



## 2020.03.28 – Minutes of the Eighth (8th) Online Meeting of ExCo 2019-2020

The Eighth (8th) Online Meeting of the IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2019-2020 was held at GMT+1 on 2020.03.28. Elwin van Oldenborgh (President) was present to Chair and Kylie Small (Secretary General) was present to take the minutes.

### **Attendance**

#### **Executive Committee Officers Present**

Elwin van Oldenborgh	President
Kylie Small	Secretary General (SG)
Merel Knoops	External Relations Officer and Vice President (ERO)
Anna Ciećkiewicz	Member's Organization Director (MOD)
Kathi Loose	Treasurer
Daniel Lund	Post Treasurer
Laura Scowen	Development Aid Director (DAD)
Cahyani Fortunitawanli	Public Relations Coordinator (PRC)
Emily Freeman	Committee Coordinator (CC)

#### **Other IVSA Officials Present**

Iina Airasmaa  
Andre Firmansyah  
Laci Taylor  
Jaklien Goossens  
Panagiotis Galatsanos  
Karoline Aamo  
Dauda Onawola  
Andreas Pappas  
Faith Shie  
Katerina Kokkinidou  
Simon Krückemeier  
Ghofran Aladdin

#### **Observers Present**

Nabeelah Rajah  
Laci Taylor  
Jordon Egan

#### **Apologies**

- 1) Opening** – Elwin van Oldenborgh (President) called the meeting to order at 14.02 GMT+1.
- 2) Approval of the Agenda** – The Agenda of the Eighth (8th) online meeting was approved.





**3) Action Points** - The action points were reviewed by the Executive Committee.

**4) Trust Report – Pannos was present to give the Trust Report.**

- a. The meeting regarding the SGA in Greece was discussed.

**5) Committee Coordinator (CC) Update –**

- a. CC Update
- b. WHSS

**6) Committee reports –**

**a. Standing Committee on Animal Welfare (SCAW): Laure was not present to give an update.**

- i. Animal Welfare Week: needed to be adjusted because of COVID, working on posting articles from MOs to discuss welfare in their country. The in person events will occur later in the year when it is safe to have the events.
- ii. MO Sponsorships: Laure has been working on making a contract for MOs who asked for money for events.
- iii. Animal Welfare Conference: due to the pandemic, the conference might be cancelled, no official information regarding this yet.
  - I. Andre: had a meeting yesterday with AWC OC
- iv. Sponsorship Booklet: working with the ERO team to develop the sponsorship booklet.
- v. African Wildlife Article Series: interview a vet from vets without borders to discuss NGO work with species in Africa.

**b. Standing Committee on Veterinary Education (SCoVE): Dauda Onawola was present to give an update.**

1. EDU+: Five new websites have been added and screened by SCoVE.
2. VET Talks: Three videos have been produced.
3. SCoVE Workshop: Vaccination workshop will be added and workshop plan is being developed for ambassadors.
4. SCoVE Fact Cards: uploading one every Sunday
5. SCoVE Webinar: difficulties finding a webinar platform that they can use. 11th of April 3pm GMT 0
6. SCoVE Event: setback because of COVID-19, they are unable to get OC members. May need to use a different hosting MO in order to get the event to run.
7. IVSA JVE #1: content was collected, SCoVE is very happy with the articles that were collected. Deadline for the graphics team is the 31st of March. A second JVE will be released later in the year.
8. Recruitment: 4 new committee members have been recruited to the SCoVE team.
9. SCoVE First Aid Course: 100% positive response from students to learn about first aid and emergency medicine. Based on this, SCoVE is developing a course regarding first aid for students and owners.





10. SCoVE COVID-19 Update: taught people how to use powerpoint to record presentations directly in order to get lectures online. Universities are happy to use this information.

