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South Africa

Oonagh Pretorius, IVSA Secretary 2012-2013 4/1/2013



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General Assembly part 1

4 January 2013

Welcome and introduction to the proceedings Certification of the delegates (roll call)

IVSA Member	Present	Absent
Austria	Х	
Belgium		Х
Bosnia Herzigovina		Х
Croatia	Х	
Czech Republic		Х
Denmark	X	
Egypt		Х
Finland	Х	
France, Alfort	X	
France, Lyon		Х
Germany, Hannover	Х	
Germany, Munich	X (not eligible to vote)	
Ghana		Х
Greece, Thessaloniki	X	
Greece, Thessaly		Х
Hungary, Budapest		Х
Iran	X	
Indonesia	Х	
Italy, Naples	X	
Japan		Х
Macedonia		Х
Malaysia		Х
The Netherlands	Х	
Nigeria, Nsukka		Х
Norway	X	
Poland, Olsztyn	X	
Poland, Warsaw	X	





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Poland, Wroclaw	Х	
Portugal		Х
Romania, Cluj-Napoca		х
Romania, Iaşi		х
Romania, Timişoara		х
Serbia, Belgrade		X
Slovenia	X	
South Africa	X	
South Korea	X	
Spain, Barcelona	Х	
Spain, León		Х
Spain, Madrid		Х
Spain, Saragossa		Х
Sweden		Х
Switzerland, Bern		Х
Switzerland, Zurich		Х
Taiwan		Х
Tunisia	Х	
Turkey, Ankara		Х
Turkey, Bursa		х
Turkey, Istanbul		х
UK & Ireland	Х	
SAVMA	Х	
TOTAL	23	27

VERDICT: Quorum met. 54% (20/37 country chapters present)

Election of Secretary

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, nominates Oonagh Pretorius, ExCo, to be Secretary. Motion is seconded.

Oonagh Pretorius accepts.

Election of Parliamentarian





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Steen Smith, IVSA SAVMA, nominates James Bost, IVSA UK and Ireland, as Parliamentarian.
Seconded. No objections.
James Bost accepts.

Election of Chairperson

James Bost, IVSA UK and Ireland, nominates Steen Smith, IVSA SAVMA. Seconded. No objections. Steen Smith accepts.

Nomination of Election Committee

Panagiotis Kokkinos, IVSA Greece, nominates Rafailia Karaiosif, IVSA Greece. Seconded. No objections. Accepted.

Airina Kallmyr, IVSA Norway, nominates Lena Teige, IVSA Norway. Seconded. No objections. Accepted.

Tamara Dolensek, IVSA Slovenia, nominates Manel Millanes, ExCo. Seconded. No objections. Accepted.

Approval of the minutes of the 61st Congress in Norway

Steen Smith (SS) entertains a motion to approve the Norway minutes. Jason Holloway, IVSA SAVMA, proposes approval. Seconded. No discussion.

Point of Information (POI): Rafailia Karaiosif, IVSA Greece, asks if they need to be advised on any changes. SS explains what the minutes are.

Vote by general acclamation. No objections. Minutes approved.

Nominations of the President Elect

Frederic Lohr, ExCo, explains nomination timeline throughout the Symposium.



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No nominations at this time.

Nominations for the 63rd Congress

IVSA Indonesia has already been nominated (in Norway). No nominees are presented at this time. Nominations closed.

Nominations for the 64th Symposium

This will only be voted on at the 62nd congress in Utrecht.

No nominations were made in Norway, July 2012.

Shreya Venkatkumar, IVSA South Africa, nominates IVSA UK and Ireland.

IVSA UK and Ireland decline.

No other nominees are presented at this time.

Nominations closed.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

Frederic Lohr, President, explains that the timelines were met for all the proposed amendments.

The constitution will be presented first. Chairman explains that all changes will have to be confirmed in Utrecht to become part of the new IVSA constitution.

a) Proposed amendment to the constitution from IVSA Romania, Timisoara IVSA Romania proposed that we change the membership section of the Constitution: definition of country.

<u>Proposed amendment:</u> "A country is defined as an entity which is a state according to article 1 and article 11 of the 1933 Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States and is in addition acknowledged by the majority of the United Nations member states."

Frederic Lohr (FL) explains the amendment to the GA.

James Bost (JB), Constitution Committee (CC), will explain the original intentions of the CC. It was not a political statement, they just had to find something to define a country.



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James refers to the current constitution. "A country is defined as an entity which is a state according to article 1 of the 1933 Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States and is in addition acknowledged by at least one United Nations member state."

Chair entertains motion for motion to be brought before the house. Tahiyya Shaik, IVSA South Africa, moves that the proposed amendment be brought before the house. Seconded.

Motion is brought before the house.

The proposed amendment is now open for discussion.

Guilio Grossi, IVSA Italy, speaks for the change:

Italy believes that more than half the UN does not need to recognize a state as that in order for the IVSA to accept it in their definition of a country.

James Bost continues his explanation. He says that everything is covered by Article 1 and thus he sees no reason to add article 11 of the *Montevideo Convention*. The CC wants to keep the broadest definition of country. For example, IVSA Taiwan could join with China to become a Super National Entity. If the amendment is voted down JB suggests adding an explanation in the manuals.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, points out that if this amendment passes, Kosovo and Taiwan could not be included as IVSA chapters.

Rafailia Karaiosif, IVSA Thessaloniki, speaks for the amendment. RF says that keeping the definition broad would be too vague. She says that using the majority of UN opinions, would be the less political thing to do.

JB explains that the *Montevideo Convention* part 3 actually states that no one need to recognise the state to make it official. They added the one acknowledgement.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, feels strongly that the motion should be voted down. She encourages delegates to consider the consequences of the amendment.

Louise Juel Krarup, IVSA Denmark: If countries don't like differences then they would find it difficult to be in an international organization.

Sam Smith, IVSA SAVMA, explains the exclusion of Taiwan.





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Tamara Dolensek, ExCo, explains how Slovenia is a new country too and that all new states have to start somewhere.

Short Recess.

