



# Minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium

The 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA symposium was held in Seoul, South Korea, from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2019.

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## General Assembly - Meeting I

15th of January, 2019

Welcome and introduction to the proceedings, the President called the General Assembly to order at 13.48 GMT+9.

Magdalena Jannasch (President) gave a presentation introducing IVSA, its governing and advisory bodies and the General Assembly. She also explained the voting system and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RRONR).

Magdalena Jannasch (President) moved to allow any observers and guests to speak in the meeting. This was adopted.

### Roll call of active Member Organisations, 13:50 GMT +9

Member Organisations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria, Algiers	1	
IVSA Algeria, Batna		1
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Belgium, Ghent		1
IVSA China		1
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Egypt		1
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Ghana, Kumasi		1
IVSA Greece, Thessaloniki	1	
IVSA Greece, Thessaly	1	
IVSA Hungary	1	
IVSA Indonesia	1	
IVSA Iran, Duhok		1
IVSA Iran, Sulaymaniyah		1
IVSA Italy, Bologna		1
IVSA Italy, Milan	1	
IVSA Italy, Naples	1	
IVSA Italy, Teramo		1
IVSA Japan		1
IVSA Kenya		1
IVSA Kosovo, Prishtina		1



IVSA Malaysia, Kelantan	1	
IVSA Malaysia, Selangor	1	
IVSA Morocco		1
IVSA Namibia		1
IVSA Nepal		1
IVSA The Netherlands	1	
IVSA Nigeria		1
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Poland, Krakow	1	
IVSA Poland, Lublin		1
IVSA Poland, Olsztyn		1
IVSA Poland, Poznan		1
IVSA Poland, Warsaw	1	
IVSA Poland, Wroclaw		1
IVSA Portugal		1
IVSA Romania, Bucharest		1
IVSA Romania, Cluj-Napoca	1	
IVSA Romania, Timisoara	1	
IVSA Russia, St. Petersburg		1
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA Serbia, Belgrade		1
IVSA Slovakia		1
IVSA Slovenia		1
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Spain, Barcelona		1
IVSA Spain, Zarazoga		1
IVSA Sweden		1
IVSA Switzerland, Bern	1	
IVSA Switzerland, Zurich	1	
IVSA Taiwan	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA Tunisia	1	
IVSA Turkey, Ankara		1
IVSA Turkey, Aydin		1
IVSA Turkey, Bursa		1
IVSA Turkey, Istanbul		1
IVSA Turkey, Konya		1
IVSA Turkey, Samsun		1



IVSA Uganda		1
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	
IVSA Zambia		1
IVSA Zimbabwe		1

**Quorum was reached with 55.10% (27/49 voting entities present and eligible to vote).**

A representative of the Candidate Member Organisation, Romania Iasi, was present as a guest.

### **1. Election of the Election Committee, 13:56 GMT+9**

Kate Hartzler (IVSA SAVMA) nominated Abigail Blanton (IVSA UK & Ireland) to the Election Committee. Perry Koehler (Post-Treasurer) nominated Daniel Lund (Treasurer) to the Election Committee. Aino Valolahti (IVSA Estonia) nominated Iina Airasmaa (IVSA Estonia) to the election committee.

All three (3) nominees accepted. The chair closed nominations and the election committee was formed.

### **2. Election of the Chairman, 13:59 GMT+9**

Rasmus Fjord Høegh (IVSA Denmark) nominated Perry Koehler (Post-Treasurer) for Chair. Perry Koehler accepted. Perry Koehler was elected as Chair.

### **3. Election of the Parliamentarian, 14:00 GMT+9**

Linda Molnar (IVSA Hungary) nominated Elwin van Oldenborgh (IVSA The Netherlands, Chair of SCoW) for Parliamentarian. Elwin van Oldenborgh accepted. Elwin van Oldenborgh was elected as Parliamentarian.

### **4. Amendments to and approval of the Agenda, 14:01 GMT+9**

Daniel Lund (Treasurer) moved to approve the agenda. This was adopted after a friendly amendment.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes from the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress in Krakòw, 14:02 GMT+9**

Daniel Lund (Treasurer) moved to approve the minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress, in Krakòw, Poland. This was adopted after seventeen (17) amendments.

### **6. Nominations for President 2019-2020, 14:17 GMT+9**

There were no nominations for President 2019-2020 at this time.



## **7. Nominations for hosting the 69th IVSA Congress 1 1/2 years away, 14:18 GMT+9**

There were no nominations at this time.

## **8. Nominations for hosting the 69th IVSA Symposium 2 years away, 14:18 GMT+9**

There were no nominations at this time.

## **9. The IVSA Excellence Award, 14:19 GMT+9**

Tavishi Pandya (Member Organisation Director) presented all the nominees for the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Excellence Award. The Excellence Award was created by the ExCo in June 2015. The award is granted two times a year, at the IVSA congress and at the IVSA symposium. The Award will be given to an IVSA member that, in the opinion of the ExCo, has excelled in his/her position and exceeded what is to be expected of a member in that position. Nominations are sent to the ExCo in the weeks before the start of the General Assembly and the receiver of the award is selected by the ExCo.

