



5th April.2026 – Agenda of the 9th Online Meeting of ExCo 2025-2026

The 9th Online Meeting of IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2025-2026 was held at 1:06 PM UTC+0 on 5th 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
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:

Ana Žiković

Alecia Kan

Ko Ching Aaryn

Catalina Ortiz

Daniela Alisson Galiano Huapalla

Prakriti Chaudhary

Peter Emil Pedersen

Prothoma Kalidaha

Muhammad Abdul Samad

Daria Bacza





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

Aaryn Ko (IVSA China)

- Assisted in resolving misalignment and issues between the Latvia OC and the European Regional Team

5. Taskforces Updates

5.1. Updates

History task force - Violet Adeline Wierbos

- Checking archives to be added to the Members Portal
- Wishing to improve the continuity of the task force
- Figuring out ways to permanently preserve the archive
- Most of the photos in the digital archive file are in low resolution

Peter Emil Pedersen (IVSA Denmark) raised a question on which secretaries are responsible for handling the History Taskforce.

Violet replied that the responsibility of handling the history task force, according to its working plan, is supposed to be shared across secretaries, but the workload is heavy, and this will be discussed with the Secretary General and ExCos later on.

Event Strategy Taskforce - Tamy Negron

- No updates

6. ExCo Updates





6.1. Updates

Secretary General - Ji Xiu Tan

- Meeting minutes
 - 8th ExCo meeting
 - OSGA minutes
- Checked on the secretaries
- Initiating discussion with Tamy to narrow down the aspects listed in the Strategic Plan for practical execution

DAD - Ignacio Salazar

- DAD Travel grant sponsors from Royal Canin
 - Everything is ready, just waiting for their approval
- Scholarship
 - Preparatory stage before sharing
- Assisting the Nepal Congress with DAD activities

Treasurer - Seohyun Im (Ivy)

- Grant for last term's DAD grant has been transferred to the winner
- Working on the reimbursement for officials who attended the SGA in Greece
- ING Bank registration
 - Visited the bank, but progress has been delayed due to their requesting additional documents
- CEVA Travel Grant
 - One beneficiary requested pre-reimbursement
 - Trusts, Tamy and Ishaan agreed to proceed with that

CC - Violet Adeline Wierbos

- Guided the team whenever needed
- Team meetings
- Secretaries finalising ongoing tasks and projects
- Local SC/N google form and feedback forms are in progress
- Many policy papers have been in progress, which will later be shared with ExCos and Trusts for review
- Wellness week was a huge success
- Global Public Health Week project coming up, prepared by SCOH
- Had a meeting with a pro-bono lawyer regarding our constitution update
 - A lot of paperwork and amendments have to pass in the GA
 - The cost is estimated to be up to 3000 euros (pro bono for legal advice, but the notary is costing us 3000 euros)
- Constructive comments are welcome for mutual development





- Reminded those interested to run for CC, she is happy to share information about the position
- Updates as the President-elect:
 - Had first-hand over meeting with Tamy
 - Open to feedback from everyone
 - Will initiate discussion with ExCos for the Congress in 2027

Peter Emil Pedersen requested more information on the policy paper mentioned.

Violet replied that there are 9 documents in the making. These documents include position statements, policy papers, and a call to action. These documents will be reviewed before sending them to Trusts and ExCos.

Peter further asked about the language of the Constitution, whether we can have it in English.

Violet replied that the official document will need to be in Dutch; this was prepared according to Belgian law. However, for the constitutional amendments to be approved by the GA, everything will still be translated into English for that purpose.

PRC - Rebecca Agnes Biskamp

- Drew attention to 2 posts that IVSA have shared for partners with the request to share among other IVSA channels
 - WSAVA x IVSA Student Ambassadors program
 - WVA: VPP school index project
- Brand new SC/N Ambassador logos made by PRC secretary Naveen
- Supervising PRC secretary Nada on DAD posts and graphics
- Reminded everyone that if anyone still wanted to add anything to the bulletin, it is still possible, as she is still waiting for our sponsor to provide their materials

President - Tamy Negron

- Internal processes and management
 - Had a meeting with most ExCos
 - Working on pending projects
- Received confirmation that we are a member under the Youth Assembly Partner Organisation, for the World Food Forum under the FAO
- Had meeting with:
 - FAO
 - Royal Canin
 - Purina Canin
 - WVA
 - WSAVA
 - Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS) - For partnership
 - WOAHA - For attendance at their General Session
- Projects update:
 - Animal Echo blog





