



## UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE BUDAPEST ALUMNI WORKPLAN

Within the framework of the Alumni program of the University of Veterinary Medicine, it has been striving for many years to provide a collegial, informal tone, but scientifically based, professional community for graduated veterinary students.

The Alumni Community of UVMB is organized by focusing on the following goals:

- a) promoting lifelong learning, further training, and gaining knowledge for registered alumni within the framework of UVMB, following and supporting their careers and for providing on-demand support;
- b) enabling UVMB graduates with a high level of expertise to share their knowledge and experience on a regular basis with other alumni, current students and instructors;
- c) preserving and continuously enhancing UVMB's national and international reputation and attractiveness both as a university and an Alma Mater;
- d) draws attention to the trainings of UVMB and maintaining the interest in it,
- e) treasuring and increasing the value of the UVMB degree;
- f) for further development of training-education systems, research opportunities and methods;
- g) assisting the work of teachers, students, researchers and providing the most effective, up-to-date, marketable knowledge for students;
- h) supporting the study and research of talented students and researchers;
- i) nurturing university traditions more widely and at a higher level;
- j) giving information about all of these on a regular basis by means of continuous communication according to the spirit of UVMB;
- k) collecting donations on a voluntary basis to foundations;
- l) recruiting volunteers and coordinating voluntary work for voluntary based organisations;
- m) providing diverse communication opportunities for registered Alumni members according to their interest.

The Alumni Community of UVMB can find current news affecting the Community primarily through the alumni page of the University. Graduates can join the Alumni Community by registering on the website.

**The Alumni Card** (also known as the Vet card) is available to alumni, which is a service available to all graduated veterinary students. Veterinarians who have already graduated can



contact the head of the Study Directorate if they do not yet have a card and would like to apply for one.

For the graduates, the UVMB – by the coordination of the Study Directorate - provides **jubilee diplomas**, which can be received every year at the opening ceremony of the academic year by those who graduated from the University of Veterinary Medicine 50, 60, 65, 70 and 75 years ago. In addition to the jubilee diplomas, the University also issues a jubilee yearbook and holds a reception for the jubilarians after the opening ceremony, where informal conversation is also possible.

In a self-organizing manner, Alumni can organize **gatherings**, for which the University provides the Equus club for free. In addition, the Study Department for International Students Programs and the Department of International Relations also organize **class reunions**. This happens several times a year. In recent years, the coronavirus epidemic has made it impossible to organize such and similar programs, but the next event is already being planned for the 2023/24 academic year.

While the reunions primarily focus on building relationships, the UVMB also organizes other programs for the professional development and further training of the alumni, as well as deepening existing knowledge. Such an event is the **Career Day**, where practicing veterinarians come to provide broader knowledge and a wider perspective on the profession with their presentations for those interested. The event is of great interest and is full every time.

Another event of the University's Alumni Community, paying tribute to a long-standing tradition, is the **Veterinarian's Ball**. The Veterinarian's Ball once again serves to strengthen the veterinary community, to learn about common successes and results, where you can get to know researchers, educators, and practicing veterinarians from different sub-disciplines with good atmosphere and fun, who at the same time remember and pay tribute to an old tradition. The Veterinary Ball symbolizes the very strong, professional, collegial, and friendly bond of the veterinary community, so it can be considered one of the most defining events of the Alumni Community. Graduate students can also participate in the Veterinarian's Ball, thus promoting the creation of contact between alumni and graduate students.

The Alumni Community of the University of Veterinary Medicine has been developed and active for many years, which is helped by the fact that the alumni sub-page of the University website provides up-to-date information for graduated veterinarians. Of course, to maintain the current operation at an appropriate level, further developments are needed in the future, which will color and broaden the possibilities of the members of the Alumni Community.



It is necessary to extend the rights granted by the Alumni/Veterinarian card and provide additional discounts. An area to be developed is that – owing to its great interest – to organize more events during the academic years, thereby continuously providing a professional, scientific, and collegial scene for veterinary alumni. Another goal is to ensure that the current kind of events will be taken place in larger locations in the future, ensuring a larger number of people.

More information about the Alumni Community of the UVMB can be found on the following website: <https://univet.hu/en/alumni/>

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