1st February.2026 – Agenda of the 7th Online Meeting of ExCo 2025-2026

The 7th Online Meeting of IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2025-2026 was held at 1 PM UTC+0 on 1st February 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
Benhadi Mohamed Moncef
Catalina Ortiz
Daniela Alisson Galiano Huapalla
Deep Kumar Shrestha
Peter Emil Pedersen
Prakriti CHaudhary
Prashanna Dahal

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Prothoma Kalidaha
Vendula Ratajova
Eirini Polygerou
Ebenezer Effah
Wilka Kayoko
Upendra Chauhan
Ekaa Desai
Rebecca Agnes Biskamp
Naveen Joseph Vincent
John Gyan
Joel Itangirubuntu
Ömer Faruk Deren
Vendula Ratajová

1. Opening & Introduction - Ms. Negrón

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of discussion points under ExCo discussion and Nepal Congress budget under Symposium and Congress Update by Violet Adeline Wierbos and Ryan Sequeira respectively.

3. Approval of the minutes

The minutes were approved without any additions.

4. Trust Updates

4.1. Updates

Avnish Gala

- There are no major projects on-going within the trusts team at the moment
- Emphasised on trusts' availability for all officials
- Reminded officials about the anonymous complaint form and encourages them to reach out for advice

5. Taskforces Updates

5.1. Updates

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Event Strategy Taskforce - Avnish

- The progress was delayed due to the new obligations as the president of Online Organising Committee (OOC) of the Online Special General Assembly (OSGA)

History Taskforce - Violet

- Had a meeting to clear up confusion on accessing the documents by the History Taskforce team members
- Also discussed on the history booklet and the results will be shared soon
- Planning to approach the World Association for the History of Animal Health

6. ExCo Updates

6.1. Updates

CC - Violet

- Assisted all of the SC/N chairs for all queries
- Met Giovanni Baviera (founder of the Pathology Network) at Italy
- Had a lot of meetings with the teams, ambassadors, chairs, secretaries and external partners
- Reminded ExCos to review several MoUs that were sent to ExCos through email
- Co-chairing the Standing Committee on Wellness (SCOW) in absence of the Chair
- As for the IVSA Constitution, it is written in Dutch and there are some questionable details that need to be amended
- Raised a question about the possibility on constitutional amendment at the upcoming SGA, as we will need the new constitution as soon as possible
- Just received her new academic calendar

Avnish raised a question about how she would like to start the discussion on the constitution amendment.

R: Violet said that she is currently working on translating the Dutch version of the constitution into English, and as soon as that is done, she will comment on the document then send it to all ExCos and Trust for review. Translation is the tricky part of this work because the document could be perfectly fine in English but be the other way around in Dutch.

Avnish further commented that the preparation period is too short for a constitutional amendment, he suggested that this should be done at GA during the Congress in Nepal.

R: Violet explained that this is due to the difficulty in translation of the Bylaws, and as for now, she has been planning to present the amendment during the Nepal Congress originally.

SG - Ji Xiu Tan

- Prepared the template for Officials report and presentation
- Followed-up on the Officials evaluation collection, and requested everyone to fill in the

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form if they have not done it yet
- Troubleshoot the email issue faced by Violet, and Tamy helped a lot for this matter
- GA booklet and Officials report have been prepared and to be sent to delegates around a week before the SGA

Peter Emil Pedersen raised a question about the timing of sending the GA booklet to the delegates, if it would be too late to be sent a week before the SGA according to the bylaw.

R: Xiu & Avnish replied that the documents that need to be sent to delegates a month before the GA as delineated in our bylaw are bylaw amendments and policy papers. As for documents like Officials reports and GA Booklet, they were not mentioned in the bylaws.

Treasurer - Seohyun Im

- SCOVE outstanding bills have been done
- Issued the invoice for the CEVA travel grant
- Issue on Glueup was resolved
- Reminded every officials who are attending the SGA in Greece, in which she is currently preparing the latest version of the reimbursement form
- Planning to visit the ING bank after the SGA in Greece

Peter raised a question regarding the official's reimbursement on the attendance to Greece SGA.

