

Minutes of the ICT-meeting at the WAAVP, 13 August 2003:

Attendance: R. Gamble (USA), D. Zarlenga (USA), A. Bessonov (Russia), C. Kapel (Denmark), L. Touratier (OIE), C. Eddi (FAO)

Agenda:

- 1) Status on ICT members (C. Kapel)
- 2) Status on ICT11 (R. Gamble)
- 3) Other business

1) All new members accepted at ICOPA 2002 (Vancouver) have been informed about their inclusion in ICT and the rules of ICT. The updated list of ICT members is now posted at the ICT homepage <http://www.med.unipi.it/ict/ICTmembers.htm>

2) The next ICT meeting is being held **8-12 August** in San Diego, California. The local organizing committee have now identified the location for the conference, several options for accommodations and central points for the social and scientific programmes.

Venue: University of San Diego, Manchester Conference Centre with room for 200 persons.

Accommodations: On university campus (approx 80 USD) and several hotels (120-170 USD)

Scientific programme: As for previous conferences, all ICT members will be requested to suggest workshop and symposium topics for the scientific programme. A specific request will be mailed within a few months to all members.

Social programme: 3 receptions and a conference dinner.

Sponsors: The conference is at present being sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, the U.S. pork producers association, and a few private companies.

Conference proceedings: Manuscripts based on presentations given at ICT-11 will be published in a separate issue of the journal "Parasite" (or Veterinary Parasitology). Manuscripts will be accepted only after the normal review process of the journal, and only if submitted before the end of the conference.

Preliminary registration: To facilitate application for a visa to the U.S., invitations will be sent to all ICT members from the organizing committee. After a preliminary registration, a list of participants will be sent the U.S. immigration authorities. Therefore, it is important that all persons expecting to attend should pre-register.

Support: As the cost to participate is approximately 2000 USD (travel + accommodation), the organizing committee has identified limited resources to support participants from less favoured regions. It is being explored whether FAO may be able to support a few participants from selected regions as well.

Accompanying persons programme: Several excursions have been identified.

Information on the internet: Central information will be posted on the ICT homepage in the end of August. The same information will be distributed through a FAO network on veterinary public health (Dr. C. Eddi). A dedicated ICT11 homepage will be made available at latest in November.

3) R. Gamble reported that the committee working on the ICT guidelines on serology has completed their work. The document was reviewed by additional ICT members and the completed guidelines were submitted to ICT President E. Pozio. The guidelines will be posted on the ICT homepage and also published in a parasitology journal.