



7th June.2026 – Agenda of the 11th Online Meeting of ExCo 2025-2026

The 11th Online Meeting of IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2025-2026 was held at 1:06 PM UTC+0 on 7th June 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
Ignacio Salazar	Development Aid Director
Ji Xiu Tan	Secretary General
Seohyun Im	Treasurer
Ryan Sequiera	Member Organisation Director
Ishaan Acharya	External Relations Officer
Rebecca Agnes Biskamp	Public Relations Coordinator

Other Officials:

Ana Zivkovic
Bertina Sum
John Gyan
Benhadi Mohamed Moncef
Vendula Ratajová
Catalina Ortiz
Prothoma Kalidaha
Prashanna Dahal
Ekaa Desai
Daniela Alisson Galiano Huapalla
Muhammad Abdul Samad
Upendra Chauhan

1. Opening & Introduction - Ms. Negrón

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved without any additions.





3. Approval of the minutes

The agenda was approved without any additions.

4. Trust Updates

4.1. Updates

John Gyan

- No updates to give at the moment
- Looking forward to meeting with ExCos on the current proposed Bylaw amendment
- Avnish Gala is currently assisting IVSA Mumbai on the Asia-Pacific Regional Symposium
- Aaryn Ko is currently working on IVSA volunteer coordination with WSAVA
- Upendra Chauhan is currently assisting with the preparation of the Nepal Congress
- John himself is working with the History Taskforce

5. Taskforces Updates

5.1. Updates

History Taskforce - Ji Xiu Tan

- Archiving completed
- Booklet in progress
- Recommendations for the next team of HT are being drafted and will be presented to the GA
- A request for a meeting with the current SG will be made to discuss the remaining archiving of this term. At the start of the 26/27 term, we'll also have a handover meeting with the incoming and outgoing Secretariat to discuss proceedings

Event Strategic Taskforce - Tamy Negron

- No updates at the moment

6. ExCo Updates

6.1. Updates

President - Tamy Negron

- Apologies that the previous ExCo meeting had to be rescheduled due to an insufficient number of ExCo members attending
- Attended:
 - WVA Congress in Japan
 - WOAHA General Session in Paris
 - Eighth General Assembly in Barcelona
- A lot of projects with our partners (WVA, EAEVE, etc) are ongoing
- Together with Ekaa, they both managed to communicate with officers from WOAHA, and are in the process of initiating more collaborations, currently planning on a workshop with WOAHA, specifically WOAHA America
- Preparing to attend the visitation from EAEVE, will be discussing this with Eirini soon
- Also attended several internal meetings that are confidential, specifically regarding integrating students in their projects
- The FVE survey result will most likely be shared next week
- Will be attending a meeting with EVERI soon

External Relations Officer - Ishann Acharya

- Final rundown meeting with Nepal Congress OC and talking to the Royal Canin sponsor





on this matter, and they are positive about this, also sending a representative to attend our Congress

- Purina agreed to assist with the IVSA journal
- Purina competition in the Latin America region was successful; full credit goes to Catalina Ortiz and Peter Emil Pedersen
- Signed an MoU with a Czech company for a bronze sponsorship for IVSA
- Expressed gratitude to Ekaa and Tamy for representing IVSA well at various events

Public Relations Coordination - Rebecca Ágnes Biskamp

- Opened submission for the “MO’s corner” and the “A day of a Vet Student Life” project
- Will open the competition for the journal cover design soon. Purina is happy to sponsor the winner of this competition
- Opened call for WVA x FVE Working Group application
- Waiting for materials from the sponsor for our bulletin

John Gyan suggested that we require our MOs to contribute some content to the IVSA journal, which will make things more lively. He also added that the idea of open submission from members is good, but in case this does not turn out well, it’s best if our PRC team can prepare our journal cover. Tamy added that the last journal that we have was from Vanda’s term. Rebecca replied that she would like to request Ryan to connect with all MOs on the current projects that we are having.

Tamy also suggested that the certificates can be prepared now, and will be good if it can be ready for all officials before the Nepal Congress. She added that the regional representatives can start to gather the MO’s board information, just so that we can have more time to prepare for the certificates. Rebecca replied that this is currently on their pending list.

Member Organisation Director - Ryan Sequeira

- Mostly on the Congresses and Symposia
- Assisting in the WSAVA volunteer program
- Excellence MO competition
- The last President and MOD meeting will be held near the end of July

Tamy reminded that the team can start to prepare the certificates for the MOs. Also, she reminded everyone that the upcoming months will be very busy for the MOD due to the congress.

