

Summary of Council Meeting – 12 December 2014

The Council met on 12 December from 10.30am to 5.00pm. There were 11 items tabled on the Agenda and 8 pieces of correspondence were considered.

The Council considered reports from the Veterinary Nursing Committee, the Veterinary Education and Training Committee, the Conjoint Committee, the Legislation and Ethics Committee, the Audit and Finance Committee, the Practice Premises Committee and the Preliminary Investigation Committee.

The Veterinary Nursing Committee

The Veterinary Nursing Committee met on 5 November 2014 from 9.30am to 11.00am. There were 11 items tabled on the Agenda and it considered 1 item of correspondence.

The Committee discussed a number of items including the recent ACOVENE meeting, the UCD VN Visitation and the proposed Veterinary Nursing Survey. The Committee also reviewed the reports on the Veterinary Nursing Course provider's annual reports.

The Veterinary Education and Training Committee

The VETC met on 5 November 2014 from 11.00am to 1.30pm. There were 10 items tabled on the Agenda and it considered 2 items of correspondence.

One of the key items discussed by the Committee was the mentoring programme and the development of a CVE programme for newly graduated registrants. The Committee considered one application for registration as a veterinary nurse and one CVE waiver request. The Committee also considered the non-compliant CVE statistics.

The Conjoint Committee

The Committee met on 6 November 2014 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. There were 7 items tabled on the Agenda and it considered 1 item of correspondence.

One of the key items considered by the Committee was the results of the Veterinary Officers Association Survey carried out in February 2014. The Committee discussed the decision of the Federation of Veterinarian of Europe to reduce the principles of veterinary certification from 12 to 10. The Committee also reviewed the Agenda of the forthcoming FVE General Assembly meeting scheduled to take place between 20 and 22 November 2014.

Legislation and Ethics Committee

The Committee met on 6 November 2014 from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. There were 10 items tabled on the Agenda and it considered 5 pieces of correspondence and 4 matters referred to it by Council.

One of the key issues discussed by the Committee was the draft European Parliament and Council Regulation concerning production, introduction to the market and usage of medicated feed. The Committee also considered matters relating to product endorsement, veterinary nurses and vaccinations and lay people carrying out endoscopic examinations on horses.

Audit and Finance Committee (AFC)

The AFC met on 1 December 2014 from 10.00am to 12.45pm. There were 4 items tabled on the Agenda and it considered 1 piece of correspondence.

The Committee proposed, and the Council agreed, with the budget figures presented for 2015.

Practice Premises Committee (PPC)

The PPC met on 5 December 2014 from 10.00am to 3.30pm. There were 12 items tabled on the Agenda for the meeting.

The Committee proposed, and the Council agreed, to issue certificates of suitability to 5 newly registered premises and agreed to renew certificates of suitability for 3 premises. The satisfactory completion of 26 assessments in respect of veterinary premises registered under the Premises Accreditation Scheme was noted. The Committee agreed to defer 4 items to a future meeting.

Disciplinary Matters

Three applications for an Inquiry involving three practitioners and one application for an Inquiry involving two practitioners were considered.

Changes to the Registers

The Council confirmed the changes to both Registers which had taken place since the last meeting.

Register of Veterinary Practitioners - It was reported that there are 6 new entries to the Register under section 42 of the Act, 11 new entries under section 43 of the Act, and 7 names restored to the Register under section 49(2) of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 6 veterinary practitioners who had made application to do so under section 49 of the Act.

Register of Veterinary Nurses – It was reported that there are 49 new entries to the Register under section 95 of the Act and 2 names restored to the Register under section 49(2) of the Act. It was agreed to remove from the Register the names of the 3 veterinary nurse who had made application to do so under section 49 of the Act.

It was reported that the death of 1 veterinary practitioner had occurred since the last Council meeting – Mr D Delahunty (39/58). A minutes silence was observed in his honour.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 5 February 2015 @ 11.30am.