

## **Summary of Council Meeting - 25 April 2013**

The Council met on 25 April 2013. Reports from the following committees were considered:

### **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee had met on 25 April 2013. Copies of the Council's audited accounts and annual report for 2012 had been sent to the Minister and published on the website. A review of the financial resources of the Council will be carried out as part of the Council's strategic plan.

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

The VNC had met on 20 March 2013. A memorandum of understanding between the Council and Acovene – Accreditation Committee for Veterinary Nurse Education, was agreed and will be signed. This means that all veterinary nursing courses accredited by the Council will receive accreditation from Acovene. The annual veterinary nursing course provider reports were accepted.

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

The VETC had met on 20 March 2013. The consent of the Minister to the amendment to regulation 1.1 of the CVE regulations was noted. The results of a short survey in relation to the specialist register were reported and it was agreed that certain changes would be made to the procedure for registering as a specialist as a result of the information gathered. These changes will be communicated in due course.

### **Practice Premises Committee (PPC)**

The PPC had met on 21 March 2013. Premises assessments were reviewed and the schedule for assessments over the next 2/3 years were discussed. The appointment of 7 new assessors was ratified, training would take place shortly for all assessors.

### **Changes to the Registers**

The Council confirmed the changes to both registers which had taken place since the last meeting. It was reported that 47 veterinary practitioners had removed their names from the register; 11 names had been restored to the register and there were 26 new entries. In respect of the veterinary nurses' register 20 had removed their names from the register; 6 had restored their names to the register and there were 14 new entries.

### **Investigation Officers Reports**

A number of reports from the Council's investigations officers were considered with further legal advice being sought in relation to one case.

### **Section 54 A/B/C Veterinary Practice Amendment Act 2012**

Draft regulations from the Department concerning the regulation of certain non-registered persons were discussed with a view to making a response to the Department. The Council will work together with Veterinary Ireland on this matter.

### Draft Strategic Plan 2012-2015

The Council's draft strategic plan was agreed. Copies of the plan would be sent to key stakeholders for comment and would be put on the Council's website for individuals to provide comments.

### Communications Tender

Carr Communications has been confirmed as the company who was successful in a tender process to provide communications advice and assistance to the Council.

### Newsletter

The Council noted that the Spring Newsletter had gone to press and would be distributed to all registrants shortly.

### Workshop on Codes of Professional Conduct

The Council noted that a workshop to discuss the revision of the Codes of Professional Conduct would be held on 9 May 2013 to which Veterinary Ireland, the Veterinary Officers Association and the Irish Veterinary Nurses Association had been invited.

The Council is scheduled to meet again on 17 June 2013.