Description of the study programme Immunology in the third level in parttime form of study in Slovak language

The name of the university: University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice The seat of the college: Komenského 73, 041 81 Košice College identification number: 00397474

The college's authority to approve of the study programme: Accreditation Committee of UVMP in Košice

Date of approval or modification of the study programme: 28. 7. 2022 Date of the last change to the study programme description: 15. 7. 2022

Decision No. 2019/11076:17-A1110 of 15 May, Reaccreditation grants the right without time limitation, regulations after 1 November 2019

ID of the proceeding: 16727The name of the university:University of Veterinary Medicine in KošiceThe name of the study programme:ImmunologyThe level of the study:Level 3Code of the study programme:12243

1. Basic data about the study programme

- a) The name of the study programme and the number according to the register of study programmes: Immunology *code* 12243, *Decision number* 2019/11076:17-A1110
- b) Level of higher education and ISCED-F code of the level of education: Level 3/864
- c) Venue of study programme: The University of Veterinary Medicine in Košice, Komenského 73, 041 81 Košice
- d) The field of study in which a higher education is obtained by completing the study programme, or a combination of two study fields in which a higher education is obtained by completing the study programme, ISCED-F code of the field: Biology/0511
- e) Type of study programme: Academically oriented
- f) Academic title awarded. *Philosophiae doctor* (abbreviated PhD.)

- g) Form of study: Part-time
- h) The language in which the study programme is conducted: Slovak language
- i) Standard length of study expressed in academic years: 5 academic years
- j) Capacity of the study programme: planned number of students according to dissertation topics, actual number of applicants in the last 6 years (from the academic year 2016/2017 to the academic year 2020/2021): 2 topic; number of applicants enrolled: 2; number of applicants admitted: 2; number of applicants enrolled and admitted: 2; number of completed PhD students in the last 6 years: 0
- k) Information about the study programme: https://qa.uvlf.sk/sprg_info/?sprg_id=72&ar=20222023

2. Graduate profile and learning objectives

a) The learning objectives achieved in the Immunology study programme are methodologically based on the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning (EQF). This defines the requirements for learning outcomes for knowledge, skills, responsibility and autonomy. For level 8, the required learning outcomes include *highly specialised knowledge, some of which is at the forefront of the field of work or study*.

The graduate has extensive knowledge in several areas of the study programme or field, which he/she uses as a basis for conducting research in immunology. The graduate aims at acquiring the latest theoretical knowledge based on the current state of scientific knowledge in particular areas of immunology.

The core knowledge is provided on core courses, in particular in the field of general immunology, clinical immunology, molecular biology, cytochemical and immunochemical methods and the mucosal immune system, which are described in the syllabi as learning outcomes. Additional knowledge is achieved by completing compulsory optional courses in the study programme in the fields of special microbiology, infectious animal diseases, pathological physiology, statistical evaluation of biological experiments and pathological reactions of the immune system.

The study builds on the knowledge acquired through second-level higher education at veterinary and medical faculties (universities), pharmaceutical faculties, natural sciences faculties or other faculties of medicine and natural sciences. Education in level 3 of higher education focuses on theoretical, applied and clinical immunology. Special attention is paid to the study of the immune response at the molecular level in *in vitro* (cell cultures) and *in vivo* conditions (animal models) with a focus on gene expression (qRT-PCR, RNA-seq), as well as the detection of molecules - CD markers, antibodies, cytokines (by flow cytometry, immunoenzymatic or immunofluorescence methods) involved in the generation and regulation of the immune response. The studies also focus on the acquisition of the latest theoretical and practical knowledge. The results of creative experimental work contribute not only to the development of the field itself, but also to the development of scientific knowledge in general.

For level 8, "most advanced and specialised skills and techniques, including the ability to synthesise and evaluate, are required to solve fundamental problems in research, are also needed in innovation and to extend and redefine existing knowledge on the subject".

A graduate of the Immunology study programme is qualified to work as an expert in the field of immunology. He/she is proficient in scientific research methods in the field of experimental and clinical immunology, which he/she creatively implements on various model objects (cell cultures and laboratory animals). The graduate is able to use statistical and bioinformatic methods as well as other knowledge from related disciplines.

