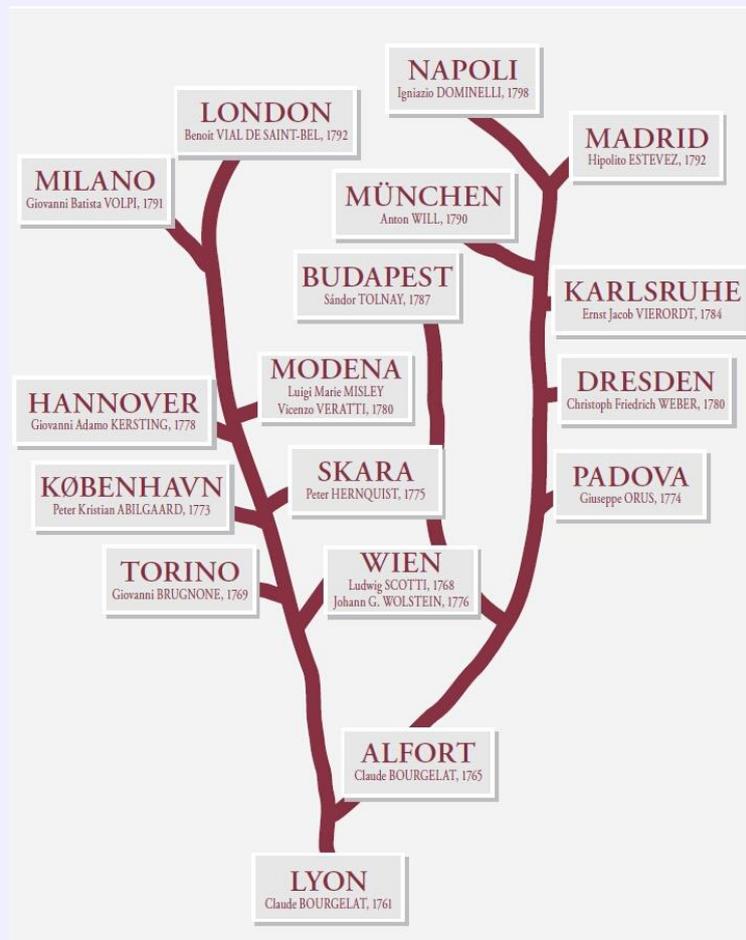


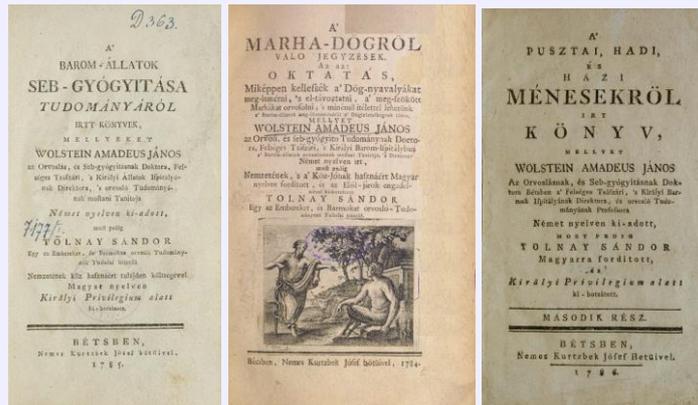
Masters and students



The institutional training of veterinarians began 250 years ago in Lyon, France. Similarly to apprentices who went on a long journey before preparing their masterpieces, veterinary candidates travelled to places where there has already been veterinary training, and started their own course upon returning home with knowledge and skills in veterinary medicine.

The Faculty of Veterinary Science, Szent Istvan University celebrates the 225th anniversary of its foundation in the academic year 2011/2012. The founder Alexander Tolnay, a student of medicine, had been sent to Vienna and some European countries in order to acquire veterinary knowledge, gain experiences and prepare for his new role. He studied at professor Johann Gottlieb Wolstein's (1738–1820) institute and translated some of his works into Hungarian. He himself also wrote several books both for students and farmers. After returning home in 1787, he started Hungarian veterinary training at the Medical Faculty of the University of Pest (today Budapest).

Teachers appointed for a new role such as founding a department, introducing the teaching of a special field were sent later as well for one- or two-year study tours to the most outstanding European institutions of veterinary science so that they could bring home and use the results of research being abreast of the times in their own educational and research work.



Some of the Wolstein translations by Tolnay

The circulation of knowledge has always characterized our veterinary school. The official language of education was German until 1860 but lectures were held in Hungarian and in different periods even in Slovakian. It is known from former records that our faculty always welcomed foreign students. Persian, Turkish, Greek, Vietnamese, African students have always been found in student records. They graced the everyday life of the university with their presence. Some of them returned to earn an academic degree, to teach, to take part in joint research projects, others got to high ranking positions in their countries such as a professor or a minister.

From the early 1990s there are also German and English study programmes at our faculty. Their popularity has been increasing and in the past two decades more than 490 students got their diplomas which are recognized by any member state of the European Union. Our professors made several bilingual, English and German lecture notes, textbooks and multimedia materials for students.



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