Roll call vote 1: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	1	1	
Croatia		2	
Denmark		2	
Finland		2	
France		2	
Germany		2	
Greece	2		
Indonesia		2	
Iran		2	
Italy	2		
The Netherlands		2	
Norway		2	
Poland		2	
Slovenia		2	
South Africa		2	
South Korea		2	
Spain		2	
Tunisia		2	
UK & Ireland		2	
SAVMA		2	
TOTAL	5	35	0

VERDICT: Motion failed. 12.5%

b) Bylaws discussion





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James Bost, CC, moves that the CC's points are accepted to improve the bylaws. Some friendly amendments will also be suggested later.

Chairman, Steen Smith, suggests that we start a Working Session to discuss this and vote on everything as one amendment.

Jason Holloway, IVSA SAVMA, makes a motion to start and informal working session. Seconded.

No objections.

JB discusses the new ExCO structure.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, asks whether the Danish delegates have changed their opinion on the matter of the new ExCo structure.

Louise Juel Krarup, IVSA Denmark: Denmark thinks it would be better to have fixed positions, but thinks it would be good to have an IO because of the amount of information running through chapters and the ExCo. Denmark thinks that the ExCo should consist of 8 members and that at least one more position should be specified.

Ines Ben Jebara, ExCo, explains her position as CEO and how it fulfils almost the same role as IO.

Jason Holloway, IVSA SAVMA: Will changes to structure be brought before the GA or will the ExCo decide alone?

James Bost, CC: The ExCo as it is.

Tahiyya Shaik, CC: It is important to remember that these rules are meant to last and constraint could limit future ExCos in changing times.

Julie Stafford (JS), IVSA SAVMA, says that the ExCo deciding on roles would in fact limit variety by constraint.

JB explains that this is the role of the new ExCo.

JS asks to move the sentence from 5th paragraph to the end of the 4th paragraph.



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No objections. (This will be voted on later.)

Below the minimum of 6 people the ExCo won't be able to function.

JS suggests that the sections be voted on separately.

i) NOMINATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXCO

3rd bullet: "Only undergraduate veterinary students are eligible for election to the ExCo. A veterinary student will be considered undergraduate if they are not fully licensed to practice veterinary medicine in their country with the degrees they possess at the time of the election."

JB has been made aware that in the State of Oregon and a few others, qualified vets are not allowed to practice for the first year without supervision. Thus the CC propose changing the amendment to the above phrase.

JB explains that the 9th bullet point now clarifies how the Trust will work. "A member can be nominated for a position in the ExCo, a position in the Secretariat and a position in the Trust, or any combination thereof, but only be elected to one of these. The election of the ExCo must always take place prior to the election of the Secretariat, thus deciding whether the nomination for the Secretariat is still valid at the time of the election of the Secretariat. The election of the Secretariat must always take place prior to the election of the Trust, thus deciding whether the nomination for the Trust is still valid at the time of election of the Trust."

ii) **ELECTION OF EXCO:**

Bullet point 1: "If there is only one nominee for the position of President-Elect, the nominee will be elected without a vote."

JB explains that there is no point in voting when there is only one nominee.

Louise Juel Krarup, IVSA Denmark: Could a vote of no confidence be brought out if there is no vote?

JB: Yes, but after the election.

Louise: Could that person then be unelected?



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JB: Not until after they assume office (31st August) and therefore not at the same congress.

Concerning the 6th bullet point, JS suggests they change the term "shall resign" to "shall be eliminated". Friendly amendment is made. The point now reads: *"Election of nominees shall be by simple majority unless otherwise stated. If no majority is achieved by any nominee for a position, the nominee who received the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated from the nomination for that position and another vote shall take place. This procedure is repeated until a nominee receives a majority."*

Concerning the 7th point, a friendly amendment is proposed by Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, to change "nominees" to "provisionally elected nominees". The friendly amendment is made. The point now reads: "In the case that more than two (2) nominees are to be elected to the ExCo from the same country, another vote shall be held in which all provisionally elected nominees from that country are voted on. In this case, the two (2) nominees with the highest numbers of votes shall be elected, and the other provisionally elected nominee(s) shall no longer be eligible for a position on the ExCo."

8th point: "In the case that more than one (1) nominee from the same country as the current President-Elect is to be elected to the ExCo, another vote shall be held in which all provisionally elected nominees from that country, excluding the President-Elect, are voted on. The one (1) nominee with the highest number of votes shall be elected, and the other provisionally elected nominee(s) shall no longer be eligible for a position on the ExCo." Eve Cohen, IVSA SAVMA, asks whether this means that a great treasurer, for example, would have to apply for MOE but might not get it because of this point.

JB explains that yes that would be the case and then there are no objections.

The section of Secretary of the general assembly is to be moved to section under *Secretary General*.

The chairman proposes that a motion be made to recess.

Jason Holloway, IVSA SAVMA, makes motion to recess until General Assembly part 2. Seconded. No objections.





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General Assembly part 2

5 January 2013

Roll call

IVSA Member	Present	Absent
Austria	Х	
Croatia	X	
Denmark	X	
Finland	X	
France, Alfort	X	
Germany, Hannover	X	
Germany, Munich	X (not eligible to vote)	
Greece, Thessaloniki	Х	
Iran	X	
Indonesia	X	
Italy, Naples	X	
The Netherlands	X	
Norway	X	
Poland, Olsztyn	X	
Poland, Warsaw	X	
Poland, Wroclaw	X	
Slovenia	X	
South Africa	X	
South Korea	Х	
Spain, Barcelona	Х	
Tunisia	Х	
UK & Ireland	Х	
SAVMA	Х	
TOTAL	23	

b) Working session on the bylaws continues:



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iii) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Expenses

The following proposed amendments are read:

Point 2: "ExCo members shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses at a minimum cost rate from the IVSA central fund for attending the Symposium and Congress during which all mandatory meetings are held."

Point 3: "The President-Elect shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses at a minimum cost rate from the IVSA central fund for attending the Congress of IVSA."

Point 4: "The Post-Treasurer shall be reimbursed for their travel expenses at a minimum cost rate from the IVSA central fund for attending the Symposium of IVSA following their term as Treasurer."

