

EXPERIENCES IN TEACHING VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH ACROSS LATIN-AMERICA AND EUROPE: THE SAPUVETNET PROJECT

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"What we do":
 Description of collaborative training programmes

AIMS OF THE PROJECT

1. to enhance the cooperation and the exchange/interaction of networks and institutions between LA and EU;
2. to contribute to the creation of a common area of Higher Education in Veterinary Public Health (HEVPH) not only in LA but also reinforcing its synergy with the EU system;
3. to promote the modernization of the curriculum of VPH in High Education Institutions (HEI) in recipient countries;
4. to support Latinamerican HEI to make progress in the creation of common curricula in VPH and promote their interrelations with European HEI (these actions will create conditions for future easy recognition of titles, degrees and diplomas)
5. to encourage the development of human resources in the area of Public Health, both physicians and veterinarians, enabling to understand its special role in solving common problems as zoonosis.
6. to give visibility to the program by disseminating documents and materials produced through free internet access (ref. project web page: www.sapuvetnet.org).

ABSTRACT SAPUVETNET III (n. DCI-ALA/19.09.01/19189/169-157/ALFAIII-75) is the third phase of a series of projects, co-financed under the EU ALFA program. This project is aimed to support a VPH network constituted by Faculties of Veterinary Medicine of 10 Latin-American and 5 European countries, in addition to various collaborating institutions and organizations (<http://www.sapuvetnet.org>). The project envisages the development and implementation of a common VPH curriculum through the use of innovative teaching methods, mainly based on problem solving approach. The authors present here some teaching material developed by the project as an example of a new approach/novel strategies for teaching VPH across Latin-America and Europe: case studies and teaching modules, videos and self-learning program on meat inspection/hygiene, an interactive teaching Manual on VPH, as well as a series of e-conferences on upcoming VPH issues. Project partners use a mail-list and distance learning platforms (e.g. Moodle, Colibri) to organize common teaching activities. A new VPH journal, "Una Salud/One Health/Uma Saude", is also published (in 3 languages), and distributed both as hard copy or .pdf. Didactic tools produced by the SAPUVETNET projects have been and/or are being tested and used by partner faculties and other teaching institutions for under and post-graduate courses. Teaching material can be freely circulated and distributed according to Creative Commons policy (<http://creativecommons.org/>). Didactic tools can be used for distance learning and can be modified/adapted to the local context of any country/geographical area, even outside Latin-America and Europe. Teaching material produced under the SAPUVETNET projects are available at <http://www.sapuvetnet.org> (under continuous up-dating) or can be obtained from the project co-ordinator(s) and/or the contact persons at the partner Faculties/Universities.

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THE CHALLENGES OF SAPUVETNET !!!

- A COHESIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION NETWORK TO ENHANCE PUBLIC HEALTH
- A COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION IN VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

TEACHING MATERIAL DEVELOPED

1. CASE STUDIES ON VPH TOPICS

2. INTERACTIVE SELF LEARNING CD-ROM
(inspection of cattle carcass)

4. ELECTRONIC CONFERENCES ON VPH TOPICS

6. ONE HEALTH JOURNAL
Sapuvet Journal of Public Health

3. SAPUVET MANUAL
"ONE HEALTH"

7. DVDS ON GOOD SLAUGHTER PRACTICES
(rabbit, poultry, cattle)

5. SAPUVETNET STUDENTS GROUPS:
education that make the difference!!

GLOBAL PROBLEMS

LOCAL SOLUTIONS