

July 4, 2016

To:

Dr. Gaetano Penocchio

President of the Federazione Nazionale Ordini Veterinari Italiani (FNOVI)

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Dear Dr. Pinocchio

I am writing on behalf of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS), the Organisation which is committed to leading and promoting veterinary specialist professional training and certification in Europe to advance animal health and wellbeing and public health.

Among its main objectives, the EBVS approves and regulates veterinary specialist Colleges, maintains a register of EBVS-certified veterinary specialists practising in Europe, grants permission to use the trademarked title "European Veterinary Specialist", and provides information on veterinary specialisation in Europe to government bodies, private organisations, veterinarians and the public.

Thanks to the new Directive 2013/55/EU (Article 1 (38), amending the Directive 2005/36/EC, Title III to which article Chapter IIIA and Article 49a were inserted, pp. 159-160, for your convenience both Directives have been attached to this e-mail) and the availability of the Common Training Framework (CTF) mechanism for recognition of EBVS-recognised specialist training across like-minded member states, we have the opportunity to obtain official recognition of veterinary specialist standards and qualifications across Europe. Indeed, a CTF for Veterinary Specialists would guarantee a common set of minimum knowledge, skills and competences necessary for the practice of veterinary specialisation across the EU. The EBVS is now in the process of developing a CTF application to be submitted to the European Commission for approval.

According to the Directive, the profession to which the CTF applies must be regulated in at least 10 of the EU Member States. There are already more than 10 EU countries in which EBVS-approved titles of specialisation are recognised and regulated.

We would ask you, as the main representative of the veterinary profession in the country, to support the CTF application for European Veterinary Specialists. If you agree, it would be greatly appreciated if you could sign a letter of support (as the attached sample) and send it to the EBVS Chief Executive Officer Dimitris Raptopoulos (ceo@ebvs.eu).

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The EBVS looks forward to working with you, as well as with the professional bodies in other countries, to explore these exciting opportunities in the next few years.

If you have any questions or need for further information please contact the EBVS Chief Executive Officer, as above.

Thank you for your kind attention and future collaboration.



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