Binod Pokhrel (President of IVSA Nepal) was announced to be the receiver of the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Excellence Award for inspiring and motivating others, contributing to animal welfare through organising animal health camps and awareness programs, being a Vet X Ambassador, and establishing a new Local Member Organisation in Nepal.

## **10. Presentation on IVSA activities, 14:22 GMT+9**

### **10.1 Development Aid Director (DAD), 14:22 GMT+9**

Charlotte Gloudi (Development Aid Director) gave an update on the Development Fund (DF) and activities of the DAD team including the IVSA Scholarship Grant, Hill's Next Generation Award, Reduced Fee Spots (RFS), and Membership Fee Fund (MFF). The Development Fund supports students around the world with the IVSA Scholarship Grant. These Scholarships enable students to do an internship at a veterinary placement of their choosing, enabling students to broaden their experience, knowledge and skillset in the veterinary field. The three (3) winners will be announced on the 3rd of February 2019. The next application round will be opened in March 2019. The purpose of the IVSA Hill's Student Next Generation Award is to identify and acknowledge an exemplary young professional who has contributed to the improve of animal life, the veterinary profession and society. The IVSA Hill's Student Next Generation Award applications will open in March 2019. One scholarship of one thousand seven hundred fifty euro (1,750€) will awarded for participation in the WSAVA Congress from the 16th though the 19th of July in Toronto, Canada. The DF sponsors two (2) RFS for each IVSA Symposium and Congress. This event's winners are Yoko Watabe (IVSA Malaysia) and Natasha Rosland (IVSA UK & Ireland). The Development Fund supports Member Organisations (MO) in underprivileged countries through the MFF. New MOs or MOs who are struggling to pay their contribution fee to IVSA can apply for this fund. The MFF will pay the IVSA Membership Fee for one (1) year for a minimum of three (3) MOs, enabling them to start up and reach more students at their faculties. More information on the MFF to follow. Charlotte Gloudi gave a brief overview of the DF projects including Mission Rabies Project, Vet books for Africa Project. Philippines Barili Project.



Ohio State VetBook Donation, Henry Schein Microscopes Project, and BSAVA Book Donation. Charlotte Gloudi also explained the IVSA BeKindAward, Live & Silent Auctions, VetPD Raffle, IVSA Merchandise, and IVSA Scholarship Task Force.

## **10.2 Member Organisation Director (MOD), 14:38 GMT+9**

Tavishi Panyda (Member Organisation Director) gave a presentation on the MOD team and the past, current and future projects, explained the Individual Exchange Database to the GA., and introduced the IVSA 'Day in the Life' challenge. Kyeonghyeon Jeong (IVSA South Korea, Secretariat) presented on the survey evaluation results from the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress in Krakow and explained that less than twenty percent (20%) of the delegates participated in the survey.

Kylie Small (IVSA SAVMA) moved to recess at 15.03 GMT+9 for ten (10) minutes. This was approved.

Perry Koehler (Chair, Post-Treasurer) called the GA back to order at 15.21 GMT+9.

## **10.3 External Relations Officer (ERO), 15:21 GMT+9**

Pieter de Villiers (External Relations Officer) gave an update on collaborations and partnerships of IVSA including World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA), World Veterinary Association (WVA), American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA), World Health Organisation (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations (FECAVA), European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE), and Mission Rabies.

## **10.4 Committees & Working Groups, 15:27 GMT+9**

Maryem Ben Salem (Committee Coordinator & Vice President) gave an introduction to the committees and working groups of IVSA, the Standing Committee on Animal Welfare (SCAW), the Standing Committee on One Health (SCOH), the Standing Committee on Wellness (SCoW), the Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE), and the Working Group on Alumni (WGA). Megan Rawlins (IVSA UK & Ireland, Chair of Standing SCAW) gave a presentation on the work of SCAW. Hyunji Kim (IVSA South Korea, Chair of SCOH) gave a presentation on the work of SCOH. Hyunji Kim announced the poster winner for Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week during the presentation. Elwin van Oldenborgh (IVSA The Netherlands, Chair of SCoW) gave a presentation on the work of the Standing SCoW. Kate Hartzler (IVSA SAVMA) and Abigail Blanton (IVSA UK & Ireland) gave a presentation on the work of SCoVE. Maryem Ben Salem (Committee Coordinator & Vice President) gave a presentation on the work of WGA. Maryem Ben Salem (Committee Coordinator & Vice President) explained to the GA that a Chair to the Working Group on Policies (WGP) was not elected during the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress in Kraków and that nominations will not be reopened during this GA.

## **10.5 Strategic Planning Committee, 15:54 GMT+9**

Megan Rawlins (IVSA UK & Ireland, Chair of SCAW) and Anna Ciećkiewicz (IVSA Poland, Kraków; Secretariat) gave a presentation on the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC).