No discussion.

iv) SECRETARIAT: Nomination and Election

JB explains the term "Secretariat" to be the new title of the current "trustees". He then explains the method of the election of the Secretariat: The vote will be plurality at large, which is approximately what we have already. Essentially only the person with the lowest amount of votes is removed.

The definition of a veterinary student is changed to the same as for the officer election.

Some issues were raised that the Trust should be open to members of the Secretariat too. Currently, priority is given for the ExCo but it is confirmed that members of the Secretariat may run for a position in the Trust. Members of the Trust will be voted in by plurality at large.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, would like to make it clear that not everyone is in favour of allowing members of the Secretariat to be eligible for the Trust.

James Bost, CC, asks for a show of hands for keeping it just exclusively open to the ExCo. No hands.

No further discussion.

v) MEMBERSHIP FEES: Member organisation fees



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"The Size factor stands for member size and is aimed at creating tiers in the membership fees according to the size of the Member Organization. The size of the Member Organization is translated into the Size factor in the following way:

Number of members Size factor

< 50	0,5
< 100	1
< 250	2
< 500	3
< 750	4
< 1000	5
< 1500	6
< 2000	7
< 3000	8
< 5000	9
≥ 5000	10

JB explains changes in the calculation of fees. There are now 11 size factors to divide countries into. He asks if anyone had wanted to propose a better system as they suggested in Norway. No one has one.

Louise Juel Krarup, IVSA Denmark: How well does the factor in the new equation correspond to the change in membership?

JB explains how the changes with membership fluctuations would occur. He says that for most chapters the change is will not be so significant.

Rafailia, Karaiosif, IVSA Thessaloniki : Why was a factor between 250 and 500 members not considered?

JB explains that making more groups would make the list a lot longer. This was the best that the CC could come up with.

End of discussion.

vi) CONGRESSES AND SYMPOSIA: Hosting a congress or symposium



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8. "If no Member Organization applies to host a Congress or Symposium by the appointed time, the ExCo in office at the time the Congress or Symposium was due to be held will convene a special General Assembly to replace the General Assembly lost due to the Congress or Symposium not being hosted."

JB explains the point. The ExCo in office will have to make a decision on the matter should it arise.

The Chairman entertains a motion to return to normal session. Jason Holloway, IVSA SAVMA, so moves. Seconded. No objections.

12. Nominations for President Elect

James Bost, IVSA UK and Ireland, nominates Pim Polak, IVSA The Netherlands. Seconded. No objections.

Pim Polak accepts.

No further nominations. Nominations are closed.

13. Nominations for 63rd Congress

No nominations. Nominations closed.

14. Nominations for 63rd Symposium

No nominations. Nominations closed.

15. SCoMTE presentation.

Pim Polak, Chairman of SCoMTE, IVSA The Netherlands presents.

16. Discussion on the bylaws continued

The Chairman, Steen Smith, entertains a motion to bring the ExCo structure to the floor. James Bost, IVSA UK and Ireland so moves.

The Chairman reads out the change.

Seconded.

Tahiyya Shaik, CC, clarifies the apart from the bylaws there will be a manual drawn up with all the information on, for example, the IO which will make sure that no information is lost with changing ExCos.



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Roll call vote 2: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		
Denmark	1	1	
Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia*			
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		
TOTAL	37	1	2

VERDICT: Motion passed. 97%

i) Nomination of the members of the ExCo (see 11.i. of GA1 for discussion)

The Chairman reads the amendment and entertains motion to bring it to the floor.

JB makes motion. Seconded. No objections.



^{*}not present



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Roll call vote 3: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		
Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	1	1	
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		
TOTAL	39	1	0

VERDICT: Motion passed. 97.5%

ii) Election of members of the ExCo (see 11.ii. of GA1 for discussion)

The Chairman reads the text and entertains motion to bring amendment to the floor. JB so moves. Seconded. No objections.

Roll call vote 4: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		



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Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		
TOTAL	40	0	0

VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%

iii) Meetings of the Executive committee.

JB proposes a motion to discuss this point. Seconded. No discussion.

Roll call vote 5: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		
Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		



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Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		
TOTAL	40	0	0

VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%

iv) Expenses (see 11.iii. for discussion)

The Chairman entertains that the motion to be brought to the floor. Jason Holloway, IVSA SAVMA so moves. Seconded.

Roll call vote 6: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		
Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		



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Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		
TOTAL	40	0	0

VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%

v) Termination of the membership of the ExCo

Roll call vote 7: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		
Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		



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VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%

vi) Secretariat: Nomination and Election (see 11.iv for discussion)

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, speaks against the motion. Julie is for keeping only the ExCo as potential members of the trust. "There are also people involved who were never officers or trustees that might be even more useful. Where do we draw the line?"

James Bost, CC, speaks for the motion.

Oonagh Pretorius, ExCo, speaks for the motion.

Tamara Dolensek, IVSA Slovenia, speaks for the motion.

Tahiyya Shaik, IVSA South Africa, speaks against the motion.

Frederic Lohr, ExCo President reminds the GA that SCoMTE and the Animal Welfare Committee could also contribute as members of the trust.

Tamara Dolensek, IVSA Slovenia: Would the old Trustee position be considered as equivalent to the new Secretariat and be eligible to apply for the trust? James Bost, CC, responds that that is how it was intended. Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, comments that it should be specifically stated as such.

The Chairman clarifies the motion and suggests the GA vote on it as is, adding part that the previous role of Trustee is equal to the new position of Secretariat and has all the rights and privileges accorded to them. If the GA does this then they can consider the issue again at a later stage. He reminds the GA that all proposed amendments to the bylaws would have to be circulated 30 days before the next GA.

No further discussion.

Roll call vote 8: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	1	1	
Croatia	2		
Denmark	2		



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Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	1		1
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA			2
TOTAL	36	1	3

VERDICT: Motion passed. 97.3%

v) Member Organisation Fees. (See 11.v for discussion)

The Chairman reads the text and entertains for the motion to be brought to the floor. Mathieu Visser, ExCo, so moves. Seconded.

