11th January.2026 – Agenda of the 6th Online Meeting of ExCo 2025-2026

The 6th Online Meeting of IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2025-2026 was held at 1:06 PM UTC+0 on 11th January 2026. Tamy Negrón García (President) was present to Chair and Ji Xiu Tan (Secretary General) was present to take the minutes.

Attendance

ExCo:

Name	Position
Tamy Valeria Negrón García	President
Ryan Sequeira	Member Organisation Director
Ignacio Salazar	Development Aid Director
Ji Xiu Tan	Secretary General
Violet Adeline Wierbos	Committee Coordinator
Seohyun Im	Treasurer
Rebecca Agnes Biskamp	Public Relations Coordinator

Other Officials:
Avnish Gala
Ana Žiković
Daniela Alisson Galiano Huapalla
Peter Emil Pedersen
Vendula Ratajova
Eirini Polygerou
Wilka Kayoko
Upendra Chauhan
Ekaa Desai
John Gyan

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1. Opening & Introduction - Ms. Negrón

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved without any addition of agenda points.

3. Approval of the minutes

The minutes were approved upon some minor adjustments on the WEAN Updates and the conduction of SGA as pointed out by Peter Emil Pedersen and Violet Adeline Wierbos.

4. Trust Updates

4.1. Updates

Avnish Gala

- Nothing much going on with trust team as a whole
- Reminded everyone that the anonymous complaint form is always opened
- Trusts are also open to provide their inputs and advice if any officials needed it

5. Taskforces Updates

5.1. Updates

Event Strategic Taskforce - Avnish Gala

- Going through the documents
- Hybrid proposal closed to being finalised, will later sent to officials for review

History Taskforce - Violet

- Division of content creation
  - Working on the history booklet
- Division of digital archiving
  - John and Violet have been facing some archiving issues that is causing some delays
  - They do not have editor access to the relevant documents in the Secretary General GoogleDrive
- Planned a team meeting

6. ExCo Updates

6.1. Updates

CC - Violet

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- Guiding the chairs whenever guidance is needed
- Had many meeting with chairs, ambassadors, and external partners
- Several team members resigned
    - Opened called for replacement RDA for SCOW
- Asking for reviews and comments on multiple MoUs
- Secretaries working on:
    - CC/PRC [Naveen] - Collecting the branding of committee and network for databases for the reference of future sponsors
    - CC/MOD [Meera] - Creating feedback form for committee and network
- Ambassadors 387 people applied, 175 ambassadors selected, and they are from all 5 regions, with the majority of them from
    - IVSA Egypt
    - IVSA Sudan
    - IVSA Venezuela
    - IVSA Cameroon
- Constitution
    - Most of the work can be done internally
    - Some of them required externals review as its legality should be concerned

Tamy raised a question on the metrics that Violet has been working with Naveen, she added that it will be nice if she can send the results to Tamy and ERO.

R: Violet replied that they are working to form a summary, with the engagement on different social media platforms, she also added that this information will be shared to Tamy and Ishaan.

Secretary General - Ji Xiu Tan

- Had the meeting with IFMSA together with Tamy
    - Currently working on our MoU with them
- Official email group checklist (Specifically for the regional, chairs and network teams)
- Report and presentation for the General Assembly
- Officials Evaluation form will be sent after the meeting today

Tamy reminded everyone that the report is one of the most important documents, as they will be used during GA and for all the representatives to review. She also added that regarding the evaluation form, everyone is encouraged to rate as many officials as we can, since this is one of the ways that we can improve our productivity.

Public Relations Coordinator - Rebecca Agnes Biskamp

- Bulletin has to be submitted late
    - Waited response from the sponsors
- Meeting with Vendula
    - Discuss on our strategies for different social media platforms
    - She has created a template for all the posts
- Planning to have team meeting

Treasurer - Seohyun Im

- Provided updates on outstanding payments
- Invoice has been sent to Royal Canin but have not received the payment yet
- CEVA sponsorship has been received
- Minor confusion between the standing committee and network and the treasurer
    - Violet is helping this out
- Currently having technical issue on Glueup, coordinating with Ryan to sort this out
- Facing issue on verification and set up of Western Union account

Violet raised a question about whether Ivy has the complete list of events from the SC/N, because there are still quite a few outstanding payments from the previous year, which is causing some confusion.

