

RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE COLLEGE OF ROMANIAN VETERINARIANS of 24th October 2010

CHAPTER I - General Provisions

Article 1

(1) The organization and functioning of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be under Law no. 160/1998 on the organization and practice of veterinary profession, republished, as amended.

(2) The College of Romanian Veterinarians shall operate under these Rules.

(3) The College of Romanian Veterinarians headquarter shall be in 105, Splaiul Independentei, Sector 5, Bucharest.

(4) The College of Romanian Veterinarians County Councils and Bucharest municipality Council headquarters shall be established by themselves.

Article 2

(1) The College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be an autonomous, non-governmental, apolitical, non-profit body with own assets and legal personality, representing the interests and defending its members professional rights.

(2) In its activity, the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall comply with the state sanitary-veterinary policy.

(3) The College of Romanian Veterinarians may found companies, as sole shareholder, to make legal income. Unused dividends can be used in accomplishing the College of Romanian Veterinarians goals.

Article 3

(1) The College of Romanian Veterinarians shall include veterinarians Romanian citizens holding a veterinarian diploma granted in Romania, practicing the veterinary profession in form of free practice or in public services in all service fields, as well as veterinarians nationals of the European Union Member States, the European Economic Area, the Swiss Confederation, and of the third countries.

(2) All veterinarians practicing the veterinary profession in Romania must be registered with the College of Romanian Veterinarians, the membership being certified by the veterinarian's identity card.

Article 4

(1) The College of Romanian Veterinarians shall steadily watch the Code of Medical Veterinary Ethics provisions application and compliance, in order to maintain prestige, honor and professional dignity.

(2) The main College of Romanian Veterinarians aim shall be to ensure for its members an increased responsibility and authority in carrying out professional duties, and respect for current legal norms in order to protect animal health, public health, consumer and environment protection, and maintain ecological balance.

(3) The College of Romanian Veterinarians shall hold qualification, re-qualification, initiation, specialization and training courses in the veterinary medicine field.

Article 5

In practicing the profession, the veterinarian shall apply, respect and be protected by the State laws, by the Statute of Romanian Veterinarian and by the Code of Medical Veterinary Ethics provisions, approved by the National Veterinary Congress.

CHAPTER II: Organization, Functions and Powers

Article 6

The organization and functioning of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be accomplished on territorial, eligibility and hierarchy principles and comply with the country administrative division.

Article 7

The College of Romanian Veterinarians governing bodies are:

- a) National Veterinarians Congress herein called the National Congress;
- b) National Council of the College of Romanian Veterinarians herein called the National Council;
- c) County and Bucharest municipality Councils.

Article 8

Within the National Council shall be constituted and operate the Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation, the Central Audit Commission, the Legislative Commission, as well as other commission in the fields, and within the County Councils, the Ethics and Litigation commission and the Audit Commission.

SECTION 1: The National College of Romanian Veterinarians Nationally

SUBSECTION A: The National Veterinarians Congress

Article 9

(1) The National Congress shall consist of delegates elected by secret ballot of veterinarians General Meetings in counties and Bucharest, as a quota norm of representation by a delegate out of 30 members, and, ex officio, newly elected Chairmen of the County Councils, all with voting rights.

(2) In the National Congress shall also take part the Executive Board current members of the National Council, with voting rights only on delegate quality basis.

(3) Officials, professionals of profession personalities, various representatives of institutions, domestic and foreign professional organizations, societies and companies in the field, etc., without voting rights, can be invited at the National Congress.

Article 10

(1) The National Congress shall meet every three years or at the request of County Councils simple majority.

(2) The Extraordinary National Congress shall be convened by National Council, at least 15 days before the date set by Executive Board.

(3) The same delegates who took part in the National Congress, can take part with voting rights at the Extraordinary National Congress if the period between the two congresses shall not exceed more than 60 days.

(4) The National Congress shall be lawfully constituted in the presence of two thirds of the elected delegates.

Article 11

The National Congress shall be convened by the National Council, at least 60 days before the date set. The Executive Board shall set the date and agenda, and the National Council shall give the approval.

