

FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE TO TEMPUS PROJECT JPCR-544270 (EDUVET) COORDINATOR

REPORT

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The main goal of my visitation to Veterinary Faculty University of Ljubljana was to make deep analyze of postgraduate specialization courses through conversation with professors, studying of curriculum and visitation of specialized clinics. At Veterinary Faculty University of Ljubljana, specialization courses, defined as advanced trainings in different fields of veterinary medicine, have been dramatically changed during past few years. Total number of courses has been decreased during past decade. Currently, there are five specialization courses: Poultry health systems of poultry production; Buiatrics; Diseases and health care of birds; Small animals and reptiles; Veterinary medicine of small animals; Veterinary public health and food safety. The decrease in number of Courses was in accordance with demand of veterinarians on field. In the beginning, the involvement of Slovenian veterinary chamber was significant, but nowadays it is recognized only in a manner that Slovenian veterinary chamber provides accredited lectures that are a part of theoretical lessons on some specialization courses. Additionally, the candidates who apply for courses have to have valid licence (issued by Slovenian veterinary chamber), degree in veterinary medicine and at least three years of work experience in the field. Competition is announced by Veterinary Faculty University of Ljubljana. The number of enrolled student is from 5 to 15 (depending of type of Course) and they are rated on the bases of work experience, a letter of recommendation from a veterinary association and their scientific and professional accomplishments. The advanced professional studies programme comprises of 5 to 11 modules. Two to three modules are elective (Research methods in veterinary medicine and Veterinary informatics) and the other are obligatory. Total number of ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) is from 34 to 60 and the duration of courses is two to three years. Practical work is much more representing in Course than theoretical work. The final exam is carried out in front of the commission, after the candidate has completed all the study obligations. After the successful final

examination, the candidate acquires a Certificate of advanced professional studies in certain field of Specialization, which is an official document and is signed by the Dean of the Veterinary faculty of Ljubljana and the rector of the University of Ljubljana and approved by Slovenian veterinary chamber.

In conclusion, Slovenian model for advanced trainings in different fields of veterinary medicine may be partly imported in Serbian model. The benefits of Slovenian model compared to current Serbian model is in much more practical work of postgraduate students, tendency to allow students to prove their previous practical skills which in that case will not be additionally trained during the Course but will be changed with other skills asked by enrolled student.

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