- 5 representatives from our regions
 - Purina Competition in India was successful
- MoU with externals
 - Elanco
 - Survey on veterinary choices and preferences
 - Sponsored 15,000 euros, whereby 7,500 euros will go to IVSA, and another half will go to FVE
 - Collaboration with our Europe regional office
 - MoU signed with WAVMA
 - IFMSA
- 2 Core panel cases to be addressed
- The Student Ambassadors application form was made by WSAVA
- Starting another competition on 20th April Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Peru
- Had a meeting with Prosalus together with DAD
 - They are providing us with the publicity material for their scholarship opportunity to our African members
- CEVA grants
 - Will continue with the discussion with ERO and DAD
- Upcoming event:
 - ECOSOC YF, will meet with IPSF colleagues and potentially IFMSA
 - WOAHS GS with Ekaa Desai
 - WVA Congress with Bertina Sum
 - EAVEE (accommodation and trip covered)
- Working on the travel grants for the Nepal Congress in collaboration with RC

Peter Emil Pedersen added a correction that the Purina contest with the UK was completed, and the engagement was not good.

ERO - Ishaan Acharya

- Working on the pre-imbursement
- Represented IVSA at an event in Singapore

Ji Xiu Tan raised a question about the procedures of how Ishaan has been approved to represent IVSA at that event, without ExCos being informed or given approval.

Tamy replied that Bertina Sum opened a call for our members' applications, and Ishaan applied and was selected by the organiser, who covered his expenses.

MOD - Tamy Negrón

- Still working on channelling MOs to the Members Portal
- Congress in Nepal is open for registration
- Working with members with problems
- Had a meeting with Rebecca and Seo (technical support from GlueUp)





6.2. Discussion Points

6.2.1. WVA WGs - Tamy Negron

- Animal Welfare, One Health, Veterinary Education Working Group
- Had a meeting with Yvonne (PIC from WVA)
 - Feedback that some elected representatives are more active than others
 - They proposed to elect IVSA general members as members in their working groups
 - By the end of June 2026
 - 2 years election
 - All members are allowed to join, including Officials

Peter Emil Pedersen raised a question about the term of the election.

Tamy replied that the term of election will start in May, but since the deadline is too near to us, the election will be done by June from our side, and their first meeting will be in July.

Violet Adeline Wierbos added a comment that we should work on improving the structure of the system, as when she was seeking updates on WVA WG updates from the chairs, they seemed to be less integrated with both the Officials' responsibilities and their responsibilities as members under WVA WG.

7. Chair Updates

7.1. Updates

SCAW - Prothoma Kalidaha

Key progressions:

- Attended all the GAs and organised 3 educational webinars in OSGA
- Posted global voices on Sunday weekly
- Posted a template on International Women's day
- Puppy mill action week observed from 14th to 20th March with educational posts, myths vs facts series, video challenges by Ambassadors and 3 consecutive days webinars
- 3 consecutive webinars were held during puppy mill action week (Pet nutrition and welfare, Joint webinar on case study in Romania with 10000 stray dog captures and the dark truth of puppy mills)
- Posted on 1st of March biweekly on the welfare on frogs in observance of frog day on 20th March
- IVSA SCAW x CEVA Grant opened application from 20th March
- Conducted seal webinar in observance of seal day on 22nd march
- Conducted Manatee webinar in observance of manatee appreciation day on 25th March
- Posted 2nd March biweekly welfare
- Collaborated with IVSA SCOW during wellness week on 27th March with the theme "Pawsitive Paws"
- IVSA SCAW X IVSA FOURPAWS international - essay competition application opened from 1st April





- Planned for primate welfare week and animal welfare week in month of April (19th to 25th) and May (8th to 14th May) respectively
- A webinar on primates finalized during primate welfare week on 24th April
- Canine physiotherapy webinar finalized on 14th April
- Series of webinars planned in April on animal welfare days (civet, beaver and bat webinar finalized on 1st, 2nd and 12th April respectively)
- Collaboration finalized with 3 to 4 SC/N during AWW
- Collaboration finalized with FOURPAWS international for a webinar during AWW
- Collaborated with IVSA SCOH for a debate competition on 10th April during global public health week.
- Collaboration finalized with IVSA Europe for a webinar on 28th April
- Collaborated with IVSA SCOH for a policy paper
- IVSA SCAW X IVSA Americas policy paper completed.
- Had our 6th team meeting and 3rd Ambassador meeting
- Conducted civet webinar on 1st April in observance of world civet day on 4th April
- Conducted beaver webinar on 2nd April in observance of worldbeaver day on 7th April

Current priorities:

- IVSA SCAW X CEVA GRANT application from 21st March to 10th April
- IVSA SCAW X IVSA SCOH debate competition on 10th April during global public health week
- IVSA SCAW X FOURPAWS international essay competition from 1st April to 20th April
- IVSA SCAW X FOURPAWS international webinar on 10th May during animal welfare week
- Animal welfare days webinars in the month of April
- Primate welfare week from 19th to 25th April with a webinar on 24th April
- Animal welfare week from 8th to 14th May with panel discussion, debate series 7 and webinars with collaboration from SC/N

SCOCA - Muhammad Abdul Samad

Key progress:

- OSGA Webinar session with Dr. Dublin (SCOCA x SCOW)
- SCOCA Career Insights Launched (2 episodes till now)
- Skill shots EP 4 is live (Soft Skills)
- Ambassador collaboration (IVSA SCOCA + SCOW)
- Webinar with Dr. Olivia (IVSA SCOCA + SCOW + AN)
- 2 Webinars with SCOH are scheduled (1 GPHW + 1 Separate)
- Interview an Expert (New SCOCA Project)

Current priorities:

- Skill shot next episode
- All SC/N Ambassador collaboration
- Ambassador Collaborations (SCOCA + PN)
- New Policies

Quick metrics:

- Instagram = 2133 followers
- Glue up = 3290
- Facebook = 621
- Linked In = 418



**PN - Violet Adeline Wierbos**

Key progress:

- Organised 2 sessions during OSGA Educational week.
- Webinars scheduled on:
 - 18th and 19th April: with Dr. Fabrizio Grandi
 - 3rd May: with Vet Slide Club
 - 11th May: with Dr. Oguz for Animal Welfare Week
 - Date to be confirmed: with Dr. Kali Holder (joint webinar with VIN)
- 29th March: Co-hosted Wellness Night in collaboration with SCOW
- Ambassador Program (ongoing): In collaboration with SCAW and SCOCA
- BSVP Partnership (in progress): Meeting held on 3rd April

Current priorities:

- Preparing a policy paper draft in collaboration with SCOVE and an article with SCOH
- Reaching out to speakers for the Microseries project and research roadmap in collaboration with SCOCA
- Preparing for upcoming projects: PathoDiagnosis Challenge and PathoArt

Quick metrics:

- Instagram followers: 4813, with an increase of 500+ followers

SCOH - Alecia Kan Jia Yi

Key progress:

- GPHW work is going smoothly- prepared posts, speakers, WhatsApp groups for participants etc
- External relations-MoU with OHL signed and had a meeting with them to discuss future collaborations and involvement of SCOH ambassadors and Team members in their Lesson leader program.
- External Relations- Meeting with WVS and President, ERO, CC to discuss the future collaboration of IVSA and WVS
- Policy statement on integration of Animal Welfare in One Health done from side of SCOH, waiting for SCAW to review
- Successful session in SGA with SCOCA
- Good news: IVSA has been selected as a 2026 Youth Assembly Partner Organisation for Livestock under the World Food Forum (WFF) Youth Assembly.
- Animal Echo blog (WOAH)- 1st article, investing on animal health is sent to WOAH for review

Current priorities:

- Recruit SCOH team+ ambassadors into OHL lesson leader programs
- Successful and smooth conduction of GPHW
- Assist ERO team in developing MoU with WVS
- Policy- Finalising the current projects with SCAW and SCOCA.
- Position statement for WVA (Environmental pillar of One Health)

Quick metrics:

- 55+ participants in the session during SGA
- More than 70 participants registered for GPHW





SCOW - Violet Adeline Wierbos

Key progress:

- Wellness Week was successful: 5 speakers, 7 days , 270+ registrations from members , LCs participation and event organisation. Thanks to all those who supported me, especially Violet . Thanks to SCAW and PN for collaborations.
- Scoca x Scow x Alumini Webinar Dr. Olivia went well.

Current priorities:

- Releasing forms for wellness week grant
- Neurodiversity Project - Webinars, competition, infographics, real life stories
- Scow Webinar by Dr. Natalie Fayman on Overcoming Imposter Syndrome - April 25th
- Scow Webinar by Angie Arora on Compassion Fatigue - May 28th
- Scow Panel Discussion on 6th June related World Food Safety Day - in discussion
- Scow Webinar by Dr. Bolu Adewale on Neurodiversity Pet Parents in discussion - 13th June

AN - Joel Itangirubuntu

Key progress:

- 2 webinars conducted during OSGA
- Established an Alumni Website: Alumni Young Vet Toolkit
- Established a New Webinar Series with SCOPE: Diversifying from Veterinary Medicine
- Conducted a webinar with SCOCA and SCOW: Emotional Intelligence for Leadership Roles