Article 12

The National Congress shall have the following powers:

- a) to adopt the organization and functioning of the College of Romanian Veterinarians;
- b) to adopt the Statute of Romanian Veterinarians;

- c) to adopt proposals of rules concerning the veterinary profession and to approve the Code of Medical Veterinary Ethics;
- d) to adopt decisions concerning veterinarians training, qualification, specialization as well as promotion criteria;
- e) to adopt resolutions and recommendations concerning own scientific program;
- f) to adopt decisions regarding the collaboration between the College of Romanian Veterinarians and the General Association of Romanian Veterinarians or either Romanian or foreign professional and scientific bodies;
- g) to validate the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians County Councils;
- h) to validate the delegates to the National Congress, the newly constituted National Council, the Legislative Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Free Practice Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman;
- i) to elect:
 - the President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians;
 - the Vice-Chairmen of the Executive Board of the National Council;
 - the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Superior Ethics and Litigation Commission;
 - the Central Audit Commission;
 - their alternate members;
- j) can grant the Honorary President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians title;
- k) to professionally recognize diplomas, attestations or other documents certifying the quality of veterinarian;
- l) to approve the Executive Board, the Superior Ethics and Litigation Commission as well as the Central Audit Commission reports on current Executive Board financial and accounting activities;
- m) to approve current Executive Board financial administration, as appropriate;
- n) to adopt decisions with legal effect, harmonized with the Community rules on recognition of professional qualifications obtained in member states of the European Union and the European Economic Area, as well as in the veterinary profession by those States nationals under the Law no. 160/1998, republished, as amended.

Article 13

(1) The National Congress shall adopt decisions by simple majority vote.

(2) The National Congress decisions shall be final and mandatory for all members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians.

SUBSECTION B: The National Council of the College of Romanian Veterinarians

Article 14

The National Council shall consist of:

- a) the Executive Board;
- b) the Chairmen of the County Councils and Bucharest municipality, elected by secret ballot in veterinarians County and Bucharest municipality General Meetings;
- c) the Chairman of the Superior Ethics and Litigation Commission;

Article 15

The National Council shall be constituted within the National Congress for a period of three years.

Article 16

(1) Veterinarians with a minimum seniority in veterinary profession of at least 8 years may be elected in the National Council.

(2) The retiring members of the National Council may be re-elected.

Article 17

The National Council shall have the following powers:

- a) to approve the rules of the Superior Ethics and Litigation Commission, as well as the rules of the Counties, Bucharest municipality Ethics and Litigation Commissions, according to Law no. 160/1998, republished, as amended;
- b) to established criteria for granting, suspending or withdraw the attestation of free provision of veterinary services;
- c) to approve the rules of procedure of the commissions established at this level;
- d) to validate the Legislative Commission members, the Free Practice Commission and the Commission for Research, Science and Education members, at the National Council Executive Board proposal;
- e) to approve criteria for granting professional degrees, under the law, in the fields of:
 - veterinary medical care;
 - veterinary epidemiology;
 - surveillance and laboratory diagnosis;
 - laboratory expertise of animal products and products of animal origin;
 - veterinary public health and animal products and products of animal hygiene;
 - pathology of reproduction;
 - veterinary consulting and audit;
- f) to establish the free practice veterinarian's duties and powers in order to provide some public services;
- g) to verify and approve the Executive Board activity;
- h) to determine the registering fee, the monthly due amount and other taxes;
- i) to approve the tariff payment for sanitary veterinary services of national public interest, which shall be negotiated by the commission established, with the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority;
- j) to establish professional signs, their use, shape and dimensions;
- k) to establish the veterinary medical services presentation and promotion manner;
- l) to approve the allowances granting at the Executive Board proposal;
- m) to award the College of Romanian Veterinarians honorary member title;
- n) to establish the profession practice criteria, under Article 22 and Article 41 line d) of Law no. 160/1998, republished, as amended;
- o) to approve the veterinary medical units mandatory minimum endowment, regardless of their legal organization form, at the Executive Board proposal;
- p) to adopt decisions with legal effect, harmonized with the Community rules on recognition of professional qualifications obtained in the Member States of the European Union and the European Economic Area, as well as in what concerns the veterinary profession practice by nationals of the mentioned States in Law. 160/1998, republished, as amended;
- q) to adopt decisions with legal effect, under the law;
- r) to approve the Rules of organization and conduct of the National Congress and of the Counties, Bucharest municipality respectively, Meetings;

s) to approve yearly the monthly allowance for the President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians, the Executive Board members, the Chairman of Superior Ethics and Litigation Commission and the meeting allowances for those commission members, at the Executive Board proposal.

