



Teaching of "Economics of Animal Health": State of affairs with special emphasis on Europe

Results* of a recent survey** conducted among European institutions and organisations

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To obtain an overview of the extent, content and format of Economics of Animal Health (EAH) teaching and education currently delivered To assess current and future needs and expectations of people using economics in animal health
Methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 web-based questionnaires 2 channels (email, website) Open and closed questions in English
Geographical coverage	35 countries (26 European)
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educational institutions: veterinary/agricultural schools and universities, curriculum setting bodies Private organisations: veterinary organisations other than educational, industry bodies, producers, service providers, consulting agencies and supply chain associations Public bodies: government and other public agencies, research institutes, international organisations, non-governmental organisations
Duration	May - June 2013
Key findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education in EAH is inconsistently offered and information on training opportunities is scarce. Education needs of educational and public organisations are related to intervention decisions and disease impact assessment. Needs of private organisations are more focused on the use of economics for general management. People surveyed anticipate an increasing use of EAH in the future.
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a gap between the education in Economics of Animal Health that is delivered in the veterinary curricula and the needs perceived by end-users. The end-users' needs are generally expected to increase.

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