## **11. Introduction of Code of Conduct, 16:03 GMT+9**

Elwin van Oldenborgh (IVSA The Netherlands, Chair of SCoW) and Natasha Rosland (IVSA UK & Ireland) introduced to the GA the Code of Conduct created by the Standing Committee on Wellness to regulate the behavior of the delegates at IVSA events.

## **12. ExCo Meetings – reports on Executive Sessions, 16:07 GMT+9**

Magdalena Jannasch (President) explained an Executive Session occurred during an ExCo Meeting on one (1) occasion. This was accepted.

Kayla Caturay (IVSA SAVMA) moved for the GA to go into recess to at 16.08 GMT+9 until GA Meeting 2 at 8.00 GMT+9 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. This was approved.

The GA went into recess at 16:08 GMT+9.



## General Assembly - Meeting 2

18th of January 2019

Perry Koehler (Chair & Post-Treasurer) called the GA to order at 08.30 GMT+9

### Roll Call

Member Organisations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland		1
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Greece	1	
IVSA Hungary	1	
IVSA Indonesia	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA The Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Poland	1	





IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Taiwan	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA Tunisia	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

**Quorum was reached with 53.06% (26/49 voting entities present and eligible to vote).**

A representative of the Candidate Member Organisation, Romania Iasi, was present as a guest.

### **1. Nominations for President 2019-2020, 8:50 GMT+9**

Delna Mazda (IVSA Malaysia, Selangor) nominated Elwin van Oldenborgh (IVSA The Netherlands, Chair of Standing Committee on Wellness) for the position of President 2019-2020. Elwin van Oldenborgh (IVSA The Netherlands, Chair of SCoW) accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations at this time.

### **2. Nominations for hosting the 69th IVSA Congress 1 1/2 years away, 8:51 GMT+9**

Ivana Filipčić (IVSA Croatia) nominated IVSA Greece to host the 69<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress. Christina Almazidou (IVSA Greece, Thessaloniki) and Panagiotis Doerffer-Efraimidis (IVSA Greece, Thessaly) accepted on behalf of IVSA Greece.

There were no further nominations at this time.



### **3. Nominations for hosting the 69th IVSA Symposium 2 years away, 8:52 GMT+9**

There were no nominations at this time.

### **4. IVSA Endorsement - WSAVA Animal Welfare Guidelines, 8:53 GMT+9**

Magdalena Jannasch (President) informed the GA that IVSA wanted to endorse the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Animal Welfare Guidelines. Arvid Cardinaels (IVSA Alumni) requested to replace all instances of the word “psychological” with “mental”. Magdalena Jannasch will make this suggestion to WSAVA.

### **5. Presentation of a preliminary Financial Statement for the current Financial year (2018-2019), 8:55 GMT+9**

Daniel Lund (Treasurer) presented the Financial Statement for the current Financial Year. The IVSA fiscal year is from September to August. Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands) asked how much IVSA wants to spend on the Development Fund (DF), Daniel Lund answered there is no requirement to approve the DF. Daniel Lund explained the Belgium primary account, the American subsidiary account and the PayPal wallet. Arvid Cardinaels (IVSA Alumni) ask where the money in the scholarship fund came from. Daniel Lund explained the DF replaced the scholarship fund and ExCo is discussing what to do with the funds left over in the former scholarship fund.

### **6. Presentation for approval of the reports of each ExCo member's work since the Handover meeting, 9:05 GMT+9**

Maryem Ben Salem (Committee Coordinator & Vice President) moved to approve the reports of each ExCo member's work since the Handover meeting. This was approved.

### **7. Recommendations for the Taskforce on Member Organisations, 9:06 GMT+9**

Tavishi Pandya (Member Organisation Director) explained the background associated with the Taskforce on Member Organisations, a result of the Malaysia General Assembly.

### **8. Report of the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress in Kraków, 9:09 GMT+9**

Lidia Steczek (IVSA Poland, Kraków) and Anna Ciećkiewicz (IVSA Poland, Kraków; Secretariat) were the President and Treasurer of the Organising Committee and presented the report on the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress in Krakow, held July 2018. The full itinerary and financial statement were included. The total income (congress fees and sponsors) was 96,374.14 euro (€) and the total expenses were 88,839.54 euro (€) plus 5,177.77 euro (€) in exchange differences. This resulted in a surplus of 2,356.83 euro (€).

Sietske Ruijgh (IVSA The Netherlands, Secretariat) moved to approve the report of the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress in Krakow. This was approved.

### **9. Presentation of and voting on new Member Organisations, 9:27 GMT+9**



Tavishi Pandya (Member Organisation Director) provided a presentation on applications for local MOs and national MOs.

Tavishi Pandya explained the voting rights of candidate members.

Local MOs: IVSA Romania, Iasi; IVSA Lithuania, IVSA Queensland, IVSA Constantine, IVSA BOVASI.

Delna Mazda (IVSA Malaysia, Selangor) made a friendly amendment to change the name of IVSA BOVASI to IVSA India, Mumbai. Tavishi Pandya will contact the MO about this issue.

National MO: IVSA Pakistan

Tavishi Pandya moved to approve all six (6) new MOs. This was approved.