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark: What does the percentage in the first table stand for? The Chairman, Steen Smith explains that the country with the highest percentage acts as the benchmark and the percentage of that determines which bracket one falls into.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, asks the current ExCo treasurer to speak on this matter.

Mathieu Visser, ExCo Treasurer: It is an easy and fair system. Not too much difference in fees for current IVSA chapters. The membership calculation is much easier for the IVSA Treasurer to do than previously. The new system is well thought out and I believe it has enough size factors. The new system gives small chapters the chance to grow, whereas the old system would hamper this.



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Manel Millanes, ExCo asks whether we have any way to check up on our member organisations to make sure their reported numbers are correct.

Ines Ben Jebara, ExCo, replies that we trust our representatives.

Mathieu Visser explains that the Treasurer will ask each Member Organisation for an official paper stating their membership numbers.

Tamara Dolensek, IVSA Slovenia: What would be a penalty if inaccurate numbers were sent?

Mathieu Visser recommends that Member Organisation in this situation be penalised by having to pay the rest of the membership fee.

James Bost, CC, confirms that such a penalty would be not conflict with the new constitution and bylaws.

Roll call vote 9: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		
Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia			2
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		



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VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%

vi) Hosting a Congress or Symposium (See 11.vi for discussion) and Responsibilities of the OC

The Chairman entertains a motion that the two would be regarded as one for the purpose of voting. Tahiyya Shaik, IVSA South Africa, so moves. Seconded. No objections.

Roll call vote 10: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		
Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		
TOTAL	40	0	0

VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%



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vii) Friendly amendments

Editorial corrections will be made outside of the GA.

viii) Written ballot to bring forward motions without prior notice.

James Bost, CC, presents the changes. This amendment changes the definition of a qualified vet student.

Written ballot results 1: This motion requires a unanimous vote to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria			2
Croatia	2		
Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France			2
Germany		2	
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		
TOTAL	34	2	4

VERDICT: Motion failed. 94.4%





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17. Financial Report of 61st IVSA Congress in Norway

Members of the Norwegian Organising Committee (OC) present the financial report.

Steen Smith, IVSA SAVMA, asks what became of the surplus €3977. The OC reply that the fate of the excess funds is still to be still to be determined.

Pim Polak, IVSA The Netherlands: Were sponsors aware that there was a big surplus? Norwegian OC: Some are aware.

Tamara Dolensek, IVSA Slovenia: since there was lots was left over, is it possible to give some back to the delegates?

OC: If we did that it would be approximately 2 euro returned per delegate, so with bank fees it would not be plausible.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: shouldn't the extra money go to the IVSA central fund?

Mathieu Visser, ExCo Treasurer asks how would one determine which money would was to go back to the IVSA Central Fund.

Jason Holloway, IVSA SAVMA: Did you have a sponsor when the price of €400 extra was made? If not, the money should be allowed to go to Norway.

The Chairman suggests the approval of the financial report.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA brings forward the motion with removal of the DF line.

Voice Vote: Motion is passed!

A motion to recess made by Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA. Seconded. No objections.

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Roll call





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IVSA Member	Present	Absent
Austria	Х	
Croatia	Х	
Denmark	Х	
Finland	Х	
France, Alfort	Х	
Germany, Hannover	X	
Germany, Munich	X (not eligible to vote)	
Greece, Thessaloniki	X	
Iran	X	
Indonesia	X	
Italy, Naples	X	
The Netherlands	X	
Norway	X	
Poland, Olsztyn	X	
Poland, Warsaw	X	
Poland, Wroclaw	X	
Slovenia	X	
South Africa	X	
South Korea	X	
Spain, Barcelona	X	
Tunisia	Х	
UK & Ireland	X	
SAVMA	Х	
TOTAL	23	

18. Presentation by institutions applying for the status of Super National Entity (SNE)

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, gives a presentation on SAVMA and why they are applying for the status of SNE.

USA, Caribbean, UK (will be separated for IVSA), Canada.



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Explains the structure within SCAVMA, ExBo, and so on.

IEO Steen Smith, IVSA SAVMA, explains the position. IEO is in charge of group and individual exchanges.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: Global and public health officer: ExBo. Is SAVMA's recognition of the importance of One Health.

Julie explains about the different committees and what SAVMA does abroad: Scholarships, IAWF, DF-auction during their symposium. International education programs and service trips. Example: OSU's Nicaragua Trip.

Julie talks about what issues SAVMA students face: debt because of tuition, job security issues, the veterinary school curriculum, IVSA activity within SAVMA and differences between vet schools. They only have 2 people in charge.

Goals for their participation in IVSA: SAVMA symposium: lectures, wetlabs, DF-auction. Registration for the SAVMA symposium is open until January 31st and late registration is open until February 31st 2013.

Holly Richardson, IVSA UK & Ireland : I am wondering which UK school which is involve in SAVMA?

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: Glascow. It's just a sister organisation. For the IVSA part they will be regarded as a part of UK and Ireland. Their IVSA fee is paid by IVSA UK & Ireland.

Rafailia Karaiosif, IVSA Thessaloniki: Are we voting for both SAVMA and UK and Ireland at once?

James Bost, IVSA UK & Ireland: The presentation for IVSA UK &Ireland was not made in time because it was assigned to someone who couldn't do it because of personal issues. James explains about why they want to be regarded as a SNE too.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA moves to accept IVSA SAVMA and IVSA UK & Ireland as Super-National Entities. Seconded.

Roll Call Vote 11: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		



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Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	1		1
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA	2		
TOTAL	39	0	1

VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%

19. Presentation of the candidate running for President-Elect:

Pim Polak, IVSA The Netherlands presents himself. He has written a letter of motivation to be presented tomorrow.

- 4th year (master system). interests: politics
- Been on the student body in Utrecht
- Part of OC for 62nd congress in Utrecht
- Chair of SCoMTE 2012-2013
- He has a great admiration for the IVSA and wants to contribute to IVSA. Pim is
 excited about being President-Elect especially because of the period he shares with
 the current ExCo, and to be able to continue their work.
- Pim would like to keep IVSA growing in Asia and South America.