R: Ivy replied that Stavros Lapathiotis will compile all the outstanding payment from the previous year into one document.

MOD - Ryan Sequiera

- Conducted the 2nd President and EO meeting
- Some MOs still facing issues of transitioning their membership onto the Members Portal
- Starting from February, we will not be accepting any membership declaration document

Violet raised a question that are we planning to make a poster to inform all members that we will not be accepting membership declaration document in February?

R: Will refer this question back to Ryan afterwards.

Eirini Polygerou added that a poster announcement will be very helpful, as the MOs have different timeline for board election, a general announcement will be very beneficial.

DAD - Ignacio Salazar

- Application for the Be Kind Award will be opened this monday
- Will contact Ryan about the new idea of including MOs or even RR to help with sharing the videos of DF recipients
- Creating new template of expenses report for the DAD Scholarship
- Reviewed with Ivy on the previous membership fee fund granted MOs
- Had a meeting with Tamy, Avnish, together with the DAD team to seek advice on the direction for the DAD team

Tamy added a comment that she is connecting the DAD team to collaborate with WSAVA to get developmental funds.

ERO - Ishaan Acharya

- Sponsors update:

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    - No further updates from Hill's, they are still reviewing our proposal
    - Had a meeting with Purina and RC recently, mainly to inform them about the situation in Ghana and our further plans
    - Working with Nepal Congress for sponsorship
- Prepared to work with the regional teams
    - Asia-Pacific
    - Europe
- Had the MOs and ERO meeting

President - Tamy Negron

- Internal management:
    - Sent an email to all Officials regarding the establishment of connection with externals
        - All Officials are required to send an introductory email to Tamy and Ishaan before approaching any externals, so that they are in the loop of conversation and providing any support whenever needed
    - Had a meeting with Ji Xiu, Ivy and Upendra on the AI notetaker
        - Decided to purchase Otter.ai again
    - Handling another 2 core panel cases
    - Work with Ryan for the open call for OOC application
- Externals:
    - Had a meeting with IPSF together with Ji Xiu to establish connection
    - Working on the MoU with the IFMSA
    - Had a meeting with FVE for Global / Regional collaboration
        - Potential collaboration with Elanco
    - IVSA invited to participate in the "Dare to Care" podcast, with our representatives being:
        - Americas - Tamy
        - Asia-Pacific - Prothoma Kalidaha
        - Europe - Felix Metzger
        - Both MENA and SSA representatives were selected from the SCAW team
    - Invited to attend the General Assembly of IFMSA (1st-7th March in Denmark)
- On-going projects:
    - IVSA application as World Food Forum Youth Partner Organization (WFF - FAO), Trusts and SCOH Team have been helping with the application
    - Travel Grants sponsored by CEVA
    - Attending the VMX in the United States, free registration, discussing on supports for accommodation

6.2. Discussion Points

6.2.1. IVSA Members in FVE Working Groups

Tamy

- Suggest to give every member the opportunity to be joining this working group
- Currently their term of election is 3 years
- IVSA has members in 5 of their working groups
- Suggest to have 1.5 years term, in which we would eventually send 2 representatives from our side
- Suggest to have the alumni members to be eligible for applying to the working group

Eirini

- While we are accepting the application from alumni, the priority should be given to current students

Peter

- Agreed with the idea of shortening the term
- As for the suggestions for Alumni members, we should prepare a more detailed guidelines to prevent confusion

Violet

- Suggested to have the guidelines of selection and make it transparent to ensure continuity
- Changing the election term to 1.5 years will still somehow interfere with the IVSA term at some point
- Alumni members can be very helpful in the working group, as a big part of the work is to conduct a survey, if the request is sent by a senior member, this might increase the responses

6.2.2. FECAVA Council meeting

Tamy

- FECAVA paying for all the expenses for IVSA attendance
- Proposed for Eirini to attend the council meeting
- 400 euros monetary support for the transport

Tamy moved to approve the attendance of Eirini at the FECAVA Council meeting in Slovenia

The motion was approved by all ExCo members.