Kylie Small (IVSA SAVMA) moved to recess at 9.43 GMT+9 for ten (10) minutes. This was approved.

Perry Koehler (Chair, Post-Treasurer) called the GA back to order at 10.06 GMT+9.

### **10. Training New Trainers (TNT) Network, 10:06 GMT+9**

Maryem Ben Salem (Committee Coordinator & Vice President) gave a presentation on the TNT Network, a program to have IVSA trainers to deliver trainings on soft skills on a local, regional, national, international and interdisciplinary level. Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands) suggested collaborating with the Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE). Magdalena Jannasch (President) explained the benefits of the training session and that there will be training sessions available during the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress in Croatia.

### **11. Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE) Student Ambassadors prize winners, 10:13 GMT+9**

Maryem Ben Salem (Committee Coordinator & Vice President) presented the Top 3 SCoVE Student Ambassador Awards courtesy of VetStream. Third place winner was Andreas Pappas (IVSA Greece, Thessaly) who won free registration to attend one of the key international veterinary congresses: NAVC, BSAVA or WSAVA. Second place winner was Dauda Ayomide Onawola (IVSA Nigeria) who won free registration and accommodation to attend one of the key international veterinary congresses: NAVC, BSAVA or WSAVA. The first-place winner was Christina Almazidou (IVSA Greece, Thessaloniki) who won a free registration, accommodation and flights/travel costs to attend one of the key international veterinary congresses: NAVC, BSAVA or WSAVA.

### **12. Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Association (FECAVA) Student Scholarship 2019, 10:16 GMT+9**

Magdalena Jannasch (President) introduced the FECAVA EuroCongress Student Travel Scholarship. FECAVA Student Scholarship (FSS) is based on the idea to enable European veterinary students to enjoy the experience of visiting an international veterinary congress and to get an early introduction to FECAVA and the FECAVA activities. FSS is awarded to ten (10) veterinary students of FECAVA countries in their two final years at university. Successful candidates will receive a free student delegate registration for the forthcoming



FECAVA EuroCongress and three hundred euro (300€) to help with travel and accommodation expenses. Applications close the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2019.

### **13. VetX Ambassador Program, 10:20 GMT+9**

Magdalena Jannasch (President) explained the VetX Ambassador Program and the application requirements to the GA. VetX: Thrive is a community that provides ongoing support, clinically and pastorally and teaches soft skills that often are not taught in veterinary school.

### **14. European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) Accreditation Application, 10:22 GMT+9**

Magdalena Jannasch (President) gave an overview of EAEVE to the GA. She encouraged the European delegates to apply for the EAEVE Accreditation program and explained the application requirements. EAEVE is the Accreditation Body for veterinary education establishments by applying the European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT). ESEVT involves visitations of veterinary schools/faculties/universities in teams of eight (8) people including one (1) student.

### **15. Bylaw Amendment – Gender Inclusive, 10:25 GMT+9**

Kayla Caturay (IVSA SAVMA) moved to approve the amendment to strike out the word “Chairman” in sections 2.3.1, 3.0, 3.1, 8.0, 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5 and 8.6 and replace it with the word “Chair”

Elwin van Oldenborgh (Chair of Standing Committee on Wellness) moved to amend the amendment to “I move to replace all instances of the word ‘chairman’ with ‘chair’.” This was approved.

Bylaw amendment passed with no objections.

### **16. Update on IVSA Journal, 10:20 GMT+9**

Andre Firmansyah (Public Relations Coordinator) and Cahyani Fortunitawanli (IVSA Indonesia, Secretariat) gave a presentation explaining the IVSA Journal including the history of the IVSA Journal, the Journal’s content, and the theme of the next Journal. Andre Firmansyah asked the MOs to participate in the Journal by sending in articles on topics of scientific research and mental health. Cahyani Fortunitawanli requested reports from MOs on attended and upcoming events to include in the IVSA Journal.

Linda Lorena Iris Molnar (IVSA Hungary) moved to stand at ease at 10:38 GMT+9.  
Perry Koehler (Chair, Post-Treasurer) called the GA back to order at 10:42 GMT+9

### **17. Bylaw Amendment - Individual Supportive Member (ISM)- Alumni, 10:42 GMT+9**

Brian Jochems (IVSA Alumni) presented the justification behind the following bylaw amendments involving ISM-Alumni.

#### **17.1. ISM- Alumni part I, 10:42 GMT+9**



Brian Jochems (IVSA Alumni) moved to replace the last paragraph of section *10.1.2 Individual Supportive Members* so that it reads

*"Alumni Individual Supportive Members are to be approved by the Chair of the WGA, who reserves the right to ask for proof of a veterinary qualification. A report of the previous months' incoming or outgoing members should be sent to ExCo by the beginning of the month for review. ExCo reserves the right to remove members if they have not paid the Alumni Individual Supportive Membership fee."*

Bylaw amendment passed with no objections.

