

ECOVE Meeting in Vienna, 22-23 June 2010

Reviews and Decisions on the Evaluation Visitations

Revisit to Zaragoza, Spain, 22.-24. March 2010 (first full visitation in 2006)

The Faculty of Zaragoza had been visited by EAEVE in February of 2006, and was not approved because of the following **2 category-1 deficiencies**:

- The amount of intramural hands-on clinical training in the core course is insufficient
- The Faculty engagement and the level in farm animal teaching and clinical services is insufficient, with the following recommendations made:
 - Integrating the teaching of food animal production aspects with that on farm animal health, so that it coherently addresses inter-related veterinary problems that span these fields
 - Establishing sound and credible production animal health services based within the Faculty
 - Requiring that the staff who are providing teaching in farm animal topics have a strong participation in activities and profound knowledge of veterinary problems “in the field”
 - Ensuring that the Faculty provides control and direction over the practical teaching and evaluation on production animal work extramurally, which must be closely linked to the structured intramural teaching programmes at the faculty.

Stefano Romagnoli, the chairman of the original visitation, accompanied by the EAEVE-president Marcel Wanner went back for a revisit 22.-24. March 2010. Stefano Romagnoli stressed how impressed he was how everything had been improved and that the requirements have been exceeded by far, in particular with respect to the re-organization of teaching. There is still room for some improvements such as the organization of practical training, but in conclusion, the Faculty has solved the two category-I deficiencies found in 2006

It was therefore recommended to list the faculty of Zaragoza as “Approved Establishment”, The Committee decided unanimously to follow the experts’ recommendations and changed the status of the establishment into “Approved”.