In their work, the graduate is able to examine the individual components of the immune system in terms of morphology and functionality, as well as at different levels of their interactions with pathogens (bacteria, viruses or parasites), using progressive methodological approaches in order to gain new, previously unpublished knowledge. The graduate is technically proficient not only in routine laboratory procedures but also in working with the software-intensive instrumentation of the immunology laboratory. He/she can formulate scientific problems, conduct creative and independent research and independently present the results of his/her work in internationally accepted journals or present them at scientific events. The results of creative experimental work not only contribute to the development of science and scientific knowledge, but these can also be used in human and veterinary medicine and pharmacology.

Responsibility and autonomy defined for Level 8 is "the ability to demonstrate considerable authority, innovation, independence, scholarly and professional integrity, and a sustained commitment to developing new ideas or practices that are at the forefront of a given work or learning environment, including research."

The graduate is characterized by independent, critical and analytical thinking. He/she takes into account social, scientific and ethical aspects when formulating research intentions and interpreting research results. The results of his/her own creative work contribute to the development of science, scientific knowledge and the usage of acquired knowledge in practice. He/she presents the results of research and development independently to the professional community and is able to determine the focus of research and coordinate a team in the relevant study programme. The graduate is able to independently design, validate and implement new research and working practices based on their outputs and findings.

- b) Graduates of the Immunology study programme can work as immunologist experts in basic and applied research specializing in immunology at the health, agriculture and environment departments.
- c) Relevant external interested parties who have provided a statement or a favourable opinion on the compliance of the acquired qualification with the sector-specific requirements of the profession: Institute of Neuroimmunology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences -<u>https://qa.uvlf.sk/vsk/docs/vzs_imuno_niu.pdf</u>

3. Job prospects

- a) On the basis of previous experience with graduates of the Immunology study programme, it can be stated that graduates find employment at all universities where immunology is taught as a biological discipline, as well as at research institutes, where theoretical and practical aspects of immunological processes are being addressed (genetic predispositions, various genetic manifestations, impact on the organism, influences of infectious diseases, as well as hypersensitive and autoimmune diseases). Graduates can also work in laboratories (dealing with the analysis of physiological as well as pathological immune responses).
- b) Examples of successful graduates of the immunology study programme: MVDr. Ivan Mikula, PhD. a MUDr. Martin Dzurila.

c) Evaluation of the quality of the study programme by employers (feedback): the UVMP has prepared questionnaires on graduates for employers.

4. Structure and content of the study programme

- a) The rules for the formation of study plans in the study programme Immunology are based on the general provisions contained in Article 8 of the internal regulation<u>Study Guidelines</u> of the UVMP, Part B.
- b) The recommended framework study plan for part-time: <u>https://qa.uvlf.sk/ais/sp/?ar=2022-2023&sprg_id=72</u>

The dissertation examination may be taken by a student who has achieved 50 credits for five CSs and at least 10 credits for two selected OCSs during the study period, no later than 24 months from the start of the PhD studies. A minimum of 240 credits is required for graduation.

- c) The study plan includes:
 - listed individual parts of the study programme (compulsory courses and compulsory optional courses),
 - profile subjects are marked in bold and with an asterisk in the study plan,
 - for each educational part (course), the learning outcomes and the related criteria and rules for their assessment are defined in the information sheet of course so that all the educational objectives of the study programme are met,
 - for each educational part of the study plan (course), the course information sheet sets out the learning activities used that are suitable for achieving the learning outcomes,
 - the course information sheet lists the methods by which the learning activity is carried out,
 - the course information sheet lists the course syllabus,
 - the course information sheet lists the student's workload,
 - the credits allocated to each section based on the learning outcomes achieved and the associated workload,
 - the course guarantor is identified and the course information sheets, if applicable, also identify other persons providing the courses,
 - the place of providing of the course (if the programme of study is delivered at more than one site).

The course information sheets for the Immunology are available via links directly in the study plan:

https://qa.uvlf.sk/ais/sp/?ar=2022-2023&sprg_id=72

d) The number of credits which must be earned to complete the study and other conditions that the student must fulfill to graduate, including the conditions of state exams, rules for retaking courses and rules for extension, interruption of studies:

The condition for the proper completion of studies is obtaining 240 credits, which include credits for passing the dissertation examination and defending the dissertation. Other conditions that the student must fulfill to complete the studies, including the conditions of state exams, rules for retaking courses and rules for extension, interruption of studies are listed in Articles 2, 15, 18, 19 and 29 of the <u>Study Guidelines of the UVMP</u>, Part B.