### **17.2. ISM- Alumni part 2, 10:45 GMT+9**

Brian Jochems (IVSA Alumni) moved to replace the last paragraph of section *10.4.2 Individual Supportive Members* so that it reads

*"The ExCo shall decide on the approval of Student Individual Supportive Member applications. The Chair of the Working Group on Alumni shall decide on the approval of Alumni Individual Supportive Member applications under the conditions set by the ExCo."*

Bylaw amendment passed with no objections.

### **17.3. ISM- Alumni Membership Fee, 10:48 GMT+9**

Brian Jochems (IVSA Alumni) moved to replace the section *10.5.2 Individual Supportive Membership Fees* so that it reads

*"The base factor for the Student Individual Supportive Membership will be decided annually by the General Assembly. The GDP factor is identical to the GDP factor used for the calculation of the Membership Fee of the Member*

*Organizations. The formula for the calculation of the Membership Fee of the Student Individual Supportive members is: Membership fee = (Base factor \* GDP factor) in Euro (€).*

*The Alumni Supportive Membership Fee will be a fixed amount that will be decided annually by the current treasurer and approved by the General Assembly.*"

Delna Mazda (IVSA Malaysia, Selangor) asked if there was a criterion for the GA to come up with the number for the membership fee. Bryan Jochems (IVSA Alumni) explained the base factor is decided by the Treasurer annually and presented at Congress.

Bylaw amendment passed with no objections.

### **18. World Health Students' Alliance (WHSA) presentation, 10:58 GMT+9**

Maryem Ben Salem (Committee Coordinator & Vice President) gave a presentation on the WHSA. The WHSA is a strong coalition of international health student organisations that advances global health through common initiatives. The WHSA is a respected resource for worldwide health decision makers and contributes to the development and implementation of improved health policies. The primary mission of WHSA is to advocate for improved health policy and advanced patient health outcomes. WHSA is also committed to capacity building within partner organisations by sharing knowledge and creating shared experiences to better address health challenges facing society. Maryem Ben Salem explained that in order



to get involved with the WHSA to stay tuned for the open call for WHSA national and local representatives.

Linda Lorena Iris Molnar (IVSA Hungary) moved to stand at ease at 11:06 GMT+9.  
Perry Koehler (Chair, Post-Treasurer) called the GA back to order at 11:18 GMT+9

### **19. Bylaw Amendment- British English, 11:18 GMT+9**

Elwin van Oldenborgh (Chair of Standing Committee on Wellness) moved to amend the IVSA Bylaws to replace all instances of the word 'organization' with 'organisation'.

And to replace all instances of the word 'organize' with 'organise'.

And to replace all instances of the word 'organized' with 'organised'.

And to replace all instances of the word 'practice' with 'practise'.

And to replace all instances of the word 'defense' with 'defence'.

And to replace all instances of the word 'authorized' with 'authorised'.

And to replace all instances of the word 'authorizes' with 'authorises'.

Elwin van Oldenborgh moved to amend the amendment to add "replace all instances of 'program' with 'programme'".

Tavishi Pandya (Member Organisation Director) moved to amend the amendment to add "replace all instances of 'organizations' to 'organisations'".

Jaclyn St. Croix (Secretary General) asked if the IVSA Bylaws should state that the official language of IVSA is British English. Elwin van Oldenborgh said the Corporate Identity Manual can be edited to list British English as the official language, and a Constitutional Amendment can be proposed during the next IVSA Congress.

Pieter de Villiers (External Relations Officer) objected to the motion to amend the bylaw. The GA went to a vote and the bylaw amendment passed with a majority vote.

### **20. Bylaw Amendment- Responsibilities of Public Relations Coordinator, 11:35 GMT+9**

Andre Firmansyah (Public Relations Coordinator) withdrew the bylaw amendment.

Kylie Small (SAVMA) moved to recess at 11:36 GMT+9 until the scheduled time for GA meeting 3 at 16:00 GMT+9 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. This was approved without objection.

The GA went into recess at 11:36 GMT+9.



## General Assembly - Meeting 3

18th of January 2019

Perry Koehler (Chair & Post-Treasurer) called the GA to order at 16.00 GMT +9

### Roll Call

Member Organisations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Greece	1	
IVSA Hungary	1	
IVSA Indonesia	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA The Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Poland	1	



IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Taiwan	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA Tunisia	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

**Quorum was reached with 55.10% (27/49 voting entities present and eligible to vote).**

A representative of the Candidate Member Organisation, Romania Iasi, was absent.

#### **1. Nominations for President 2019-2020, 16:30 GMT+9**

There were no further nominations. Elwin van Oldenborgh (IVSA The Netherlands, Chair of Standing Committee on Wellness) was elected without a vote.

#### **2. Nominations for hosting the 69th IVSA Congress 1 1/2 years away, 16:33 GMT+9**

There were no further nominations for hosting the 69<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress. IVSA Greece was selected without a vote.

#### **3. Nominations for hosting the 69th IVSA Symposium 2 years away, 16:34 GMT+9**

There were no nominations at this time.