t) to approve the ongoing training programs procedure of organization and conduct;

u) to approve the College of Romanian Veterinarians participation, as sole shareholder, in founding a company with patrimonial purpose;

v) to approve the procedure concerning the organization of training, retraining, initiation, specialization courses in veterinary medicine.

Article 18

The National Council shall approve annually the number and forms of veterinary education at the Executive Board proposal.

Article 19

The National Council shall meet on a half-yearly basis or whenever necessary. The National Council Meetings convening and chairing are made by the President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians.

Article 20

The National Council decisions shall be mandatory to all members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians.

Article 21

The National Council shall be legally constituted in the presence of at least two thirds of its members and shall take decisions by simple majority.

SUBSECTION C: The Executive Board of the College of Romanian Veterinarians National Council

Article 22

(1) The Executive Council Board of National Council shall consist of:

- the President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians, elected by the National Congress delegates secret vote from the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians who applied at least 60 days before the congress;
- three Vice-Presidents, elected by the National Congress delegates by direct and secret vote from the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians proposed in the National Congress, one being first Vice-President appointed by the National Council Executive Board;
- a Secretary, proposed by the President and validated by the National Congress, from the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians;
- the Chairman of the Legislative Commission, proposed by the President and validated by the National Congress;
- the Chairman of the Free Practice Commission, proposed by the President and validated by the National Congress;
- a responsible for communication,

(2) The election of the President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be made by simple majority vote and the elections of the Vice-Presidents by relative majority vote respectively.

Article 23

(1) The Executive Board of National Council shall be constituted for a period of three years.

(2) Veterinarians with a minimum profession seniority of 10 years may be elected in the Executive Board of the National Council.

Article 24

The Executive Board may approve the hiring of collaborators and administrative personnel, according to the possibilities of remuneration. This shall reimburse the expenses incurred in services providing.

Article 25

(1) The Executive Board of the National Council shall make decisions in order to implement the National Council resolutions.

(2) The Executive Board shall be lawfully constituted in the presence of at least 6 members and approve the decisions with the vote of at least 5 members.

(3) The Executive Board shall present yearly the activity report and current program to the National Council.

(4) All members of the Executive Board of the National Council shall have the right to vote, except the responsible for communication.

Article 26

The Executive Board shall have the following duties and powers:

a) to give advisory recommendation on normative acts drafts, regulations and standards to practice in all veterinary specific activity areas, under the law.

b) to propose to the National Council the members of commissions constituted nationally;

c) to take part in drawing up of sanitary-veterinary activities development strategy;

d) to propose criteria for free practice attestation granting, suspension and withdrawal;

e) to negotiate, by the constituted commission, for the next fiscal year, with the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, the payment charges for performing by the free practice veterinarians of the leased sanitary-veterinary services of national interest, stipulated by the strategic program as well as other services which contribute to sanitary-veterinary territorial surveillance concerning animal health and public health;

f) to propose criteria concerning granting of professional degrees, under the law, in the fields of:

- veterinary medical care;
- veterinary epidemiology;
- surveillance and laboratory diagnosis;
- laboratory expertise of animal products and products of animal origin;
- veterinary public health and animal products and products of animal origin hygiene;
- pathology of reproduction;
- veterinary consulting and audit;

g) to keep a record of the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians and steadily update the overall membership picture, published annually in specialized press;

h) to monitor the compliance with Law no. 160/1998, republished, as amended, with this Rules, Code of Medical Veterinary Ethics and the Statute of Romanian Veterinarian.