- e) Conditions for passing individual parts of the study programme and the student's progress in the study programme :
 - number of credits per core courses required for proper completion of the studies/completion of part of the study : 50
 - number of credits for compulsory courses required for proper completion of the studies/completion of part of the study : 10,
 - number of credits for the dissertation examination: 20
 - number of credits for the defence of the dissertation thesis required for proper completion of studies: 30
- Rules regarding student evaluation and the possibility of repeating exams: UVMP in Košice has described the rules regarding student evaluation and the possibility of repeating exams in Articles 17, 18 and 25 of the <u>Study Guidelines of the UVMP</u>, Part B.
- g) Conditions for the recognition of studies or part of studies: UVMP in Košice addresses the conditions for recognition of studies or parts of studies in Articles 19, 38 and 42 of the <u>Study Guidelines of the UVMP</u>, Part B.
- h) Topics of the PhD theses of the study programme:

| Name of the topic of the dissertation in part-time form in | AY | Topic |
|--|-----------|-------|
| Slovak language | | |
| Polymorphism in the genes of innate immunity and virus infection | 2005/2006 | + |
| Alzheimerova choroba: metamorfózy tau proteínu | 2009/2010 | + |
| Úloha HLA-génov, génov pre cytokíny a trem-1 molekúl na rozvoji asthma | 2009/2010 | + |
| bronchiale | | |
| Animálne modely pre štúdium Alzheimerovej a Parkinsonovej choroby | 2010/2011 | + |
| Biorezonančná a imunologická analýza neurodegenerácií | 2013/2014 | + |
| Vplyv probiotík na zmeny imunitnej odpovede u kurčiat infikovaných | 2015/2016 | + |
| bakteriálnymi patogénmi | | |
| Zdravotné aspekty použitia probiotík vo veterinárnej medicíne | 2017/2018 | + |
| Štúdium imunomodulačných a regeneračných vlastností membrány vaječnej | 2021/2022 | + |
| škrupiny | | |

- i) UVMP in Košice has laid down:
 - the rules for assigning, processing, opposing, defending and evaluating dissertation theses in Articles 1, 8, 9, 10, 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the <u>Study Guidelines of the</u> <u>UVMP</u>, Part B,
 - possibilities and procedures for participation in student mobility in Article 42 of the internal regulation <u>Study Guidelines of the UVMP</u>, Part B,
 - Code of Academic Ethics in the internal regulation <u>Disciplinary Procedure for Students</u>, in the internal regulation UVMP Employee <u>Code of ethics for employees of the UVMP</u> and in the internal regulation <u>Student</u> <u>code of ethics at the UVMP</u>,
 - procedures applicable to students with special needs in Part II, Article 2, point 7; Article 3, point 12 of the <u>Study Guidelines of the UVMP</u>, Part B,
 - the procedures for filing complaints and appeals by the student are specified, in addition to the Study Regulations of UVMP in Košice, in particular in the internal regulation <u>Directive on the handling of complaints at the UVMP</u>.

5. Information sheets of study programme courses

The information sheets of individual courses of the study programme have the structure established by the Decree of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic No. 614/2002 Coll., as amended.

6. Current academic year schedule and current timetable

The current schedule of the academic year and the current class schedule are listed in the bulletin "Information about studying at UVMP in Košice" for the given academic year and are also available on the UVMP's website: <u>Study Guide Book at the UVMP for academic year 2022/2023</u>. PhD students study according to an individual study plan drawn up by the supervisor and the PhD student and approved by the person with the main responsibility for the implementation, development and quality assurance of the study programme.

7. Staff

- a) The person responsible for the implementation, development and quality of the study programme is Prof. L'udmila Tkáčiková, DVM PhD., who holds the position of a professor; she works at the Department of Microbiology and Immunology of UVMP in Košice; e-mail ludmila.tkacikova@uvlf.sk; mobile +421915984603.
- b) List of persons teaching core courses of the study programme: Assoc. Prof. Dagmar Mudroňová, DVM PhD.; Department of Microbiology and Immunology Assoc. Prof. Mangesh Bhide, MVSc. PhD.; Laboratory of Biomedical Microbiology and Immunology Assoc. Prof. Viera Revajová, DVM PhD.; Department of Morphological Disciplines Assoc. Prof. Martin Levkut, DVM PhD.; Department of Morphology
- c) Scientific/artistic/pedagogical characteristics of persons providing profile subjects of the study programme are available on the quality portal of UVMP in Košice and direct links are given in Annex 1 of the internal evaluation report.
- d) List of teachers of the study programme with assignment to the course and link to the central register of university staff, with contact details:

| Teacher | course(s) | e-mail | mobile | CRZ | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Profile courses | | | | | | | | | |
| Prof. Ľudmila | General | ludmila.tkacikova@ | +421915984603 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Tkáčiková, DVM | immunology | <u>uvlf.sk</u> | | regzam/detail/5991 | | | | | |
| PhD. | | | | | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. | | dagmar.mudronova | +421915986954 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Dagmar | | <u>@uvlf.sk</u> | | regzam/detail/6094 | | | | | |
| Mudroňová, DVM | | | | | | | | | |
| PhD. | | | | | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. | Clinical | dagmar.mudronova | +421915986954 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Dagmar | immunology | @uvlf.sk | | regzam/detail/6094 | | | | | |
| Mudroňová, DVM | | | | | | | | | |
| PhD. | | | | | | | | | |
| Prof. Ľudmila | | ludmila.tkacikova@ | +421915984603 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Tkáčiková, DVM | | <u>uvlf.sk</u> | | regzam/detail/5991 | | | | | |
| PhD. | | | | | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. | Molecular biology | bhidemangesh@gm | +421915984604 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Mangesh Bhide, | | <u>ail.com</u> | | regzam/detail/6102 | | | | | |
| MVSc. PhD. | | | | | | | | | |

| Assoc. Prof. Viera | Cata alta mita alta at | | 421015094709 | letteres //exercise entreless els/ | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Cytochemical and immunochemical | <u>viera.revajova@uvl</u> | +421915984708 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Revajová, DVM | | <u>f.sk</u> | | regzam/detail/6011 | | | | | |
| PhD. | methods | | 121005152055 | 1 | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. Martin | Mucosal immune | martin.levkut@uvlf | +421905472877 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Levkut, DVM PhD. | system | <u>.sk</u> | | regzam/detail/17786 | | | | | |
| Compulsory optional courses | | | | | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. | Statistical | dagmar.mudronova | +421915986954 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Dagmar | evaluation of a | <u>@uvlf.sk</u> | | regzam/detail/6094 | | | | | |
| Mudroňová, DVM | biological | | | | | | | | |
| PhD. | experiment | | | | | | | | |
| Prof. Emil | Special | emil.pilipcinec@uv | +421905899434 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Pilipčinec, DVM | microbiology | <u>lf.sk</u> | | regzam/detail/5988 | | | | | |
| PhD. | | | | | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. Jana | | jana.koscova@uvlf. | +421915984587 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Koščová, DVM | | sk | | regzam/detail/6093 | | | | | |
| PhD. | | _ | | | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. Tomáš | | tomas.csank@uvlf.s | +421905480897 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Csank, DVM PhD. | | k | | regzam/detail/6133 | | | | | |
| Prof. Anna | Infectious | anna.ondrejkova@u | +421915984647 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Ondrejková, DVM | diseases of | vlf.sk | | regzam/detail/2007 | | | | | |
| PhD. | animals | | | | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. Ľuboš | | lubos.korytar@uvlf. | +421907816472 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Korytár, DVM | | sk | | regzam/detail/20446 | | | | | |
| PhD. | | | | | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. Marián | | marian.prokes@uvl | +421905568677 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Prokeš, DVM PhD. | | f.sk | | regzam/detail/6118 | | | | | |
| Prof. Zita Faixová, | Pathological | zita.faixova@uvlf.s | +421915984704 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| DVM PhD. | physiology | k | | regzam/detail/6015 | | | | | |
| Assoc. Prof. Mária | Pathological | maria.fialkovicova | +421915986681 | https://www.portalvs.sk/ | | | | | |
| Fialkovičová, DVM | reactions of the | @uvlf.sk | | regzam/detail/6018 | | | | | |
| PhD. | immune system | | | | | | | | |
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e) List of thesis supervisors with assignment to topics (with contact details):

