Welcome to the SAPUVETNET III Project’s third Newsletter

First of all we would like to thank your interest in reading the third SAPUVETNET III Project’s Newsletter. The “One Health” concept is still running at European Union, through initiatives with Veterinary Medicine students, with the aim of consciolize them that health is a responsibility of all of us: citizens in general but, particularly, doctors, biologists, veterinarians, sociologists, pharmaceutics, ecologists and other professionals, that some how interfere in the Health campus.

In our project we emphasize the third Coordination Reunion that took place in Mexicali, Mexico, between May 31st and June 4th. Characterized by its productivity, the reunion had as a main goal the development of a minimal curriculum proposal to be presented in Lime, Peru, at the PANVET congress, which will also deserve our attention. Besides, you will also have the opportunity of reading about some activities developed by the different universities that are integrant part of the SAPUVETNET and also raise expectations to the next e-conference about the implications in Public Health of the use of antibiotics in Veterinary Medicine.

Thank you for staying with us! Help us to achieve our goals by giving opinions, articles and videos!

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Third Coordination Reunion of the SAPVETNET III Project: Mexicali, Mexico

The Project’s third Reunion took place at Mexicali Mexico (south California) between May 31st and June 4th, 2010. The reunion gathered members for Colombia, Portugal, Cuba, Italy, Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, The Netherlands, Spain and Mexico. During the meeting it was possible to visit facilities of the Investigation Institute for Veterinary Science, Mexicali Autonomous University, and its investigation program.

The most relevant issues focused on the Reunion were:

1. Development of a curriculum proposal and basic skills in Veterinary Public Health (VPH).
   The aim of the initiative was its presentation as our group proposal, to the PANVET congress, in September, Lime (Peru). The proposal will be nominated as “Bases/Minimal knowledge for the VPH teaching to Latin America and Europe”

2. Development of the VPH manual. The material produced by SAPUVENET I and II was reviewed, being nominated a responsible for each chapter according to the actual Working groups for SAPUTNET III.

3. A proposal for the Electronic Conference, September 2010, related with “Prudent use of antibiotics: Solution or Utopia?”

4. The themes for the first number of the SAPUVETNET magazine. Were also proposed names for the editorial committee, scientific and magazine jury.

5. Proposal for the realization of a multicentric study about the knowledge of the “One Health” concept. The investigation critical points were discussed at a scientific and logistic level.

6. Evolution of each working group with presentation of the new case studies.

7. Presentation of the audio-visual material about birds and rabbits sacrifice by Turim University.

The meeting ended on Friday, June 14th, in the evening, have been all the goals initially proposed, achieved successfully.
New Partners for SAPUVETNET III Project

The Brazil Veterinary Medicine Federal Board (VMFB) joined the SAPUVENET III project. During the Project’s Second Coordination Meeting, which took place at the Board facilities, Brasilia, the General Secretary of the VMFB, Dr Joaquim Lair, spoke about the public benefits of projects that similarly to SAPUVETNET, dedicate themselves to Veterinary Public Health. This way, Dr. Lair showed availability to future collaborations, praising the work developed until now by the rest of the participants. As representative of the VMFB and also of the National Commission for Veterinary
Public Health in Brazil, the Professor Doctor Paulo César de Souza will participate more actively and follow all the activities related with the SAPUVETNET III. It was also proposed the integration of the Mexico National University of Zoo technology and Veterinary Medicine (UNAM), being the Professor Raul Vargas Garcia the contact element.

Electronic Conference: “Prudent use of Antibiotics in Animals: Solution or Utopia?”

The third SAPUVETNET electronic conference will take place between September 25 and September 30, at Moodle platform from Évora University subordinated to the theme “Prudent Use of Antibiotics in Animals, Solution or Utopia”

With the e-conference we pretend to collect data, impressions and ideas about the conditions in which one is making use of the antibiotics in Veterinary Medicine; is also this conference’s aim, to understand and recognize the level of knowledge and normative compliance that regulate the use of antibiotics in animals, in different countries, discussing their impact in animal and public health (in particular about the compliance of the “rational drug use” proposal).