Current priorities:

- Upcoming 2 more projects for Alumni
 - Mentor Mentee
 - Alumni Event remodelling

Current challenges:

- Alumni x WSAVA situation
- Alumni External Relations
- Alumni and Members Portal (GlueUp)

Support needed:

- Alumni x WSAVA situation (asking for final clarification to notify Alumni Members)
- Alumni External Relations – signing partnerships (asking Exco for finalisation)
- Alumni and Members Portal (GlueUp) – (awaiting MOD for instruction how we should proceed)

Violet Adeline Wierbos added on the WSAVA x IVSA Alumni member situation, on how the question can be asked to the WSAVA. Tamy Negron requested her to share the communication history with WSAVA to the meeting attendees. Violet proceeded with sharing her screen with the email thread, and explained that there was just asked for guidance from WSAVA on how we can communicate this best to the alumni members, rather than challenging their decisions that IVSA Alumni members are not eligible for WSAVA student-related opportunities as this decision stands and was never challenged by Alumni in the first place.

The discussion continues with Violet's clarifications on the request from IVSA, asking for a formal letter from WSAVA on the decision that has been made, to ensure a clear and transparent communication with our alumni members. After that, there are still some questions





regarding the act of questioning the purpose behind approaching WSAVA, Violet proceeds with explaining repeatedly, and reminded that if anyone would like to check on the email thread she would be happy to share with them the thread.

Tamy requested the editor's access to the MoU between AN and The Vet Tribe so that she can sign it. Additionally, regarding the Members Portal for our Alumni members, more updates will be provided after Ryan Sequeira has received inputs from the GlueUp technical support.

PN - Prakriti Chaudhary

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WEAN - Alecia Kan Jia Yi

Key progress:

- Successfully participated in the 74th IVSA OSGA by hosting a webinar session with Wildlife Forensic Academy, we are grateful to the OC and Wildlife Forensic Academy
- Successfully hosted Panel Discussion with the Americas Region, attendance was encouraging and we are grateful to our speakers for sharing their insights from the different regions of the world: Malaysia, Zimbabwe, Chile & Brazil. (Special thanks to Catalina, Violet, Xiu and the WEAN team for all the work behind the scenes)
- WEAN ambassadors curating team projects, a big success for our ambassadors program at the moment

Current priorities:

- Arranging a meeting with Wildlife Forensic Academy by middle of May to access
- Partnership growth and impact
- Launching the WEAN essay competition, cash prizes available





- Working to make the deadline for the policy statement for the term

Quick metric:

- Up to 3 MOs have reached out to set up National Chapters of WEAN; IVSA WEAN Nigeria currently active and running looking forward to IVSA WEAN Turkey and IVSA WEAN Ghana, ensuring a boost to our reach and expansion to all regions

8. Regional Rep. Updates

8.1. Updates

Americas - Catalina Ortiz

- MOs progress:
 - IVSA T&T has a new EXCO
 - IVSA Colombia - had a meeting on Wednesday and they addressed the problems that they were having with MP registration
 - IVSA USA - lost all contacts
 - She had asked for the help of others to make contact but haven't been successful - she will continue to try
 - IVSA Canada attended the all the GAs at the 74th IVSA Symposium
 - IVSA Peru - "CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL DE MEDICINA VETERINARIA POR ESPECIALIDADES" (INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE BY SPECIALITIES)
- External Relations Update
 - A proposal was sent to Zoetis Chile - sadly, it wasn't meant to be, but the next regional rep can continue talks with them
 - IVSA Argentina, Chile, Mexico and Peru will be competing all together in the Purina Competition
 - The MO recruitment team has started to reach out to students from countries not currently in IVSA
 - El Salvador
 - Uruguay -> webinar on the 11th of April, an introduction to what IVSA is
 - Bolivia
 - Granada -> already reached out to students
 - Paraguay
 - Cuba
 - Costa Rica
- Ongoing projects:
 - Successfully finished the panel discussion with WEAN
 - Started planning the regional symposium:
 - Because of low numbers, we had to restructure the OOC. For this decision, she relied on trust (Aaryn, thank you so much)
 - Had the first meeting on the 1st of April
 - Theme: Aquatic Organisms of the Americas
 - Uploaded the collaboration with SCOVE





- So far they couldn't secure temporary licences
- Past Regional Team/MO Board certificates - working with Ignacio to correct the situation
- Current problems:
 - There is interest, but it doesn't translate into people registering
 - Solution could be certificates (consulted Ryan)
 - Inconsistent contact with the MO boards