i) to draw up the professional training methods and to lay down the professional ranking ways for the free practice veterinarians;

j) to apply and, where appropriate, to publish sanctions established by the Superior Ethics and Litigation Commission;

k) to propose the registration fee and the monthly due amount;

l) to fix the amount of allowances, salaries and other expenses;

- m) to organize the contest and to issue attestations granting the professional degree of primary veterinarian, in collaboration with the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority and higher education institutions;
- n) to collaborate with public institutions in drawing up guide lines in the development and improvement of veterinary medical higher and postgraduate education, in accordance with the international requirements and standards, and the Romanian legislation;
- o) to manage the College of Romanian Veterinarians assets, income and expenses and periodically inform the National Council on the financial situation;
- p) to draw up, under Law no. 160/1998, republished, as amended, together with the National Sanitary-Veterinary and Food Safety Authority, the rules concerning the free practice veterinarian's duties and powers in providing some public services;
- q) to substantiate and propose to the National Council the tuition figures and forms in the veterinary system and to send to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports the approved figures;
- r) to coordinate and control the County Councils activity;
- s) to draw up Rules for organization and conduct of the National Congress as well as county, Bucharest municipality General Meetings;
- t) to organize the National Congress work conduct, as well as other professional events;
- u) to approve the veterinary clinics founding;
- v) to keep the Unique Register of Veterinary Clinics with or without legal personality;
- x) to control the veterinary clinics founding, organization and functioning, regardless of their legal form of organization as well as the compliance with legal norms in providing the medical veterinary services.

SUBSECTION D: The President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians

Article 27

(1) The President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians President shall be elected with simple majority, by secret and direct ballot of the National Congress delegates, from the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians who applied at least 60 days before the date of the National Congress.

(2) Primary veterinarians members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians with a minimum seniority in veterinary profession of at least 10 years, contributor members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians for at least 2 consecutive years, can run for the presidency.

(3) The President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be the President of the National Council Executive Board.

Article 28

The President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall have the following powers:

- a) to represent the profession before governmental bodies, professional and scientific forums, certified natural persons and legal entities, and public institutions;
- b) to chair the National Congress, the National Council and the Executive Board Meetings and to present the College of Romanian Veterinarians activity report;
- c) to carry out the National Congress and the Executive Board decisions.

SUBSECTION D: The Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation

Article 29

(1) The Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation shall consist of 7 permanent members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, secretary, 4 members) and 3 alternate members.

(2) The members of the Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation shall be elected by secret and direct ballot of the delegates in the National Congress, with relative majority, for a period of three years.

(3) The Chairman of the Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation shall be elected by secret and direct ballot, with simple majority, if he applied at least 60 days before the date of the National Congress.

Article 30

Only veterinarians with a minimum seniority of 10 years in the profession shall be elected in the Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation.

Article 31

The Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation shall be assisted by a lawyer.

Article 32

The Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation shall organize and operate under the rules of procedure approved by the National Council.

Article 33

The Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation shall be convened by its Chairman.

Article 34

(1) The Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation Meetings shall be kept on-site, in the Chairman's residence locality or in any other ascertained place, whenever needed.

(2) The Meetings shall be held on the day and time ascertained by the Chairman. The Meetings are not public.

(3) Only competent persons, ascertained by the Chairman, may be invited to take part to the Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation Meetings.

Article 35

The Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation shall decide penalties under the law and notify the Executive Board of the National Council.

SUBSECTION F: The Central Audit Commission

Article 36

(1) The Central Audit Commission shall consist of 3 full auditors and 3 alternate auditors, of whom 2 full auditors and the alternate auditors shall be elected by secret ballot with relative majority of the National Congress, for a period of 3 years, and one full auditor – certified accountant or expert accountant - shall be elected by the Executive Board, under the law.

(2) The members of the Central Audit Commission must comply with the legal conditions for this position.

Article 37

In case of one auditor death, resignation or unavailability, he shall be replaced by the oldest alternate member.

Article 38

(1) The auditors must monitor financial and accounting activities, check the balance sheet, banking-financial operations, as well as the College of Romanian Veterinarians account.