#### **4. Presentation on attended events, 16:35 GMT+9**

Magdalena Jannasch (President) gave a presentation on the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Congress in Singapore. WSAVA is a very important





partner of IVSA. The congress is the perfect opportunity to strengthen IVSA's position in the veterinary community and to foster good relationships with global partners. This event also comes with a very special opportunity for IVSA members to attend as IVSA Volunteers. The role of the volunteers is to help the organisers with daily tasks and in turn attend lectures and social activities and network with veterinarians from across the globe.

Magdalena Jannasch gave a presentation on the Africa Associations Congress in Pretoria, South Africa. This event provided tools to use within IVSA in order to improve the day to day running of the organisation. It was also a great opportunity to network with key individuals outside of the veterinary field.

Magdalena Jannasch gave a presentation on the Federation of Veterinarian of Europe (FVE)/ European Veterinarians in Education, Research and Industry (EVERI) GA in Rome, Italy. Magdalena Jannasch (President) gave a presentation on IVSA at this event which was very well-received by the delegates resulting in several different opportunities for collaboration between EVERI and IVSA.

Magdalena Jannasch and Maryem Ben Salem (Committee Coordinator & Vice President) gave a presentation on the FAO Rinderpest post-eradication awareness workshop. The workshop was attended by representatives of several organisations. Discussions included how students can work together with global leaders to create and increase awareness of the disease worldwide.

Pieter de Villiers (External Relations Officer) gave a presentation on the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Unable to attend the Rinderpest workshop due to a change in dates, Pieter de Villiers organised a few meetings with members of the FAO in Rome resulting in several different opportunities for collaboration between FAO and IVSA. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) is in progress.

Daniel Lund (Treasurer) gave a presentation on the FVE workshop on implementing One Health in undergraduate education in Paris, France. Daniel Lund drew the conclusion that veterinary students are more knowledgeable about One Health than other medical students.

Andre Firmansyah (Public Relations Coordinator) gave a presentation on the 20th Federation of Asian Veterinary Associations (FAVA) Congress in Bali, Indonesia. Many FAVA members are now familiar with IVSA and are willing to explore a partnership. Andre Firmansyah hopes future IVSA officials can attend this event to maintain the good relationships formed with the biggest veterinary medicine federation in Asia.

Megan Rawlins (Chair of Standing Committee on Animal Welfare) gave a presentation on the IVSA 2<sup>nd</sup> Animal Welfare Conference in Munich, Germany which included lectures and workshops on animal welfare topics. Megan Rawlins spoke about the work of SCAW and how veterinary students can get involved.

Tavishi Pandya gave a presentation on the Informal Forum for International Student Organisations (IFISO) Autumn Meeting in Istanbul, Turkey. Topics of the meeting included priorities and building bridges, human resources, training systems, alumni, digitalization, strategic and financial planning, grants and fundraising, governance, and the future of IFISO.



**5. Presentation for approval of the Financial Report for the previous Financial year (2018-2019), 17:05 GMT+9**

Perry Koehler (Post-Treasurer) presented the Financial Report for the previous financial year (2017-2018). Leanne Jankelunas (IVSA SAVMA) moved to approve the financial report for the previous financial year (2017-2018). This was approved.

**6. World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) Presentation, 17:11 GMT+9**

Perry Koehler (Chair & Post-Treasurer) explained a representative from WSAVA was unable to attend the GA, but that Magdalena Jannasch (President) had already provided an overview of WSAVA during the presentations of attended events.

Christina Almazidou (IVSA Greece, Thessaloniki) moved to recess at 17:12 GMT+9 until the scheduled time for GA meeting 4 at 17:30 GMT+9 on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. This was approved without objection.

The GA went into recess at 17:12 GMT+9.



## General Assembly - Meeting 4

19th of January 2019

Perry Koehler (Chair & Post-Treasurer) called the GA to order at 17.42 GMT+9

### Roll Call

Member Organisations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Greece	1	
IVSA Hungary	1	
IVSA Indonesia	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA The Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Poland	1	



IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Taiwan	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA Tunisia	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

**Quorum was reached with 55.10% (27/49 voting entities present and eligible to vote).**

A representative of the Candidate Member Organisation, Romania Iasi, was present as a guest.

**1. Nominations for hosting the 69<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium 2 years away, 18:01 GMT+9**

There were no nominations at this time.

**2. Project presentation- Mission Rabies: Ghana, 18:02 GMT+9**

Frederic Lohr (IVSA Alumni), the Director of Strategic Partnerships at Mission Rabies gave a presentation on Mission Rabies: Ghana via video conference. Mission Rabies is a charity that was initially founded as an initiative by Worldwide Veterinary Service, a United Kingdom-based charity group that assists animals. Mission Rabies has a One Health approach driven by research to eliminate dog bite transmitted rabies. Education and community engagement are integral to the mass vaccination projects of Mission Rabies.

**3. Presentations of Nominees for President, 18:48**

The Election Committee explained the election process.



Elwin van Oldenborgh (IVSA The Netherlands, Chair of SCoW) presented his nomination for the position of President. Delna Mazda (IVSA Malaysia, Selangor) presented her reason for nomination of Elwin van Oldenborgh for the position of President.