R: Ivy replied that the officials who are attending the SGA in Greece, they have to choose the lowest fare transportation and provide evidence for it. The reimbursement form will be opened soon and will be opened until a month after the SGA. Even though the reimbursement form is always opened, it is best to submit all the requests and receipts within a month after the event.

ERO - Ishaan Acharya

- Conducted ERO training for MOs, the participation was not too satisfying
- Working with the Nepal Congress organising committee and Asia & Pacific Regional Symposium organising committee for sponsorship matter

Tamy added that if anyone is seeking assistance for documents review for externals and couldn't get a response from Ishaan, they are advised to seek help from other ExCos too.

MOD - Ryan

- All memberships have to be registered through the Member's Portal, and any PDF membership declaration will not be accepted anymore
- Some issue on the access to the Members Portal platform by the MO was raised through email
- 2 Purina competition is in the planning now

Deep Kumar Shrestha raised a question that the registration form for OSGA is still accepting the pdf membership declaration. Violet also added another question that her team has

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previously made the announcement that no more pdf membership declaration from February 2026 onwards, but since now we have an exception, since we are receiving it for the OSGA, she would like to have comments and advice from the floor.

R: Tamy and Ryan clarified that the timing was set for "GoogleForms that were created after the 1st of February 2026). On top of that, she added that if the team knows any MOs that are struggling to migrate to the Members Portal, kindly guide the MOs to reach out to the MOD team. Ryan added that he will be sending a notification email to all MOs soon to clarify the current situation.

Deep raised another concern, in which SCOVE is conducting a webinar on 15 February with Purina Institute, and if low participation rate resulted from the membership declaration system, this might negatively affect our relationship with Purina.

R: Tamy added that we can make the webinar open to everyone, and this will save the hassle of membership declaration and so, to increase the participation.

Peter commented that at this point, we all should just notify our partners and sponsors that we're in our transition period for membership registration.

Xiu raised a concern that the transition period can be taking too much time, because it started 4 years ago and maybe it can be helpful for us to include the estimated timeframe for the transition in the notification.

R: Tamy replied that the communication with sponsors were not very strong previously, so this will be the first time where they will be informed about our membership system transition.

Peter raised another concern regarding giving estimation as it normally deviates a lot from the reality.

Action point (s):

- CC & N should inform MOD team if there are any MOs that are having issues with MP
- Ishaan will be sending email to our sponsors to explain about the membership system transition

DAD - Ignacio Salazar

- The new form for DAD scholarship grant winner has been created, this will ease treasurer's work on making payment
- Followed-up on IVSA Sri Lanka's case regarding payment of their membership fee, emails will be sent to ExCos and Trusts to start the discussion
- A document is being created with all the opportunities offered by the DF and their respective evidence of how members are taking advantage of them in their professional development
- The document also record a view to collaborate with the PROSALUS Foundation and seeking support from other institutions

PRC - Rebecca Agnes Biskamp

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- Article publication for SC/N
  - Together with Naveen, they will explore the best way to position the publication on our website
- Journal project for the end of the term
  - Submission of articles will be collected till mid May
  - Official email with all information will be sent later
- Reactivation of X
  - Focus will be placed on events taking place in the month ahead, ongoing surveys, and competitions
  - Summarised version is required if highlight posts from past months are requested
- Instagram insights
  - 11% growth on followers
  - It is still important to tag IVSA Global account whenever possible
- Reminded everyone to remind our members to join on the Members Portal

President - Tamy

- Conducted 1 on 1 meeting with ExCos members
- Had a meeting with externals and planned on competitions
- Signed an MoU with the Veterinary Education Establishment (VEE)
- Working on the core panel cases
- Working on the preparation for OSGA and invitation to partners and sponsors
- Approached:
  - Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV)
  - Feline Veterinary Medical Association (FVMA)
- Attended VMX with most of the expenses covered
  - Established connections with companies and other veterinary organisations
  - Had a meeting with:
    - WSAVA
    - Royal Canin
    - Purina Institute
    - VIN
    - PROSALUS
- Preparing a proposal to collaborate with NAVC/VMX
- Dare to Care podcast
  - Scheduled the interview session
- Reminded everyone to complete the official evaluation

Xiu raised a question regarding the competition that Tamy mentioned during her updates.