Questions:





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Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: The President of IVSA has been a male for the past 4 years and for the last 5 years the President has been from a European chapter. Do you consider this an issue, and what will you do with that?

Pim Polak (PP) is not concerned about the male to female ratio. He doesn't see it as a big problem that he's from Europe as long as the rest of the ExCo is from a diverse array of countries.

Frederic Lohr, President: What is the main goal for your term?

PP: Sustainability of the IVSA. We need fixed sponsors. I would like to get more sponsors involved to keep IVSA less dependent on a sole sponsor. I would also like to get people more inspired to run for ExCo.

Rafailia Karaiosif, IVSA Greece: I don't think the nationality of our president is such a big issue. We elect the best person.

Frederic Lohr, President: Will you have enough time to both be President-Elect and on the 62nd congress OC?

PP: I don't think that it will be a big problem because I have less school now. I have made arrangements for attending SAVMA symposium 2013 in case I get elected. I will have to figure out my role during the upcoming congress.

20. Nominations for the 63rd Congress

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark, nominates IVSA France. Caroline Boucher, IVSA France, declines.

Nominations closed.

21. Nominations for the 63rd Symposium

No nominations at this time. Nominations closed at this time.





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22. Presentation on the 62nd Congress in Utrecht

Mirjam Heinemans and Niza Nijmeijer of the OC are presenting.

The congress will run from 28 July to 7 August. The theme will be Extraordinary Animal Medicine, split into:

1-One Health

2-Innovation

3-Education

There will be 14 lectures, 3 workshops, sightseeing, a trip to Amsterdam and much more. Applications: 15/02-15/03/2013 (1 month earlier for the ExCo)

Web site: ivsa.nl

23. Proposed budget and fee for the 62nd congress in Utrecht

The Dutch OC presents the budget so far.

They have gotten €15 000 from sponsors so far, but because of the economic situation in

The Netherlands they asks to raise the fee to €400 per delegate.

Housing: € 24 000 Set. This includes breakfast.

Has based the numbers from the budget for the 61st Congress in Norway because of the similarities in prices.

Tamara Dolensek, ExCo: What are the plans for transport each day?

OC: It is too far to walk from the accommodation so they are hoping to use bikes.

Ines Ben Jebara, ExCo: can you clarify the volunteer post please?

OC: We will let some of the volunteers join lectures but there is no money in the budget set for them.

Louise Juel Krarup, IVSA Denmark: What are the expenses with workshops?





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Mathieu Visser, OC: We have been in contact with other associations as well and have someone doing workshops as part of what they sponsor.

Sunghyun Hong, ExCo: Is there a possibility to get more sponsors? OC: We will try all the way until the congress, but we have met some difficulties, and for now the difference is about €20 000.

Mathieu Visser, OC: half the team is working on sponsorship. They've been working their asses off and been in contact with loads of sponsors.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: POI- Are we approving the budget and the fees? Mathieu Visser, OC: new bylaws

James Bost, IVSA UK & Ireland: The new bylaws do not apply for SA and Utrecht, still on the old bylaws then, so we will have to approve to raise the fee.

Steen Smith, IVSA SAVMA: The GA will only be approving the 62nd congress's financial report at the IVSA GA after the event. We will have to approve the raise of the fee.

Inanda Shabrina, IVSA Indonesia: It will be Ramadan during the congress and we will need a place to pray.

Mathieu Visser, OC: we'll take it to consideration, and discuss the details further.

Recess for ten minutes.

Mathieu Visser, OC Netherlands, explains more thoroughly about why they have to raise the fee.

- Budget: 90 000 euros.
- Housing is a major cost. Not possible to do it cheaper because they don't have dorms etc.
- Transportation: limited amount of excursions.
- Lectures and workshops: working hard to get them for free. Sponsored workshops.
 The OC are working closely with their professors.
- Food and drinks: not that big a difference from Norway. Alcohol is cheaper, but not part of the budget. It is a big cost one can't limit.
- The OC have been turned down by potentially big sponsors.
- They have all the expenses down to the minimum but still have a big negative difference.
- Need the security of the raised fee at the moment to be able to host the congress.
 Hopefully they can lower it again before the application period is over.



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The OC is not sure the faculty will continue with their support without the raised fee.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: Is there a solution to any potential surplus? Mathieu Visser, OC: Best case scenario is being able to lower the fee again. Any surplus will be given back to the IVSA account to help out another OC. The OC will talk with ExCo about it and discuss it with all the delegates.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: Would you use sponsor money to increase the program if you get the money in time?

OC: It's mostly the housing, food and transportation that are major costs.

Tahiyya Shaik, IVSA South Africa: We sympathise with your OC but is 400 euro the lowest possible increase? Possibility with a lower increase?

OC: There is still a huge gap. We don't dare to raise it by any less.

Tahiyya Shaik, IVSA South Africa: We don't have a problem with it as long it benefits the participants/IVSA.

Eve Cohen, IVSA SAVMA: Could you cut expenses in printing/shirts? Might be brought from other countries. Also, could the €500 Euro for the web site be less?

Mathieu Visser, OC: We already have a web site and asked favours from friends and colleagues.

Pim Polak, OC: It would have cost 1500 euros normally.

Eve: sponsoring for shirts?

OC: If we really had to we could not have shirts.

Lauren Dodd, IVSA SAVMA: Have you considered using the money from the surplus from Norway?

Mathieu Visser, OC: This is not our decision, and also these are different delegates to those from Norway.

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark: Is the fee for the ExCo also raised? Mathieu Visser, OC: It should be half of the delegate fee. Thanks for pointing that out. So yes.





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Frederic Lohr, President point out that the OC have budgeted wrongly. They have included the trustees in the budget. The OC receives the full fee for trustees.

The Chairman proposes tabling the discussion for GA4 to go through the changes.

24. New Chapter Applications

The Chairman goes through the presentations. He might have to cut some of them because they're over the limit of 5 min.

Showed a presentation from:

- IVSA India
- IVSA Nigeria
- IVSA Bangladesh

Emma van Rooijen, IVSA The Netherlands: Is it the same presentation for Bangladesh and India?