Development Aid Director - Ignacio Salazar

- Announced the winners for the DAD Scholarship grant and the reduced fee spots
- Discussed the scholarship fund and the membership fee fund, aiming to open the scholarship fund soon and finalise the fund by the end of this month
- Had a meeting with Ivy to discuss the financial arrangement for his travel to the Nepal Congress

John Gyan raised a question about the fact that a member has raised a question about the merchandise for the upcoming congress. Asia-Pacific Regional Symposium, Scholarship Grant: When will the application be opened? Ignacio replied that the merchandise design is on-going, with the assistance of Ishaan. The same goes for the scholarship grant application, hopefully by





the next two weeks, it will be opened. Tamy commented that Ishaan is aware of what logos need to be on the merchandise. Ana Zivkovic added that the team has had a meeting with the Nepal OC for the preparation of the merchandise before proceeding with mass production.

Secretary General - Ji Xiu Tan

- Second official evaluation sent to all officials to be completed
- Currently working on the GA minutes from the SGA in Greece
- Proposed bylaw amendment and waiting for Trustees' comment and ExCos' discussion
- Assisted the History Taskforce for archiving IVSA documents

Treasurer - Seohyun Im

- Worked on resolving the issue with the ING bank
 - Currently in contact with the ING bank with the assistance of Stavros and Ji Xiu
- Reminded everyone to read the travel manual before purchasing the flight tickets
 - Encouraged everyone to buy the flight tickets as soon as possible, as the fares are increasing
- Met with Ryan and Nepal Congress OC to discuss the financial matters including CF tax, DF merch and officials half fee.
- Checked the reimbursement requests for SCOVE x PN MindMap Challenge and the transfers will be processed after this meeting.

Committee Coordinator - Ji Xiu Tan

- Ceva grant scoring process has been completed and winners are informed, while MoUs are being drafted
- SCOW wellness grant completed scoring and winners are selected
- SCOVE grant completed scoring and winners are selected
- Issues faced on allocating grants as it is usually the same MOs/LCs that apply and we only had a few applications for all grants, more applications needed
- Policies review, CC expressed gratitude to those who reviewed and gave feedback
- Urgent ExCo discussion needed on Cross Border One Health Exchange Programme through email thread
- Many ongoing projects
- Many Chairs are absent today due to their personal commitments
- Update on Handover Manual
- Reminded everyone that she has an anonymous feedback form that is always open
- Update as the president elect:
 - EBVS Congress invitation for IVSA to collaborate, in communication with Tamy
 - Opened call for SGA Congress 2027, will coordinate further with applicable Officials
 - Requested Treasurer and Post-treasurer for information so she can make budget for President-elect
 - FVE WG on mental wellbeing reached out to Europe regional representative, has been in communication with them for further actions

6.2. Discussion Points





6.2.1. Bylaw amendment on Congresses and Symposia Finance - Ji Xiu Tan

Ji Xiu mentioned that he thinks it is most appropriate for the approval to be made unanimously by the ExCo board.

John mentioned that, in his personal opinion, this section of the bylaw is here to protect IVSA's finances from potential misconduct of members involving the congress fund.

Tamy commented that she believes a simple majority vote of approval from ExCos should suffice, as we really need support from IVSA Global to ensure the event could be conducted smoothly.

Seohyun raised a question about ExCo voting to decide something contradictory to the bylaw, on whether it needs to be brought up during the General Assembly? Tamy replied that, preferably, yes, in case some delegates are questioning this, then we shall be able to provide all the documents and records to justify the situation.

6.2.2. Issue from Alumni on the IVSA x FVE x WVA WG - Ji Xiu Tan

Ji Xiu mentioned that Alumni members do not have membership registration on the GlueUp, and they could not register through the Google Form provided. Tamy and Ryan replied that this will be fixed as soon as possible.

