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Major developments influencing the veterinary profession in your country:

- E-veterinary (E-vetis project) In Latvia, Ministry of Agriculture and FVS are intensively working on the creation of an e-veterinary, where it will be possible to enter data on animal treatment, circulation of medicines, e-prescription and other veterinary-related information. The system should start operating in end of this (2025) year.
- The Faculty of Veterinary Medicine is preparing for EAEV accreditation in 2026.
- Due to the spread of foot-and-mouth disease and other infections (e.g. bluetongue), biosecurity issues are being raised.
- At the level of the government, work is underway to reduce the bureaucratic burden.

Major developments within your organization:

- New statutes of the association have been adopted in November 2024, which clarify the goals of the association, as well as will significantly improve many activities of the association in the future. The association now has the following committees: certification, education, ethics, legislation, and audits.
- At the middle of April 2025 annually Conference of association members was held, and one new board members were elected. The main topic – Availability of veterinary service, veterinary medicines.
- A comprehensive survey of association members was conducted, and more than 340 members are participated.
- Good Veterinary Practice Guidelines have been developed in the working group and approved by the LVB Board (annex I - Microchipping of pet animals and horses).
- The association plans to begin training veterinarians in providing herd health visits.
- Committee for education is working on the introduction of vet specialists at the national level

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