



25.07.2020 – Minutes of the Twelfth (12th) Online Meeting of ExCo 2019-2020

The Twelfth (12th) Online Meeting of the IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2019-2020 was held at 17:00 pm GMT+2 on 22.08.2020. Elwin van Oldenborgh (President) was present to Chair and Merel Knoops (President-Elect) was present to take the minutes.

Attendance

Executive Committee Officers Present

Elwin van Oldenborgh	President
Merel Knoops	President-Elect, External Relations Officer, Vice President, acting SG
Emily Freeman	Committee Coordinator (CC)
Anna Ciećkiewicz	Member's Organization Director (MOD)
Laura Scowen	Development Aid Director
Kathi Loose	Treasurer
Cahyani Fortunitawanli	Public Relations Coordinator (PRC)

Other IVSA Officials Present

Laure Chevalier	Chair of the Standing Committee on Animal Welfare
Jaklien Goossens	Secretary to MOD & DAD

Apologies

- 1) **Opening** – Elwin van Oldenborgh (President) called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm GMT+2.
- 2) **Approval of the Agenda** – The Agenda of the 12th (twelveth) Live Meeting was
Kathi added Brief Media and Taxes to the Treasurer Update
- 3) **Action Points**
Update Bylaws with amendments from Croatia, Morocco and SGA were done by Kerstin.
- 4) **Trust Report**
No trust report.
Next year's trust will have a meeting next week
- 5) **Committee Coordinator (CC) Update** –
 - a. Handover meetings with the chairs
SCoVE done, most other will be in first week of September
 - b. WHSS Update
- 6) **Committee reports** –
 - a. **Standing Committee on Animal Welfare (SCAW)**





- b. Exchanges and International events
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- c. Information and committees
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- d. Regional Representatives
Scheduling handover meetings with the regional representatives. The new regional reps will probably be doing different things than last year's reps, so it'd be good to have them all together, to also meet the new MOD.

9) Public Relations Coordinator (PRC) Update -

- a. Social Media & Website
Lot of it is coming from Partners, Purina Institute every wednesday. Today was the OIE ambassador program and tomorrow AMBOSS Scholarships.
- b. IVSA Journal
Published, check it out at issuu.com/ivsajournal
Attended events, committee updates, article on life after graduation. Very interesting. Would be great if officials shared it.
- c. Sponsorship Booklets: will be finished before the end of the term.
- d. Elwin asked for the summary of the Strategic plan to be uploaded to the website, a new section underneath the media center. Ania added that the old one should be deleted from the wiki. Elwin will do it once he's back.
- e. Dauda asked if something was uploaded, and Nita responded that she uploaded it. Also he wants to add things to the committee sponsorship proposal booklet under projects. He will forward it to Merel for approval, who will then send it to Nita for final design.

10) Treasurer Update-

- a. Brief Media
Received the money
- b. Taxes
Tax papers got lost, so Kathi couldn't pay them, now we have a €50 fine. Jaklien can receive the papers. There's companies that give you access to the online tax platform, but it costs €500, so that's why it didn't happen
Elwin suggests that Kathi calls them again in English, so maybe they'll email it to her then.
- c. Handover meeting: 2nd one already scheduled
- d. Nita asked if Kathi already reimbursed her for the website. Kathi will do it this weekend.

11) Secretary General Update-

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12) External Relations Officer Update-

- a. Sponsors:
 - i. Purina institute
Merel has been in continuous contact with them about the facebook posts to ensure IVSA is doing all the promotion it should be doing.
 - ii. Purina brand





Similar to Purina institute, there has been regular contact and promotion of the purina diets, both on facebook, as well as in the EO Bulletin.

b. Partners:

i. Amboss

The Scholarships will be promoted soon as Nita said, 15 IVSA members will receive a free subscription to the learning platform they are offering, which is a great opportunity for us. AMBOSS will do the selection themselves, so it's a low effort partnership for IVSA.

ii. OIE

A meeting is scheduled to discuss the future of the OIE Junior Ambassador Program, together with Elwin, Andreas and the new SCOH chair.

iii. IPSF

The MoU has been approved by the GA, and a signed version of the MoU has been sent to IPSF.

