

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD AT THE
XVIIIth WVPA CONGRESS
NANTES, FRANCE, 21 AUGUST 2013, 11:15 - 12:15**

Present:

President and Chairman Dr. Trevor Bagust
Secretary/Treasurer Dr. François-Xavier Le Gros
and approximately 80 members, including WVPA Executive Committee

Preliminary note: This meetings follows the Bureau meeting held on the 19th AUGUST in Nantes, including the WVPA Executives members and 26 Corresponding Secretaries from national branches with at least 20 members, present or represented (Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Croatia, Czech. Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Libya, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Sweden, USA).

Non-voting participants were the Honorary Life President Dr. Ursula Heffels-Redmann, and an observer from Brazil (Dr. L. Brandao).

1. The President and Chairman welcomed the participants

Two elements were underlined:

Birthday of the Association; following the minutes of the exploratory meeting to consider the formation of the WVPA kindly forwarded by Pr. P.M. Biggs, held in Madrid on **27 May 1959**, this date is our official Birthdate.

After 54 years of presence it was time for WVPA to record and make available to younger colleagues the actions of important WVPA members distinguished by the creation of the **Hall of Honour** in our web site. The President warmly thanks our colleagues N. Dren and S. McNulty for all their hard work in association with the Hall of Honour.

A silent homage was also given to Dr Ben Lucio Martinez very recently deceased.

2. Secretary/Treasurer's report

The Treasurer thanks Ursula Heffels-Redmann for the consolidation of the 2011 exercise. Concerning the WVPA finances, in 2011 the **Association's assets** increased to 39,443 EURO with a deficit of expenditure over income of 2,572 EURO. The relatively high amount of expenses (21,113 EURO) were caused by costs for the Congress in Cancun, Mexico (support of young scientists, travel expenses of Officers).

In 2012, the income was nearly 60% of that of 2011, as many of the branches pay their fees in two years interval. The balance of Aerosol production for 2010-2012 was also included in these incomes for 1540 EURO. Due to low expenses in that year without a congress the surplus of income over expenditure of 7,176 EURO led to a further increase of the assets to 46,619 EURO at December 31, 2012.

For the attendance of the XVIIIth Congress and presentation of a paper, **WVPA supports 4** young scientists with an amount of 750 EURO each. These colleagues come from Egypt, Malaysia, Mexico and Pakistan. The CS from Pakistan and Argentina are also supported. The advantages of WVPA membership were outlined and instructions were given for taking out membership.

Four new branches were officially inducted into WVPA:

- **South Korea**, 34 members, President Dr YoungHo Son, Corresponding Secretary Dr JaeSung Heo;
- **Philippines**: 31 members, President Dr. Raul Olegario, CS Dr Rolando Valientes;
- **Pakistan**: 52 members, President and CS Dr. Muhammad Kashif Saleemi;
- **Malaysia**: 40 members, President Pr Aini Ideris; CS Dr Phang Yuen Fun).

The formation of these branches was approved by the Bureau and the new members were welcomed into the Association.

Figures were given for membership (2580 in 56 countries), with Europe still having the greatest representation (1122). Membership numbers in Asia have progressed, while they start to be restored in Africa due to a more stable political situation in the North- African member states. The membership numbers in America increased as well.

3. Vice President's report

Following the 1st and successful **WVPA Asian meeting** in 2012, a second edition will be organized in 2014. There will also be a **WVPA Europe meeting** in 2014 organised along with the VIV Europe in Utrecht, in May 21st.

The new **WVPA website** opened in early 2012 with a renewed presentation, and more recently the Hall of Honour section. Progressively new functionalities will be added. We have an agreement with CEVA as a sponsor to support the development of a Digital Library in the 3 coming years.

4 Procedure for hosting WVPA Congress vote on the financial clause

After the adoption of the Procedure without the financial clause in Cancun in 2011,

The following motion was adopted by the Bureau (unanimous) and added to this protocol:

“The audited profit shall be divided between the Local Branch of WVPA who hosted the WVPA Congress and Global WVPA on the following basis – the Local Branch receives the first €20,000 and the remaining balance is divided two thirds to the Local Branch of WVPA and one third to Global WVPA. Any loss incurred is the responsibility of the Local Branch of WVPA and the profit retained by the Local Branch of WVPA must be used to further the objectives of WVPA in the country of the Local Branch”.

The audit mentioned will be according to local standards. With more experience a list of compulsory items to be present in the audit may be specified in the future.

This procedure is available on the WVPA website.

5 Constitution and Rules

The last review of Constitution and Rules was 10 years ago. We need to introduce the possibility of electronic vote for the Bureau and a more precise description of the functions of the Officers, namely Junior and Senior Vice Presidents and their respective roles. We need to avoid the possibility that the GBM can go against a Bureau decision. The Bureau is a well-defined group of members' representative of the whole Association when the GBM is currently not organized to be as representative. The GBM is a variable assembly of few members present at a time of a world congress with a quorum of 15 over more than 2000 members. In general about 50-80 members only are present at GBM. However any update of the constitution and rules will have to be validated by the GBM.