7. Chair Updates

7.1. Updates

SCAW - Prothoma Kalidaha

- Key progress:
 - 8th SCAW team meeting done on 2nd May
 - IVSA SCAW X IVSA Europe webinar conducted successfully on 28th April
 - SCAW webinar held on 4th May on wildlife tourism
 - Koala Day welfare posted on koala day, 3rd May
 - Bee welfare posted on world bee day, 20th May
 - Global voices posted every Sunday
 - Animal welfare week commenced from 8th to 14th May with social media campaigns, collaboration with different SC/ N throughout the week.
 - IVSA SCAW X IVSA SCOH - 8th May
 - IVSA SCAW X IVSA WEAN - 9th May
 - IVSA SCAW X FOURPAWS international - 10th May
 - IVSA SCAW panel discussion with participation of MOs all across the world - 11th May
 - IVSA SCAW X IVSA PN - 12th May
 - IVSA SCAW debate series 7 - 13th May
 - IVSA SCAW closing webinar - 14th May
- Current priorities:
 - IVSA SCAW X IVSA Americas webinar scheduled in June
 - IVSA SCAW X IVSA Mena webinar scheduled in June

SCOH - Ekaa Desai

- Key progress:
 - GPHW certificates sent to participants
 - Onboarding Meeting with YAPO with regards to what is expected from IVSA. We will be their Partner in the Livestock And one health theme





- Meeting with WVS with regards to the WVS Academy, MoU Drafted
- SM Spillover series and collab with Rampura Phul going smoothly
- Completed tasks given by WVA OH WG
- Survey translation into 3 languages for OHL/WVA survey- a big shout out to Catalina for helping with the translation in Spanish
- WOAHI Inspire project report drafted and revised
- Attended 93rd WOAHI GS with Tamy- met various departments whom we can collaborate with in the future or have already collaborated with in the past
- Current priorities:
 - Recruitment of SCOH team and ambassadors in OHL lesson leader programs
 - One Health Exchange Program, to support the MOs

SCOCA - Muhammad Abdul Samad

- Key progress:
 - Hosted Ambassador collaboration with all SC/N (Canva training)
 - Webinar with Dr. Jerson K. Aldis (SCOCA x AN)
 - Live Session in 4th Europe RS with Dr. Michalina Najdowska (SCOCA x AN)
 - Ambassador collaboration (SCOCA x PN)
 - Skill shot ep 6 is live + Episodes of Career insights uploaded
- Current priorities:
 - Webinar with Dr Natalie Marks (SCOCA x AN)
 - Launch of another SCOCA series
 - SkillFest (in July)

SCOVE - Muhammad Abdul Samad

- Key progress:
 - Completion of scoring of SCOVE Educational Grant
 - Collaborative session with SCOW
 - Partner meeting with WeYouVets
 - Announcement of results of MindMap challenge and SCOVE x Purina Institute essay competition
- Current priorities:
 - Reaching out to potential partners and sponsors
 - Following up on partner events

WEAN - Muhammad Abdul Samad

- Key progress:
 - Successful collaborations with IVSA Taiwan, SCAW, PN, VIN and RVC Zoological Society on different webinars for different days, receiving great attendance throughout
 - Successful WEAN workshop at the 4th Europe Symposium, kudos to the WEAN reps and OC
 - WEAN Chair accepted to speak and represent IVSA WEAN at AVA Ghana Summit in July 2026
 - Progress meeting with our major partner Wildlife Forensic Academy (WFA), key next steps discussed as we prepare for the end of the term
- Current priorities:
 - Collaborative webinar/workshop between WEAN and WAVMA
 - Social media announcement of WEAN webinar catalogue (google drive of recorded)





webinars for IVSA members to access)

- Quick metrics:
 - Confirmed visibility increase from WFA, increased social media followers and engagement from partnership with WEAN since November 2025

AN - Muhammad Abdul Samad

- Key progresses and current priorities:
 - Took care of AN projects, external relations and planning upcoming projects
 - Establishing Youtube channel
 - Finalised a first clinical alumni webinar with Dr. Brook Niemiec
 - Successful alumni representation in Latvia regional symposium
 - Conducted 1st training session with SCOCA: Mentorship, Networking & Professional Relationships
 - Preparation for the 2nd training session with SCOCA: Professional Identity & Career Development
 - Preparation for a collaboration project with SCOCA and the Americas region
 - Preparation for another alumni webinar and collaborative core projects
 - Meeting with Vet Tribe and Neurovet were rescheduled due to unavailability by both the Alumni team and partners
- Issue:
 - High workload for both the Chair and committee members

SCOW - Muhammad Abdul Samad

- Key progresses and current priorities:
 - Wellness grant scored
 - Projects in the works
 - Webinars, panel discussion
 - Ambassador collaborations
 - WSAVA PWC and SCOW MoU sent to ExCo for review

8. Regional Rep. Updates

8.1. Updates

Americas - Catalina Ortiz

- MOs/LCs:
 - IVSA Brasil has been having some troubles with how to manage the MO- have already consulted the MOD
 - IVSA T&T - contacted Karina Khatic still waiting on the update
 - IVSA Argentina - has had their first virtual exchange and they will have their first live event with IVSA Brazil
- External relationals update:
 - Purina competition went great
 - Volunteers for ISVEE





