

## **QUALITY POLICY**

The Quality Assurance Policy of the School of Veterinary Medicine is fully harmonized with the quality policy of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, as approved by the Senate of the University and reflects its core values.

The School of Veterinary Medicine ensures the quality of its teaching, research and administrative work through the continuous improvement of all its functions and with the participation and contribution of all its members.

The School organizes and implements Postgraduate Studies Programmes of high standards in the most important areas and fields of its science, oriented to modern trends and requirements, thus strengthening its academic profile. In addition, the School is committed to developing a creative research and working environment for all its staff, teaching, research and administrative, as well as a creative academic environment for its students.

Quality is recognized as a fundamental element in the realization of the School's vision and the achievement of its mission, thus the importance of creating a culture of quality is great.

### **Quality Policy Implementation - Quality Assurance**

The School of Veterinary Medicine and the Postgraduate Studies Programmes in particular are committed to the implementation of a quality policy, which enhances the academic character and orientation of the Postgraduate Studies Programmes, promotes their purpose and object, implements their strategic objectives (as set each year) and defines the means, actions and ways of achieving them, ensures the participation of stakeholders and implements the appropriate internal and external quality procedures with the aim of improving them. In addition to the above, the School is committed to fostering a climate of communication and cooperation between all members (staff, students and stakeholders) of the School.

The School of Veterinary Medicine and the Postgraduate Programmes of Study apply the established quality assurance procedures of the Quality Manual of the Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS) of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, with the required specialization at the level of the Postgraduate Programme of Study. The implementation of the IQAS procedures is carried out in collaboration with the University's Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP). The quality assurance procedures are a valuable tool for the School and the Postgraduate Programmes to implement their teaching and research activities, to ensure the achievement of their objectives and to enhance the academic efforts in general.

The School of Veterinary Medicine and the Postgraduate Programmes for the implementation of the policy are committed to implementing quality procedures that will demonstrate:

- the appropriateness of the structure and organisation of the Postgraduate Studies Programme
- that the intended learning outcomes and qualifications are in accordance with the European and National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education
- the promotion of the quality and effectiveness of the teaching/research work of the Postgraduate Programme
- the suitability of the qualifications of the teaching staff for the Postgraduate Programme
- the formulation, implementation and review of specific annual quality objectives for the improvement of the Postgraduate Programme
- the level of demand on the labour market for the qualifications obtained by graduates
- the quality of support services
- the efficient use of the resources of the Postgraduate Programme, which may come from tuition fees
- conducting the annual internal evaluation and review of the quality assurance system and the Postgraduate Programmes in cooperation with the OMEA and the MODIP of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The procedures applied for the monitoring and continuous improvement of the quality of the Postgraduate Studies Programmes are analysed as follows:

- Implementation of a Quality Assurance Policy for the Postgraduate Programme, periodic review and revision (when required).
- Design of the Postgraduate Studies Programme, in accordance with the current legislation and regulations of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, taking into account - as far as possible - the views of students, graduates of the School and the MSc, and partner institutions.
- Harmonization with the current legal framework and regulations.
- Implementation of the Regulations of the Postgraduate Studies Programme and other Regulations and Regulatory Decisions of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- Submission of the Individual Record Sheet and the Course Description Sheet to the information system of the MODIP, by the lecturers.
- Conducting course and lecturer evaluation by students.
- Various ways of student evaluation.
- Attempt to monitor the development and professional rehabilitation of graduates of the Postgraduate Programme .
- Teaching staff (selection, regulations, performance, support).
- Allocation and management of the resources of the postgraduate programme (infrastructure, equipment, etc.).

- Collection and processing/analysis of quality data (complete, accurate and up-to-date data) to ensure the quality of the Postgraduate Programme, with a view to improving it.
- Monitoring, analysis and comparison with national and international indicators.
- Publication of information about the Postgraduate Programme.
- Qualitative and systematic updating of the Postgraduate Programme website (Greek, English and possibly other languages), for the publication of relevant information on the Programme.
- Mechanisms for feedback on strategy and target setting etc., review, action and corrective actions (when required).
- Conduct an annual internal evaluation (monitoring, control and review of the Postgraduate Programme), in line with all the above, based on the guidelines of the NIFAE and the MODIP.
- Support external evaluation and accreditation procedures, in cooperation with the MODIP.

#### Quality Objectives

The quality objectives, on which the School of Veterinary Medicine will focus its efforts for the Postgraduate Programmes of Study, will be specified each time with the respective MSc.

The quality objectives on which the School of Veterinary Medicine will focus its efforts for the Postgraduate Programme 'Pig and poultry health management' are the following:

- Consolidating the identity of the School of Veterinary Medicine in the European University scene
- Improving the communication strategy of the School of Veterinary Medicine
- Increase the dissemination of research at academic level, in the public sphere and in teaching
- Ensuring academic quality in the educational process
- Increase visibility
- Strengthening the participation of the School of Veterinary Medicine in international steps/organisations
- Attracting foreign students and enhancing the extroversion of the School/University
- Increase of human resources (faculty, administrative staff)
- Improvement of educational facilities, learning environment and day-to-day operations
- Improving information and awareness

- Improvement of the link with graduates of the MSc

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