine</b>	ECBHM	Approved
<b>Laboratory Animals Science &amp; Medicine</b>	ECLAM, ESLAM, EVERI	Approved



# 6 VETCEE programmes

- (NEW!) Certified in **Porcine Veterinary Medicine** by Ghent University in **Belgium**
- (NEW!) UNIVERSITAT AUTONOMA DE BARCELONA post-graduate programme in **Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine** in **Spain**
- Post graduate training programme in **Small Animal Veterinary Medicine** of Ghent University in **Belgium**
- **Companion Animal Clinical Science** of Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences-University of Copenhagen and the Danish Veterinary Association in **Denmark**
- Postgraduate certificate in **small animal medicine/ surgery** British Small Animal Veterinary Association and Nottingham Trent University in **UK**
- **Canine and Feline Medicine/Surgery** of Faculty of Veterinary Medicine-University of Life Sciences of Lublin in **Poland**



**New Application from BHM Programme in Ghent**

# New Subcommittees

**Management of Veterinary Practice  
(FECAVA and FEEVA)**



**Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging  
(EAVDI and FECAVA)**



**Veterinary Public Health  
(in consultation with stakeholders)**




# Communication activities (1/4)




- FELASA congress
- OIE Global Conference
- in veterinary education
- Testimonials
- Newsletter




Veterinary Continuous Education in Europe (VETCEE)  
Competences for the VETCEE accredited programmes in  
Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine



Post-graduate training for veterinarians in Europe



**Veterinary Continuous Education in Europe**

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VETCEE was established in 2014. VETCEE has developed a general Standard complemented by Decisions of Competences (DoC) for different animal species. In collaboration with European associations with expertise in the different species, the DoC have been adopted, namely in Companion Animal Medicine, Purine Health Management, Equine Medicine, Bovine Health and Production and Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine. The VETCEE Standard and DoC are under constant review to keep abreast of developments in veterinary medicine.

Continuing Professional Veterinary Education (CPVE) and Union of Europe are an accreditation body for CPD programmes and for Continuing Professional Education, to individual body and the awarding Kingdoms. Fachbereichswissenschaften can see the

Are you offering CPD training for veterinarians?  
Would you like European Accreditation for your programme?




Veterinary Continuous Education in Europe

**VETCEE is a European-wide Accreditation Scheme**  
for post-graduate modular programmes for veterinarians


First programmes were accredited in 2013.

Their graduates share today their experience.



postgraduate 





- ✓ Truly fantastic experience that has developed my skills professionally, and opened up the opportunities to improve my patient care and job satisfaction.
- ✓ Generally very well organised and all the practical days in particular were excellent. I know it is difficult, but more practical sessions always help.
- ✓ I would recommend it to anyone who wants to complete a certificate while still working in a busy small animal practice.



- ✓ I have acquired thorough understanding of certain subjects which I have been capable of using in my everyday life.
- ✓ I have been given the opportunity to update myself in a relatively easy and manageable way.
- ✓ It is not just knowledge and skills but also how you do a better job, it is to improve the diagnostic process, to prevent you from making mistakes and jump to conclusions

**VETCEE approved programmes**

VETCEE currently evaluates programmes in:

-  Post-graduate training programme in Companion Animal Veterinary Medicine Ghent University
-  Post-graduate programme in Companion Animal Clinical Science University of Copenhagen and the Danish Veterinary Association
-  Post-graduate programme in Canine and Feline Medicine University of Life Sciences of Lublin
-  Post-graduate programme in Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
-  Post-graduate training in Companion Animal Medicine and Surgery British Small Animal Veterinary Association and Nottingham Trent University

**One Profession - One Standard**

Competence	Companion Animals	Purine Health Management	Equine Medicine	Bovine Health and Production	Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine
Professional skills	1	1	1	1	1
General management and administrative skills	2	2	2	2	2
Emergency and supportive care	3	3	3	3	3
Diagnostic skills	4	4	4	4	4
Therapeutic skills	5	5	5	5	5
Research and development	6	6	6	6	6
Teaching and supervision	7	7	7	7	7
Leadership and management	8	8	8	8	8
Communication	9	9	9	9	9
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# Communication activities (3/4)

- **Ensure continuity of the work of the subcommittees and increase collaboration and exchange with the supervising organisations (e.g. Associate Members)**
- **Survey to retrieve input from Subcommittees / Evaluators / Programme providers → Assessment of activities → Improvement of work**



# Communication activities (2/4)



**Questions and Answers with regard to VETCEE evaluation for programme providers**

**Importance of VETCEE**

- 1. Why has VETCEE been established?**  
Post-graduate veterinary teaching in Europe is very fragmented. VETCEE tries to bring some harmonisation and to facilitate recognition of the skills and competences of veterinarians moving from one Member State in Europe to another.
- 2. What is the value of the VETCEE Approval for a programme?**  
VETCEE is helpful for national competent authorities/ veterinary statutory bodies to easily assess the level of competences of one veterinarian, especially when those competences have been acquired during a VETCEE approved programme taken in another country of Europe.

**Applications**

- 3. Does VETCEE accept applications only from University post-graduate programmes or private providers can also apply?**  
VETCEE welcomes applications from any University, state or private provider for the evaluation of any post-graduate programme in one of the fields of veterinary medicine for which a VETCEE Dossier of Competency exists.
- 4. Does VETCEE accept applications for the evaluation of individual courses?**  
VETCEE evaluates only modular programmes, not individual courses.
- 5. What if more than one providers collaborate together on the same programme?**  
It may happen that programmes are a joint initiative, for example, of a university, a veterinary school, of a veterinary school and a national veterinary association, of different veterinary scientific societies, etc. Those programmes are also eligible for applying for the VETCEE evaluation and approval.
- 6. I run a multinational programme. Do I have to make one or multiple applications?**  
If a provider wishes to operate and deliver exactly the same programme in another jurisdiction other than its original country a second approval is required to ensure that quality assurance, management and delivery of the programme meet the VETCEE programme standards.

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With regard to the application process a full application dossier should be submitted to VETCEE and a new evaluation process would be initiated. The fee applicable for an expanded application should be calculated according to the following conditions:

- > In the case that the content of the programme remains exactly the same, but it is delivered by a different teaching-team, the programme is eligible for a 20% of reduction in the application fee under the condition that quality assurance of the programme is ensured by the following:
  - the clinical Director of the programme remains the same
  - the 70% of the teaching staff remain the same
  - the 30% of the staff is replaced by lecturers of equivalent level and experience with the ones in the initial programmeAll three conditions must be satisfied in order to ensure eligibility of the programme for a reduced-fee application. In case of failure to comply with any of them the full-fee will be requested by the applicant.

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- **Q&A publicly available on-line**
- **Discover existing programmes and Encourage applications.**
- **Encourage new programmes from EAEVE members**
- **Ask for a consultative advice for your programme, e.g. modification to existing or structure or new**
- **Information on how to apply is available on-line or VETCEE**

# Communication activities (3/4)

- **Support from Members to promote and facilitate new applications**

## ***An opportunity for Veterinary Education Establishments?***

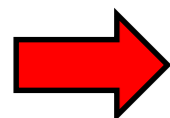
*Encourage discussion in your Curriculum Committee, including into your establishment strategic plan*

## ***An opportunity for the profession at national level?***

*Work together with National Veterinary Associations and Statutory Body to establish programmes, agree on titles, etc.*

## ***An opportunity for personal involvement?***

*VETCEE needs experts to run the evaluations*



**We need feedback and ideas from EAEVE members**



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