- Ongoing projects:
 - Collaboration with SCOCA & Alumni Network
 - Collaboration with SCAW
 - Collaboration with Alumni Network
 - Regional Symposium
 - Mascot: Marine Iguana
 - Announced the Open Call for delegates - will probably be extended
 - Delayed booklet - still waiting on the confirmation of participation from partners
- Current problems:
 - Participation and instability in the region

MENA - Benhadi Moncef

- MOs/LCs:
 - IVSA Egypt is ready to pay the membership fee
 - IVSA Iraq is in preparing the membership fee
- Ongoing projects:
 - Collaborative project with SCOW on Expectation vs Reality
- Current problems:
 - Several MOs in the region do not reply anymore
 - Payment for membership fee for the following MOs will not be possible
 - IVSA Saudi Arabia
 - IVSA Algeria
 - IVSA Palestine

Asia & Pacific - Bertina Sum

- MOs/LCs:
 - Interest from Vietnam to establish an MO, discussing dates for an introductory meeting
- External relations update:
 - GEDSI with WOAHA/FAVA/AAVS
 - Open call for storytelling campaign through partners AAVS / FAVA / WOAHA
 - FAORAP Webinar: From Classroom to Global Frontlines: Future Vets Driving Global Impact through Digital Learning and One Health
 - Had around 90 participants
 - Speakers from WOAHA, FAO and DAFF
 - FAO was very happy with the outcome → looking to establish further collaborations (event in July before end of my term, activities for Regional WFF Food Lab)





- Mentioned that DAFF was very satisfied as well, told us to explore funding opportunities with them in the future (they are also funding our GEDSI project with WOAHA)
- Sri Lanka Vet Association invited attendance to their annual scientific conference event - declined as 1 day event clashes with Congress
 - Looking to establish collaborative volunteer / some sort of program for students in IVSA Sri Lanka
- Invitation from Vet Frontiers to help disseminate a placement opportunity amongst our network - ended 4th of June, so will ask for future collaboration instead
- ReAct AMR Taskforce - working Group 2
 - Started official planning for activities regarding AMR capacity building and training
 - Term officially ends in 2027, so they want updates on whether I'll be continuing or handing it over (need to discuss)
- IFMSA regional meeting - in Hong Kong July first week
 - Will be attending the One Health session on behalf of IVSA A&P
 - Have requested a slot to do an IVSA presentation, which the regional rep has agreed to informally on WhatsApp, will ask for further details for that soon
- Ongoing projects:
 - Working on draft for GEDSI competition
 - June webinar - social media in veterinary medicine
 - In discussion with Alumni Network for event in July
 - Partners requesting us to share more of our activities on the official website - GEDSI, FAO etc.
- Current problems:
 - Asia-Pacific Regional Symposium → only has 12 applications (only 1 that's not from the host country)
 - Will need to cancel the event + make announcements on social media soon
 - With the current timeline + lack of engagement → not practical to do an online event

There were no updates from the Europe and SSA regions.

9. Symposium & Congress

9.1. Updates

Symposium in Rwanda - Ryan Sequeira

- The budget has been reviewed and the maximum fees have been improved and approved by ExCos





Congress in Nepal - Ryan Sequeira

- Nepal OC have been finding ways to handle the congress fee payment; eventually, this can only be solved with the OC's personal account
 - Financial agreement has been signed by all who are involved
- We have had 90 delegates, and the quorum has been met
- Reminded all the officials who are going for any paid optional activities to prepare 30 euros to be paid when we are physically there
- Tamy has been talking to partners regarding our congress arrangement

John commented that the GA hours are not met in the current itinerary that we have. Tamy replied that there is no specific number written in the bylaw as far as the duration of the GA is concerned, but as far as she can remember, the maximum hours is 28-30 hours. Upendra added that we have numerous speakers arranged to speak during the event, including those who represent organisations.

The discussion continued on modifying the itinerary of the congress.

Ryan raised a question about any publication material to inform our members about the elections. Rebecca replied that this is in the plan and she thanks Ryan for the reminder.

10. Any Other Business (AOB).

10.1. Unpaid membership payment for the last term

Seohyun Im

- IVSA Sudan and Thailand have not done so, and they have been approached

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32pm UTC+0

Ji Xiu Tan

Secretary General 2025/2026

International Veterinary Students' Association

