



FEDERATION OF VETERINARIANS OF EUROPE

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PRESS RELEASE

FVE General Assembly 16-17 May A new Board elected

A new Board of the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) was elected last week by its General Assembly held in Zagreb on the 16th and 17th of May. The Croatian Veterinary Association and the Croatian Veterinary Chamber hosted a splendid spring General Assembly in the charming capital of Croatia.

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Tjeerd Jorna (Netherlands), general secretary of the Koninklijke Nederlandse Maatschappij voor Diergeneeskunde, became the new FVE president. In the same way, Gundega Micule (Latvia), Seán 'O Laoide (Ireland), John Williams (UK) and Walter Winding (Austria) were elected as vice presidents for the two years to come. The new Board thanked the interim board for its work during the transition period that ended now with these elections. The new Board will be in office until spring 2005.

FVE's new Executive Director, Jan Vaarten, presented himself. After five years working at the KNMvD (Royal Dutch Veterinary Association) and more than one year for the Ministry of Agriculture in the Netherlands, he will start working for FVE in September.

Dr. Karlheinz Simon, former FVE president and member of the German FVE delegation since 1987, received a scroll as honorary member of the FVE. Dr. Karlheinz Simon had worked on Europe-wide and standardised legislation on veterinary medicinal products, on raising training quality and on professional recognition across European countries among other subjects. As president of FVE from 1997 to 2001, Dr. Karlheinz Simon reorganized the FVE and helped settling its headquarters in Brussels.

Dr. Wouter Steenhuisen, poultry consultant, held a very inspiring speech on avian influenza where he exposed the results of his recent researches on the virus that this year has struck Dutch farms. First he described the virus's characteristics and its diagnosis, he continued with EU regulations and measures in case of infections and went deeply into the current situation in the Netherlands and border countries like Belgium and Germany.

Furthermore, other topics like professional recognition; official controls on feed and food and FMD proposal for directive were discussed. The General Assembly also adopted a policy regarding sponsorship.

Next spring meeting will be held in May 2004 in the city of Prague (Czech Republic). Precise dates are still to be confirmed.

Notes for Editors:

1. The Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) is an umbrella organisation of veterinary organisations from 34 European countries, representing a total of around 200 000 veterinarians.
2. FVE has four specialist sections, representing practising veterinarians (UEVP), hygienists and public health veterinarians (UEVH), State veterinary officers (EASVO) and veterinarians in industry and research (FEVIR). See also www.fve.org
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