Manel Millanes, ExCo: POI they got the IVSA India presentation as an example

Isabel Martinez Flores, IVSA Spain: the pictures were the same of the board. Not the names.

Ines Ben Jebara, ExCo: He has been an individual member for two years, we already know him and that he's from Bangladesh. I also have also contact with 5 people in India who sent the application and the doctor in charge of student activities.

IVSA Berlin

Karolina Kijek, IVSA Poland: I am concerned about the application from IVSA Bangladesh. If someone is not ready to make a presentation, how are they able to join our activities? Martyna Kaczmarek, IVSA Poland: It's like cheating to copy someone else's application.

The chairman explains that the voting is in GA 4, and that it might be an idea to vote on each chapter separately.

IVSA Ibadan (Nigeria)



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- IVSA Kenya
- IVSA Poznan
- IVSA Murcia, Spain
- IVSA Kosovo

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA has serious concerns about the presentations. They are highly inconsistent. Julie recommends tabling some of these until Utrecht before we have the appropriate information. Why did one application got sent to another applicant? ExCo should make their own example.

Ines Ben Jebara, ExCo: The ExCo did set the example in Serbia. Also, it is fair to know how other presentations are done.

Louise Juel Krarup, IVSA Denmark: I agree with Julie. Does IVSA have a standard for the faculties qualities (for animal housing and so on)?

Ines Ben Jebara, ExCo: we don't have any approval of the faculties. The applicants just need to present the chapter, president, EO and so on.

Frederic Lohr, President: Concerning animal welfare standards; we don't have the same standard all over the world. We should accept chapters to give them the opportunity to see how it can be done.

Tahiyya Shaik, IVSA South Africa: Some applicants are confused about the minimum requirements for becoming a chapter.

James Bost, IVSA UK & Ireland reads the requirements from the bylaws. Requirements for a chapter:

- EO, Local President, one more student.
- Application for membership

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark: one of the European applicants not following European law. Emma van Rooijen, IVSA the Netherlands: There is a lack of information. I don't feel like this is enough to vote on.

Eve Cohen, IVSA SAVMA: We are voting on a presentation, not the application. Don't have the facts. Have these already been approved?

Holly Richardson, IVSA UK & Ireland makes a suggestion: If the quality is not good enough, send back presentations with suggested amendments for the future.



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Rafailia Karaiosif, IVSA Greece: Have all the applications that are applying as countries met the requirements?

James Bost, IVSA UK & Ireland: Yes.

Ines Ben Jebara, ExCo show the GA the applications.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA moves to table all the applications until Utrecht to be able to see through them more thoroughly. Seconded.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA suggests that because there is such a short amount of time until the next GA we should create *ad hoc* committee to make applications more streamlined.

Silje Soefteland, IVSA Norway: Have any countries ever not been allowed to participate in IVSA? What is a good reason for that if they have a good application? Frederic Lohr, President: This happens when the GA decides the presentation is not up to standard or inefficient.

Ollie Jokinene, IVSA Finland, disagrees with the motion to table all the applications. He says we should make the decisions based on the applications and not the powerpoints. Not sure if all the applicants knew what should be in the powerpoint. The GA should be able to see the requirements and applications.

Anja, IVSA South Africa: If the application is valid then the presentation doesn't really matter.

Karolina Kijek, IVSA Poland: The applicants should at least do the effort of making a real presentation.

Emma van Rooijen, IVSA the Netherlands: We should vote on the ones that are good enough.

POI Frederic Lohr, President, points out that voting is in GA 4.

Chair, Steen Smith, clarifies that is tabling that is up for discussion. Defines what it means to table.



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Martyna Kaczmarek, IVSA Poland: I think we should think about the applications. Applicants should not copy from others.

Niza Nijmeijer, IVSA the Netherlands: I don't understand the discussion. We have the application. Aren't we a global family? The requirements are set in the bylaws, and those are met. Delaying for 6 months is like saying no and seeing if they will try again.

Louise Juel Krarup, IVSA Denmark also disagrees with the motions because they do meet the requirements we've set. IVSA should streamline the applications for the future and make it more clear for all parties.

Jason Holloway, IVSA SAVMA, calls the question. We must vote on whether we want to vote. If it fails the discussion continues.

Voting on ending the discussion:

100% passed. (all in favour, no abstentions)

Voting on the motion: To table all the applications until the 62nd Congress in Utrecht with encouragement to the ExCo to recieve more information.

Must in that case be taken off the table first thing in GA in Utrecht. If this motion fails we'll vote on each application in GA 4.

Roll call vote 12:

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria			
Croatia		2	
Denmark		2	
Finland		2	
France		2	
Germany		2	
Greece		2	
Indonesia		2	
Iran		2	



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Italy		2	
The Netherlands		2	
Norway		2	
Poland		2	
Slovenia		2	
South Africa		2	
South Korea		2	
Spain		2	
Tunisia		2	
UK & Ireland		2	
SAVMA	2		
TOTAL	2	38	0

VERDICT: Motion failed. 5%

Jason Holloway, IVSA SAVMA: moves to recess until GA 4 Seconded. No objections.

General Assembly part 4

10 January 2013

Roll call

IVSA Member	Present	Absent
Austria	Х	
Croatia	Х	
Denmark	Х	
Finland	X	
France, Alfort	X	
Germany, Hannover	Х	
Germany, Munich	X (not eligible to vote)	
Greece, Thessaloniki	X	
Indonesia	X	
Iran	X	
Italy, Naples	X	



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The Netherlands	X	
Norway	Х	
Poland, Olsztyn	Х	
Poland, Warsaw	X	
Poland, Wroclaw	Х	
Slovenia	Х	
South Africa	Х	
South Korea	Х	
Spain, Barcelona	X	
Tunisia	Х	
UK & Ireland	Х	
SAVMA	X	
TOTAL	23	

24. Discussion of New Member Applications continued

Frederic Lohr, President ExCo: The ExCo ask forgiveness for what happened in the previous GA. Internet connectivity problems prevented him from downloading all of them. The ExCo will work on streamlining the application process.

Application from Kosovo is shown on projector.