6.2.3. Sri Lanka's MF

Tamy

- Their fee is around 66.76 euros
- Avnish suggested that IVSA can cover this fee for them

Ji Xiu raised a concern about us providing support to MOs suffering from such natural disaster, how do we draw the line for the eligibility of the supports.

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R: Tamy replied that Sri Lanka could be a different case as their only vet school education is affected and the education process have to be stopped.

Ivy commented that previously IVSA reduces the GDP factor for IVSA Ukraine due to the geopolitical situations.

R: Tamy added that this is a good way of supporting our MOs, but for Sri Lanka, their GDP factor is already 0.5

7. Chair Updates

7.1. Updates

SCOH - Ekaa Desai

- SCOH now has recruited around 40+ ambassadors through the chat
- The winners for the rabies essay has been chosen and posted
- Kicked off the Poster Competition on "Technology and Innovations for Early Detection, Prevention and control of early zoonotic diseases to strengthen global health security"
- Webinar on "Biosecurity and AMR with asia pacific region"
- Currently working on:
    - SCOH X SCOCA collaboration on One health careers
    - Future posts on "Health sphere-infographic series"
    - Future items for Poster competition on "Technology and Innovations for Early Detection, Prevention and control of early zoonotic diseases to strengthen global health security"
    - SCOH X SCOCA survey on One health careers pathways
    - WFF Application
- Quick metrics:
    - Currently SCOH Instagram account has 3477 followers

SCOW - Violet

- Webinar happening 18th January at 2pm UTC+0, 16th January is the last day to apply
    - Balancing career role with your well-being
- SCOW and SCOVE collaboration webinar
    - Mental well-being and professional sustainability in veterinary medicine
    - Speaker from New Zealand
- Launch a call for Research and Data Analyst (RDA)
- Letter to younger self
- Mentor mentee project with the Alumni
- Several MoUs in the making
    - Not one more vet (NOMV)
    - WSAVA Professional Wellness Committee (WSAVA PWC)

WEAN - Violet

- Secure the partnership with Exotic Vet Support (EVS)
    - This this partnership will offer discounts to IVSA members to attend the EVS Asia-Pacific Conference coming up in March 2026, as well as other offers to IVSA members
- Scheduled webinar on 11th January, 2026 (ongoing now) in Aquatic Medicine in collaboration with Alumni Network with over 380 registrations; Dr. Desiree Hung an IVSA Alumna as speaker.
- Working on Policy Document
- Currently focusing on:
    - Webinar with Wildlife Forensic Academy announcement post
    - Renewing Wildlife Wednesday Project with IVSA Rampur; Project focused on posting relevant wildlife stories, hosted by IVSA Rampur with direction from WEAN
    - Possible collaboration proposed by the Europe region, discussions still ongoing
- Members of the Americas region are less involved in our activities, and extending WEAN's engagement in this region will be a priority
- IVSA India is on top of the list of engagements of every major activity of WEAN, great appreciation from WEAN

SCOVE - Violet

- Had a meeting Purina
    - Update in contact person
- Publish the topic of interest survey
- Reaching out to potential partners and sponsors
- Actively looking for speakers for online webinars
- Collaborations going-on with other SC/N

SCOCA - Violet

- TNT Grant winner has been selected, now pending to be approved by the ExCos
- SCOCA would like to thank Eirini for submitting the video for their social media posting
- Ambassadors have been selected
- Conducted the Officials session on Public Relations and Canva
- In communication with IVSA SCOH for collaboration
- Assistance needed for TNT Grants MoU
- 60+ followers added, the current follower number is around 2035