R: The competition is organised by both IVSA Global and Purina Institute but not the one related to SCOVE, which will be handling primarily by Ishaan and Ryan.

6.2. Discussion Points

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6.2.1. WVA Congress 2026 - Asia & Pacific RR's attendance

Tamy explained the context and moved to approve the attendance of Bertina Sum at the WVA Congress 2026.

The motion was approved with no abstaintion nor objection.

6.2.2. Approval Memorandum of Understanding PN x Black Paw Educational Technologies

Violet moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between PN x Black Paw Educational Technologies.

The motion was approved with no abstaintion nor objection.

7. Chair Updates

7.1. Updates

SCOVE - Deep

- Project updates:
  - SCOW x SCOVE Education Day webinar
  - SCOVE x PN Mind Map Challenge
  - SCOVE x Purina Institute Case based webinar
  - Plumbs proposal under ERO review
- Currently focusing on:
  - Reaching out to potential partners and sponsors
  - Finding speaker for SGA event
  - Collaborating with other C&N
  - Following up on partner events

SCAW - Prothoma

- Project updates:
  - Dress your pet competition held on 14th January with a deadline up to 31st January
  - Penguin webinar held on 13th January in observance of penguin awareness day on 20th January
  - Educational carousal posts on 'Do u know penguin'
  - Squirrel webinar on the topic 'Squirrels and Stewardship: lessons in shared trust' held on 21st January in observance of squirrel appreciation day
  - Educational carousal posts on myth and facts of squirrels
  - 2nd January biweekly welfare published
  - Announcement post of application call for debate series 6 released on 20 th January with a deadline up to 31st January
  - 1st instagram live session held on 26th January
  - Relaunch of global voices , which are released every Sunday
  - Conducted 4th SCAW team meeting
  - Finalized the partnership with fourpaws, followed up with them for a possible workshop

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in OSGA, webinar during animal welfare week in May and an essay competition in April

- Currently focusing on:
    - Zebra webinar on 2nd February from 4.30 pm UTC in collaboration with IVSA WEAN
    - Debate series 6 on 7th February, 1 pm UTC
    - Collaboration with IVSA MENA (date yet to be finalized)
    - Pangolin webinar on 21st February, 1 pm UTC
    - Whale webinar on 23rd February, 3 pm UTC
    - Marine week from 22nd to 28th February which includes social media campaigns
    - Recruitment of a new Ambassador manager
    - Collaboration with ESVCE during OSGA on 5th March 2026

SCOH - Naveen Joseph Vincent

- Projects update:
    - One Health Sphere 1st post on AMR done!
    - Survey with SCOCA- Lacunae in one health career exposure
    - Poster Competition- Forms Closed
    - WVA WG Policies and subgroup meetings
    - Meetings with Dr. Skyes, Dr. Devon, Dr. Seebeck to be speakers at the one health career webinar series
    - Attended the Presidents and EOs meeting and shared updates
- Currently focusing on:
    - OHL collaboration- awaiting response from them regarding our MoU
    - Pursue a collaboration with WVS+Mission Rabies (thankyou Tamy, Ishaan, Peter and the entire ERO for being so supportive)
    - Poster Competition - judging and results
    - Policy paper- Integrating Animal Welfare into One Health Policy Frameworks