| Dissertation topic | Supervisor | Contact |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alzheimerova choroba: metamorfózy tau proteínu | prof. RNDr. Eva | eva.kontsekova@savba.sk |
| Biorezonančná a imunologická analýza | Kontseková, DrSc. | |
| neurodegenerácií | | |
| Vplyv probiotík na zmeny imunitnej odpovede | prof. MVDr. Mikuláš | |
| u kurčiat infikovaných bakteriálnymi patogénmi | Levkut, DrSc. | |
| Štúdium imunomodulačných a regeneračných | prof. MVDr. Daša | dasa.cizkova@uvlf.sk |
| vlastností membrány vaječnej škrupiny | Čížková, DrSc. | |
| Úloha HLA-génov, génov pre cytokíny a trem-1 | prof. MUDr. Milan Buc, | milan.buc@fmed.uniba.sk |
| molekúl na rozvoji asthma bronchiale | DrSc. | |
| Polymorphism in the genes of innate immunity and | doc. RNDr. Silvia | virusipa@savba.sk |
| virus infection | Pastoreková, DrSc. | |
| Animálne modely pre štúdium Alzheimerovej | doc. MVDr. Norbert | norbert.zilka@savba.sk |
| a Parkinsonovej choroby | Žilka, DrSc. | |
| Zdravotné aspekty použitia probiotík | doc. MVDr. Dagmar | dagmar.mudronova@uvlf. |
| vo veterinárnej medicíne | Mudroňová, PhD. | sk |

f) Supervisors of PhD students are university teachers in the position of professor and associate professor in the relevant field of study, scientists with scientific qualification degree I and IIa and other distinguished experts from the Slovak Academy of Sciences. The supervisors are approved by Scientific Board of UVMP.

Scientific and pedagogical characteristics of thesis supervisors are available on the quality portal of UVMP in Košice through the study plan or directly at <u>https://qa.uvlf.sk/vupch-viewer/?regzam=X</u> where X is the employee number on the HE Portal (e.g..

https://www.portalvs.sk/regzam/detail/5991 - Employee record on the University portal, https://qa.uvlf.sk/vupch-viewer/?regzam=5991 - VUPCH employee on the quality portal of UVMP in Košice).

- g) Student representatives who represent the interests of PhD students (name and contact details):
 The member of the study programme committee were the students of veterinary medicine Marek Ratvay, DVM e-mail: marek.ratvay@student.uvlf.sk;
- h) Study programme advisor: vice-rector for research and PhD studies at UVMP in Košice
- i) Other study programme support staff assigned study officer: Júlia Jančura, Mgr. e-mail <u>julia.jancura@uvlf.sk</u>; career counsellor: the position of the career counsellor is performed by the PhD student's supervisor.

8. Premises, tools and technical equipment

a) List and characteristics of the study programme classrooms and their technical equipment with assignment to learning outcomes and courses:

| Course | Characteristics of material and | Pavilion number and |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------|
| | technical equipment | room designation |
| General immunology | Material and equipment for | P3 |
| | bacteriological diagnostics and | Workplace Pri hati 10 |
| | molecular biology: Thermostats, | Department of |
| | autoclaves, refrigerators, BSL2 | Microbiology and |
| | laminar boxes, PCR box, centrifuges | Immunology |
| | and ultracentrifuge, thermocyclers for | |
| | PCR and qPCR, Synergy 2 | |
| | spectrophotometer with culture | |
| | equipment, fluorescence microscope | |
| | with apotome and culture equipment, | |
| | CO ₂ incubator, electrophoretic | |
| | apparatus, deep freezing boxes, flow | |
| | cytometer, isolators for | |
| | gnotobiological animals | |
| Clinical immunology | Material and equipment for | Р3 |
| | bacteriological diagnostics and | Workplace Pri hati 10 |
| | molecular biology: Thermostats, | Department of |
| | autoclaves, refrigerators, BSL2 | Microbiology and |
| | laminar boxes, PCR box, centrifuges | Immunology |
| | and ultracentrifuge, thermocyclers for | |
| | PCR and qPCR, Synergy 2 | |
| | spectrophotometer with culture | |
| | equipment, fluorescence microscope | |
| | with apotome and culture equipment, | |
| | CO ₂ incubator, electrophoretic | |
| | apparatus, deep freezing boxes, flow | |
| | cytometer, isolators for | |
| | gnotobiological animals, | |
| | experimental menagerie | |
| Molecular biology | Polyacrylamide protein | P36 |
| | electrophoresis, Biolayer | Laboratory of Biomedical |
| | interferometry, ELISA, Western blot, | Microbiology and |
| | dot-blot, 2D electrophoresis, Odyssey | Immunology |
| | immunoreader LICOR, MALDI TOF | |
| | MS, Sequencer (Sanger), CO ₂ | |

