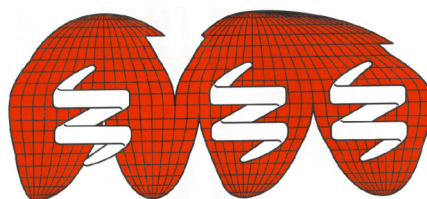


Minutes of ICT Business Meeting

Thursday, 24st May 2018, 17:30-18:45 hrs
EURL meeting, Rome, Italy



Agenda

1. Approval of minutes of last Business Meeting (EMOP XII), 22.07.2016
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. Preparation of ICT-15
8. Any Other Business

Ad 1) Approval of minutes of last Business Meeting

The minutes from the meeting in 2016 in Turku, Finland have been approved by all participants.

Ad 2) ICT Website

ICT website content continues to be updated as necessary. All recommendations shown on the website are now up-to-date, including the new version of the serology recommendations (see also point 3). The content of the section on epidemiology is outdated; if we wish retain this page, an ICT member will need to research and submit content for the period from 2012 onward, which essentially involves outbreaks as reported on ProMed and other sources. At the 2016 EMOP meeting, several ICT members indicated a willingness to review/edit content of the pages about *Trichinella*; no progress was made on this project. Hosting costs have increased, but no other viable website options are available at this time. The website committee (Ray Gamble, Fabrizio Bruschi and Miroslav Rozycki) will care for future options.

Ad 3) Update of ICT Guidelines/recommendations

The following ICT Recommendations have been updated: Pre-Harvest Control (revised in 2017), Post-Harvest Control (revised in 2017), Quality Assurance in Digestion Testing Programs for *Trichinella* - five parts (reviewed in 2016 and minor updates made for Quality Assurance in Regulatory Testing, Digestion Assay, Proficiency Testing, Training, Lab Certification), Serology (revision completed in 2018), Species/Genotype Identification by PCR (completed in 2016). ICT Recommendations for Managing Outbreaks of Human Trichinellosis authored by Jean and Fabrizio, last updated 2011 need to be revised. ICT Recommendations on human diagnosis and treatment is still lacking.

Ad 4) *Financial Report*

Balance 2016:	+ 7813,00 EUR
Special Issue ICT-14:	- 2100,00 EUR
WFP Membership (2018-2022)	- 81,28 EUR
ICT Website (until 03/2018)	- 152,22 EUR
ICT Website (until 04/2019)	- 175,46 EUR
Rest	+ 5304,04 EUR

There is a good financial situation for preparing the ICT-15 and it is possible supporting 2-3 young scientists to attend this conference. Also, ICT 15 will be a special conference because we celebrate the 60 years anniversary of ICT. Therefore, we need to keep some extra finances in cash to support the celebration.

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. The following persons were nominated: Jane Learmount (UK, proposed by Karsten Nöckler), Walter Basso (Switzerland, proposed by Bruno Gottstein and Joke van der Giessen), Pikka Jokelainen (Denmark, proposed by Antti Oksanen), Grégory Karadjian (France, proposed by Isabelle Valleé). The nominated new ICT members were 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*

The Special Issue comprises 27 papers and was published in 2017. Hardcopies were distributed to participants of ICT-14. A few hardcopies are still available and can be provided on request (first come first served basis).

Ad 7) *Preparation of the 15th International Conference on Trichinellosis in 2019*

ICT-15 will be held in Cluj-Napoca, Romania from 26-30 August 2019. The website (link: <http://zooparaz.net/ict15/index.html>) is prepared and is planned to be finalized by 1st July 2018. Information on preliminary scientific and social program is still available on this website. The following fees are planned for early bird registration by 31st May 2019: 480 € for regular registration, 350 € for developing countries, 220 € for students and 220 € for accompanying persons. Accommodations will be available for seasonable prices: Grand Hotel Napoca (65 € for single room and 75 € for double room), student accommodation at University campus (15 € for shared room, 30 € for single room).

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of ICT, organizers plan an anniversary session with the Presidents of the previous ICT conferences.

Ad 8) *Any Other Business*

Special Issue / Journal of Food and Waterborne Parasitology

ICT Recommendations will be adjusted for publication in the Journal of Food and Waterborne Parasitology special issue (editorial board: Brad Scandratt, Dante Zarlenga, Isabelle Valleé).

Condolence letter for Teresa Garate

A condolence letter was sent from ICT to the relatives of Teresa Garate who passed the way on 1st March 2018. Maria J. Perteguer from the Instituto de Salud Carlos III is organizing a meeting in honour of Teresa Garate and asked the president to write some lines of Teresa's contribution for trichinella. ICT members who worked together with Teresa Garate are requested to send few lines about her scientific contribution in the field of *Trichinella* and trichinellosis to the Joke, so she can send a combined ICt response to Maria.

Bid for the next ICOPA host (Denmark, Canada)

As previous ICOPA was held in America (Mexico) in 2014 and the next ICOPA will take place in Asia (Korea) in 2018, the ICOPA held in 2022 should take place in Europe (Denmark). This intention will be communicated to the members of the Executive Committee of ICT for final decision. Then the vote on the bid will be given by ICT as a member of WFP (World Federation of Parasitologists) during ICOPA in Korea.

Nomination for the Excellent Parasitologist to WFP

Excellent parasitologists will be honoured during ICOPA in Korea and ICT can propose such a person to WFP. A list of proposed persons was collected by Guadalupe Ortiega-Pierres. This list will be sent to the Executive Committee of ICT for the final decision.

The meeting ended up with a few words on the scientific work of Edoardo Pozio who will be retired in the middle of 2018. In recognition of his excellent work, two small gifts were presented to him on behalf of the ICT community.

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List of attending ICT members (18)

Walter Glawischnig (Austria), Leen Claes (Belgium), Bretislav Koudela (Czech Republic), Antti Oksanen (Finland), Isabelle Valleé (France), Karsten Nöckler, Anne Mayer-Scholl (Germany), Edoardo Pozio, Maria Angeles Gomez-Morales, Patrizia Rossi, Gianluca Marucci, Giuseppe La Rosa, Fabrizio Bruschi (Italy), Joke van der Giessen, Fritz Franssen (Netherlands), Miroslav Rozycki (Poland), Ljiljana Sofronic-Mihailovic (Serbia), Anna Lunden (Sweden)