



2018.05.06 – Minutes for the 7th Online Meeting of ExCo 2017-2018

The seventh (7th) Online Meeting of the IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2017-18 was held at 10.00 GMT+2 on 2018.05.06 via join.me. The President was present as Chair and Denise van Eekelen (Trustee) and Nina Schmidt (Member Organization Director) were present to take the minutes.

Executive Committee Officers Present

Ondřej Vitula	President
Magdalena Jannasch	President-elect (PE)
Nina Schmidt	Member Organization Director (MOD)
Lara Scherer	Committee Coordinator (CC)
Seongjin Cho	Public Relations Coordinator (PRC)

Trust Representatives Present

Denise van Eekelen	Trustee
Ann-Katrin Autz	Trustee

Other IVSA Officials Present

Maryem Ben Salem	Secretary
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Apologies

Lucian Todirica Development Aid Director (DAD) sent apologies for being unable to attend.

- 1) **Opening** – Ondřej Vitula called the meeting to order at 10.08 GMT+2.
- 2) **Approval of the Agenda** – The agenda for the seventh (7th) Online ExCo meeting 2017-2018 was approved without amendments.
- 3) **Trust Report** – Denise van Eekelen gave the Trust report. She explained Trust is mainly focusing on giving the ExCo advice on all sorts of topics. Besides this, Malcolm is already putting effort in the job of WSAVA Volunteer Coordinator.
- 4) **Committee reports** –
 - a. **Standing Committee on One Health (SCOH)** – Lara Scherer explained SCOH is currently working on the 'Stop TB-day' project. Unfortunately, there are no projects in which there is being worked with other global health organizations. SCOH worked together with SCAW on an article recently. Lara Scherer explained IVSA members can now join the article competition on the topic of Food-safety and security to celebrate World Veterinary Day. At last, Lara Scherer explained the Chair of SCOH – Sarah Marnin – is planning on giving a workshop during the 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow, Poland.
 - b. **Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE)** – Lara Scherer explained SCoVE is doing well. The SCoVE team has been working on the Vet



Profession Map and translating Vetlexicon for VetStream. Besides this, she explained SCoVE has been analyzing the data of a new 'Learning Techniques' survey which the SCoVE ambassadors have shared. Also, a new VetTalk on the topic of 'Food-safety and Security' – recorded by the Chair of the AHCCGHO, Rosie Herrington – was released. Lara Scherer also explained, the team of SCoVE has written a new manual for this committee. At last, the Chair of SCoVE – Lisa Buren – is working on publishing videos of the WikiVet LIVE! Conference from March 2018 and planning on giving a workshop during the 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow, Poland.

- c. **Standing Committee on Animal Welfare (SCAW)** – Lara Scherer explained the Chair of SCAW – Nadine Tod – is currently in Barcelona, attending the World Veterinary Association Congress (WVAC) 2018. There, she will be giving a presentation at the WVAC 2018 for the Global Seminar on Animal Welfare on the theme of 'One Welfare'. Besides this, Nadine Tod has attended the Animal Welfare Seminar held in Vienna, where contacts were made that offered to speak at IVSA's Congress or at the 2nd IVSA Animal Welfare Conference held in Munich, in October 2018. At last, Lara Scherer explained a winner was confirmed for the Animal Welfare week 2018; an IVSA member from IVSA Sulaymaniyah, Iraq.
- d. **Standing Committee on Wellness (SCOW)** – Lara Scherer explained SCOW has released another monthly wellness newsletter. The 'Wellness Toolkit' and the new edition of the 'Mind over Matter' Journal have also been released. Lara Scherer explained the Mentor-Mentee project has been difficult as it has been hard to find mentors. Taylor Strange, Chair of SCOW, has been preparing the 'Wellness' project for the 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow.
- e. **Working Group on Policies (WGP)** – Lara Scherer explained, unfortunately, not many of the working group members are writing papers. Currently, there is one policy paper being written on the 'Financial burden of vet school'. The policy paper on 'Hunting/Conservation' is being written by Aqil Jeenah (IVSA South Africa) and the separate team, but there has not been further information on this recently. The policy paper competition was launched with the deadline set in the beginning of June 2018. This might be difficult, because the winning paper needs to be edited (takes at least a few weeks) before the 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow to be ready for presentation to the General Assembly.
- f. **Working Group on Alumni (WGA)** – Lara Scherer explained there is still no manual for the WGA written this year. There will also not be an Alumni event at the 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow, because applications are not opened yet. Ann-Katrin Autz proposed to set goals, like a WGA Strategic Plan, for the next year instead of writing a Handover Manual. Lara Scherer will discuss this with Joseph Lunt – Chair of WGA – in their next meeting.
- g. **Ad Hoc Committee on Collaboration with Global Health Organizations (AHCCGHO)** – Lara Scherer explained the Chair of the AHCCGHO – Rosie Herrington – is preparing the for the 71st World Health Assembly (WHO WHA) and Lara Scherer is going to organize a meeting with the