**c. Standing Committee on One Health (SCOH): Andreas Pappas was present to give an update.**

- i. SCOH Event- postponed due to COVID-19
- ii. One Health Conference will still be in Turkey, event will be in November and collaboration with IFMSA
  1. Itinerary will be adjusted for collaboration with IFMSA
  2. OC will be adjusted to include IFMSA
- iii. Humanimal: waiting for a response to an email that was sent regarding this.
- iv. Tuberculosis Campaign and Video: occurred on March 25th, small campaign with a video that was created. Talent competition occurred. 40 euros were given to the winner. Their work was published on SCOH pages.
- v. COVID-19: campaign to send information to the MOs for the WHSA.
- vi. MO bulletin: delayed sending information for the MO bulletin because it is not ready yet.
- vii. Journal: an article was submitted from a veterinary technician and it will be included in the journal.
- viii. OIE Ambassadors: Problem with the final list of ambassadors, but that will be fixed by SCOH. Campaigns cannot be completed right now because they are not in their university. Working to find alternatives to these campaigns.
  1. OIE asked for a report as to what SCOH is using the money for.
  2. Needs more specific information for the budget that has been received by OIE.
    - a. Kathi Loose (Treasurer) stated that we have 2000 euros for this term.
- ix. YouTube:
- x. Social Media- Secretary: Nabeelah is the new social media manager and secretary.
- xi. MOs Work

**d. Working Group on Alumni (WGA)- Tavishi Pandya was not present to give an update.**

- i. Collaboration between WGA and Wellness for mentor-mentee project.
- ii. Planning an alumni event in Greece has been put on hold.

**e. Standing Committee on Wellness (SCoW) - Katerina Kokkinidou was present to give an update.**

- i. Mentor-Mentee Program (collaboration with WGA): meeting to discuss using the alumni network to get mentors for the mentor mentee project. A handbook will be developed so mentors know what they're signing up for.





- ii. Wellness Week - moved the dates from the 30th of March to the 6th of April to the 12th of April in order to give people more time to prepare in order to move wellness week online.
- iii. Vet Recipe Cookbook: still receiving recipes and working on transforming it into a booklet to share on website and facebook.
- iv. Solidarity Week: may need to be postponed for next year because it cannot be facilitated online.
- v. Wellness Toolkit: the toolkit is ready and the website is ready and operational.
- vi. Online Study Sessions: not very popular, many people do not have many things to study because exams have been cancelled.
- vii. #NotJustAVet Campaign: online campaign on instagram where people would show that they are not just a vet, they would show their other hobbies
- viii. COVID-19 Update: working better than ever, very happy with her committee at this point. The committee is all quarantined.

**f. Standing Committee on Career Attributes (SCoCA)**

- i. Chair Update: chair was asked to resign from their position, Emily Freeman (CC) will take over responsibilities of the committee.
- ii. Committee Manual/Strategic Plan: developed for the next 6 months
- iii. Social Media: link to the facebook page has been shared
- iv. Dauda Onawola (Chair of SCoVE) suggested that searching for articles would be a good soft skill for veterinary students to develop.

**7) Development Aid Director (DAD) Update – Laura Scowen was present to give an update.**

- a. IVSA Scholarship Grant- this has not been reopened yet, being put on hold until it is easier to schedule flights and travel.
- b. BSAVA Book Donation- books are still in Laura's garage.
- c. Philippines Microscopes- online store and you can pay through paypal, ExCo to review the website and decide if we are to use it.
- d. Vetbooks Ohio State- Laura and Laci will connect to discuss needs for this project.
- e. Sponsorship Week, Cree-Kathi has sent the money to Cree.
- f. Membership Fee Fund- IVSA Malawi, Uganda, Lithuania and Pong Tamale chapter of Ghana. Announced on Facebook, their fee is paid for the next year.
  - i. Ania discussed membership fee fund needs of IVSA Zimbabwe

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**8) Member Organization Director (MOD) Update –**

- a. Communication and MO involvement
  - i. National MO survey is closed, this will be summarised to create promotion materials
- b. Exchanges and International events
  - i. Halted due to COVID





- c. Information and committees
  - i. EO bulletin will come out at the beginning of April
  - ii. MO challenge - squatting challenge
- d. Regional Representatives
  - i. In the process of creating a strategic plan for the next MOD team
  - ii. Regional representatives are having meetings with local MOs
  - iii. MO bulletin was released