iv. IFMSA

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v. ISOHA

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vi. VetXThrive

No response on the MoU yet, hopefully, the partnership can go into full effect in the new term.

vii. VMS

VMS has agreed to do a three-part webinar series for IVSA students, the next ERO will work on this partnership a lot more

viii. ASTUCORP

ASTUVET is an online platform that is supposed to offer everything veterinary medicine related on one website. They've asked IVSA to be a partner, meaning that we will receive our own page on the platform to post our updates on events/activities/etc. This will be completely free for IVSA.

c. Potential sponsors / partners:

i. Vetiqo

The next ERO will be encouraged to engage with Vetiqo further, they have expressed interest in sponsoring some of their materials for our events.

d. Upcoming projects:

i. Sponsorship booklets for the Standing Committees

The booklets will be almost finished, just in time for the next ERO and Chairs to work with.

Ania commented that the links to the purina institute stuff can also be included in the EO bulletin

13) President Update

a. Partner communication





- i. EAEVE: MoU signed and sent to EAEVE, and asked for a meeting on how we'll do the program moving forward
 - ii. ECCVT: sent out an invite for a new meeting, will invite Laure and Merel as well.
- b. Other things that require attention**
- i. Handover: Had a meeting with Merel two days ago. Also all other officials should have them because they are important.

I4) Attended Events

a. 69th IVSA Congress, Online SGA

1. Most bylaw amendments passed, elections went well.
2. Moving forward with the structural changes, would be a good idea to contact the AVS. Elwin will contact Callum (AVS Treasurer). Ania mentioned that we should also be including Nabeelah from now on. Would also be good to have a meeting with SAVMA.
3. Heard sounds that people thought Alumni should not be able to represent a country (including voting), could be a possible future bylaw amendment.
4. Elwin also sent a personal letter to someone who showed some disruptive behaviour during the SGA, no response has been received. Kathi had a call with a past president to discuss how things went. Apparently us only allowing 2 minute statements triggered some delegates. It came across as if we wanted to push our views, something to take into future consideration. Emily states that he wasn't following the code of conduct.
5. Emily's minutes are finished and in the drive. Merel will finish hers.

I5) Upcoming Events

a. ExCo Meetings:

- i. Handover meeting: next week 30th of August, last meeting of Officials 2019-2020, and first of Officials 2020-2021. 30th of August at 16:00 GMT +2.

b. 69th IVSA Symposium in Indonesia

1. Have to decide whether it should be an SGA or a regular GA. Nita had a talk with the OC President, the OC President seems confident that it will happen like a regular GA, as travel is opening back up. Ania explained that they're still anxious about maybe having to lower the amount of delegates (and thus increase the fee).
2. Received a message from a member from Sudan, who wants to attend the Symposium, and is in financial struggles and would like to start looking for sponsors. Usually this isn't done, because applications need to open first. Merel said we need to take into account the fact that many countries need more time for sponsorship. Elwin says that we'll need to do it for everyone, as more countries are in the same position. He also suggests that we should send a recommendation letter instead of an acceptance letter. Kathi agrees that we should help them and that there are other countries, so we should be doing this for more countries and not just Sudan. Ania suggests to disseminate the opportunity to our members. Elwin suggested the EO Bulletin.





16) Any Other Business (AOB) –

1. We received a message from a student from IVSA Bangladesh who want to become a separate MO because IVSA Bangladesh is only offering IVSA opportunities to 1 single university, and leaving out all others (including the university the student is from) Ania suggest to have a meeting with IVSA Bangladesh and the MOD and the regional rep. They can't form a local MO if there's a national MO already. Hopefully the meeting will sort things out amongst them.
2. History Project: Mehdi had a plan to compile nice things from the history project (compile pictures from congresses long ago in a book to then sell as merchandise at events for the DF). Mehdi and Elwin will continue to work on that.
3. Pedro from IVSA Rio wants to form a national MO for Brazil. They don't need to form it because the bylaw amendment passed, Emily is staying in touch and translating everything to portugese to make the communication easier.
4. Elwin wants the new officials to think about how we want to communicate with trust next year. Because Trust - ExCo relations have not been the easiest the last few years.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm GMT +2.

Merel Knoops
President-Elect, acting SG

