

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It was an honour to receive your invitation to inform your readers about the Union of European Veterinary Hygienists (UEVH) and the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) as the umbrella organization of veterinarians in Europe.

FVE is composed of Members and Sections. Members of FVE are national veterinary organisations from 38 European countries. Sections are European organisations representing vocational groups of the veterinary profession in Europe. FVE currently includes four specialised veterinary groups or Sections: Practising Veterinarians (UEVP), Hygienists and Public Health Veterinarians (UEVH), Veterinarians working in Education, Veterinary Research and Industry (EVERI) and State Veterinary Officers (EASVO).

UEVH – the Union of European Veterinary Hygienists, aka Veterinarians for Public Health, originally was founded as a European organisation called the *Association européenne des directeurs d'abattoirs publics* in Paris in October 1966. The first General Assembly of this new veterinary organisation was held on the 1st July 1967 in Geneva.

During 1976, the Association changed its statutes in order to become eligible for membership in the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe and adopted its current name. The aims of the Union as stated in the statutes are:

- to study and recommend any measures permitting the improvement of the quality and safety of foodstuffs with the objective of the protection of veterinary public health and improving conditions for humans, by using veterinary science,
- to promote the role of the veterinarian in the whole of the foodchain, from stable to table.

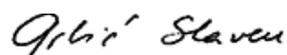
The UEVH has twenty-one full member delegations representing veterinarians from twenty-one European countries with, in addition, the World Association of Veterinary Food Hygienists and Argentina attending as observers. While the majority of delegates are employed in the provision of enforcement of controls for foods of animal origin, others come from a background of national and European policy development, research, industry and academia. Serbia and the Serbian representatives always played a significant role in this association, regarding experience, knowledge and expertise shared with other members.

Also, as former student and postgraduate of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Belgrade, I would like to increase contacts between Serbian veterinarians and their colleagues from other European countries.

Amongst many contributions of Serbian veterinarians and scientists, worldwide, without doubt it is the journal *Veterinarski Glasnik*, and on behalf of UEVH I wish you many fruitful years yet to come!

Sincerely yours,

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