(2) The Central Audit Commission shall present annually to the National Council the report regarding the College of Romanian Veterinarians financial-accounting activity for the due year.

(3) The Central Audit Commission must draw up and present to the National Congress the report regarding the College of Romanian Veterinarians financial-accounting activity.

(4) The National Congress shall approve the Central Audit Commission report, discharging of administration the Executive Board of the National Council which has completed the mandate.

SUBSECTION G: The Legislative Commission

Article 39

(1) The Legislative Commission shall consist of 7 members (a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and 5 members).

(2) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Commission shall be proposed by the College of Romanian Veterinarians and shall be validated by the National Congress.

(3) The members of the Legislative Commission shall be validated by the National Council, at the Executive Board proposal.

(4) The Legislative Commission activity shall be counseled by the lawyer of the College of Romanian Veterinarians.

Article 40

The Legislative Commission shall have the following powers:

a) to draw up normative acts necessary for the College of Romanian Veterinarians organization and functioning;

b) to initiate and draw up normative acts necessary for the medical-veterinary free practice.

c) to make proposals concerning the passing and amending the normative acts in the veterinary medical field;

d) to examine draft normative acts, regulations and rules of profession practice in all the areas of veterinary specific activity, under the law, and to make proposals to the Executive Board in order to issue advisory recommendation.

e) to draw up own Rules of procedure, which shall be approved by the National Council.

H. SUBSECTION G: The Free Practice Commission

Article 41

(1) The Free Practice Commission shall consist of 7 members (a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and 5 members).

(2) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Free Practice Commission shall be proposed by the President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians and shall be validated by the National Congress delegates.

(3) The members of the Free Practice Commission shall be validated by the National Council, at the Executive Board proposal.

Article 42

The Free Practice Commission duties shall be drawn out by the Executive Board and approved by the National Council.

SUBSECTION I: The Commission for Research, Science and Education

Article 43

(1) The Commission for Research, Science and Education shall consist of 7 members (a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and 5 members) and shall be constituted by: one representative of the Agricultural and Forestry Sciences Academy "Gheorghe Ionescu-Șișești", representatives of Veterinary Medicine Faculty and one representative of the College of Romanian Veterinarians.

(2) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Research, Science and Education shall be proposed by the President of the College of Romanian Veterinarians and shall be validated by the National Congress delegates.

(3) The Commission for Research, Science and Education members shall be validated by the National Council at the Executive Board proposal.

SECTION 2: The College of Romanian Veterinarians at County Level

SUBSECTION A: The Veterinarians General Meeting

Article 44

The Veterinarians General Meeting in counties and in Bucharest municipality, further called General Meeting shall consist of veterinarians members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians. The General Meeting of the College of Romanian Veterinarians can be attended only by veterinarians members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians with monthly due paid to date.

Article 45

(1) The General Meeting shall meet annually in regular session.

(2) The General Meeting shall be legally constituted in the presence of two thirds of the members and shall decide with half plus one of the present members.

(3) The General Meeting shall be convened at least five days before the date set by the agenda.

(4) The General Meeting may meet in extraordinary session:

a) at the request at least one third of the members;

b) if at the General Meeting convened date the quorum of two thirds of the members was not met.

(5) The Extraordinary General Meeting convening in the situation referred to in paragraph (4) line b) shall be made by Executive Board of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council in no more than 10 days from the first call. The General Meeting shall be legally constituted if half plus one of the members are present and the decisions are taken by two-thirds of the present members.

Article 46

The General Meeting powers are:

a) to elect the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, the Ethics and Litigation Commission and the Audit Commission thereof;

b) to examine and make proposals on laws draft concerning the veterinary profession;

c) to examine and approve the activity report of the Executive Board of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, the activity report of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Commission of Ethics and Litigation, and the report of the Audit Commission on financial and accounting activities of the Executive Board;

d) to approve the discharge of the Executive Board in practice, as appropriate;

e) to elect the delegates at the National Congress by secret ballot.