The following questions were then asked to and answered by the nominee for the position of president: 'Would you have time to attend all the necessary events throughout the year?', 'When standing in front of a brand new potential partner or sponsor, do you think you will be able to cope with this in a professional manner', 'What experience do you bring to the role of President?' and 'What do you think is one of your strengths as a leader and what is one think you would like to approve upon?'

Elwin van Oldenborgh explained he will have plenty of time to attend events because he will take a full year out of his study. Elwin van Oldenborgh explained he will be excellent at communication with potential sponsors because his English is proficient, and he plans to receive coaching from Magdalena Jannasch (President). Elwin van Oldenborgh explained his biggest strength is his enthusiasm and that a challenge will be keeping up communication.

The candidate left the GA room and a brief discussion was had about the nominee. Presentations ended and voting did not take place as the candidate was unopposed.

#### **4. Presentation of the Nominees for Congress I 1/2 years away (July/August 2020), 19:03 GMT+9**

Christina Almazidou (IVSA Greece, Thessaloniki) and Panagiotis Doerffer-Efraimidis (IVSA Greece, Thessaly) presented for the position of Organising Committee (OC) to host the 69th IVSA Congress (July/August 2020).

The following questions were then asked to and answered by the nominees for the position of Organising Committee for Congress (July/August 2019): 'Have you spoken with your universities and do you have any sponsors in mind?', 'How many delegates do you plan on hosting and what will be the fee?', and 'Do you have enough OC members to support the number of delegates?'

Christina Almazidou explained that IVSA Greece, Thessaloniki has spoken to their professors already and is awaiting answers from sponsors. Panagiotis Doerffer-Efraimidis explained IVSA Greece, Thessaly has also spoken to teachers and are supported. Christina Almazidou and Panagiotis Doerffer-Efraimidis explained the max fee is four hundred euro (400€) but will hopefully be reduced to three hundred euro (300€) after sponsorships. The number of delegates expected is two hundred fifty (250). Christina Almazidou and Panagiotis Doerffer-Efraimidis explained they have many volunteers currently for the OC.

Presentations ended and voting did not take place as the candidate was unopposed.

Ana Pantin (IVSA SAVMA) moved to recess at 19:15 GMT+9 until the scheduled time for GA meeting 5 at 10:00 GMT+9 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. This was approved without objection.

The GA went into recess at 19:15 GMT+9.



## General Assembly - Meeting 5

20th January 2019

Perry Koehler (Chair & Post-Treasurer) called the GA to order at 10.13 GMT+9

### Roll Call

Member Organisations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Greece	1	
IVSA Hungary	1	
IVSA Indonesia	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA The Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Poland	1	



IVSA Philippines		1
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Taiwan	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA Tunisia	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

**Quorum was reached with 53.06% (26/49 voting entities present and eligible to vote).**

A representative of the Candidate Member Organisation, Romania Iasi, was present as a guest.

**1. Nominations for hosting the 69<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium 2 years away, 10:19 GMT+9**

There were no nominations at this time.

**2. Presentation of the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium in Morocco, 10:20 GMT+9**

Tavishi Pandya (Member Organisation Director) gave a presentation on behalf of the Organising Committee (OC) of the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium in Rabat, Morocco. This included the itinerary for IVSA Symposium, the 11<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, and Post-Symposium. The theme is “Going Global,” and the lectures will emphasize the global aspects of veterinary practice, as well as the importance of collaboration in an ever-changing world. A delegate fee of three hundred eighty euro (380€) was proposed for Symposium and a fee of three hundred euro (300€) to three hundred fifty euro (350€) was proposed for Post-Symposium.

Tavishi Pandya explained IVSA Morocco currently has ten thousand euro (10,000€) covered of the fifty-two thousand euro (52,000€) needed by sponsors. The largest cost factor in the budget is accommodation so the OC is looking into alternatives.



Andres Bessler (IVSA SAVMA) asked what would happen if IVSA Morocco failed to cover costs after the delegate fee has been voted on. Perry Koehler (Chair & Post-Treasurer) explained IVSA would have to arrange a Special General Assembly (SGA) if IVSA Morocco chose to cancel the event.

Lidia Steczek (IVSA Poland, Kraków) explained the costs of the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress in Poland, a larger event, were similar to this budget. However, eighty percent (80%) of the costs were covered by delegate fees. For this reason, Lidia Steczek is concerned that IVSA Morocco will not be able to raise the funds. IVSA Morocco has until one hundred twenty (120) days before the start of Symposium to raise the money.

Several delegates expressed concern about budget for the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium in Morocco and gave their opinions on how IVSA Morocco could cut costs and raise money.

### **3. Voting on maximum fee for the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium in Morocco, 10:50 GMT+9**

Tavishi Pandya (Member Organisation Director) moved to approve the maximum fee for the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium at three hundred eighty euro (380€) as proposed in the presentation.

Ana Pantin (IVSA SAVMA) moved to recess at 10.51 GMT+9 for discussion. This was approved.