IVSA representatives before the WHO WHA starts. Lara Scherer also explained the World Healthcare Students' Symposium (WHSS) tasks have been handed over to her by Rosie Herrington. At last, Lara Scherer explained the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) is organizing an Anti-microbial Resistance 'hackathon' and Rosie Herrington is interested in collaborating on behalf of IVSA.

5) Upcoming Events –

- a. **34th World Veterinary Association (WVA) Congress** – Denise van Eekelen explained the WVA Congress will be held the 5th – 8th of May 2018 in Barcelona, Spain. Nadine Tod, Chair of SCAW, will attend and give a presentation on Animal Welfare at the “Global Seminar on Animal Welfare” on the 7th of May 2018. Together with Nadine Tod, Jordon Egan is attending the WVA as an IVSA representative and General Assembly (GA) participant. Unfortunately it was impossible to arrange accommodation early, so the costs may be higher than budgeted.
- b. **86th World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) General Session** – The 86th OIE General Session will be held the 19th – 25th of May 2018 in Paris, France. Magdalena Jannasch will be attending the event. At this point in time, there was no further information on this.
- c. **71st World Health Organization's World Health Assembly (WHO WHA) & pre-WHA** – The 71st WHO WHA will be held the 21st – 26th of May 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. Rosie Herrington, Sarah Marnin, Lara Scherer and Sietske Ruijgh (IVSA the Netherlands and a committee member of SCOH) will be attending. Sietske Ruijgh (IVSA the Netherlands) will fill up a spot of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF). Lara Scherer explained eight (8) veterinary students will at least be present at the event, as there will also be students from the UK and Taiwan.
- d. **Informal Forum for International Student Organizations (IFISO) Spring meeting** – The IFISO Spring meeting will be held on the 18th – 21st of May 2018 in Brussels, Belgium. Magdalena Jannasch will attend this event. At this point in time, there was no further information on this.
- e. **EAEVE General Assembly (EAEVE GA)** – The EAEVE GA will be held on the 31st of May & 1st of June in Hannover, Germany. Initially, Ondřej Vitula would attend the EAEVE GA, but this turned out not to be possible. After a long discussion in a short time frame via email, the ExCo has decided to send Tavishi Pandya (Secretary of the MOD) to the EAEVE GA, where she will give a presentation on behalf of IVSA.
- f. **Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE) & European Association of Veterinarians in Education, Research and Industry (EVERI) General Assembly (GA), June 2018** – The EVERI & FVE GA will be held in Bergen, Norway, on the 7th, 8th & 9th of June. Lisa Buren will be attending the FVE and EVERI GA on behalf of IVSA and will give a presentation on the recent



(educational) work of IVSA during the EVERI GA.

- g. Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Association (FECAVA) Eurocongress** – The FECAVA Eurocongress will be held the 14th – 16th of June 2018 in Tallinn, Estonia. Ondřej Vitula will contact FECAVA about the Congress invitation and find out the full costs (including registration fee) for attending this event. The event is not budgeted. Tavishi Pandya (MOD Secretary) has received the FECAVA Scholarship. Denise van Eekelen suggested the ExCo will decide on whether or not sending a representative via email within three (3) days. This was agreed upon.
- h. World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Congress 2018** – The WSAVA Congress will be held the 25th – 28th of September 2018 in Singapore. Magdalena Jannasch will attend. She explained there has been discussion in potentially providing training sessions to new graduates during the WSAVA Congress. Also, there has been discussion of setting up an Alumni program. Magdalena Jannasch explained she received a message asking if one of our members (i.e. DAD or DAD Secretary) could become part of the WSAVA Foundation. As of yet, there are not many details on this, these will be received later.
- i. 2nd IVSA Animal Welfare Conference 2018** – The 2nd IVSA Animal Welfare Conference will be held the 19th – 21st of October 2018 in Munich, Germany. Denise van Eekelen explained a lot of (potential) partners of IVSA will be present at the event and the ExCo has to decide on a representative before the end of their term.