SUBSECTION B: The County, Bucharest Municipality respectively, Council

Article 47

(1) The County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council shall consist of 7-15 full members and three alternates, depending on the number of veterinarians registered with the College, and shall include members of the Executive Board of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council.

(2) The Chairman of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council is an ex-officio member.

Article 48

The members of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council shall be elected by secret ballot, for a period of three years, by the General Meeting of Veterinarians, except the Chairman who shall be elected by the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians of the county where he was registered, if he has applied under the conditions laid down in these Rules.

Article 49

(1) Veterinarians members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians may be elected in the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Councils. The seats in County or Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, which became vacant following resignation, death or other causes shall be completed by alternate members. Retiring members in the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, can be re-elected.

(2) The members in County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, who do not take part in the College of Romanian Veterinarians actions, violate or fail to fulfill the set tasks, can be withdrawn at the request of at least two thirds of that Council members.

Article 50

The County Council and Bucharest municipality Council shall meet quarterly or whenever necessary.

Article 51

County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council shall be legally constituted in the presence of two thirds of the members and shall take decisions by half plus one of the present members.

SUBSECTION C: The Executive Board of County Council and Bucharest Municipality Council

Article 52

(1) The County Council and Bucharest municipality Council shall be coordinated by an Executive Board consisting of:

- Chairman, elected by direct and secret ballot of General Meeting;
- Two Vice-Chairmen, elected by secret ballot of County Council, and 3 Vice-Chairmen respectively, elected by secret ballot of Bucharest municipality Council;
- A secretary, appointed by the newly elected Chairmen of County Council, Bucharest municipality Council respectively, and validated by General Meeting.

(2) The Chairman shall be elected by simple majority vote.

(3) The Vice-Chairmen shall be elected by relative majority vote.

(4) The Executive Board of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council shall be elected for a period of three years.

Article 53

The Executive Board shall propose to County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, the hiring of collaborators and administrative personnel, as needed and in accordance with payment opportunities.

Article 54

The Executive Board of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, shall have the following powers and duties:

- a) to review and submit to the debate of College members draft laws concerning the veterinary profession;
- b) to keep records, issue registration certifications for veterinary medical units and provide annual visa;
- c) to receive registration applications from own activity area and to approve veterinarians registration with the College;
- d) to record the College members from own activity area;
- e) to take measures and control the carrying out of decisions, rules and instructions provided by the Executive Board of the National Council;
- f) to supervise compliance with the Code of Veterinary Medical Ethics, Statute of Romanian Veterinarian and these Rules;
- g) to grant free practice attestation, suspend or withdraw, as appropriate, the issued attestations, in compliance with the Rules drawn up by the College of Romanian Veterinarians;
- h) to prepare briefings and reports on members activities, which shall be forwarded to the Executive Board of the National Council;
- i) to manage the College of Romanian Veterinarians assets, revenues and expenses in the counties and Bucharest municipality, to collect registration fees, monthly dues and other taxes;
- j) to apply the sanctions decided by the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Commissions of Ethics and Litigation under Law no. 160/1998, republished, as amended;
- k) to suspend the membership of the College of Romanian Veterinarians and veterinarian profession practice following:
 1. profession practice prohibition on an established period of time by final court decision or disciplinary order ;
 2. where the monthly dues and professional contributions are not paid ongoing for 6 months since their maturity date.
- l) to apply the sanction of the College of Romanian Veterinarians membership cessation if:
 1. The measure of raising the right of profession practice was taken against the veterinarian as a disciplinary measure or as a result of the College of Romanian Veterinarians decision for obvious professional incapacity or mental illness certified by the medical expert;
 2. The veterinarian was finally convicted for an act that constitutes professional disgraceful conduct stipulated and punished under the Criminal Code, which makes him unworthy for the profession practice;
- m) to propose to the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, the hiring of collaborators and administrative personnel, according to the needs and financial possibilities;
- n) to reimburse expenses incurred by the duties provided part of the work program;
- o) to propose the benefits providing;
- p) to issue the College of Romanian Veterinarians identity card and to provide visa quarterly;
- q) to control founding, organization and functioning of veterinary medical clinics, regardless of organizational form, as well as legal compliance in providing veterinary medical services.

