



22nd February.2026 – Agenda of the 8th Online Meeting of ExCo 2025-2026

The 8th Online Meeting of IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2025-2026 was held at 1 PM UTC+0 on 22nd 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
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

Prothoma Kalidaha

Eirini Polygerou

Ebenezer Effah

Upendra Chauhan

Ekaa Desai

Joel Itangirubuntu

Ömer Faruk Deren

Vendula Ratajová





1. Opening & Introduction - Ms. Negrón

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved without any additions.

3. Approval of the minutes

The minutes were approved without any additions.

4. Trust Updates

4.1. Updates

Avnish

- There are no major projects on-going within the trusts team at the moment
- The team is currently working on the preparation of SGA
- Reminded every official about the anonymous complaint form

5. Taskforces Updates

5.1. Updates

Event Strategic Taskforce - Avnish

- Received the documents requested from the MOD team
- Progress is delayed due to the conduct of OSGA

History Taskforce - Violet

- Continued working on digital archiving
- Team members, being extremely inactive, faced with task rearrangement
- Progress will be shared during the OSGA
- ExCos will soon receive a request for approval to reach out to the World Association for the History of Animal Health

Tamy Negrón tabled agenda points 6 - 8, to proceed with agenda point number 9, to give space for Avnish Gala to finish his updates first.

Agenda points 6 - 8 were untabled after the updates of agenda point number 9 (Symposium and Congress).

6. ExCo Updates





6.1. Updates

Secretary General - Ji Xiu Tan

- GA booklet
- GA presentation and reports
- Official evaluation form > reports will be sent after OSGA

Tamy added that the latest Bylaw has been updated on our website.

Treasurer - Seohyun Im

- With the help of the MOD team, 47 MOs completed their membership payment
- Reviewed the membership fee payment records and noted that there are 2 MOs paid their current term fee but not the previous term's fee
- ING bank account registration in progress, with the finalisation planned to be done in person
- DAD Scholarship, the funds have been received from sponsors, and the reimbursement will be sent to the winner soon
- SCOVE x Royal Canin competition, the prize money has been transferred

PRC - Rebecca Agnes Biskamp

- Worked on the publication material for the OSGA - Instagram reels suggested by Avnish
- T-shirt for officials will be in grey-black colour
- Reminded everyone to prepare the presentations for OSGA and obey the deadlines

MOD - Ryan Sequeira

- Regional competition in India
- Have a meeting with VIN together with Prakriti Chaudhary and Violet Adeline Wierbos
- Some of the MOs are still having issues with getting on MP. Currently, the MOD team is working on that

ERO - Ishaan Acharya

- Proceeding positively on securing a sponsor for the Nepal Congress
- Having a meeting with FAO on Tuesday

CC - Violet

- Enquiries and guidance are needed from the team, and have been resolved
- Meetings:
 - VIN Quarterly meeting
 - Attended the meeting Ekaa Desai was hosting with WVS





- Met with the new partner of PN - Black Paws
- Followed up with the collaboration with the Action Group on Veterinary Education of the AMR Partnership Platform, in which the platform is supported by the Quadripartite organisations (FAO, UNEP, WHO and WOA) and hosted by FAO
- Reminded the ExCos to review the SCOH's Public Health Week proposal on the projects to be conducted during the One Health Week and the future MoUs
 - The future MoUs will be sent for review and approval soon
- Secretaries are finalising ongoing tasks/projects, considering their availability and efforts for internal evaluation:
 - CC/MOD - working on the local SC/N and SC/N feedback form
 - CC/ERO - working on the internship database (phase I has started)
 - CC/PRC - working on rebranding, webpage publications, OSGA educational programme post
 - The internship database has been worked on by the CC/ERO secretary
- Met with the SCOW team to re-organise the team
- 12 sessions of educational events for the OSGA, most of which are partnered webinars
- Updates on the constitution:
 - Matteo Carvenale found someone who is providing pro bono (professional legal assistance provided voluntarily and without charges to NGO) to help with reviewing our constitution
- Reminded every officials if anyone is looking forward to running for the CC position, she will be willing to share more information about her experience and understanding of the position
- Her personal feedback form is also available; any feedback is welcome

