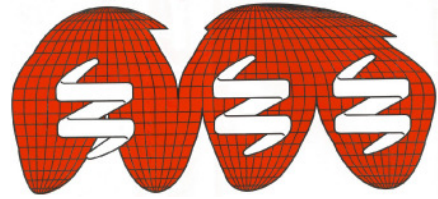


Minutes of ICT Business Meeting

Thursday, 4th August 2011, 16:30-18:00
ICT-13, Changchun, China



Agenda

1. ICT Committee Reports
 - a. By-Laws Committee
 - b. Guidelines Committee
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 - d. Website Committee
 - e. Research/Diagnostics Committee
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ICT-13 Status and Proceedings
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4. Nominations for new ICT Members
5. New Executive Committee Members
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7. Next ICT Conference

Ad 1) ICT Committee Reports (R. Gamble)

By-Laws Committee (R. Gamble)

There was a vote for revision of “By-Laws” under a new business in 2007. “By-Laws” as well as “Policies and Procedures” have been revised and are available on ICT website. Main revisions are:

- individuals may apply for ICT membership
- a retired status is no longer a membership option
- improved description of EC composition based on changes made at ICT-12
- a Nominations Committee was established to provide a list of new EC members prior to each conference
- procedures for elections were clarified
- duties of EC members and officers were clarified
- a list of standing committees and their operation were defined
- the document on “Policies and Procedures” describes the routine activities of ICT

There is a need for a regular update of “Policies and Procedures” by EC (no vote of members required).

Guidelines Committee (K. Nöckler)

An OECD working group which consisted of several ICT members was intensively working on Quality Assurance in Digestion Testing Programs for *Trichinella* in 2010 and 2011. Five documents were elaborated and will be available on a new ICT website (see below) soon.

Membership Committee (C. Kapel)

Last revision of membership list was done in 2010. There are still non-functional email addresses. Thus the situation will be improved by omitting addresses from retired members and clean-up approach (no contact – no membership principle).

Website Committee (R. Gamble)

A new domain for ICT website will be established under www.trichinellosis.org by the end of 2011. An updated membership list and outcomes from ICT working groups (e.g. Quality Assurance guidelines) will be available on this website.

Research/Diagnostics Committee (A. Gajadhar)

Two workshops were held by the OECD working group on Quality Assurance in Digestion Testing Programs for *Trichinella* in 2010 and 2011 in Paris and Rome, respectively. Guidelines mainly focus on criteria for evaluating the performance of a digestion method as well as evaluating proficiency of analysts in term of: standards for producing proficiency samples; standards for administering proficiency testing; frequency of proficiency testing; criteria for assessing or rating proficiency testing results; criteria for corrective actions.

Future developments and tasks could be directed at immunological tests for direct detection of *Trichinella* (meat inspection) and other technologies.

Ad 2) *Update on ICT-13 Organization* (R. Gamble)

Financial support for ICT-13 came from corporate and institutional sponsors. Approximately 60 international and 20 Chinese participants have registered for this conference.

Proceedings for ICT-13 are planned to be published in a Special Issue of Veterinary Parasitology. Submission deadline for contributions is 30th September 2011. Authors are responsible to get in the right format as provided by Elsevier. There will be an editorial committee established by EC. D. Zarlenga and B. Rosenthal kindly agreed to work for the editorial committee.

Ad 3) *ICT Student Award* (C. Kapel)

The student award is granted by EC for outstanding research of undergraduate and graduate students who wish to attend ICT International Conferences. This student award is intended to provide some support for travel and accommodation. Two students were proposed for ICT-13 but one applicant had to be refused due to the lack of travel funds. Lisa Blum received the ICT Student Award (1000 USD) at ICT-13.

Ad 4) *Nominations for new ICT Members and Honorary Members* (R. Gamble)

New ICT Members

Netherlands	Fritz Franssen (van der Giessen) Titia Kortbeek (van der Giessen)
China	Xinping Zhu (Mingyuan) Jing Cui (Wang ZhongQuan)
Japan	Wu Zhiliang (Takahashi)
Argentina	Jorge Bolpe (Ribicich) Sylvio Krivokapich (Ribicich)
USA	Dave Pyburn (Gamble) Benjamin Rosenthal (Zarlenga)
Italy	Maria A. Gómez-Morales (Pozio) Gianluca Marucci (Pozio) Patrizia Rossi (Pozio)

Honorary Member Darwin Murrell

In an official letter of the President of ICT, nominated members are requested to accept the proposal.

Ad 5) *New Executive Committee Members* (R. Gamble)

President	Alvin Gajadhar, Canada
Vice President	Liu Mingyuan, China
Secretary General	Karsten Noeckler, Germany
Members	Fabrizio Bruschi, Italy
	Pascal Boireau, France
	Maris Stella Venturiello, Argentina
	Albert Marinculic, Croatia
	Christian Kapel, Denmark
	Dan Zarlenga, USA
	Joke van der Giessen, Netherlands
Past President	Ray Gamble, USA

Ad 6) *Financial Status* (C. Kapel)

Surplus from ICT12: none
Balance 2009: 2575 USD
ICT Website: -750 USD
WFP Member fee: -80 USD
Student Award ICT13: -1000 USD
Balance 2011: 745 USD

In order to facilitate the existence of the ICT Student Award and to cover other costs for ICT business an increase of surplus from registration fee was proposed (from 25 to 50 USD).

Ad 7)

The next ICT-14 will be held in 2015. The deadline for written proposals is 6th October 2011. EC Members will vote for the selection of the next host for ICT-14. The interim meeting is planned during WAAVP Conference in Perth, Australia in 2013 or ICOPA in Mexico City, Mexico in 2014.

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List of attending ICT members (32), without new nominations

Liu Mingyuan (China), Zhongquan Wang (China), Xuelin Wang (China), Xiuping Wu (China), Yuzo Takahashi (Japan), Ray Gamble (USA), Dante Zarlenga (USA), Judy Appleton (USA), Dolores Hill (USA) Alvin Gajadhar (Canada), Brad Scandrett (Canada), Guadalupe Ortega-Pierres (Mexico), Lilian Yopez-Mulia (Mexico), Mabel Ribicich (Argentina), Bernadette Connolly (United Kingdom), Christian Kapel (Denmark), Jean Dupouy-Camet (France), Sandrine Lacour (France), Pascal Boireau (France), Antti Sukura (Finland), Leena Oivanen (Finland), Antti Oksanen (Finland), Joke van der Giessen (Netherlands), Bretislav Koudela (Czech Republic), Albert Marinculic (Croatia), Janez Posedi (Slovenia), Marleen Claes (Belgium), Karsten Noeckler (Germany), Radu Blaga (Romania/France), Fabrizio Bruschi (Italy), Edoardo Pozio (Italy), Ljiljana Sofronic (Serbia)