

Minutes of the ICT Business meeting, Friday 9 August 2002 at the ICOPA conference, Vancouver

Attendance: President, Dr. E. Pozio (Italy); General Secretary, Professor C. Kapel (Denmark); Professor F. Bruschi (Italy); Prof. K. Boczon (Poland); Dr. W. Cabaj (Poland); Dr. D. Christensson (Sweden); Professor B. Gottstein (Switzerland), Dr Kocek (Puerto Rico), Dr. M.G. Ortega-Pierres (Mexico), Prof. L. Mingyuan (China), Dr P. Boireau (France), Dr. J. van der Giessen (Netherlands), Dr. P. Dubinsky (Slovakia), Dr. Judy Appleton (USA).

Agenda

1. Welcome of the ICT President
2. Discussion and approval of the minutes of the ICT Business Meeting Wednesday, 29 August, 2001, at the WAAVP Conference, Stresa, Italy:
 - a. ICT guidelines (E. Pozio, C. Kapel, F. Bruschi)
 - b. ICT web site (F. Bruschi)
 - c. Some changes of ICT rules and regulations (C. Kapel)
 - d. ICT corresponding members (E. Pozio)
 - e. The present situation of ICT members (E. Pozio)
3. Nomination of new ICT members (E. Pozio and C. Kapel)
4. Update on the XI International Conference on Trichinellosis, San Diego, California USA, 2004 (C. Kapel)
5. Discussion and status on bi-annual country reports (C. Kapel)
6. Country report: Slovakia, China
7. Other business

Ad 2) Approval of minutes

The minutes from WAAVP, Stresa, August, 2001 were accepted

Ad 2a) Status on ICT Guidelines

Control guidelines (Presented by E. Pozio): The guidelines are now available on the ICT homepage in several languages

Serology guidelines (Presented by C. Kapel)

Working title: Recommendations on the Use of Serology Tests for the Detection of *Trichinella* Infection in Animals and Man

Committee members: Pascal Boireau (France), Fabrizio Bruschi (Italy), Alvin Gadajhar (Canada), Ray Gamble (USA) *Chairman*, Christian Kapel (Denmark), Ron Ko (China), Karsten Noeckler (Germany), Guadalupe Ortega-Pierres (Mexico), Edoardo Pozio (Italy), Ljiljana Sofronic (Serbia), Yuzo Takahashi (Japan), Stella Venturiella (Argentina).

Status: October 2001 (Committee members invited to participate), December 2001 (Outline and request for contributions sent to committee members), February-April 2002 (Contributions received), May-July 2002 (Contributions assembled into rough draft), August 2002 (Committee meeting at ICOPA X; draft

to be distributed to committee members (after ICOPA X), October, 2002 Second/final draft due from committee, December, 2002 (Distribute Guidelines to Executive Committee for review and/or approval).

Guideline on Human Trichinellosis (Presented by F. Bruschi)

A review has been recently published on human trichinellosis (Dupouy-Camet et al., Expert Opinion on Pharmacotherapy 2002 (3):1117-1130). This publication will serve as a template for the future ICT guidelines on human trichinellosis.

2b. ICT website (Presented by F. Bruschi)

Suggestions for further improvements have been supplied from several ICT members (among others, the ICT vice-president Dr. J. Dupouy-Camet and R. Gamble). In general it is the feeling that improvements could be done on the appearance, organization, contents (tables), and the hierarchical structure (outbreaks, membership list). It was also mentioned that several individuals have experienced problems to download PDF formats of the ICT guideline and meeting minutes. In addition, some members felt that it would improve the quality of the homepage if questions could be raised at the news page. The webmaster (F. Bruschi) agreed to look into the potential solution to the problems raised.

2c. ICT rules and regulations: Changes

It was voted and agreed that members of ICT Executive Committee can only hold their position for 8 years. Periods for which a member serves as president or general secretary are being subtracted. Re-election can take place after 8 years of normal ICT membership. The ICT President serves one period (4 years) as past president after his election period.

2d. Status on ICT-members (Presented by E. Pozio)

There is still an under representation in ICT from Asia, Australian, Middle East, Africa, Central and South America. An effort is ongoing to identify researchers actively dealing with *Trichinella* and trichinellosis in animal and man (see also below). In Africa, only two of 53 countries (3.8%) have an ICT member, in America only 6/37 (16.2%), in Asia only 6/45 (13.3%), in Australasia/Pacific only 1/15 (6.7%) and in Europe 23/48 (47.9%), with a total at the world level of 38 countries with one or more ICT member/s of 198 countries (19.2%). Furthermore, 30% of the ICT members are retired or honorary members.