| | incubator, electrophoretic apparatus, | |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | deep freezing boxes, flow cytometer | |
| Mucosal immune system | laminar box; isolation box- PCR; | P17 |
| | centrifuges; thermocycler; | Department of |
| | microtomes; staining machine; | Morphological Disciplines |
| | fluorescence microscope; optical | |
| | microscope; Elisa reader, CO ₂ incubator; Bioscan- digital | |
| | histopathological scanner; flow | |
| | cytometer; statistical and analytical | |
| | software- GraphPad, Morphometric | |
| | software- NiS Element | |
| Cytochemical and immunochemical | Flow cytometer, deep freezing box, | P17 |
| methods | cooling centrifuge and exchange rotor, | Department of |
| | incubator CO ₂ , tissue microtome, | Morphological Disciplines |
| | cryomicrotome, automatic sample | |
| | dehydrator, automatic staining | |
| | machine, fluorescence microscope for live cells, fluorescence microscope for | |
| | tissues, sterilizer, material and | |
| | equipment for immunohistochemical | |
| | examination | |
| Special microbiology | Material and equipment for | P3 |
| | bacteriological diagnostics and | Department of |
| | molecular biology: Thermostats, | Microbiology and |
| | autoclaves, refrigerators, BSL2 | Immunology |
| | laminar boxes, PCR box, centrifuges | |
| | and ultracentrifuge, thermocyclers for | |
| | PCR and qPCR, Synergy 2 spectrophotometer with culture | |
| | equipment, fluorescence microscope | |
| | with apotome and culture equipment, | |
| | CO ₂ incubator, electrophoretic | |
| | apparatus, deep freezing boxes, flow | |
| | cytometer, isolators for | |
| | gnotobiological animals | |
| Infectious diseases of animals | Material and equipment for teaching | P1 |
| | infectious diseases of animals: the | Department of |
| | training rooms and laboratories are | Epidemiology, |
| | arranged and equipped to carry out laboratory diagnostics of viral (RNA, | Parasitology and Public Health |
| | DNA viruses), bacterial and mycotic | ficatur |
| | agents of infectious diseases: BSL2 | |
| | laminar boxes, PCR boxes, robotic | |
| | nucleic acid isolator, centrifuges and | |
| | ultracentrifuge, thermocyclers for | |
| | PCR, real-time PCR, digital droplet | |
| | PCR, Synergy HTX multi-mode | |
| | reader, ELISA reader, electrophoretic | |
| | apparatus, automated imaging and | |
| | documentation system, automated chip electrophoresis, deep freeze boxes, | |
| | fluorescence microscope, thermostats, | |
| | CO_2 incubators, autoclaves, | |
| | refrigerators, and more. | |
| Pathological physiology | ELISA reader (Apollo LB 913, | P8 |
| | Germany), spectrophotometer | Department of Biology |
| | (Thermo Electron Corporation, Made | and Physiology |
| | in USA), spectrophotometer (VWR | |
| | International byba, Made in China), | |
| | FRAS (FRAS BRAVO, H&H Parma | |

| Pathological reactions of the immune | Italy, light microscopes (Carl Zeiss Microscopy, Made in Germany), thermostat (Memmert, Made in Germany), freezer (Liebherr - MEDLine, Made in Austria), refrigerators (Gorenje, Made in Slovenia), centrifuge (Eppendorf, Made in Germany) Material and equipment for clinical | P26 |
|--|---|---------------------|
| system | diagnosis of diseases caused by | Small Animal Clinic |
| | pathological immune reactions, | |
| | Microscope, IDEXX hematology | |
| | analyzer, Pro Cyte DX, IDEXX | |
| | biochemistry analyzer, catalyst One, | |
| | ALOKA ultrasound machine | |
| Statistical evaluation of a biological | Statistical software (IBM SPSS | P3 |
| experiment | Statistics, GraphPad Prism) | Department of |
| | | Microbiology and |
| | | Immunology |

- b) Availability of study materials (access to literature in line with syllabi sheets, access to information databases and other information sources, information technologies, etc.):
 All literary resources for study outlined in the syllabi are available either in print or electronic form, all information databases purchased and licensed by the university are widely available to students.
- c) Description and scope of distance education in the study programme with per course. Access data, manuals of e-learning portals. Procedures for the transition from in-person to distance learning.