SCOW - Violet

- Updates:
    - Chair required a short break
    - The team is currently managed by Violet
- Projects:
    - Ongoing projects follow-up
    - Online SGA planning
    - Wellness Week - March 23rd-26th
- External relations
    - Mentor Mentee project → introduction to MWB WG and Vetjoy
        - Note for European Rep → if any additional people from the Europe team should be added in CC, she can do so
        - Zuzanna Czekaj is the IVSA representative in the MWB WG so she's the liaison that was contacted
        - NOMV → will be transferred to Alumni in absence of the SCOW Chair
    - RDA selection process almost finalised, the new RDA has been selected → CC will send acceptance and rejection emails

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Omer Faruk Deren added that for the information that Violet would like to share with Eirini Polygerou, she can share with him and he will forward the message later.

R: Violet added that Eirini is already in cc for that project, and she can just add anyone in cc if she thinks it is necessary.

WEAN - Ebenezer Effah

- Projects update:
  - Facilitated the first collaborative webinar with partner Wildlife Forensic Academy
    - Interest and attendance from IVSA members was satisfactory for our partner WFA
  - Renewed the Wildlife Wednesday Project with IVSA Rampur, which is their first collaboration with a local chapter
  - Successful webinar with AN
- Currently focusing on:
  - Finalising MoU with WildTrack, in which is it currently under ExCo review
  - Speaker sourcing for panel discussion with the Americas Region
  - WEAN policy document - edits and approval from CC
  - Webinar with Exotic Vet Support (Scheduled on 15th February 2026)
  - Certificate distribution to participants of past webinars
- Quick metrics:
  - WEAN LinkedIn
    - Wildlife professionals reaching out and have had a few contacts
  - Accumulated over 1k followers on Instagram over the past three months

SCOCA - Violet

- Winner of survey (Giveaway) announced.
- Survey collaboration with IVSA SCOH
- TNT Grant winners selected
- Skill shots EP 2 is live
- Ambassadors are announced (17 ambassadors from 7 countries)
- Currently focusing
  - Ambassador training
  - Skill shot next episode
  - Collaboration with other SC/N
- Quick metrics:
  - 40 followers on Instagram and now we have about 2070 followers
  - 565 likes on Facebook
  - 365 followers on LinkedIn
  - 2438 followers on Glueup

PN - Prakriti Chaudhary

- Projects update:
  - Held a team meeting and the first ambassador meeting

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    - PN x VIN Virtual Tour was successfully organized on 24th January, primarily for Ambassadors
    - SCOVE x PN Mind Map Challenge was launched
    - Had a meeting with VIN to plan our monthly webinar series
    - A webinar with Vet Slide Club has been scheduled for March
    - All comments on the Black Paw MoU draft have been resolved
- Currently focusing on:
    - Confirming the webinar schedule for SGA Week with VIN
    - Preparing the policy paper survey and draft with SCOVE on organoids
    - Preparing to launch the Virtual Histopath Challenge with IVSA America
    - Sharing proposals for upcoming webinars planned with SCOCA
- Quick metric:
    - High engagement and interaction with PN social medias
    - IG followers is currently 3.9k+, 600+ new followers since last month

AN - Violet

- Projects update:
    - Constant growth Alumni social media - 1900 observers on Instagram, 180 on Alumni LinkedIn page
    - Proceeding to work on Alumni projects (webinars, website)
    - Preparing proposals for other collaborative projects
        - WSAVA and WVA will be shared shortly with ERO team and President
    - MoUs are being prepared and will be shared shortly with ERO team and President for review
        - The Vet Tribe
        - Pet Care Partners
        - WeYouVets
        - NOMV
- Currently challenged with:
    - Inactiveness/engagement Alumni members
        - Most are working multiple jobs, are serving in the military or pursuing further studies (PhD) all at the same time and combining it with IVSA work
    - Chair is highlighting importance for the team to prioritise their mental health and proper rest over IVSA related matters