SCAW - Violet

- Had the 3rd team meeting in the month of December
- Conducted 2nd week theme in the last month of December - IVSA SCAW compassion week from 22nd to 28th December, 2025

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- Held a webinar on 'Enhancing cat welfare in clinical practices' in collaboration with IVSA Alumni on 28th December, 2025
- Conducted 3rd week theme - IVSA SCAW Avian week from 5th to 11th January, 2026 in observance of bird day on 5th January. 1st day - announcement post, 2nd day- educational carousel post on 'know your birds', 3rd day- Quiz on birds , 4th day- educational carousal post on do's and don'ts, 5th day - release of poster on photography and poetry competition, 6th day- educational carousel posts on Avian health and mental well-being, 7th day - thank you post with wrap up
- Held Avian webinar on 8th January, 2026
- Published the 1st January biweekly welfare
- Successful selection of Ambassadors and had the 1st meeting with them, clearly stating their roles and responsibilities
- Dress your pet competition, announcement post is to be released on 14th January, 2026
- Penguin awareness day webinar would be held between 15th to 18th January
- Squirrel appreciation day webinar to be held on 21st January, 2026
- Zebra day in collaboration with WEAN to be held on 31st January, 2026
- Collaboration with IVSA PN to be held in February
- Collaboration with IVSA Asia and Pacific to be held in 4th week of February
- Collaboration with IVSA Europe to be held in last week of January
- IVSA SCAW × IVSA AMERICAS policy paper in progress
- Collaboration with IVSA SCOCA and IVSA SCOW to be held in month of February - one week campaign
- Collaboration with IVSA SCOCA and IVSA Alumni for a panel discussion in March
- Collaboration with ESVCE for a webinar on 5th March, 2026

PN - Violet

- A total of 24 ambassadors have been selected
- The first local Pathology Chapter has been successfully established in collaboration with IVSA Rampura Phul
- Another PN × VIN Tour is scheduled for 24th January
- Preparations are currently ongoing in coordination with the IVSA The Americas team for the Virtual Histopathology Challenge scheduled in February
- A webinar proposal has been shared with a potential speaker in collaboration with SCOVE
- Topics of interest have been prepared and shared
- Sending policy proposals and preparing draft documents
- Reviewing comments on the Blackpaw MoU draft
- Reaching out to potential speakers for upcoming webinars in collaboration with SCAW
- Coordinating with Vet Slide Club for the next session
- Collaborating with SCOVE and SCOW on upcoming projects

AN - Violet

- Joined webinar with SCAW and WEAN
- Progressions for other collaboration:
    - Mentor mentee with SCOW
    - SCOVE webinar series
- Waiting approval with Brief Media and WeVetsForYou
- Currently scheduling a meeting with 2 more partners

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- Working on webinar planning and Alumni Podcast project
- Opening AN website
- Support needed to share projects by AN through social media
- Quick metrics:
    - Linkedin gained 155 observers for new page (2 months since opening)
    - Gained ~300 new observers on Instagram (started from ~1570 in October)
    - Collaboration webinar with WEAN has now ~ 910 likes and over 34000 impressions, we passed 1900 observers on Facebook as well
    - We have 4 more potential partnership (starting from 0) – materials and knowledge based
    - Alumni Members are more active now (check Alumni Hangout group)

8. Regional Rep. Updates

8.1. Updates

Europe - Eirini

- Completed the ECCVT evaluation procedures
- Many of the members facing difficulty in getting on members portal
- Regional Symposium
    - Some miscommunication with the sponsors
- Purina asked about the metrics for their sponsorship post on our social media
- So far have not have any inputs from IVSA Cyprus
- Vet Join, Alumni Network
- FVE survey

John Gyan raised a question about the progression for the European Regional Symposium, because he would love to suggest the DAD team to work on a silent auction session.

R: Eirini replied that the OC does including the silent auction as one of the activities, but there has been some issue with the sponsors, more information will be shared to the ExCos after the issues have been resolved.