UVMP in Košice also provides distance learning for all courses via the MOODLE and MS Teams platforms. Each student can access manuals either in electronic form or in the form of video instructions.

- d) Partners of the university in the provision of educational activities of the study programme and characteristics of their participation: Institute of Neuroimmunology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences - external educational institution
- e) Characteristics of social, sporting, cultural, spiritual and community facilities: UVMP in Košice provides its students with a wide range of opportunities for all-round enjoyment in all of the above areas (a detailed description is included in the internal evaluation report).
- f) Mobility and internships opportunities (with contact details), application instructions, rules for recognizing this education: Students of the study programme are guaranteed the opportunity to participate in mobilities. The entire agenda containing instructions and conditions for applying for mobility, conditions and rules of participation as well as rules for recognizing mobility as part of the study plan is covered by the Vice-Rector for International Relations and Internationalisation and the organisational unit managed by her, which is the UVMP Mobility Office. The whole process requires coordination with the supervisor, and is recommended after the study part of the study plan has been completed. Participation in mobility and other contexts are regulated in Article 42 of the <u>Study Guidelines of the UVMP</u>, Part B.

9. Required abilities and prerequisites of the candidate for the study programme

- a) Required competences and prerequisites for admission to study: They are laid down in Article 1 and Article 2, Part B, Part II Organisation of Studies of the Internal Regulations of the <u>Study Guidelines of the UVMP</u>.
- b) Admission procedures:

These are laid down in Article 3 and Article 4, Part B, Part II Organisation of Studies of the Internal Regulations of the <u>Study Guidelines of the UVMP</u>. Examination boards for admission examinations are at least 4-member and are appointed by the Rector on an ad hoc basis according to the the study programmes to which students apply.

c) The results of the admission procedure, which we consider to be the period of the standard length of study (5 academic years):
AY 2017/2018: 1 applicant applied, 1 applicant accepted,
AY 2018/2019: 0 applicants registered,
AY 2019/2020: 0 applicants registered,
AY 2020/2021: 0 applicants registered,
AY 2021/2022: 0 applicants applied, 1 applicant accepted.

Admissions results for the last 6 years: 2 applicants applied, 2 applicants accepted.

10. Feedback on the quality of education provided

a) Procedures for monitoring and evaluating students' views on the quality of the study programme:

The students of UVMP in Košice can evaluate the quality of teaching anonymously through an anonymous questionnaire after graduation, where they evaluate the quality of a particular study programme and the quality of the lecturers who provide the course. Monitoring of study programmes is also continuously carried out by the coordinators of individual fields (5) of science and research at UVMP.

b) Results of student feedback and related measures to improve the quality of the study programme:

The feedback and measures to improve the quality of the study programme are part of the Annual Reports on the Educational Activity at UVMP in Košice for individual academic years and the <u>Annual report on activities UVMP 2021</u> for individual academic years. As part of the measures to improve the quality of the study programme, the vice-rector for education, study advisors and coordinators of individual fields of science and research step in and address the issues resulting from the feedback.

c) Results of alumni feedback and related measures for improving the quality of the study programme:

The results of alumni feedback and related measures to improve the quality of the study programme are included in the Annual Reports on the Activities of UVMP in Košice and Annual Reports on the Quality of UVMP in Košice for individual academic years. As part of the study programme quality improvement, the results of graduate evaluations are discussed once a year at the relevant committee for the establishment, modification and periodic evaluation of study programmes, where individual comments and proposals for improving the quality of the study programme are discussed. From the academic year 2022/2023, the UVMP will evaluate the readiness of graduates in the form of an electronic questionnaire for employers, which is available at https://forms.gle/z1h9u3rd2g9H589P7.