DAD - Tamy

- IVSA Sri Lanka was unable to pay for their membership due to a natural disaster
 - ExCos have approved to help IVSA Sri Lanka by covering their membership fee for this term due to several considerations:
 - IVSA Sri Lanka has only one veterinary teaching facility, and it has been affected
 - They are also a new MO that is not well-established yet
 - Had a meeting with the PROSALUS foundation
 - They are very excited to collaborate with IVSA
 - Agreed to open their scholarship for our members under the SSA region
 - This scholarship is for internship opportunities
 - Proposed our proposal, and we did not get a clear yes/no answer; they will have to check their budget again
 - DAD Scholarship grant winners have submitted their required documents, and the scholarship funds have been sent

President - Tamy





- Internal affairs:
 - Provided an update on OSGA preparation
 - Conducted a 1-on-1 meeting with all ExCo members
- Announcement:
 - Reminded everyone to check the message sent to the Officials group on 11th February on WSAVA's decision
 - IVSA Alumni members will not be automatically recognised as a member of the WSAVA
 - CEVA will not be sponsoring the Student of the Year Award anymore
 - This will be communicated to all MOs later by Tamy before SGA
 - Prothoma
- Had meetings with various partners:
 - WSAVA decided that IVSA Alumni members will need to join the respective national associations to continue being members of WSAVA
 - WVA - Did not include the Student of the Year award due to their own constraints
 - IFMSA - Working on finalising the MoU for both sides
 - Election committee (Ignacio, Seohyun and ömer Faruk Deren)
- Coordinating sponsors and partners in their participation in OSGA
- Upcoming projects/events:
 - 17th session of the Commission on the Status of Women of the United Nations and the online interprofessional education, as well as collaborative practice workshop
 - IPSF and IFMSA are also attending the event, and they are more experienced in that regard
 - Travel grant in collaboration with RC
 - Contacted by the Animal Echo Blog from WOAHA for collaboration
 - Successful interviews conducted for the Dare to Care podcast
- OSGA
 - Reminded everyone that the presentations need to be done by 26th February
 - As for the "attended event" section, if more than one attendee was present, internal coordination is needed to decide on who is presenting the slides

Seohyun raised a question about the Student of the Year Award; she requested clarification on starting from which year this award was established.

R: Tamy replied that it will start from this term. The money for the Student of the Year Award was not transferred to IVSA separately, but in combination with other grants, like the internship grant, it will be that way for this term, we will not be receiving that money from CEVA.

7. Chair Updates

7.1. Updates

SCAW - Prothoma Kalidaha

- Project updates:





- Successful collaboration with IVSA WEAN for the zebra welfare webinar held on 2nd February 2026, with a recap post
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- Represented Asia Pacific in the Dare to care Animal welfare podcast
- The February biweekly welfare was released
- Dress your pets' entries released
- Evaluation of the Avian Week photography and poetry competition, and the results were posted
- Social media post on hippopotamus day on 15th February 2026
- Global voices are released every Sunday
- Successful 5th team meeting
- 2nd Ambassador meeting held on 13th February
- Pangolin webinar successfully conducted on 21st February 2026
- Collaboration with IVSA Asia and Pacific for a webinar on 26th February
- Collaboration with Four Paws on 2nd March, to be presented in the educational week during OSGA
- Collaboration with ESVCE on 5th March, to be presented in the educational week during OSGA
- Collaboration with IVSA Europe for a webinar fixed on 28th April
- Currently focusing on:
 - Marine week from 22nd to 28th February
 - Whale webinar on 23rd February
 - Collaborations during OSGA (ESVCE & FOURPAWS)
 - A webinar with the topic 'Cultural intelligence, empathy and leadership in animal welfare and Veterinary practice' on 12th March
 - Puppy mill action week from 14th - 20th March

SCOH - Ekaa

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SCOVE - Deep Kumar Shrestha

- Project updates:
 - Completion of SCOVE x PN Mind Map Challenge
 - Received plenty of submissions, and now they are at the stage of scoring the submissions
 - Completion of SCOVE x Purina Institute Case-based webinar
 - 2 sessions for OSGA
 - 1 collaborative session with AN for OSGA
 - Currently in discussions with his team and Violet to brainstorm the prizes for different regions for the event with RC
- Currently focusing on:
 - Reaching out to potential partners and sponsors
 - Collaborating with other C&N
 - Following up on partner events
- Currently challenged with low participation in webinars despite the high number of registrations

