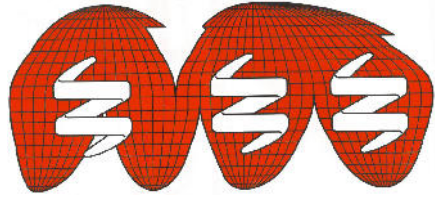


## Minutes of ICT Business Meeting

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016, 12:45-13:45 hrs  
EMOP XII, Turku, Finland



### **Agenda**

1. Approval of minutes of last Business Meeting (ICT-14), 18.09.2015
2. ICT Website
3. Update of ICT Guidelines
4. Financial Report
5. Nominations for new ICT members
6. Special Issue / Veterinary Parasitology for ICT-14
7. Announcement for ICT-15
8. Any Other Business

#### *Ad 1) Approval of minutes of last Business Meeting*

The minutes from the meeting in 2015 have been approved by all participants.

#### *Ad 2) ICT Website*

The membership list was updated after ICT-14. ICT-14 abstracts and announcement for ICT-15 were posted on the website.

Ray Gamble explained that an update for the following sections is needed: *Trichinella* – especially on species and genotypes; epidemiology – outbreak list with links formerly maintained by Jean Dupouy-Camet; further reading on topical publications by ICT members. To make the website more interactive, an implementation of the facebook tool was suggested and discussed. As pros and cons for the facebook tool were identified, a final decision was not made yet and will also be discussed in the Executive Committee (EC). Participants agreed to implement a website committee with the following members: Ray Gamble, Fabrizio Bruschi and Miroslav Rozycki. In addition, the Website Committee will also be discussed in the EC as also a volunteer from Argentina was proposed by Mabel Ribicich.

#### *Ad 3) Update of ICT Guidelines*

The new ICT Guideline for species/genotype identification by PCR (prepared by Edoardo Pozio and Dan Zarlenga) is available on the website.

There were updates and revisions for the ICT Guidelines on pre-harvest control (Lis Alban, Dave Pyburn, Alvin Gajadhar, Ray Gamble) and post-harvest control (Karsten Nöckler, Dolores Hill, Alvin Gajadhar, Ray Gamble). The drafted updates will be sent to EC members for final approval.

The ICT Guideline for serology was revised in a first round (Dolores Hill, Fabrizio Bruschi, Maria Angeles Gomez-Morales). It was suggested to separate the human from the animal part. The following members will further work on it: Titia Kortbeek, Carmen Cretu (human part), Isabelle Vallee, Maria Angeles Gomez-Morales, Joke van der Giessen, Edoardo Pozio

(animal part). In addition, Titia Kortbeek mentioned that ECDC (Stockholm) has prioritized *Trichinella* and working on serological harmonization in the EU. Joke will contact Johanna Takkinen for more information.

#### Ad 4) *Financial Report*

Current exchange rate	1 EUR=1.10 USD
Balance 2016:	+7813 EUR (8594 USD)
Special Issue ICT-14:	- 2280 EUR (20 € per hardcopy, to be approved by Elsevier)
<u>Rest</u>	<u>+5533 EUR (6086 USD)</u>

#### Ad 5) *Nominations for new ICT Members*

Nominations are based on *By-Laws* of ICT. Nominees shall be individuals who are active in any aspect of *Trichinella* or trichinellosis. Consequently, nominees should also regularly attend the ICT conferences. Dr. Daniela Antolova (Slovak Republic) was nominated by Prof. Pavol Dubinsky (Slovak Republic).

The nominated new ICT member was approved by participants of the ICT Business Meeting. An official letter to the nominated and approved new ICT member will be sent for accepting the membership.

#### Ad 6) *Special Issue / Veterinary Parasitology for ICT-14*

As for previous ICT conferences, selected papers from ICT-14 will be published in the Special Issue of Veterinary Parasitology. The guest editors for this Special Issue are Edoardo Pozio, Ray Gamble and Karsten Nöckler. Out of 36 submitted manuscripts, 21 have been accepted so far. 7 manuscripts are still under revision/editing and 8 were rejected. The deadline for finalization is the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Thanks a lot to Ray Gamble and Theo de Waal (managing editor from Elsevier) for helping a lot in editing English language.

The submitted extended abstracts from ICT-14 will additionally be available on the ICT website.

#### Ad 7) *Announcement for the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Trichinellosis in 2019*

Calin Gherman informed participants on the preparation of ICT-15 in Cluj-Napoca, Romania in 2019. This presentation included among others information about the conference venue, main topics for scientific sessions, social program, expected costs and visa requirements for participants. A short video on Cluj-Napoca was presented. A conference website is in preparation and will be available in due course.

#### Ad 8) *Any Other Business*

Ray Gamble presented a message from Guadalupe Ortega-Pierres in which she expressed her great gratitude to Jean Dupouy-Camet (retired professor) for his outstanding contributions and networking activities for the *Trichinella* community and scientific work in the field of parasitology.

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*List of attending ICT members (18)*

Ahmad Othman (Egypt), Antti Oksanen, Antti Sukura, Leena Oivanen (Finland), Jean Dupouy-Camet, Pascal Boireau (France), Karsten Nöckler (Germany), Edoardo Pozio, Maria Angeles Gomez-Morales, Fabrizio Bruschi (Italy), Joke van der Giessen, Titia Kortbeek (Netherlands), Calin Gherman, Vasile Cozma, Carmen Cretu (Romania), Miroslav Rozycki (Poland), Bruno Gottstein (Switzerland), Ray Gamble (USA)