| P.no. | Project number | From | То | Project name | Provider | Principal Investigator / Co- Principal Investigator |
|-------|--------------------------|------|------|--|----------|--|
| 1 | APVV0701-11 | 2011 | 2014 | Studying host-pathogen interactions to elucidate neuroinvasive mechanisms at the proteomic level | RDPA | Assoc. Prof Mangesh Ramesh Bhide, MVSc. PhD. |
| 2 | 1/0054/12 | 2012 | 2014 | Studying the basic protein interactions involved in the translocation of Borrelia and Francisella across the blood-brain barrier | SGA | Assoc. Prof Mangesh Ramesh Bhide, MVSc. PhD. |
| 3 | 1/0313/12 | 2012 | 2014 | Bacterial intestinal infection in chickens and influence of cytokine levels by application of probiotics | SGA | Prof.Mikuláš Levkut, DVM DSc. |
| 4 | 1/0834/12 | 2012 | 2014 | Study of the immunomodulatory effect of exopolysaccharides of probiotic lactobacilli in pigs | SGA | Prof. Ľudmila Tkáčiková, DVM PhD. |
| 5 | APVV - 0302 -11 | 2012 | 2015 | Probiotic microorganisms and regulation of cytokine response in the prevention of immunopathological changes during intestinal bacterial infections in poultry | RDPA | Prof.Mikuláš Levkut, DVM DSc. |
| 6 | 016UVLF-4/2015 | 2015 | 2017 | Advanced bioinformatics methods for veterinary and medical students | CEGA | Assoc. Prof Mangesh Ramesh Bhide, MVSc. PhD. |
| 7 | /0258/15 | 2015 | 2018 | Uncovering potential factors of neuroinvasive borrelia causing neuroinflammation in the CNS | SGA | Assoc. Prof Mangesh Ramesh Bhide, MVSc. PhD. |
| 8 | 1/0358/16 | 2016 | 2018 | Modulation of gut microbiocenosis and immune response in honey bees by probiotic lactobacilli in a new application form | SGA | Assoc. Prof. Dagmar Mudroňová, DVM PhD. |
| 9 | 1/0633/17 | 2017 | 2019 | Lactobacillus reuteri exopolysaccharides: study of their immunomodulatory effect on porcine intestinal epithelial cells (IPEC-1) after engraftment with enterotoxigenic E. coli | SGA | Prof. Ľudmila Tkáčiková, DVM PhD. |
| 10 | 1/0439/18 | 2018 | 2021 | Analysis of the effect of surface antigen (domain III of protein E) of selected flaviviruses on neurovascular unit cells and synthesis of an inhibitory peptide against domain III as a potential therapeutic agent | SGA | Katarína Bhide, RND PhD. |
| 11 | APVV-18-0302 | 2019 | 2022 | Development of new approaches for tauopathies therapy using peptide transporters for drugs and antibodies to the brain | RDPA | Assoc. Prof Mangesh Ramesh Bhide, MVSc. PhD. |

11. Overview of long-term and continuous success in obtaining financial support – 10 years

| 12 | APVV-18-0259 | 2019 | 2023 | Strategic development of therapeutic agents against neuroinfections caused by selected vector-borne pathogens | RDPA | Assoc. Prof Mangesh Ramesh Bhide, MVSc. PhD. |
|----|------------------|------|------|--|------|---|
| 13 | /0105/19 | 2019 | 2022 | Study of the influence of borrelia surface ligands on host cells by transcriptome analysis and production of nanobody antibodies against selected ligands with potential therapeutic effect | SGA | Assoc. Prof Mangesh Ramesh Bhide, MVSc. PhD. |
| 14 | 1/0505/19 | 2019 | 2021 | Effect of application of autochthonous honey bee probiotic lactobacilli on pollen carrier on the immune status and product quality of honey bees | SGA | Assoc. Prof. Dagmar Mudroňová, DVM PhD. |
| 15 | PP-COVID-20-0044 | 2020 | 2021 | Development of therapeutic biomolecules blocking SARS- CoV-2 infection | RDPA | Assoc. Prof Mangesh Ramesh Bhide, MVSc. PhD. |
| 16 | APVV-19-234 | 2020 | 2024 | Development of a probiotic formulation based on autochthonous lactobacilli for salmonids to improve fish health and quality of food production | RDPA | Assoc. Prof. Dagmar Mudroňová, DVM PhD. |
| 17 | 1/0454/22 | 2022 | 2025 | Study of the possibility of using humic substances in combination with autochthonous probiotic bee lactobacilli to improve honey bee health and quality of bee products | SGA | Assoc. Prof. Dagmar Mudroňová, DVM PhD. |

12. Links to other relevant internal regulations and information regarding the study or the student of the study programme:

Study Guide Book at the UVMP for academic year 2022-2023

Directive on support of students and applicants to study with specific needs at the UVMP Study guidelines of UVMP in Košice Annual report on activities UVMP 2021

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