SCOW - Neha Sunil

- Project updates and current focuses:
 - External relation activity
 - Wellness Week 23rd March - 29th March. Finding speakers. Releasing logo. Collab with Scaw and Pn in 2 days. Wellness Night on March 29. Further Discussion on the wellness week grant for LC will be discussed later. Maximum support and share.
 - SCOW x SCOCA Collab - Webinar On March 15th, Another Webinar in discussion. Ambassador Collab series as well
 - World Health Day Webinar on April - Discussions
 - Celebrating - Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Down's Syndrome Awareness Day, Mother Language Day, World Compliment Day, Women's Day, World Sleep Day awareness poster
 - Ambassador - Magazine Release
- Currently challenged with the resignation of a team member, and recruitment is needed
- Support is needed to conduct the Wellness Week

SCOCA - Abdul Samad

- Project updates:
 - 2ND Ambassador meeting and training session on Soft Skills
 - Survey collaboration with IVSA SCOH (Got 250+ responses and now making survey report)
 - Skill shots EP 3 is live (Imposter Syndrome)
 - Mentor and Mentee Program Launched (IVSA SCOCA + SCOW + AN)
 - OSGA session/webinar with Dr. Dublin (IVSA SCOCA + SCOH)





- Currently focusing on:
 - Skill shot next episode
 - Collaboration with other SC/N
 - Ambassador Collaborations (SCOCA + SCOW)
 - OSGA
 - The sponsorship booklet has been prepared and will be sent to the ERO team for review soon
- Quick metrics:
 - 2085 INSTAGRAM followers
 - 602 likes on Facebook
 - 393 followers on LinkedIn
 - 2785 followers on Glueup

AN - Violet

- Project updates:
 - Mentor-mentee project, with the deadline on 2nd March 2026
 - Almost a hundred mentees have applied
 - “Diversifying from Veterinary Medicine” series - speakers are contacted, one approved
 - Training sessions with SCOCA - one proceeding
 - Alumni website opening
- Currently focusing on:
 - Alumni webinar during OSGA
 - Preparation of the other webinar
- Currently challenged by a large clinical workload of Alumni team members
- Support needed for MoU approval

PN - Violet

- Project updates:
 - The 2nd Monthly Ambassador Meeting was successfully conducted, and the Ambassador of the Month has been selected
 - Meeting with Blackpaw's team on Feb 19
 - The Virtual Histopathology Challenge, in collaboration with IVSA The Americas, is scheduled for 21st February
 - The SCOVE x PN Mind Map Challenge is currently ongoing
 - A webinar with VIN has been confirmed for March 4th as part of the SGA Educational Program
- Currently focusing on:
 - Launching a microseries project with SCOCA to simplify pathology concepts, offer career insights, and host a research roadmap webinar
 - Relaunching the pathology-focused Laboratory Skill Enhancement Series
 - Launching policy paper survey with SCOVE
 - Preparing for the OSGA and upcoming webinars
- Quick metrics:
 - Instagram - 4246 followers (an increase of 300+ followers since last month)





8. Regional Rep. Updates

8.1. Updates

Europe - Eirini Polygerou

- Updates on MOs/LCs:
 - Contacted 28/33 MOs, of which 24 had the I-on-I meeting
 - Updated the MO information sheet with the help of the MO support officer
- Updates on External Relations:
 - Met with Vet Frontiers, they are curious about how IVSA works, and will further discuss on the internship database soon
 - Regional ERO faced some health issues, so we are a bit delayed in the Partners reaching progress, but we have sent an email to the ERO team to confirm some last things before we go for it
 - Vet for a day subgroup meeting - Launch of the outreach program for school visits, FVE is really satisfied
 - FECAVA Council to attend, everything booked, and WG discussions to be done as well
- Project updates:
 - Mythbusters keep on being released successfully
 - RS submitted the budget and itinerary to ExCO.
 - Some members already commented, and currently our budget is positive, and the OC is preparing future material to be ready to speed up all procedures after the approval comes
 - MO of the month launched, encouraging European MOs to complete the form
 - Hope to finalise collaborative project with WEAN
 - Launched survey with FVE ⅓ of expected- requested responses, requested support and share
 - Certificates ready and to be sent

