

Vets4Bees Pathway

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Veterinarians have an important role to play in ensuring the health, sustainability, and productivity of managed honeybee colonies as they do for other animal species

**Bees are animals and biosensors of our ecosystem's health
(One Health)**

Pollination – food
production / biodiversity
maintaining

Global trade
Transport

*Honeybee Health
Crisis*

Export-import health certificates

Inspections of packages – live bees or apian products, medicines

Prerogative right for proscribing recipes for veterinary medicines



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Mapping the teaching of honeybee veterinary medicine in the European Union and European Free Trade Area

Despoina Iatridou ^{1,2}, Laura Pohl,³ Ivana Tlak Gajger,⁴ Nancy De Briyne,¹ Ana Bravo,⁵ Jimmy Saunders²

..."53 out of the 68 'Approved Vet. schools' offer training on honeybee veterinary medicine – 24 as a separate subject and 29 of them as part of other subjects..." (FVE / EAEVE, 2019)

...compulsory and elective study hours are allocated as follows: 1-10 h (18%); 11-25 h (32%); 26-40 h (18%), and 106 h (2%)...

Iatridou D, et al. *Vet Rec Open*
2019;6:e000343.

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Due to continuing need to improve the education of veterinarians in honeybee health – the first International working group *Vet4Bees Int.* was established (2019)

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- **Education of students**

- Integrated undergraduate and graduate university study of Veterinary Medicine (Croatian, English)

- Doctoral study program
Veterinary sciences

- Specialistic postgraduate study
Protection of honeybee health

- **Long life education of Veterinarians**

- **NRL APISlab** - diagnostic of honeybee diseases

- **Research**





Biology and Pathology of Beneficial Insects – field visit 1

- MOTIVATION
- EVOCATION-UNDERSTANDING-REFLEXION
- LABORATORY WORK
- APIARY WORK
- CONTINUOUS KNOWLEDGE CHECKING



The dynamic nature of veterinary medicine in beekeeping as a profession requires continuous monitoring of new expertise and adaptation of the program to emerging needs.

Educational-archive station for beekeeping
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Permanent education

➤ Specialists courses:

Credits for attending of long learning courses
provided by Croatian Veterinary Chamber

- Honey Bee Diseases
- Recognizing Honey Bee Diseases
- Official sampling in beekeeping
- Early detection of *Aethina tumida*
- Biosecurity measures at the apiary

Professional meetings of NRL representatives and official veterinarians at veterinary stations

*(e.g. presentation of novelty in legislative annual regulation regarding HONEYBEE
DISEASES)*



Perspectives – adaptability/transferability

- Promotion and harmonization of veterinary medicine study curricula
- Postgraduate opportunities – international Master studies
- Harmonised international study programs at the EU level
- Improving legislative framework
- Support for diagnostic laboratories
- Strenght of veterinary network organizations in the beekeeping sector

By implementing *One health* approach thru good educational, veterinary, beekeeping, and environmental practices the *Vet4Bees* work can guarantee the safety of apian products which present food for human consumption and sustainable apiculture

*Travelling-Teaching-Learning
about BEES*