Americas - Catalina Ortiz

- MOs update:
    - IVSA Chile, will open a new LC and this month they will welcome members from IVSA Denmark
    - IVSA Peru opened a new LC
    - IVSA Nicaragua - members of the national board left
        - They had their first activities (webinars) as IVSA Nicaragua and they were successful
    - IVSA Uruguay - lots of interest from associations and universities but not of students
    - IVSA Venezuela - Capture of Maduro
- External relations:

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    - Drafting the PremierPet MoU
    - Ideas for partnerships with regional associations
    - Looking for events for members to attend
- Ongoing projects
    - SCOW Zoomba -> possible future dates
    - Vision Board workshop - Americas activity
    - Americas judge for PN Histopath challenge
    - SCAW Policy Paper in progress
    - Master Plan for the online regional symposium has been created
- Current issues:
    - Haven't been able to communicate with the IVSA Colombia national board
    - Very low participation
        - SCOW Zoomba - Successful a lot of people registered (only 2 from the Americas)
        - Santa Across the Americas - low participation/high satisfaction

Tamy added a comment that the issue with language barrier is significant in the region.

Asia-Pacific - Catalina

- IVSA Pakistan still have no ExCos
- Sri Lanka followed
- GEDSI comic competition
- GEDSI survey with WOAH/FAVA, and will be opened until 25th January 2026
- AMSA - completing the One Health project
- Finalising the MoU with AMSA
- Regional Symposium:
    - Planned to have a meeting with the OC soon
    - The OC is finalising their budget
- IPSF x IVSA project
- One Health Guest Lecture series
- Internal relations officer:
    - Met with most of the MOs
- Sri Lanka is not involved in the registration form from the SC/N projects

Tamy added that there is a database for MOs namelist, to be used to check the latest active MOs. Specifically, officials are encouraged to check on the sheet named "MOs for forms" to be used in the creation of any google form. The document itself is called "Database", if officials requires assistance to find it, they can seek assistance from the MOD team.

SSA - Catalina

- MOs update:
    - Some MOs having issues registering their members on the MP
    - Difficulty in some MO Presidents responding to messages and sharing

opportunities
    - Good number of MOs are active and making progress
- External Relations:
    - Seeking sponsor for some of their online events
- Ongoing projects:
    - Screening of graphics designer candidates
    - Essay competition coming up
    - Planning for the upcoming regional symposium

9. Symposium & Congress

9.1. Updates

Taiwan Congress - Tamy

- OC has prepared the final report
- Report has been sent to Hill's

Nepal Congress - Tamy

- OC had requested assistance from various team in the
- They have also requested for IVSA Global to post about the opening of registration
    - But after checking with the Trust, before the GA right before the Congress has approved the budget, fees, and details, such post is not constitutional

Peter raised a question regarding the timeline of the Congress since the SGA has been postponed.
R: Tamy & Avnish replied that the duration for application to the Nepal Congress might be shortened.

Online SGA - Tamy and Avnish

- Election of the MO to host the Officials
- Avnish was elected as the OOC president
- Application to be the OOC is now opened to all official
- The current proposed date by the MO elected to host the Officials is not feasible for all ExCos (28th February & 1st, 7th & 8th March 2026)
- Reports from officials have to be sent to all delegates a month before the GA, according to the bylaws
- The timeline for the Online SGA will soon to be sent, and with the tight timeline, we hope to have the support from all of the officials

Peter raised a question about Avnish's plan on keeping the team functional and productive, due to the tight timeline.
R: Avnish replied that the selection of OOC is not through an open call, but the selection is done within the officials. Besides, he will soon prepared a draft timeline on the tasks and their respective deadlines.

John raised a question on what do we plan to react in the event where no officials applied for the OOC position?
R: Avnish replied that all the officials will be assigned with the tasks in organising the online SGA

in that case.

10. Any Other Business (AOB).

Updates for MENA Regional Representative - Peter

- Nothing much from the region
- Currently working on getting new regional team members

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm UTC+0

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