Asia-Pacific - Bertina Sum

- Updates:
 - IVSA China & Indonesia transitioning to new ExCo team
- External relations:
 - GEDSI competition completed
 - The collaboration with WOAHA, FAVA, and AAVS comic competition concluded, and the winner will be attending the WVA Conference in April in Tokyo
 - Survey ongoing
 - Nparks World Wildlife Day Regional Symposium
 - Closed submissions and selected projects have been contacted
 - IPSF Animal Vaccination and Disease Surveillance Project





- Held 3 different activities
 - Workshop
 - Team-based project
 - The winning team will be selected, and the announcement will come soon
 - Lecture on farm animal welfare
- Had a meeting with the FAO AsiaPacific representative
 - First webinar on their free educational portal in April
 - Looking to establish a long term collaboration (series of events)
 - Would like to invite SCOVE and SCOH to join (as supporting partners)
- Projects:
 - Translation Officer Open Call
 - Publishing on the 25th of Feb
 - SCAW x A&P Farmed Animal Welfare Lecture
 - Will be held on the 26th
 - Open to all IVSA members for registration
 - The GEDSI project is in the planning stage
 - A veterinarian will be asked to share stories on GEDSI

Americas - Ryan

- Updates on MOs/LCs:
 - 3 MOs established, and a new one from the region will be attending the SGA
 - Multiple MOs still haven't paid for their membership
 - IVSA Peru is organising a live surgery congress (we are very excited and very proud of them)
 - IVSA Colombia: was not able to meet with them
 - IVSA USA: hasn't answered any attempts at contact
- Project updates:
 - New Project Manager elected
 - HistoPath Mini Challenge completed with mixed success
 - The judge had connectivity problems and didn't show up but we made the best of it
 - Much thanks to Prakriti and the whole team at the Pathology Network for the care and dedication they poured into this activity
 - The February regional activity is a Photo Challenge about "The animals that inspired us to study vet med"
 - We are still trying to secure speakers for the discussion panel with WEAN
 - Next week, we will put the regional symposium masterplan to work
- Current problems:
 - Really low participation in regional activities and with C/N
 - Fluctuating commitment from the regional team





MENA - Ryan

- Updates on External Relations:
 - Working on the sponsorship booklet
- Current problems:
 - Still working on the issue faced by IVSA Algeria

Tamy added that IVSA Algeria contacted the ExCos due to the existing problem, but this is a complicated situation which will need to be discussed later on how IVSA Global can support them.

SSA - Ryan

- Updates on MOs/LCs:
 - The MOs are renewing their dues and also adopting the use of the Members Portal
 - IVSA Nigeria executed their SCOVE grant proposal and also registered their MO under the Corporate Affairs Commission. This will enable a secure partnership with the sponsors
- Updates on External Relations:
 - Finalising the sponsorship booklet
- Project updates:
 - Preparation for OSGA
 - Preparation for Regional Symposium
 - Weekly Fun Facts
- Currently challenged with sponsorship recruitment

9. Symposium & Congress

9.1. Updates

Online Special General Assembly (OSGA) - Avnish

- Coordinate with the respective officials for the conduct of the event
- Post-acceptance emails have been sent, but not to all, due to some of the members having issues with the membership declaration
- A WhatsApp group has been created
- The OOC team is working on the Delegate booklet

Tamy added that Ishaan, Ryan and Avnish were not able to attend the SGA physically due to their visa issues, but fortunately, there will be 10 officials present physically.

Congress in Nepal - Ryan

- The final presentation is ready
- Conducted a meeting with the Nepal OC team
- Managed to lower the registration fee from 400euros to 380euros





- GA will be discussing and deciding on the budget

Symposium in Rwanda - Ryan

- The itinerary and budget are still not completed
- Some of the aspects of the budget still need to be fixed, and the progress has been less satisfactory
- The current budget is in a 16,000 euros debt
- Suggested a GA resolution to address the issue with the budget

Tamy raised a question to Avnish on the possibility of initiating a GA resolution to allow IVSA Rwanda to work on the budget by a certain timeline, and otherwise, a new host for the SGA should be elected. Avnish agrees on this approach, and Tamy later added that hopefully, by communicating the situation with the current OC, the situation can be improved.

The Rwanda Symposium is scheduled in GA3, which is on the 7th of March 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm UTC+0

Ji Xiu Tan

Secretary General 2025/2026

International Veterinary Students' Association

