

# ***STATUTE***

## **OF THE VETERINARY NETWORK OF EUROPEAN STUDENT AND STAFF TRANSFER (VetNEST)**

*Amended and adopted in September 2019*

Pursuant to Article 3 of the Single European Act (Official Journal of the European Communities No. 169/87) (hereinafter: the SEA) the Executive Board of VetNEST  
has adopted the

## **STATUTE OF VetNEST ASSOCIATION**

### **I. PRELIMINARY**

#### **Article 1**

- 1) This Statute regulates the organization issues, activities and management, authorities and manner of decision making of VetNEST bodies, the way of setting up and conducting joint programs, scientific and professional work, the status of memberships, as well as other issues of relevance for the work of the Veterinary Network of European Student and Staff Transfer (hereinafter: the VetNEST).
- 2) This Statute was approved with effect from 1 October 1993, amended with effect from 30 August 2007 by the Governors of the VetNEST full membership institutions in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- 3) The terms used in this Statute, which have gender significance, regardless of whether they are used in a female or male gender, include on the same way male and female gender. Words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.

### **II. OBJECTIVES**

#### **Article 2**

- 1) VetNEST is a regional association of European veterinary institutions with the general aim of promoting cooperation which will include any program offered by each member institution and evaluated as desirable and feasible for the development and strengthening of cooperative relationships between the members of VetNEST network. However, any specific program shall be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds, and approval of each Faculty/University.
- 2) To this end, its major goal is to develop and maintain a system of exchange of under- and postgraduate students, as well as staff members among participating veterinary institutions, on basis of EAEVE standards and according to the CEEPUS regulations (CEEPUS III Agreement signed by 14 participating countries in Budva, Montenegro on 25 March 2010).

### **III. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

#### **Article 3**

- 1) The member institutions of VetNEST share the responsibility to develop their curricula of under- and postgraduate studies in the direction of mutual acceptability facilitating thereby student mobility at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Moreover, the members of VetNEST will constantly seek ways and means of staff exchange in the field of teaching and research.

- 2) Members also agree that, provided the necessary adjustments are being made, they mutually recognize units of studies completed at a VetNEST member institution. In postgraduate education VetNEST members shall, within the framework of their authority, mutually recognize thesis and dissertations defended at a VetNEST member institution and make all efforts that this be acknowledged at the governmental level.
- 3) As a prerequisite of implementation of the above mentioned aims, all VetNEST members are expected to introduce elements of international education at all levels of their curricula.

#### **IV. MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Article 4**

- 1) VetNEST Association consists of members: Full members, Candidates and Observers.

- 2) Requirements

Requirements of *Full membership* are:

- Full veterinary curriculum complying with the EAEVE standards
- Agreeing with the Statute and General Principles of VetNEST
- Passing the EAEVE visitation procedure without major deficiency or
- Overcome any major deficiency within 2 years
- 2/3 majority of votes of the Governors in favour of the application

Requirements of *Candidates status* member are:

- Submission of a written application to the President of the Executive Board of VetNEST
- Full veterinary curriculum
- At least one visitation (consultative or full) from EAEVE
- Copy of curriculum and statement of major objectives of the school
- Short presentation of institution
- 2/3 majority of votes of the Governors in favour of the application

Requirements of *Observer status* member are:

- Submission of a written application to the President of the Executive Board of VetNEST
- Full veterinary curriculum
- Copy of a letter of acceptance for visitation from EAEVE
- Copy of curriculum and statement of major objectives of the school
- Short presentation of institution
- 2/3 majority of votes of the Governors in favour of the application

- 3) Termination of membership status

Any member is free to terminate its membership by giving a clear notice in writing to the VetNEST Secretary General at least three (3) months before the end of the academic year.

**4) Disqualification**

Any member institution may be disqualified from VetNEST membership if it is found not being active in VetNEST Annual meetings three time in a row, introducing regulations contradictory to the Statute and General Principles of VetNEST and not fulfilling requirements of the chapter IV of this Statute.

**V. GOVERNORS AND THE GOVERNING BODY****Article 5**

- 1) The full member institutions appoint delegates for a period of three (3) years, who are acting as Governors of VetNEST, possessing one vote each. It is suggested to appoint the active Dean or Rector of each institution.
- 2) The Governors elect for a period of two (2) years the President of the VetNEST from the Governors. President remains a Governor.
- 3) For the time of his/her mandate the President nominates the Secretary General to be elected by the Governors.
- 4) The Governing Body is a VetNEST Executive Board consisting of the President, Governors, Secretary General and appointed representatives. Each Governor can appoint one (1) to three (3) representatives from his/her institution.

**VI. BOARD MEETINGS****Article 6**

- 1) The VetNEST Executive Board holds Annual Meetings on a rotatory basis, if not otherwise agreed, where strategic decisions are made. The subsequent Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the VetNEST Executive Board shall determine.
- 2) The preparations for the Executive Board Meetings are made by the Secretary General.
- 3) Any Governor may initiate an Extraordinary VetNEST Executive Board Meeting whenever he/she considers fit.
- 4) President can call an extraordinary VetNEST Executive Board Meeting any time.
- 5) Secretary General has to inform the Governors about initiation of the extraordinary meeting by Governor, and ask for mailing votes. If the majority of Governors vote for a call, the president should call that meeting.

**VII. VOTING PROCEDURES****Article 7**

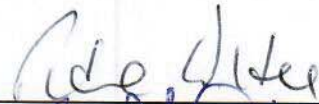
- 1) In principal affairs such as admittance, disqualification, changes of the Statute and personal elections 2/3rd majority of secret ballot votes of all full members are required. In other matters a majority of a show of hands votes are required.

**VIII. CONCLUDING REMARKS****Article 8**

This Statute become active by the day of verification with signature of all full member's Governors (Brno, Budapest, Košice, Ljubljana, Vienna, Wroclaw, Zagreb).

*Brno, September 27, 2014*

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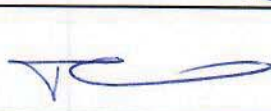
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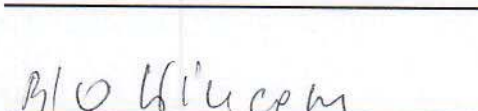
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