## 9) Public Relations Coordinator (PRC) Update -

- a. Social Media - maintaining and replying to messages that are coming
  - i. lina has been integral in updating and fixing the website
  - ii. COVID 19 announcement page
  - iii. want to update the website to include the MO bulletin
  - iv. Online platform questionnaire to be done in April
  - v. announcement of president elect, CC and SCoCA chair
- b. IVSA Journal - Spring Edition to be published early to mid may
  - i. deadline to send information is March 31st
- c. Committee website - the committee website has been completed, just needs to be announced
  - i. lina - chairs to continue to check the pages and update the information that is there

## 10) Treasurer Update-

- a. Update on membership fees: invoices have been sent out in the last month or so, 80% of MOs have received invoices

## 11) Secretary General Update-

## 12) External Relations Officer Update- Merel Knoops was present to give an update.

- a. Sponsors:
  - i. Bayer- have not gotten responses since the last meeting they had.
  - ii. Purina- close contact with purina brand and purina institute
  - iii. Anicura - had another meeting, sent a contact, waiting for a response now
  - iv. Independent Vetcare - sent them an email to update them on decisions regarding SGA in Greece.
  - v. Branden - working for a vet clinic that wants to sponsor IVSA
  - vi. EU grant - IVSA did not receive the EU grant, had 58 out of the 80 points to receive the grant.
- b. Partners:
  - i. Vet Festival- unsure if this will take place, waiting to hear back
  - ii. VetX Thrive - soft skills for veterinarians, meeting set up with Wellness chair to work on developing an ambassador program and partnership with IVSA
  - iii. Komodo One Health Course- one health course in indonesia, supposed to take place in july, 20% discount for IVSA students, discount code was released in the EO bulletin





- iv. IFISO- spring meeting will take place the 2nd to 5th of April if you want to join
- c. Potential sponsors / partners:
  - i. Royal Canin - wants to have a meeting at the WSAVA conference
  - ii. Boehringer Ingelheim - still waiting on a response
- d. Upcoming projects:
  - i. Sponsorship booklets for the Standing Committees

### **I3) President Update**

#### **a. Partner communication**

- i. WSAVA- application for volunteers are open, they should close in a week, they might need to extend the deadline because of the uncertainty of the event.
  - 1. Student that is not a member of IVSA China would like to apply to attend WSAVA
  - 2. invoice for their membership fee, going to try to ask to not pay
- ii. WVA- congress is cancelled, GA will take place online
- iii. BEVA - applications closed a week ago, selection process has begun.
- iv. ECCVT - had a meeting, want to hear more of a student opinion so they know what students want in their curriculum.
  - 1. Sending a request for a two year position
- v. WFPHA - discussing options of a reduced fee

### **I4) Attended Events**

#### **a. FECAVA Council Meeting**

- i. Merel Knopps (ERO) attended this event.
- ii. At the next meeting, IVSA will be able to give a presentation

#### **b. SAVMA Symposium (Cancelled)**

### **I5) Upcoming Events**

#### **a. Cancelled due to COVID-19**

- i. **WVAC**
- ii. **BSAVA**
- iii. **OIE General Session**
- iv. **FVE GA**
- v. **3rd Live Meeting**

#### **b. 69th IVSA Congress in Greece - SGA**

- i. Date - September 2020
  - 1. dont know the exact date because the university in greece is closed now
- ii. Application will open in May 2020
- iii. SGA
  - 1. event will be shorter, possibly around 8 days long
  - 2. focus on lectures and GAs
  - 3. planning on having 120 to 150 delegates instead of 200
- iv. Plan B - online attendance
  - 1. Online attendance committee has been formed
- v. Other information
- vi. Impact on term / elections





I. Extending terms by a month

c. **ExCo Meetings:**

- i. Next online meeting
- ii. Fourth Live Meeting of ExCo 2019-2020

**16) Any Other Business (AOB) –**

- a. Merel Knoops - create a video to explain what we do in our positions to encourage people to run for our positions
- b. Mehdi has contacted the DAD to discuss the money they have left over and possibly turning it into a travel fund for students to attend congress

The meeting adjourned at 17.07 GMT +1

Kylie Small  
Secretary General 2019-2020

