

2016.08.21 – Minutes for 1st Online Meeting IVSA ExCo 2016-17

The 1st Online Meeting of the IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2016-17 was held at 19.00 GMT+2 on the 21st of August 2016 via Google Hangouts the President being in the Chair and the Secretary General present to take the minutes.

Executive Committee Officers Present:

Malcolm Chong	President
Denise van Eekelen	Secretary General (SG)
Ondrej Vitula	Member Organization Director (MOD)
Andrei Ungur	Development Aid Director (DAD)
Vera Gonzalez	External Relations Officer (ERO)
Alexandra Sousa	Committee Coordinator (CC)
Kerstin Abraham	Public Relations Coordinator (PRC)
Ivan Kotze	Treasurer

1) **Opening** – The meeting was called to order by Malcolm Chong at 19.04 GMT+2

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

a. **Introduction** - Malcolm Chong explained how the meeting would work. He explained that ExCo 2015-16 should be informed about the decisions that would be made and that they should approve these decisions.

3) **Events**

a. **UN General Assembly Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance** – The UN General Assembly Meeting (UN-GAM) will be held on the 21st of September 2016 at the UN Headquarters, New York, USA. Malcolm Chong mentioned that information about the event had been shared via e-mail, as well as some opinions about attendance of the event. As the meeting is only a one-day event, Malcolm Chong proposed to ask someone from the US to attend the UN-GAM. This was agreed upon. Several potential representatives were discussed. Malcolm Chong proposed to contact Samantha Morici about attending the UN-GAM. This was approved.

b. **UIA Associations Round Table Europe** – The UIA Associations Round Table Europe (UIA-ARTE) will be held from the 3rd – 4th of November 2016 in Monaco. Malcolm Chong mentioned that information about the event had been shared via e-mail, as well as some opinions about attendance of the event. Malcolm proposed to send Ondrej Vitula as the IVSA representative to the UIA-ARTE. This was approved.

Kerstin Abraham proposed to think of a back-up plan in case Ondrej Vitula will not be able to attend. Malcolm Chong proposed to discuss this during the next Online Meeting. This was approved.

- c. **UIA Associations Round Table Asia-Pacific** – The UIA Associations Round Table Asia-Pacific (UIA-ARTAP) will be held from the 28th – 29th of September 2016, Busan, Korea. Malcolm Chong proposed not to send anyone to the event, as Ondrej Vitula will already attend the European UIA Associations Round Table. This was approved.
 - d. **Southern European Veterinary Conference (SEVC)**: The Southern European Veterinary Conference (SEVC) is a conference that is usually attended by Southern European Veterinarians and will be held from the 20th – 22nd of October 2016 in Grenada, Spain. Malcolm Chong said it would be good for IVSA to send one IVSA representative to the SEVC but that it might be too expensive to send more than one representative. Malcolm Chong proposed to send Vera Gonzalez and in case Vera Gonzalez is not able to attend the conference, to send Alexandra Sousa. This was approved.
 - e. **IFISO – Autumn Meeting 2016**: The IFISO – Autumn Meeting is an event especially for representatives of international student organizations. This edition is organized by IVSA Estonia from the 20th – 23rd of October 2016. Malcolm Chong mentioned he went to an IFISO meeting a few months ago and recommends and proposes to send someone. This was approved. Malcolm Chong proposed to decide upon the IVSA representative for the IFISO Autumn Meeting 2016 during the next Online Meeting. This was approved.
 - f. **FVE General assembly 2016**: The next FVE General Assembly will be held in Brussels (Belgium) sometime in November 2016. Malcolm Chong explained the event and proposed to decide about who to send to this event during the next live meeting. This was approved
- 4) **Special General Assembly (SGA)** – Malcolm Chong explained that two applications – from IVSA Germany and IVSA SAVMA – for the ‘Special General Assembly’ (SGA) have been received. Malcolm Chong explains that the advantages and disadvantages will first be discussed, after which voting will take place.

Several arguments were discussed, focusing on issues such as visa costs, the proposed dates, travel expenses for both European and Asian students, reaching quorum, the financial support, budget and the preparation time regarding both applications.

The voting took place and resulted in seven (7) votes in favor of IVSA SAVMA and one (1) vote in favor of IVSA Germany.

Malcolm Chong explained again that the results of the voting would have to be approved by the ExCo 2015-16 and proposed to inform the ExCo 2015-16 about the results. This was approved.

5) **AOB**

- a. **SYMCO 2017** - Andrei Ungur explained he has been in contact with someone asking for the help of the IVSA Scholarship fund to attend Symco in South Africa. Malcolm Chong explained the aid of the Scholarship Funds and that it is possible to submit an application for the MAH-IVSA Scholarship & Travel Grant Program for cases as this one.

- b. **Committee & Working Group Applications** - Alexandra Sousa asked who is going to handle the technical part of the sign up for the committees of 2016-17. Malcolm Chong explained to send the information on the committee sign ups to publicrelations@ivsa.org and that there will be taken care of.

- c. **Introduction for the IVSA Journal** - Kerstin Abraham stated ExCo 2016-17 should write a piece of text (for the IVSA Journal) about themselves and send it to her before the 25th of September 2016. The Committee and Working Group Chairs should write informative text about their Committees & Working groups before the 30th of September 2016. Kerstin Abraham stated that Alexandra Sousa and she will take care of the committee sign-ups for 2016-17.

The meeting adjourned at 20.38 GMT+2



Denise van Eekelen
Secretary General 2016-2017