Application from Bangladesh is shown on the projector.

Application from Berlin is shown.

Application from Poland is shown.

The floor is now open for discussion:

Louise Jeul Krarup, IVSA Denmark, comments on the process of application: In constitution it does not say that it is mandatory to make a presentation, thus we should not be voting on the presentations. It would not be right to exclude chapters based on their presentation or lack thereof.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: Including more and more chapters might make it difficult to meet quorum in the future because there is a greater number of chapters that could become inactive.



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Manel Millanes, ExCo: If chapters are active then at least they are doing something.

Panagiotis Kokkinos, IVSA Thessaloniki, would like to know if IVSA India would represent all of the vet schools in india.

Ines Ben Jebara, ExCo, replies yes.

The Chairman suggests making a motion to either vote on the chapters singly or as a unit.

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark, proposes a motion to vote for all chapters singly.

Frederic Lohr, President, reads out the list of all applicants:

IVSA Algeria

IVSA Bangladesh

IVSA Berlin, Germany

IVSA Ibadan, Nigeria

IVSA India

IVSA Kenya

IVSA Kosovo

IVSA Murtia, Spain

IVSA Poznan, Poland

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark makes a motion for acceptance of the new IVSA chapter, Kosovo.

Seconded. Discussion.

Roll Call Vote 13: This motion requires a majority of 75% to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	2		
Denmark	2		
Finland	2		
France	1		1
Germany	2		
Greece	1		1
Indonesia	2		



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Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	1		1
Norway	2		
Poland	1		1
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA			2
TOTAL	34	0	6

VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%

James Bost, IVSA UK & Ireland, moves to accept chapters Algeria, Kenya, Murtia (Spain), Ibadan (Nigeria), Poznan (Poland) and Berlin (Germany).

Roll Call Vote 14: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.





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Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	1		1
Norway	2		
Poland	2		
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA			2
TOTAL	36	0	4

VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%

Ines Ben Jebara, ExCo, gives the GA more information on the application from Bangladesh.

Louise Jeul Krarup, IVSA Denmark: In what way would the ExCo change the application process?

Frederic Lohr, President: The ExCo would recommend that each application have 4-6 slides with fixed information to be given and 3 slides that are optional information. The ExCo would also like to add a toolkit about what would be expected of the applicants by the ExCo. The application form will also be updated. Excerpts from each application form would be circulated ahead of the GA it would be voted on.

Louise Jeul Krarup, IVSA Denmark: How would we change the bylaws?



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Finland	2		
France	2		

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, recommends that the ExCo ask all new chapters to have a presentation.

Holly Richardson, IVSA UK &Ireland makes a motion to accept Bangladesh as a new chapter.

William Garton, IVSA UK & Ireland: Bangladesh fill all the requirements and should be allowed to be part of the IVSA.

Frederic Lohr, President: POI, Bangladesh's presentation was sent to India.

Roll Call Vote 15: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.



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Germany	2		
Greece	2		
Indonesia	2		
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	1		1
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain	2		
Tunisia	2		
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA			2
TOTAL	37	0	3

VERDICT: Motion passed. 100%

IVSA India application

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark, thinks that India might have been unsure of how to prepare their slide-show and that is why they relied so heavily on the template they had of the Bangladesh application slide-show.

Holly Richardson, IVSA UK & Ireland: They met the requirements for application. It is not their fault for errors. She encourages the GA to vote in favour of accepting the application from India.

Charlotte Watkins, IVSA UK & Ireland, makes a motion to accept India's application. Seconded.

William Garton, IVSA UK & Ireland: India made the most complete presentation and we should vote them in.



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Finland	2		
France	2		
Germany	2		
Greece	1		1
Indonesia	1		1
Iran	2		
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	1		1

Roll Call Vote 16: This motion requires a 75% majority to pass.





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Norway	2		
Poland		1	1
Slovenia	2		
South Africa	2		
South Korea	2		
Spain		2	
Tunisia	1	1	
UK & Ireland	2		
SAVMA		1	1
TOTAL	28	5	7

VERDICT: Motion passed. 84%

25. Utrecht presents modifications to the budget for the 62nd congress

Mathieu Visser, ExCo, explains the changes made to the proposed budget since GA3. The gap in budget is €13 000. If the congress fee were to be raised the gap would only be €5 500. If the fee is raised but more sponsors are found, then the extra funds will go to improving the quality of the congress.

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark: Does the bylaws state that there should be a certain amount charged for attending the congress?

James Bost, IVSA UK & Ireland: Not in the new bylaws, but the old bylaws still apply for Utrecht and there a fee is specified.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: How long was is set that amount? Frederic Lohr, President PIO: it was raised in Denmark (changed bylaws) in early 2010

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA, raises two points

- 1. SAVMA sees it as a highly limiting factor to SAVMA delegates being able to attend if the fee were to be increased.
- 2. Couldn't the Norway excess be sent to the Utrecht?

Niza Nijmeijer, IVSA The Netherlands, comments that they want to be able to provide the best possible congress.



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Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark, comments that it would not be right to put the excess Norway money into Utrecht because the delegates attending will be different to those in Norway.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: The other option is to send it to the IVSA central fund, but it would be fair to give it to Utrecht if that meant the IVSA delegates would have to pay less.

Karolina Kijek, IVSA Poland: Some countries won't be able to afford the congress in Utrecht if the fees are raised.

William Garton, UK Ireland: It is an all-inclusive fee so no other activities would have to be added to the cost.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: A free option is always offered. Julie makes a motion to apply the surplus IVSA Norway funds to the congress in Utrecht. Seconded.

Discussion:

Mathieu Visser, ExCo asks if the GA has the authority to decide where Norway's money is going to be appointed?

James Bost, IVSA UK & Ireland replies that it was left to IVSA Norway to decide, so the GA cannot decide where the money is going.

Emma van Rooijen, IVSA The Netherlands, asks if someone was in Norway that can't attend Utrecht and has a problem with the money going to the Utrecht congress?

Frederic Lohr, President: Norway should be allowed to make the decision of what to do with the money, but having a congress would still be much preferable to not having one. The congress is the most important event because of GAs.

