



VET*Istanbul* GROUP Partner Agreement

VET Istanbul Group is a formation of scientific, academic and social cooperation established to improve academic and cultural relationship, and to enable sharing of educational and research opportunities among the partner Veterinary Education Establishments (VEE).

At present, there are a number of bilateral cooperation agreements between VEEs. Under the leadership of Istanbul University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, the establishment of widespread and functional cooperation mechanism is aimed via the creation of *VET Istanbul Group*.

OBJECTIVES

The main purposes of *VET Istanbul Group* are to conduct and continue academic, scientific and social cooperation, and to promote mutual communication facilities. By this means, enhancement of the quality of education, researches and medical services are targeted.

COORDINATION

Coordination will be provided by Dean of Istanbul University, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine or the person who has been attended by Dean.

CHARTER MEMBERS

VEEs, which has cooperation protocol with Istanbul University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

Istanbul University (Istanbul-Turkey), Sarajevo University (Sarajevo-Bosnia and Herzegovina) Trakia University (Stara Zagora-Bulgaria), Sofia Forestry University (Sofia-Bulgaria), Ss Cyril and Methodius University (Skopje-Macedonia), University of Pristina (Pristina-Kosovo), State Agricultural University (Ganja-Azerbaijan) and Saint-Petersburg State Academy of Veterinary Medicine (Saint Petersburg-Russia) are charter members.

ACCEPTANCE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Applications of the VEEs who want to be included in to *VETistanbul Group* are submitted to the vote of the present members and the decision will be made according to majority of votes.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The entire of *VETistanbul Group* VEEs accept student exchange program for pre- and post-graduate students by supporting the Bologna Process.

For the Student exchange programme, the following prerequisites will be considered:

Host VEEs, which will accept students for exchange programme, will declare their quota and beginning date at least three months before the visitation.

The VEEs, which will send the student under the exchange programme, will inform the names of attended students and their detailed information to the host VEE at least two months before.

The host VEE should declare the final decision at least one month before the visitation.

The host VEE will not request any application or registration fee from the exchange students.

The exchange students should follow the rules and regulations of the host VEE. The VEE, which sends the students, will accept the decision of the host VEE for achievement status.

Host VEE will guide for the accommodation of the exchange students.

Exchange students are responsible for their travel and the other costs.

Exchange students are obliged to fulfil the insurance requirements defined by the host VEE.

RESEARCHER MOBILITY

Teaching staffs, research assistances and lecturers are included in the researcher exchange programme.

The host VEEs will declare their final decision (via deanery) for attendance of candidate researchers at least three months before the predicted visiting date.

Host VEEs will guide the researchers for their accommodation requirements. Researchers are responsible for their all travel costs.

Researchers are obliged to fulfil the insurance requirements defined by the host VEE.

JOINT SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Joint Scientific Activities cover the joint congresses with all group members and joint research projects. The congresses will be organized annually.

The congresses cover subjects of “basic science, clinical science, animal breeding and husbandry, animal welfare, genetic, animal nutrition and nutritional disease, zoonosis, veterinary public health, food hygiene and technology etc.”. The first congress (2014) was held by Istanbul University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine. For the decision of congress organiser for following years, priority will be given to the VEE which did not organise before.

The research projects are encouraged to reach the international standards, and to detect and follow novel topics in fields of veterinary medicine.

The way of the preparing of the research projects will be determined by the researchers with the notification of VEEs' administration (deanery), and performing and responsibility of the projects will belong to the researchers.

COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Student exchanges, researcher mobility and joint scientific activities within *VETistanbul Group* will be announced via the web page that is organized by Istanbul University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Since the enhancement of the quality of education, researches and medical services is one of the main objectives of cooperation, network members will exchange experiences about organizational issues and internal quality assurance mechanisms applied. Discussions about standards, their achievements and accreditation procedures will also be in the focus.

Date
Rector of University / Dean of Faculty
Prof.Dr.