Perry Koehler (Chair, Post-Treasurer) called the GA back to order at 10.59 GMT+9.

Melodie Raese (IVSA SAVMA) moved to amend the maximum delegate fee from three hundred eighty euro (380€) to three hundred fifty euro (350€). Motion passed with no objections.

Daniel Lund (Treasurer) explained the Organising Committee (OC) has up until ninety (90) days before the event to cancel, not one hundred twenty (120) days as previously mentioned. If this occurs, IVSA would have to arrange a Special General Assembly (SGA). Perry Koehler (Chair, Post-Treasurer) explained to the GA what an SGA is.

Aleksandra Samsel (IVSA Poland, Warsaw) moved to table this agenda item until GA 6. Motion passed.

Kylie Small (IVSA SAVMA) moved to recess at 11:20 GMT+9 until the scheduled time for GA meeting 6 at 13:00 GMT+9 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. This was approved without objection.

The GA went into recess at 11:20 GMT+9.





## General Assembly – Meeting 6

21st of January 2019.

Perry Koehler (Chair & Post-Treasurer) called the GA to order at 12.56 GMT+9

### Roll Call

Member Organisations	Present	Absent
IVSA Algeria	1	
IVSA Austria	1	
IVSA Croatia	1	
IVSA Czech Republic	1	
IVSA Denmark	1	
IVSA Estonia	1	
IVSA Finland	1	
IVSA France	1	
IVSA Germany	1	
IVSA Greece	1	
IVSA Hungary	1	
IVSA Indonesia	1	
IVSA Italy	1	
IVSA Malaysia	1	
IVSA The Netherlands	1	
IVSA Norway	1	
IVSA Poland	1	



IVSA Philippines	1	
IVSA Romania	1	
IVSA SAVMA	1	
IVSA South Africa	1	
IVSA South Korea	1	
IVSA Switzerland	1	
IVSA Taiwan	1	
IVSA Thailand	1	
IVSA Tunisia	1	
IVSA UK & Ireland	1	

**Quorum was reached with 55.10% (27/49 voting entities present and eligible to vote).**

A representative of the Candidate Member Organisation, Romania Iasi, was present as a guest.

The motion to table the discussion of voting on maximum fee for the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium in Morocco was out of order. Discussion resumed.

As it stands the motion on the table is to approve the maximum fee for the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium at three hundred fifty euro (350€).

Several delegates reiterated the concern about budget for the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium in Morocco and gave their opinions on how IVSA Morocco could cut costs and raise money.

Magdalena Jannasch (President) presented the opinion of ExCo. ExCo does not advise IVSA Morocco to withdraw. There has been trouble getting Member Organisations (MO) to volunteer to host IVSA events. IVSA Morocco is enthusiastic and excited to host despite the struggle with finances. In terms of the budget, ExCo decided to give them IVSA Morocco help from IVSA's side in terms of contacting sponsors, but this may not be feasible. ExCo will help IVSA Morocco with organising activities including finalizing the budget and seeing where costs can be cut. It was ExCo's opinion that if IVSA Morocco decides to withdraw, it would be extremely difficult to find a host for an SGA last minute.

Daniel Lund (Treasurer) moved the previous question to the motion on the floor. No objections.

Lisa Buren (IVSA The Netherlands) moved to stand at ease at 13:38 GMT+9.  
Perry Koehler (Chair, Post-Treasurer) called the GA back to order at 13:42 GMT+9

The GA went to a vote. Motion passed. The maximum fee for the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium in Morocco is three hundred fifty euro (350€).

**1. Nominations for hosting the IVSA Symposium 2 years away, 13:43 GMT+9**

There were no nominations at this time. Nominations closed until the Croatia GA.

**2. Voting on nominees for President 2019-2020, 13:44 GMT+9**

Voting was not conducted.

**3. Presentation on the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA Congress in Croatia, 13:45 GMT+9**

Valentina Perković (IVSA Croatia) and Josip Miljković (IVSA Croatia) presented the 68<sup>th</sup> IVSA congress including an overview of the preliminary itinerary and visa requirements. The congress will be held from the 21<sup>st</sup> to July to the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2019. The maximum base fee will be 370 (€) and there will be places available for a maximum of 130 delegates.

**4. Voting on nominees for the 69th IVSA Congress (1 ½ years away; July/August 2020), 13:57 GMT+9**

Voting was not conducted.

**5. Any Other Business, 13:58 GMT+9**

Magdalena Jannasch (President) moved to approve the endorsement of the WSAVA Animal Welfare Guidelines. This was approved.

Tavishi Pandya (Member Organisation Director) moved to accept all candidate members present at the 67<sup>th</sup> IVSA Symposium. This was approved.

Daniel Lund (Treasurer) moved to set the alumni fee at fifteen euro (15€). This was approved.

Delna Mazda (IVSA Malaysia, Selangor) moved to adjourn the General Assembly of the 67<sup>th</sup> of IVSA Symposium in South Korea. This was approved.

The GA adjourned at 14:03 GMT+9.



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