6) Attended Events –

- a. British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) Congress** – The BSAVA Congress will be held the 5th – 8th of April 2018 in Birmingham, UK. Denise van Eekelen explained Rosie Herrington and Jordon Egan will be attending, also on behalf of IVSA. Jordon Egan will be attending on Friday the 6th with a student speaker's slot, Saturday the 7th and Sunday 8th of April 2018. Emilia Glazer (IVSA Poland) and Dora Golomoza (IVSA Greece) won the BSAVA Congress Scholarships and will be attending the full congress as well.

7) Member Organization Director (MOD) Update –

- a. Taskforce for National Member Organizations (MOs)** – Nina Schmidt explained the Taskforce has not moved forward, as setting up a meeting did not succeed. She explained it takes up a lot of her time to Chair the Taskforce, which is not beneficial for the other tasks of the MOD. Ann-Katrin Autz proposed to take over the position of Chair of the Taskforce from Nina Schmidt. This was approved.
- b. Member Organizations (MO)** – Nina Schmidt explained the IVSA Cooking Challenge is ongoing, as well as the Top MO Competition and updating information about both Group Exchanges and Individual Exchanges on the



website. Besides this, the Exchange Officer's reports are coming up. Nina Schmidt explained Tavishi Pandya (Secretary of the MOD) is going to have a meeting with IFMSA about individual exchanges, as IFMSA has established a very successful system for this. At last, the MOD team is working on finding a way to make MOs report their activity directly to MOD.

Ann-Katrin Autz (on behalf of Trust) asked for the number of active MOs, as Trust is concerned the number of active MOs is declining. Nina Schmidt explained it is hard to estimate this number. There are many local events organized, but only seen when MOD receive the EO reports at the end of the year. Nina Schmidt gave a rough estimate of more than 50% of our MOs being active.

8) 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow, Poland, 16th – 27th July 2018 –

- a. **Reports & Report cards** – Denise van Eekelen explained Jordon Egan will have to start collecting the reports from the months since Symposium soon. Please make sure to hand in the reports on time, because the reports have to be collated in the GA Booklet and be send to delegates before the start of Congress. Besides this, Jordon will also open up surveys for the report cards soon. The same as stated before applies to the surveys, please fill in the surveys before deadlines, as making the report cards requires a lot of summarizing, analyzing and designing time.
- b. **Bylaw amendments** – Denise van Eekelen explained all amendments to the bylaws must be sent to the delegates by Jordon including an explanation of General Assembly (GA) 30 days before the GA starts. This deadline is coming up soon, so Denise van Eekelen advises to start finalizing the amendments soon.
- c. **Strategic Planning Committee** – Lara Scherer explained applications for the Strategic Planning Committee have not opened yet, although Seongjin Cho has already prepared an application form. Denise van Eekelen advised to ask active IVSA members actively to be part of the Strategic Planning Committee, instead of only selecting the committee members after filling in an application form.

9) Finances –

- a. **Membership fees** – Ondřej Vitula explained only seventy (70) out of ninety (90) MOs have paid their membership fees. Hopefully this will get better as soon as Paypal becomes an official payment method. Ann-Katrin Autz explained the Membership Fee Fund (all money received from Multiview) which makes it easier to get money in and which makes MOs staying active!

10) Partner and ERO Points –

- a. **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Ambassador Programme**
– There are no further updates on this at this point in time.
- b. **Short general update** – Two (2) or three (3) time slots for speakers will need to be reserved for the 67th IVSA Congress in Krakow. Ondřej Vitula explained no



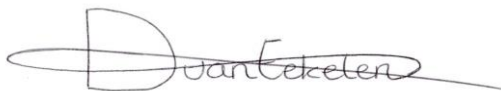
responses from partners or sponsors have been received yet. Branden Nettles is in contact with Merck and Virbac regarding sponsoring of IVSA. Merck seems interested and has asked to be contacted again around August 2018 regarding their budget for the next year.

11) Public Relations Coordinator (PRC) Update – Seongjin Cho explained the IVSA Journal is about to be released. He will work together with the MOD Secretaries on a Member Organization (MO) platform for the IVSA website. The call for the Strategic Planning Committee will be promoted soon.

12) Any other business (AOB) –

- a. **Access to documents** – Magdalena Jannasch asked if she could get access to all the folders of the President on the drive. This was approved.
- b. **Next meeting of ExCo** – Lara Scherer asked when the next meeting is going to take place. There was decided that ExCo should aim for having a meeting in two (2) to three (3) weeks' time (in first week of June). Jordon Egan will send out a doodle poll for this.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 GMT+2.



Denise van Eekelen
Trustee 2017-2018