Likewise we consider important to know other alternatives that may be suggested for the antibiotic’s use, as well as proposals that aim to create a consciousness or social education about the importance of preventing antibiotic resistance.

This debate is a consequence of the growth concern on the negative effects related with the exhaustive and inadequate use of antibiotic that have been observed.

This e-conference pretend to stimulate the debate and sensitize health professionals and pharmaceutics industries professionals for the correct use of these medicines, so that it can become an alternative more and more efficient for the treatment of diseases in populations, humans and animals. In the same way, we pretend to create an environment for the society education and conscience, specially breeders, animal owners and general public.

SAPUVETNET presented in Barcelona, Spain and Porto, Portugal

The Project SAPUVENET III was, recently, presented at the 2nd Epidemiology Iberian Conference, in Barcelona, and at the 4th Conference Cycles on Veterinary Public Health, Porto.

The 2nd Epidemiology Iberian Conference occurred in the February 4th and 5th. The Project was represented by the coordinator Manuela Vilhena and by the participants Daniele De Meneghi and Carmelo Ortega. The Professor Manuela Vilhena presented the SAPUVETNET project to an audience composed mainly by professionals of the Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology areas, mostly teachers at Iberians Universities. Our participants made a monographic session subordinated to the theme “Global Health”.
The IV Conference Cycle on Veterinary Public Health was in June 12th, at the Abel Salazar Bio medics Science Institute, Porto University. The Professor Manuela Vilhena had, once more, the opportunity of showing the SAPUVETNET Project, but, this time, to an audience composed mainly by Veterinary Medicine students of Porto’s University. At the conference participated, among others, personalities such as the Professor Francisco George, National Health Director.

Évora’s University: II “Cãominhada” (Dog walk) AEMVUE

For the second time, the Veterinary Medicine Students Association from Évora’s University, promoted the “Cãominhada” (“Dog walk”), which was integrant part of the European Week of Veterinary Medicine, 2010. It counted with support from the Nature Science Students from Évora Senior’s University. They helped in the activity organization and enriched the environment built among participants and organization. The event gathered 60 participants and their pets. Among the participants we could also find Veterinary Medicine Students, employers, teachers and more. It was a very pleasant evening to the participants that also received a lunch and gifts for pets and owners. To remind that participation was free. In the end, the organization was very happy with the result of the activity and next year promised a 3rd edition.
University of Peru Cayetano Heredia: SAPUVET-PERU group

First Group Anniversary of SAPUVET-Peru

In the past April 17\textsuperscript{th}, the SAPUVET-Peru achieved its first year of existence. In accordance, its members decided to celebrate this occasion through the Week “SAPUVET-Peru”. In this week, the members of the group organized 5 lectures:

- “Avian Influenza in Wild birds” by Dr. Roberto Elias;
- “Zoonotic Diseases transmitted by felines” by Dr. Ricardo Grandez;
- “Diagnostic aspects of zoonotic diseases” by Dr. Armando Hung;
- “Parasitic zoonoses transmitted by domestic animals” by Dr. Guillermo Leguía;
- “Animal traffic and its impact in Public Health” by Dr. Catalina Hermoza.

Sapuvet Peru group at the 10 anniversary

The SAPUVET-Peru joined the celebration of the 10\textsuperscript{th} anniversary of the Veterinary Medicine and Zootecnology University. A special recognition from the FAVEZ authorities was made to the group, due to the groups work development by promoting, among students and general public, the interest in Veterinary Public Health.

SAPUVET-Peru group in activities of social promotion

SAPUVET-Peru group continued with its social promotion activities, and this time, at the huge campaign for Humans and Companion Animals Health, in Lomas de Carabayllo. This activity had the presence of DISA members and had and excellent community adhesion.