8. Regional Rep. Updates

8.1. Updates

Europe - Ömer Faruk Deren

- Had a meeting with FVE alongside Violet
    - Discussed on the working group and started launching the survey
    - Reminded everyone to fill in and share the survey
- Had a meeting with Purina
    - Discussed on our plan of post and materials for this term
    - Shared to them the 86% increased visibility on our social media
    - They are interested in having similar collaborations like the photo contest

    - Invited us to their conference in Rhodes Island, but still waiting for more details
- Prepared materials for the vet for a day, project of Vetjoy
    - Conduct competition among MOs for 2 months so the MO with most visits to schools for this project will get a prize from Vetjoy
- Contacted MO that is not responsive this year, Eg., Slovakia.
- Had a long call with Regional Symposium OC to sort out some issues, more information will be updated through email later

Asia-Pacific - Ömer Faruk Deren

- Collaboration with Nparks for World Wildlife Day regional symposium - closed applications, will send final list to them by the end of the week
- IPSF project series - conducted a lecture and a dual virtual case study session, currently working on the final part of the project (collaborative projects between veterinary and pharmaceutical students), the final showcase will happen at the end of January
- Revised the itinerary and budget for the Asia & Pacific Regional symposium, will forward it to Aaryn for further comments
- SCAW collaborative lecture - set to happen third week of Feb, project managers are currently looking for speakers
- Gender Diversity Project with WOAH/FAVA/AAVS - comics competition winner selection will happen 10/2 + survey findings have minimal responses from certain MOs so I have been following up with their respective excos to promote the survey (however the Tokyo WVA congress will use the limited data collected from Jan as FAVA already started the analysis), the later responses will be presented and analyzed for the FAVA congress in Cebu (oct 2026) + project managers are working on the project brief for the GEDSI activity they plan to organize for March

Tamy replied that Ignacio will be sending an email to Trusts to gain inputs for this matter.

SSA - Ömer Faruk Deren

- Many MO members are finding it difficult to create profile on MP
- Some MO Presidents does not open their email
- Still working on the payment of MF
- As for external relations, the team is still preparing the sponsorship booklet
- Currently preparing for both SSA Essay Competition and Regional Symposium

Avnish raised a question on if the Regional Symposium is in offline format.

R: Ryan replied that the Regional Symposium will be conducted online.

Americas - Catalina Ortiz

- Information about opportunities does not reach all members
    - Whatsapp channel has been created for all announcements

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- IVSA Argentina's profile is having issues
- IVSA USA is inconsistent with communications
- PremierPet paused their sponsorship due to the budget cuts
- Ongoing projects
    - PN Histopath challenge
    - WEAN collaboration
    - SCOVE collaboration
    - SCOH collaboration
    - Regional Photo Contest
- The current challenge is having low participation rate

MENA - Benhadi Mohamed Moncef

- IVSA Egypt just formed their national board
- IVSA Iraq starting their board
- IVSA Algeria still didn't do board because they need to have recognition from the university and they need a letter from us to help it
- Loosed contact with IVSA Palestine and IVSA Saudi Arabia
- The discussions are continuing with Oman to establish a new MO
- Started making a sponsorship booklet and making a list of sponsors matching the projects we are looking for to do
- Projects update:
    - Ongoing : Scaw collaboration
    - Upcoming : A project of a week of conferences about the activities of a vet in the MENA region and it developement in collaboration with ivsa morocco , Tunisia and maybe Egypt (all of this still under discussion)
- Current issues:
    - IVSA Algeria needs the invitation from ivsa global (same for IVSA Saudi Arabia)
    - IVSA Algeria find it hard to pay the full fee because of the country situation of not having international cards and that they have to use other methods to pay but still out of price for them

Avnish commented that Donor Box is an option for MENA MOs to complete their membership fee payment to tackle the situation of IVSA Algeria not having international cards. Otherwise, they can look for other MOs in the region to help with IVSA Algeria in receiving the funds and make the payment for membership fee.