The Bureau decided to form a Working Group to produce a proposal for the Cape Town Bureau and GBM in August 2015. This Working Group will be lead by Charles Hofacre, will include the WVPA Executives and 6 Corresponding Secretary from national branches; 3 from Europe (Israel and UK volunteered, an additional CS is needed), one from Asia (Malaysia volunteered), one from Africa (Morocco volunteered), Americas (Mexico volunteered).

6 Newsletter 'Aerosols'- Editor's Report

Two motions were adopted (unanimous) in the Bureau meeting:

- Corresponding Secretary (CS) must submit at least once a year a contribution to Aerosols
- Distribution will move to 100% electronic version via a link spread to the CS. They will have to forward it to their national members. The document will also be available on the web site after a while. This removes printing and postage costs.

Advertising revenues have been progressively decreasing when production costs are increasing. There will be two Aerosols and two electronic Briefings per year. It is planned as well to move the advertising to sponsorship.

7 Avian Pathology- Editor-in-Chief's Report

Professor Janet Bradbury reminded members that they can subscribe to the journal at a very favourable rate (access via the WVPA website). Royalties earned by the journal are distributed through its owners (the Houghton Trust) to support young avian scientists to attend courses or meetings such as the WVPA Congress and to support the Avian Pathology Trust Lectures.

The journal continues to maintain its high ranking amongst veterinary science journals according to Impact Factor and Article Influence Score ranking respectively at row 25 and 14 on these criteria among 145 journals assessed. Submissions originate mainly from Asia and Europe, 35 and 39% of them have been accepted for publications in 2011 and 2012. The volume 41 was dedicated in 2012 to the celebration of its 40th Anniversary year with seven reviews on main avian diseases and immunology, all "free to view".

8 WVPA Prizes

Avian Pathology Trust Lecturer

Pr. Filip Van Immersel, Belgium was chosen by the Grants Subcommittee of the Avian Pathology Trust as the 2013 Lecturer. He gave his lecture entitled 'Rethinking our understanding of the pathogenesis and control of necrotic enteritis in broilers' at the end of the morning session on Wednesday, 21 August 2013.

There are four nominations for the next lecturer, who will make the presentation at the XIXth Congress in 2015. National branches are requested to propose more nominations in the future so that at least six candidates can be proposed to the selection committee.

Bart Rispens Research Award

The Vice President Prof. Hafez informed the attendees that the 2013 Bart Rispens Award for the best paper published in 'Avian Pathology' in the years 2011 and 2012 will be presented to the winner by the WVPA President and a representative of Merck AH at this Congress during the Gala Dinner. The winner is Dr Kyung-Il Kang for his publication on the investigation into the stunting and runting syndrome in chickens (Avian Pathology 41 (1) 41-50).

The committee for deciding the next awards is composed of the WVPA President, the Secretary (the retiring President), the Editor-in-Chief of Avian Pathology, a representative of the sponsor and Dr Elena Catelli, Italy, Dr Amir Noormohammadi, Australia, Professor Richard Ducatelle, Belgium and Professor Shayan Sharif, Canada.

Young Poultry Veterinarian Award

The Vice President, Nigel Horrox, announced that the award will be presented to the winner by a representative of Zoetis and himself during the gala dinner. As for other prizes his/her name will be visible on the WVPA website as well.

9 WVPA Congresses

Report on the XVIIIth WVPA Congress in Nantes, France was given by a member of the Organizing Committee.

Dr Nicolas Eterradossi reported that the Congress included 500 papers consisting of 358 posters, 142 oral presentations, 16 keynote lectures, 5 workshops and 2 sponsored symposia. At the commercial exhibition there were 20 booths. Total attendance was 1288 people from 79 countries, including 70 students. Of these the biggest delegations were from France, Belgium, USA, Germany, China, Austria, UK, Italy, Poland, Israel, Nederland, Denmark, Hungary.

Progress report on the next WVPA Congresses

Progress report on the XIXth WVPA Congress in Cape Town, South Africa 2015.

Dr Hannes Swart reported that the local organizing committee is already having regular meetings for the organization of the event. A full delegate boosting marketing activity is activated during the present congress in Nantes, with an exhibition stand, promotional video and hand outs. The website www.wvpc2015.com will be the main portal for communication and regular updates are foreseen. The first call for papers should arrive mid 2014 as well as a provisional scientific program. A site inspection with WVPA members is planned for June 2014 in Cape Town.

Future congresses: the frequency of a meeting every two years is maintained

WVPA Congress Bids for 2017

The three bids from United Kingdom, Hungary and Italy were presented by the corresponding national branches and discussed at the Bureau Meeting. After a vote at secret ballot, it was decided that the XXth Congress of WVPA will be held in Edinburgh, UK in September 2017. The delegates from Hungary and Italy were deeply thanked for their excellent bids and invited to propose again their candidature for further congress in Europe (2021).

10 Any other appropriate business

There being no other business Dr Trevor Bagust thanked all members for their attendance and closed the Meeting at 12:15.

Lyon, France, 24 March 2014

Dr. F.X. Le Gros
Secretary/Treasurer of WVPA