

## **Summary of Council Meeting - 7 November 2013**

The Council met on 7 November 2013. Reports from the following committees were considered:

### **Veterinary Education and Training Committee (VETC)**

The VETC had met on 23 October 2013. An applicant to sit the Council's registration examination next year was confirmed. The forms which applicants for entry to the Specialist Register were amended to distinguish between those who hold European Diplome or equivalent qualifications and others to provide a 'fast track' process for the former. Compliance statistics with CVE requirements for re-registration in 2014 shows that 128 veterinary practitioners and 41 veterinary nurses have not attained the requisite number of credits to enable their registration to be renewed in 2014. Dr Susan Rhind from the University of Edinburgh and Mr B Douw (93/96) were confirmed as the Council's observers at the AVMA accreditation visit to UCD scheduled to take place in January 2014.

### **Veterinary Nursing Committee (VNC)**

The VNC had met on 23 October 2013. Standard Operating Procedures for education providers visitation were agreed along with a procedure for evaluating veterinary nursing qualifications from other countries.

### **Legislation and Ethics Committee (LEC)**

The LEC had met on 17 October 2013. The Committee dealt with a number of ethical queries where clarification had been sought. A review of the Codes of Professional Conduct is nearing completion. The Council is sponsoring the development of a number of eLectures by the veterinary school in UCD on animal welfare and ethical topics which will be provided free to members of the professions and will attract 3 CVE credits. The LEC is working to agree and finalise the content with a view to launching them in early 2014.

### **Finance Committee (FC)**

The Finance Committee had met on 31 October 2013. The quarterly accounts were reviewed and were in line with the budget. The Licence to Practise fees for registered persons will be reduced by 13% approximately to €390 for veterinary practitioners and €185 for veterinary nurses.

### **Changes to the Registers**

The Council confirmed the changes to both registers which had taken place since the last meeting. It was reported that 6 names had been restored to the register and there were 10 new entries. In respect of the veterinary nurses' register there were 12 new entries.

### **Council Elections**

A report on the Council election to elect 5 veterinary practitioners to the Council for a four year period commencing on 1 January 2014. The count had taken place on 21 October 2013, 725 valid voting papers were counted and the following 5 veterinary practitioners were elected – WJ Cashman (14/78) 401 votes; FR Smith (62/92) 335 votes; JB Magee (23/73)

301 votes; R Finn (19/77) 291 votes and M Lyons (27/79) 287 votes. S Walton RVN (10063/08) was the only veterinary nursing nomination and therefore was elected unopposed.

#### Meeting with Animal Health Ireland

The Council considered a report on a meeting which had been held with Animal Health Ireland on 14 October 2013 at which the topic of anti-microbial resistance and prudent prescribing practices were discussed along with veterinary input into the training of farmers.

The Council is scheduled to meet again on 12 December 2013.