Bronwyn Olford, IVSA South Africa: The fee should not be called "all-inclusive" because with the SA symposium we fund-raised for 18 months and still didn't cover costs. The OC never knows if it will be able to include everything into the fee.

Mathieu Visser, ExCo: The OC are not saying they will definitely be able to cover all the expenses but that is what they are working towards.



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The Chairman asks the GA to please conclude the discussion and make a decision on the matter by hand-raising vote.

Hand raising vote: Motion has been voted down.

Floor is open for further discussion.

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark: Even with the raised fee it will still be cheaper than flying to South Africa.

Charlotte Watkins, IVSA UK & Ireland: We must consider that all chapters are not located in Europe. We must make the congress as accessible to the new members (the majority of which are not from Europe).

Rafailia Karaiosif, IVSA Thessaloniki: We were expecting to pay less. Many chapter members would be very disappointed if the fee was raised. Can the central fund keep money for the congress and loan or give it to them?

Mathieu Visser, ExCo: There is no room in the budget to spend money in that way. Mathieu thinks that it would be great to have a starters budget for OCs in the future.

Pim Polak, IVSA The Netherlands: We need to reach quorum. I don't think that it will be a problem to reach quorum in the Netherlands. We are working very hard on obtaining more sponsorship. It would not be proper to have a fantastic congress, having only European chapters and we would have to avoid that at all costs.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: We need to move forward. Motion to make an informal poll of whether the funds from IVSA Norway should be sent to IVSA Utrecht.

IVSA Norway: would like some time to discuss this.

Poll: 15 in favour, 9 against.

Airina Kallmyr, IVSA Norway reports back that the Norwegian OC has a couple of suggestions of how they would like to spend the excess but cannot do anything now without quorum of their board.



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Suggestion 1 is that the money should go to a fund that other events with excess could donate to as well for giving half the delegate fee to underprivileged countries.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: Lots of students in the US have lots of debt and cannot attend without financial assistance.

Frederic Lohr, President: Transferring the money to Utrecht would only decrease the individual fee by about 15 euro and would not have a significant impact, whereas a development fund for a few delegates would help more.

Mathieu Visser, ExCo, explains the need to increase the fund. The Netherlands' OC are fully aware of what the increase would mean, but they are not in a luxury position to do without the money. It could mean that the delegates might need to pay for some of their meals separately and still need to put in the cash. If some sponsors are not found, then the congress might not even be able to occur. It is a necessity.

Sunghyun Hong, ExCo: Asia is always far from the events but we still work to pay the congress fee. A hundred euro will not make much of a difference.

James Bost, IVSA UK & Ireland moves to accept the increase in the fee for Utrecht. Seconded.

James reiterates that if we don't accept this and give the OC the flexibility it needs then we cannot expect them to deliver the standard of congress they would like to.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: Should we approve it conditionally? In other words; if a sponsor has not been found by the time that applications open the fee will increase?

James Bost, IVSA UK & Ireland: I trust the OC to do this.

Emma van Rooijen, IVSA The Netherlands: It is an increase from €330 to €400

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA: What would happen if Utrecht has a surplus?

Mathieu Visser, ExCo: No idea now but really likes the proposal by Norway to put it in a special fund.



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Bronwyn, IVSA South Africa: There will probably be no excess from South Africa but it would be good if ExCo made provision for possible future shortcomings.

Roll Call Vote 17: This motion requires a 50% majority to pass.

IVSA Member	For	Against	Abstentions
Austria	2		
Croatia	1	1	
Denmark	2		
Finland	1		1
France	2		
Germany		2	
Greece	1		1
Indonesia		2	
Iran	1		1
Italy	2		
The Netherlands	2		
Norway	2		
Poland	1		1
Slovenia	1	1	
South Africa	2		
South Korea		1	1
Spain		2	
Tunisia	1	1	
UK & Ireland	1		1
SAVMA		2	
TOTAL	20	14	6

VERDICT: Motion passed. 59%



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26. Presentation of 63rd Congress Nominees: Indonesia

The theme and application period will be determined at their next local GA.

Indonesia is automatically selected under the new bylaws to host the 63rd congress.

27. Partnership with Study Portals

Frederic Lohr, President, explains that it is a homepage where you can look at European opportunities for further study and jobs. They approached IVSA for a partnership with mutual advertisement. IVSA will have a separate part on their website. IVSA are to be involved in the evaluation programs of study. No money is involved whatsoever. IVSA will receive 1000 magnets from them for attendees of symposium and congress. Members will receive the EU newsletter once a year only. No obligation to obtain the goal of 1000 magnets. This agreement would be mutually beneficial. The partnership is not limited and can be cancelled at any time by either party. Going ahead with this partnership requires the GA's approval.

Frederic shows the unedited version of the contract to the GA. He reads it out.

Anders Ring, IVSA Denmark: When exactly will we pop up?

Frederic: For all vet related searches.

Rafailia Karaiosif, IVSA Greece says how helpful she finds the website.

Vote to approve the signing of the contract by handraising: **motion passes**

28. Voting for the new President-Elect

According to the new bylaws, Pim Polak, IVSA The Netherlands is elected without a vote

The election is certified by the Election Committee.

29. Other business



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Ollie Jokinen, IVSA Finland: On the first night of the party, one table was destroyed. It was worth R600. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. The money should go to the treasurer.

Louise Jeul Krarup, IVSA Denmark, asks whether it would be possible to hold symposia between Christmas and New Year as it is more convenient.

James Bost, CC speaks on according the same rights of the old trustees to the new secretariat. He moves that the GA accord the position of new Secretariat as the equivalent of the current Trustees.

Seconded.

Hand-raise vote: Motion passed.

Julie Stafford, IVSA SAVMA makes a motion to dissolve the IVSA Constitution Committee. Seconded.

Hand-raise vote: Motion passes.

Frederic Lohr, President thanks all the delegates, the OC and everyone involved in making the SA Symposium a success.

Louise Jeul Krarup, IVSA Denmark, moves to adjourn the meeting until the next GA in Utrecht.

Seconded. No objections.

Meeting adjourned.

