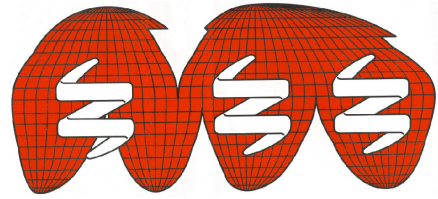


Minutes of ICT Business Meeting

Wednesday, 13th August 2014, 20:00-21:15
ICOPA, Mexico City, Mexico



Agenda

1. Minutes ICT Business Meeting at ICT-13
2. Wrap-up ICT-13 (proceedings)
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6. Update on organization of ICT-14
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Ad 1) Minutes ICT Business Meeting at ICT-13

Alvin Gajdhar (President) welcomed participants. The minutes of the ICT Business Meeting at ICT-13 in Changchun, China in August 2011 have been approved.

Ad 2) Wrap-up ICT-13 (proceedings)

There are 32 papers in the proceedings for ICT-13 which was delivered as Special Issue of Veterinary Parasitology to participants in May 2013. The work of Dante Zarlenga and Benjamin Rosenthal as guest editors for this Special Issue as well as Alvin Gajadhar who is an editor in chief of this journal was very much appreciated.

Participants discussed on how to establish proceedings for the coming ICT-14 in Berlin in 2015. They agreed that proceedings should be published in a scientific journal even though all submitted papers may probably not pass the reviewing process.

Ad 3) ICT Committee Reports

Guidelines Committee

In November 2013, Ray Gamble initiated an action for updating the following existing ICT Guidelines:

- Recommendations on Methods for the Control of *Trichinella* in Domestic and Wild Animals Intended for Human Consumption (revised 2007)
 - Update - Pre-harvest control: Lis Alban, Dave Pyburn (in preparation)
 - Update - Post-harvest control (curing): Karsten Nöckler, Dolores Hill (little revision)
- Recommendations on the Use of Serological Tests for the Detection of *Trichinella* Infection in Animals and Humans (published in 2005)
 - Update: Dolores Hill, Fabrizio Bruschi (in preparation)
- Recommendations for Quality Assurance in Digestion Testing Programs for *Trichinella* (OECD WG, published in 2012)
 - Update: Alvin Gajadhar, Brad Scandrett (only little revision is expected)

Additionally the following new ICT Guideline was elaborated:

- Guidelines for the identification of *Trichinella* muscle stage larvae at the species or genotype level (new guideline)
- Draft: Edoardo Pozio, Dante Zarlenga (ready for EC approval)

Website Committee

The new ICT Website was re-launched by Ray Gamble in 2013 (www.trichinellosis.org) and the last update was done in July 2014 for the ICT member list.

Ad 4) *Financial Report*

The report was given by Karsten Nöckler (Secretary General) as follows:

Balance from 2011:	+ 745 USD
Surplus from ICT-13:	+ 2200 USD
Income for ICT-13 Proceedings:	+ 2200 USD
Costs for ICT-Proceedings:	- 1500 USD
WFP Member fee 2014-2018:	- 140 USD

Balance 2014:	+ 3505 USD

Ad 5) *Nominations for new ICT members*

At the ICT Business Meeting there were 7 nominations from 6 countries made by ICT members (in brackets) as follows:

Serbia: Dr. Milena Zivojinovic	(Dr. Ljiljana Sofronic-Milosavljevic, Serbia)
Serbia: Dr. Alisa Gruden-Movsesijan	(Dr. Ljiljana Sofronic-Milosavljevic, Serbia)
Latvia: Dr. Nicole Werner-Keišs	(Prof. Ludmila Viksna, Latvia)
Poland: Dr. Justyna Bień	(Prof. Bozena Moskwa, Poland)
Sweden: Dr. Anna Lunden	(Dr. Dan Christensson, Sweden)
Egypt: Prof. Ahmad A. Othman	(Dr. Fabrizio Bruschi, Italy)
Mexico: Prof. Fabian R. Gomez de Andz	(Dr. Guadalupe Ortega-Pierres, Mexico)

After giving the information on their CV and working activities at the ICT Business Meeting, all nominated persons have been approved to become an ICT member. In an official letter of the President of ICT, new ICT members are requested to accept this nomination.

Ad 6) *Update on organization of ICT-14*

The next ICT-14 will be held in Berlin, Germany from 14th to 18th September 2015. The head of the Local Organizing Committee (Karsten Nöckler) gave a brief update on organization and focussed on the following issues: national bodies involved in the organization of ICT-14, information on the hosting city, conference venue, programme at a glance (scientific and social programme), scientific topics, members of the International and Local Organizing Committee. The first announcement for ICT-14 is available from the ICT website. The second announcement will be launched on a website by the beginning of 2015.

Ad 7) ICT Student Award

The President (Alvin Gajadhar) informed participants that 2-3 young scientists can be awarded at ICT-14. Each award will be funded with 1000 USD. Application details will be available with the second announcement for ICT-14. The selection of successful applications will be made by the Executive Committee. Awarded scientists will give a presentation on their scientific work at ICT-14.

Ad 8) Any Other Business

Carmen Cretu informed participants of the ICT Business Meeting about the 26th Congress on Echinococcosis which will be held in Bucharest, Romania in October 2015.

Names of attending ICT members (17); required quorum: 12 members

Silvio Jesus Krivokapich (Argentina), Alvin Gajadhar (Canada), Bretislav Koudela (Czech Republic), Antti Oksanen (Finland), Pascal Boireau (France), Karsten Nöckler (Germany), Fabrizio Bruschi (Italy), Edoardo Pozio (Italy), Guadalupe Ortega-Pierres (Mexico), Jorge Luis De La Rosa Alana (Mexico), Joke van der Giessen (Netherlands), Vasile Cozma (Romania), Carmen Cretu (Romania), Ljiljana Sofronic (Serbia), Dante Zarlenga (USA), Benjamin Rosenthal (USA), Judith Appleton (USA)