2e. Corresponding member status (Presented by E. Pozio)

There have been virtually no responses from ICT members on how they think to appoint national corresponding members whom would collect national data on trichinellosis in man and animals. (See suggestion for alternative initiatives below).

3. New ICT members

The following people were nominated and elected as new members after vote (in brackets the ICT nominators):

Alvydas Malakauskas, Lithuania (Kapel, Gamble a.o.); Toivo Järvis, Estonia (Pozio, Kapel a.o.); Peteris Keidans, Latvia (Kapel, a.o.); Charlotte Maddox-Hyttel, Denmark (Kapel, Gamble a.o.); Heinz Sager, Switzerland (Gottstein); Francisco Serrano, Spain (Boireau, Pozio); Milovan Djordevic, Yugoslavia (Murrell, Gamble a.o.); Volkan Akyol, Turkey (Kozek); Bretislav Koudela, Czech Republic

(Pozio a.o.); Durgat Datt Joshi, Nepal (Kapel, a.o.); Nino Iashvili, Georgia (Pozio a.o.); Samson Mukaratirwa, Zimbabwe (Pozio, Kapel); Ifor Lunt Owen, Papua New Guinea (Pozio, Murrell); Carlos Eddi, FAO, UN (Kapel); Ricardo Veneroni, Argentina (Venturiello, Pozio a.o.); Ricardo Caminoa, Argentina (Venturiello, Pozio a.o.); Lilian Yépez Mulia, Mexico (Ortega-Pierres); Camila Arriaga Diaz, Mexico (Ortega-Pierres); Rosario Salinas Tobon, Mexico (Ortega-Pierres); Jorge Luis de la Rosa Arana, Mexico (Ortega-Pierres); Cesar L. Gonzalez Carmago, Guatemala (Kozek); Elvira Castejon de David, Honduras (Kozek); Pedro Morrera, Costa Rica (Kozek); Maria M. Moñoz de Aleman, Panama (Kozek); Luis Fonte Galindo, Cuba (Kozek).

4. Update on The International Conference on Trichinellosis - ICT 11

The conference will take place in San Diego, California, 12-16 September, 2004. The conference has the following committees:

The Executive Committee

Edoardo Pozio (Italy), Jean Dupouy-Camet (France), Christian M.O. Kapel (Denmark), K. Darwin Murrell (USA), Krystina Boczon (Poland), H. Ray Gamble (USA), Ronald Ko (Hong Kong), Guadalupe Ortega-Pierres (Mexico).

The International Organizing Committee.

Judy Appleton (USA), Andrej Bessonov (Russia), Pascal Boireau (France), Francisco Bolas-Fernandez (Spain), Fabrizio Bruschi (Italy), Wladyslaw Cabaj (Poland), M. del Rosario Chapa-Ruiz (Mexico), Alvin A. Gajadhar (Canada), Ray Gamble (USA), Mingyuan Liu (China), Albert Marinculic (Croatia), Karsten Noeckler (Germany), Leena Oivanen (Finland), Ljiljana Sofronic (Serbia), Yuzo Takahashi (Japan), Georgios Theodoropoulos (Greece)

The Local Organizing Committee (USA).

Judy Appleton, Dickson Despommier, Ray Gamble, Dolores Hill, Doug Jasmer, Dave Lambillotte, Darwin Murrell, Dave Pyburn, Don Wassom, Dan Zarlenga

The organizing status is as follows:

Hotel bids were solicited in Spring/Summer 2002; selections to be made by October, 2002. Local activities and tours were identified; selection of final list of activities will depend on final hotel location. First announcement was prepared and distributed at ICOPA X; additional announcements have been mailed to ICT members and distributed at other scientific meetings. Local organizing committee met at ICOPA X; Dr. Judy Appleton was elected Scientific Program Chair. Focus of activities for next few months will include fund raising, selection of hotel(s) and preliminary program planning.

5. Country reports status

Only very few country reports have been submitted (<5). Partially that can be explained by the failure to nominate corresponding ICT members by the national members. It was suggested that a simple electronic scheme was e-mailed to all ICT member. In such scheme the number and location of outbreaks, number of cases and source of outbreaks should be reported. The ICT executive committee will take initiative to send out such a scheme annually. The data should be posted at the homepage.

6. Country reports

Country reports were presented from Slovakia and China.