Europe - Catalina Ortiz

- Attended FECAVA
 - Established a connection with
 - FECAVA plans to include students in their working groups
 - FECAVA scholarship
- FVE Survey
 - More than a thousand participations
- Partner spotlight series
- FVE Working Group positions - Tamy Negron is working on it
- The selection of delegates for the Europe Regional Symposium has been made
- Currently inviting partners for the event
- Launched a collaborative webinar with SCAW on the 28th April
- MP has been used for membership verification for the regional symposium
- Met with IVSA Estonia
 - They are planning a congress, and assisting them with planning the budget
- Open call for 5th European Regional Symposium host

Asia & Pacific - Catalina Ortiz

- MO progress:
 - IVSA Sri Lanka has set up a members portal, trying to accept memberships
 - IVSA Pakistan: had its first official I:I with its new MO board
 - No major issues. Currently working on setting up constitutions and centralisation for better LC management
- External relations update:
 - GEDSI with WOAHA/FAVA/AAVS:
 - Preparing for the survey presentation at WVA Congress Tokyo: will have a run-through meeting tomorrow (6th April)
 - Preparing for GEDSI Panel Discussion WVAC Tokyo
 - Waiting for approval from Exco / MOD to move forward with storytelling campaign project (budget, ideas, etc.)
 - Campaign = illustrating GEDSI story experiences from professionals
 - WOAHA suggested interviewing veterinarians at WVAC
 - Planning proposal for GEDSI competition (would like ideas on what types of competition may be applicable?)





- Will plan for a GEDSI webinar (free)
- FAORAP Webinar
 - Pushed back to May due to speaker availability
 - The event will be open to the public (participants will receive certificates)
 - Will send updated timeline to SCOH and SCOVE once the date is confirmed
- Ongoing projects:
 - Translation Officer
 - Officers have been selected + invited to the WhatsApp group
 - First tasks will be translation/transcription of event recordings + upcoming promotional materials
 - April webinar - planning an online webinar since the FAO event was delayed
- Current problems:
 - Need to move forward with the GEDSI project, would like to receive input soon
 - IVSA Sri Lanka Members Portal problems (already informed Ryan)
 - Need to approve the itinerary and budget for APRS

MENA - Catalina Ortiz

- MO progress:
 - Dealing with Membership payments and the members portal with different MOs
 - Current problems MOs are facing are membership payment methods

SSA - Catalina Ortiz

- MOs progress:
 - MO SSA meetings to discuss the concerns of different MOs and their local chapters
 - IVSA Zimbabwe Organized MO competitions on surgical competence in collaboration with a vet outlet
 - IVSA Namibia is now active and had a change in administration
 - IVSA Nigeria Preparing for physical Exchange with IVSA Barcelona. (Host: IVSA Nigeria)
- External Relations update:
 - Finalised discussion with IPSF Afro (task to develop a policy paper)
- The upcoming project is the regional symposium
- The current problem is the lack of sponsorship

9. Symposium & Congress

9.1. Updates

Congress in Taiwan - Tamy Negrón

- The money that is supposed to be transferred to DAD has been transferred





Congress in Nepal

- An invitation to partners will be sent soon

Peter Emil Pedersen asked a general question on who will be the one in charge of selecting the delegates, whether it's the OC or the Officials. Tamy replied that the OC and MOD teams will always work together on delegate selection.

Symposium in Rwanda - Tamy Negrón

- Currently progressing well, the budget and itinerary will be submitted to ExCos for approval

10. Any Other Business (AOB).

10.1. Alumni member WSAVA Volunteering involvement - Aaryn Ko

Aaryn Ko started the discussion on the involvement of an IVSA Alumni member at WSAVA's volunteering opportunities. She wonders if the AN site can prepare a letter for an official request for an announcement letter from WSAVA.

Peter Emil Pedersen commented that we should be extra cautious when bringing up such a discussion with WSAVA, as they are one of the most precious partners of our organisation. Violet Adeline Wierbos agreed that this should be handled with extra care, and she is open to having Aaryn's feedback as the current trustee to proceed with her proposal.

Ji Xiu Tan joined the discussion saying that he thinks the current mode of communication as well as the languages are reasonably constructed, so we should be worrying too much about this matter.

Tamy added that she acknowledges the decision to sign the endorsement letter for the WSAVA Future Leader program was a mistake. She added that as for the volunteering opportunities at WSAVA Congress, as long as the alumni member did not graduate for more than 3 years, they are still eligible to apply for the opportunity.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 UTC+0.

Ji Xiu Tan

Secretary General 2025/2026

International Veterinary Students' Association