Peter added that if the issue revolves around the failure of moving money in and out the country, this is something out of the reach of IVSA. Moncef replied that this has been faced by many MOs under the MENA region, and with IVSA's help, governmental approval for MF transactions are totally possible.

9. Symposium & Congress

9.1. Updates

OSGA - Avnish

- Application form is now open
- Planning to involve ExCo in a promotional reel for our OSGA promotion on IG
- Team will be working on membership verification together with MOD
- Platform - Microsoft team, might need Ji Xiu's help to monitor the platform during the event
- Support might be needed to assist delegates in utilising the meeting platform
- GA Officials election can be started now

Tamy added that regarding the GA Officials election, she will be having a meeting with Ryan about this tomorrow, and they are planning to elect officials that are attending the live meeting.
Peter added that in his opinion, positions like the election committee should be held by Officials that are attending the OSGA in-person.

- Lectures and workshops will be done during week days
- Discussed with Ryan and Ishaan on the timing for MOD and ERO workshop
- Delegates applied for the OSGA will automatically be registered for all the lectures and workshops

Violet raised a question about the involvement of partners and sponsors for the SC/N online lectures and workshops.
R: Tamy shared that the involvement of sponsors is guaranteed as it is written in the MoU, and will be done during the GA session, as we would have more attendees during that period of time.

- Election:
  - President election
  - 76th IVSA Congress
  - Nomination will only be opened on GA1 and GA2, delegates will be going through the application during the weekdays

Peter suggested the OOC make a post on the positions that are open for election, so that delegates have more time to prepare for that.

- Once application has been approved, the attending MOs will have to choose for 2 voting delegates
- Quorum check, twice per GA session

Peter inquired about the expected number of delegates.
R: Avnish said that we hope to get at least 100 delegates

Tamy added that this is the perfect time for the MOD team to encourage MOs to attend the OSGA, especially the regions that are normally underrepresented. She also added that the timing of OSGA has been fixed based on the previously mapped out convenient time for most MOs.

Peter commented that regarding the timing of the OSGA, whether we should move the session earlier so that members from South Korea will not have to stay overnight.
R: Avnish replied that unfortunately this is the best arrangement we could have at this point in time.

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Nepal Congress - Ryan

- Started meeting with sponsors
- The organising committee wanted to seek officials' opinion on their budget
- Another meeting scheduled on this week

Upendra Chauhan is present to share that the Nepal Congress is the only offline event in this term, and they are looking forward to making this a budget-friendly and memorable event.

Rwanda Symposium - Ryan

- Not much progress

9.2. Discussion Points

9.2.1 Nepal Congress budget

Susan Aryal is present to share the current budget to the participants.
Peter commented that the budget is very expensive, especially the accommodations, the cost could be reduced, and the delegates do not need a fancy hotel to stay in.
R: Susan replied that there are 3 points why the cost for accommodation is this high

1. Peak tourism season during the Congress period
2. There is no university in the nearby area that can provide a proper venue for GA hall
3. Nepali's policy, in which there are higher costs charged on foreigners

Peter reiterated his concern that 400 euros in his opinion was expensive, even from his perspective as a citizen from a financially privileged country.
R: Susan and Deep explained that the combining effect of peak tourism season and good quality accommodation were the main reasons for this pricing.

Ivy raised a question on the pricing of accommodation if we only have 70 delegates attending the congress, will there be any changes in cost and how would the current budget accommodate that.
R: Susan replied that there will be changes in the pricing, but there will also be cutting of cost, so the budget can still be positive.

Violet suggested that there are several items that are possible to be removed from the budget whilst just preserving the necessary items. For instance, DJ, photobooths, badges, etc are some of the items that can be removed from the budget.

After the discussion, Susan and the OC team will be working on modifying the budget based on the comments.

10. Any Other Business (AOB).

10.1. Wildtracks x WEAN MoU approval

The Wildtracks x WEAN MoU was approved by the ExCos with no comments nor objections.

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm UTC+0

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