SUBSECTION D: The Chairman of County, Bucharest Municipality respectively, Council

Article 55

(1) The Chairman of the Executive Board of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, shall be the Chairman of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council.

(2) Veterinarians who applied 15 days before the General Meeting of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, have at least 8 years seniority in the profession practice and have been contributor members for the last 2 years ongoing, may run for the presidency.

(3) The Chairman of the Executive Board of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, shall represent the profession in front of governmental bodies, professional and scientific forums, certified natural persons and legal entities and public institutions.

(4) The Chairman shall chair the meetings of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, and of the Executive Board and shall present the activity report of the Executive Board of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council.

(5) The Chairman shall carry out the decisions of the National Congress, the National Council and County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council.

SUBSECTION E: The Commission of Ethics and Litigation of County Council and Bucharest Municipality Council

Article 56

(1) The Commissions of Ethics and Litigation of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Councils, shall consist of five members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, secretary, two members) and three alternate members.

(2) The Commissions of Ethics and Litigation of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Councils, shall be established in descending order of number of votes obtained by each member, except the Secretary who is appointed by the Chairman.

Article 57

The Commissions of Ethics and Litigation of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Councils election shall be made by secret ballot, with relative majority of the County General Meetings of Veterinarians, for a period of three years.

Article 58

Veterinarians with at least 10 years seniority may be elected in the Commissions of Ethics and Litigation of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Councils.

Article 59

The activity of the Commissions of Ethics and Litigation may be assisted by a lawyer.

Article 60

The litigation resolution procedure, to identify violations of Code of Medical Veterinary Ethics and to determine penalties shall be regulated by the Rules of procedure of the Superior Commission of Ethics and Litigation of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Commissions of Ethics and Litigation.

SUBSECTION F: The Audit Commissions of County Council and Bucharest Municipality Council

Article 61

(1) The Audit Commissions of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, shall consist of three full members and three alternate members, of which two full members and the alternates shall be elected by secret ballot, with relative majority in the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, General Meetings of the College of Romanian

Veterinarians, for a period of three years, and a full auditor - certified accountant or expert accountant – shall be elected by Executive Board, under the law.

(2) The members of the Audit Commissions must meet the legal conditions for this position.

(3) The duties and powers of the Audit Commissions of County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, are provided by these Rules.

CHAPTER III: The Members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians

Article 62

(1) Membership of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be acquired by any veterinarian, Romanian citizen or national of Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area or Swiss citizen, regardless of political, religious, cultural, ethnic origin views, who meets the following conditions:

a) lawfully practices the veterinary profession in Romania, pursuant to Article 2;

b) is not in cases of indignity under current law;

c) is medically fit to practice the veterinary profession;

d) took the oath set out in Law no. 160/1998, republished, as amended.

Article 63

(1) The provisions of Article 16 shall not apply to the profession practice by nationals of the Member States of the European Union, the European Economic Area and the Swiss citizens in form of services.

(2) Where under paragraph (1), nationals of those States shall be entered in a register kept by the College of Romanian Veterinarians for this purpose, without acquiring the membership.

(3) For service provisions, individuals as provided in paragraph (1) shall make a declaration concerning the delivered services, submitted to the College of Romanian Veterinarians, under the law.

(4) In practicing the profession in form of service provisions, these people are subject to the rules of professional Ethics.

Article 64

(1) Membership of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be mandatory for practicing veterinary profession.

(2) The application for registration with the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Executive Office of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, from the veterinarian operating area and/or where the veterinarian shall set professional headquarters.

(3) If the veterinarian is registered as a member of the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, and has moved the operating area and/or professional headquarters in other county, the transfer in the county or Bucharest municipality where he operates or has the professional headquarters shall not be required.

(4) Membership of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be certified by the identity card issued by the College of Romanian Veterinarians.

Article 65

Leading profession personalities in the country and abroad may be honorary members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians.

Article 66

(1) In cases of transfer, the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall receive, in addition to the documents of transfer, recommendation from the County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Council, as well.

