



Use of "Economics of Animal Health" in standard curricula

Results of a recent survey conducted among European veterinary faculties

Objectives	<p>To contact European veterinary faculties to retrieve information of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • their standard curricula recommendations on the use of economics of animal health • their courses covering economics and/or economics of animal health
Methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • questionnaire via email
Geographical coverage	26 European countries
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85 participants of the first annual NEAT meeting in London (September 2013) to identify contact details of those working for veterinary faculties within Europe • 29 veterinary faculties within Europe
Duration	September - December 2013
Key findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 31% of the 29 veterinary faculties included the term "economics" in their curriculum. • 11 out of 26 countries have veterinary faculties that offer courses at undergraduate level that cover economics. Some of these courses include aspects of economics of animal health. • 5 out of 26 countries have veterinary faculties that offer courses specifically tailored towards economics of animal health with varying degrees of intensity. • Often, topics covering economics and economics of animal health are imbedded in other courses such as epidemiology, business and veterinary entrepreneurship.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curricula of European veterinary faculties have minimal inclusion of economics in general, and economics of animal health in particular. • Courses specifically tailored towards economics and economics of animal health are lacking across veterinary faculties within Europe.

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