
The 3rd Online Meeting of the IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2015-16 was held at 15:00 GMT+1 on 13.12.2015 via Adobe Connect the President being in the Chair and the Secretary General present to take the minutes.

Executive Committee Officers Present:
Anil Türer President
Emma van Rooijen Secretary General and Vice-President (SG)
Ann-Katrin Autz Member Organization Director (MOD)
Sofie Svensson Development Aid Director (DAD)
Samantha Morici External Relations Officer (ERO)
Aqil Jeenah Committee Coordinator (CC)
Malcolm Chong Public Relations Coordinator (PRC)
Panagiotis Galatsanos Treasurer

Trust Representatives Present:
Kayleigh-Anne Norman Trustee
Hannah van Velzen Trustee

Apologies:
None

1) Opening – The Meeting was called to order by Anil Türer at 15:21 PM GMT+1

2) Approval of agenda – The agenda was accepted without amendments.

3) Approval of minutes from 2nd Live Meeting – The minutes of the 2nd Live Meeting of ExCo 2015-2016 were accepted without amendments.

4) Action points – Emma van Rooijen read the tasks on the ‘Action Point’ list.

5) Trust report – Hannah van Velzen gave the ‘Trust Report’. The trust had a meeting on Monday, December 7th. Trust is happy with how the ExCo is functioning at the moment.

6) Committee reports – Aqil Jeenah gave the report for all committees. Strategic Plans will be drafted for each committee in which projects are specified.
a. **Standing Committee on One Health (SCoH)** – The Veterinary Public Health Journal (VPHJ) will hopefully be launched the following day. Aqil Jeenah spoke with the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) about the joint awareness project during AMR week. FAO gave some positive feedback on this project. Aqil Jeenah also spoke with FAO and the World Health Organisation (WHO) about offering internships for veterinary students. The committee website will hopefully be ready at the beginning of January.

b. **Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE)** – The Vet Career Map has been launched and the committee will continue to evaluate the map. SCoVE has started a monthly newsletter. The committee has been working on receiving benefit codes for all IVSA members for the VetStream website. SCoVE is busy with the VETTalks project and they are changing the database for it. An essay competition has been launched, for which three different topics can be chosen. The winning essays will be published in the VPHJ. The committee has also started working on the survey to ask students about their curriculum.

c. **Animal Welfare Committee (AWC)** – The AWC has put out a call for new local Animal Welfare Officers. The website will hopefully be launched in the beginning of January. The committee has also launched a photo competition.

d. **Working Group on Policy Statements & Position Papers (WG PS&PP)** – The working group had released a statement for the International Students Day. A statement on behalf of the World Healthcare Student Alliance on Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) was released during AMR Awareness Week. The committee is also putting together a manual and a bylaw amendment.

e. **Working Group on Alumni (WGA)** – Aqil Jeenah has written the bylaw amendment which is now being checked by the working group.

7) **Update about sponsors** - Samantha Morici has been in contact with LlamaZOO and Dechra as potential new sponsors. Aqil Jeenah has a contact for Merial which he will send to Samantha Morici. Samantha Morici is in contact with Jolle Kirpensteijn about renewing the Hills contract. Samantha Morici has been helping the Organizing
Committee (OC) with sponsorship and has been talking to Royal Canin about sponsoring T-Shirts. Hannah van Velzen suggested to offer Royal Canin a lecture spot at symposium/congress in exchange for sponsorship.