(2) Membership of the College of Romanian Veterinarians can be obtained in a single county or Bucharest municipality.

Article 67

(1) The members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall have the following rights:

- a) to be protected by law in the profession practice;
- b) to exercise medical-veterinary profession under the law;
- c) to operate freely and without any interference from other professional categories;
- d) to inform the College of Romanian Veterinarians of any violation of the right to practice the profession;
- e) to attend the meetings of governing bodies of the College of Romanian Veterinarians;
- f) to elect and to be elected;
- g) to take part in forms of ongoing professional training;
- h) to use professional and academic insignia and titles;

(2) Insult, libel or threats committed against the veterinarian under the profession practice and in relation with it, shall be punished by law.

(3) Hitting or other violent acts committed against the veterinarian under the profession exercise shall be punished by law.

Article 68

The members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall have the following obligations:

- a) to comply with the laws and other normative acts in force concerning the veterinary profession practice, and to obey the College of Romanian Veterinarians governing bodies decisions;
- b) to respect and apply in all circumstances the rules of medical veterinary ethics ;
- c) to promote the whole range of measures aimed to improve the livestock breeding and their productive potential;
- d) to protect the human health against diseases common to humans and animals, to take part in environmental protection, in order to maintain ecological balance;
- e) to pursue and support the animal protection measures under international regulations;
- f) the veterinarian who carries out veterinary medical activity shall be individually responsible under the law for professional decisions;

Article 69

Membership of the College of Romanian Veterinarians and the veterinarian profession practice are unworthy and shall be suspended for:

- a) ascertained, sanctioned services practice contrary to the Code of Medical Veterinary Ethics, which became final;
- b) profession practice prohibition on established period by judicial or disciplinary decisions, which became final;
- c) where the monthly dues and professional contributions are not paid ongoing for 6 months since their maturity.

Article 70

(1) Membership of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall be suspended, for reasons beyond the veterinarian in the following situations:

- a) female veterinarian on prenatal/postnatal leave;
- b) veterinarian (female, male) on child care leave, as long as she/he may prove the suspension of work/employment relations;
- c) veterinarian who is abroad and can prove that he is not practicing the veterinary profession;
- d) veterinarian who suspended veterinary work/employment relations for personal reasons, thoroughly justified;

e) veterinarian under unemployment benefits.

(2) The manner of applying, analyzing and solving the situations referred to in paragraph (1) shall be approved by the decision of the National Council.

Article 71

Membership of the College of Romanian Veterinarians shall cease:

a) if suspending measures were taken against the veterinarian, such as disciplinary penalty or due to the decision of the College of Romanian Veterinarians, for obvious professional incapacity or mental illness, granted by the medical expert commission;

b) if the veterinarian has been definitively convicted for professional disgraceful conduct, punishable under the Criminal Code, and shall be unworthy to practice the profession.

Article 72

Practice without the right of practice of any veterinary profession specific services shall be crime punishable by law.

CHAPTER IV: Assets. Income and expenses.

Article 73

(1) The College of Romanian Veterinarians shall have own assets, consisting of movable and immovable assets, including financial means.

(2) The College of Romanian Veterinarians income shall consist mainly of registration fees, members monthly dues and other taxes.

(3) Other income could be obtained from subventions, donations and sponsoring, as well as cultural and scientific events, copyright, rents, interests and other legal sources.

(4) The County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Councils shall transfer 50% of monthly dues collected to the Executive Board of the National Council.

(5) Cash funds can be used, with the approval of the National Council, for participation as contribution to the social capital of a company, whose profit will be used exclusively for the aim of the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians.

Article 74

The College of Romanian Veterinarians National Council and County, Bucharest municipality respectively, Councils shall have accounts in lei and foreign currency, their own signs and seals.

Article 75

Cash funds can be used in order to improve professional training, to provide scholarships, social assistance, founding scientifically institutions in the medical veterinary field, investments in order to provide adequate resources for various activities of the College of Romanian Veterinarians, administrative expenses as well as own staff wages fund.

CHAPTER V: Final Provisions

Article 76

All the members of the College of Romanian Veterinarians should comply to these Rules.

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