8) **IVSA symposium Taiwan**

a. **Update** – The OC are still having difficulties with finding financial support. There are lecture spots available for partners on the 24th and the 30st of January. World Veterinary Association (WVA) will give a lecture on the 24th of January and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association on the 25th of January.

b. **ExCo Workshops** – There will be around 110 delegates so it was agreed upon that there should be five to six workshops. Ann-Katrin Autz said this might be an issue since there are only three rooms available. Ann-Katrin Autz will contact the OC to see if there are more rooms available.

i. **SCOH** – Clara, a member of SCOH will be at the symposium and she wrote a proposal to organize one of the ExCo workshops. Emma van Rooijen proposed to wait for the results of MOD survey to see if the delegates want a MOD workshop. This is agreed upon. Anil Türer proposed to accept the workshop proposal for an ExCo workshop in case the survey results do not indicate the need for a MOD workshop. This is adopted. Ann-Katrin Autz will send out the survey on Monday the 14th of December and the deadline for Member Organizations (MOs) to fill in the survey will be Friday the 18th of December.

c. **Wild Welfare Accommodation** – Wild Welfare will be giving a workshop during the symposium on behalf of the Animal Welfare Committee. However, Wild Welfare has a very tight budget and requested if IVSA could cover the costs of accommodation for the representatives. The costs for accommodation would come down to around € 76, in total. Aqil Jeenah proposed to pay these costs and use money that was budgeted for committee expenses. This was adopted.
d. **Live Meeting** – Emma van Rooijen and Ann-Katrin Autz both reminded the ExCo to fill in their arrival and departure date and time in the excel sheet.

9) **Events - IVSA representatives**

a. **FASAVA** – Anil Türer had contacted the OC of the FASAVA congress 2016 if IVSA could receive one registration with a discount. The OC replied that they can only receive the student discount and that the registration fee therefor will be $250,-.

i. **Malcolm Chong as representative** – Aqil Jeenah said that it will be hard to represent IVSA properly since there will not be a meeting or a presentation during the congress. Emma van Rooijen mentioned that there had been a discussion via email about the benefits and the downsides. Emma van Rooijen proposed that the benefits do not outweigh the benefits. Anil Türer proposed to send Malcolm Chong as the IVSA representative to the FASAVA congress 2016. This motion did not pass and Malcolm Chong will therefore not be attending the congress.

ii. **Abstracts** – During the congress there will be an abstract exhibition. These abstracts have to be research based and have to be accepted by the OC of the FASAVA congress. Currently IVSA only has an ‘One Health abstract poster’ which is not relevant for this congress. Kayleigh-Anne Norman suggested to draft an abstract with research projects from MAH grant recipients. Emma van Rooijen felt that it would not be appropriate to send in an abstract based on other students’ research. The ExCo agreed. ExCo will continue to think of an appropriate subject for an abstract.

10) **Sara Wueggertz** – An official letter with an ultimatum had been sent to Sara Wueggertz by Emma van Rooijen. The deadline in the letter was the day before, Saturday 12th of December. Sofie Svensson will contact her one last time. It was agreed upon that Emma van Rooijen will contact IVSA Denmark first and will contact the dean of the Veterinary Faculty of Copenhagen if Sara does not reply to Sofie Svensson's message by Wednesday.
11) **Bylaw Amendments** – The bylaw amendments suggested by Jimmy Bost and Emma van Rooijen had been discussed via email. A few more changes were clarified. Panagiotis Galatsanos had suggested that he would like to not propose the third suggested change. This was accepted. Aqil Jeenah had sent the bylaw amendment proposed by the WG PS&PP. The amendment was discussed but not decided upon since the ExCo had not had enough time to read through the amendment properly. Emma van Rooijen suggested to add the English definition of ‘papers’ and ‘statements’ to the explanation in the bylaw amendment.

12) **World Veterinary Association (WVA)**

   a. **Observer Membership** – There are no costs to be an Observer Member of the WVA. Emma van Rooijen has filled in the application form and written a motivation letter. These documents need to be sent to the WVA Secretariat and will then be discussed and voted on during the next WVA Executive Board Meeting. Emma van Rooijen proposed to send the documents before IVSA symposium in Taiwan and to then ask approval of the General Assembly (GA) afterwards. If the GA does not agree with the application, IVSA will then withdraw the application for WVA Observer Membership. This was accepted.

Anil Türer postpone a break of 10 min. This was accepted.

**Recess at 17:29 GMT+1**
The meeting was called to order by Anil Türer at 17:41 GMT+1.

13) **Design of ExCo shirt** – Malcolm Chong is busy with ordering the shirts. Panagiotis Galatsanos reminded Malcolm Chong that the Hills logo should be on the shirts.

14) **IVSA Journal** – Malcolm Chong mentioned that the IVSA Journal will be published before the IVSA symposium in Taiwan. Emma van Rooijen commented that the journals should be finished sooner because there will otherwise not be enough time to publish four editions this term. Samantha Morici suggested to use some of the materials from the SAVMA Journals. Aqil Jeenah said that he found out which company used to publish and print the journals in the past. He will contact this company again. Aqil Jeenah would like to publish students’ research in the VPHJ.

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Emma van Rooijen suggested to make an official call for articles for IVSA members.

15) **IVSA How-to Videos** – These explanatory videos will be ready before the IVSA symposium in Taiwan.

16) **Coca Cola** – Anil Türer reported that Coca Cola will send a proposal in January. Anil Türer will present their proposal at the 3rd Live Meeting in Taiwan.

17) **Invoices** – Up until that time a few chapters have paid. Panagiotis Galatsanos is planning to send a mail to the EOs of each MO to remind them to pay their invoices.

18) **Events Reports** – Emma van Rooijen had written a report on the World Healthcare Student Symposium (WHSS) 2015. She proposed that all IVSA representatives write a report after attending an event and that these will be put up on the website under events. This was adopted.

19) **Multiview Money** – Sofie Svensson has written a proposal on the use of the money paid by Multiview.
   a. **Membership Fee Fund (MFF)** – There was a discussion on what percentage of the money should be spent on the MFF and if the MFF should be launched after the IVSA symposium in Taiwan or the IVSA congress in Austria. Anil Türer proposed to launch the MFF after the IVSA symposium in Taiwan already. This was accepted. Anil Türer proposed to allow already existing MOs and MOs that got accepted during the symposium to apply for this fund. This was voted down and the application for the MFF after symposium will only be for newly accepted MOs. Anil Türer proposed to not limit the amount of money that can be spent on the MFF. This was adopted.

20) **4th Live Meeting** – Emma van Rooijen will make a doodle poll. ExCo had decided during the last meeting that the 4th Live Meeting will either take place in Utrecht or South Africa.

21) **AOB**
   a. **Vetstage** – Ann-Katrin Autz needs someone to help to go through the setup of Vetstage and make an explanatory video for the MOs. Sofie Svensson offered her help.

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b. Visa for a year – During the Trust meeting, it had come up that IFMSA has some sort of a Schengen Visa that is valid for a year for their board members. Emma van Rooijen proposed to look into this. This passed.

c. Flight to Taiwan for Samantha Morici – Samantha Morici had bought a flight while there were cheaper options. She will therefore only be reimbursed for the cheaper option, the remaining amount will be paid by Samantha Morici’s personal funds.

d. Reports for the General Assembly – Emma van Rooijen said that she would need the ExCo Officer Reports and the Committee Reports to the General Assembly before the 4th of January.

e. Alumni program during IVSA congress in Austria – Ann-Katrin Autz explained that the OC thinks that they do not have to organize a program for the attending alumni members. A discussion followed on who was in charge of organizing the program. Emma van Rooijen proposed that the WGA is in charge of organizing a program for the attending alumni members, not the OC. This was agreed upon and accepted. Aqil Jeenah also mentioned that the WGA wishes to continue after the IVSA symposium in Taiwan. However, during the GA in Romania when the WGA was formed it was said the working group would only exist until symposium. If the WGA would like to continue on working after the symposium, it should be approved by the GA.

f. Reimbursements – Panagiotis Galatsanos will be sending an overview of all reimbursements that have either been requested or granted this term for ExCo approval.

The meeting adjourned at 19:09 GMT+1

Emma van Rooijen
Secretary General and Vice-President

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