



22nd.September.2024 – Minutes of the 1st Online Meeting of ExCo 2024-2025

The 1st Online Meeting of IVSA Executive Committee (ExCo) 2024-2025 was held at 1 PM UTC+0 on 22nd.September.2024. Felix Metzger (President) was present to Chair and Upendra Chauhan (Secretary General) was present to take the minutes.

Attendance:

ExCo:

Name	Position
Felix Metzger	President
Tamy Negron	Member Organization Director
John Gyan	Development Aid Director
Upendra Chauhan	Secretary General
Stavros Lapathiotis	Treasurer
Nicoline D. Cour	External Relation officer
Susan Aryal	Committee Coordinator

Other Officials:

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Sanskar Deokar

Nadya Wacimin

Saniya Keeton

Daniel David

Violet A. Wierbos

Ishaan Acharya

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Zuzanna Czekaj
Michelle Brennaman
Sehyun Kim
Joel Itangirubuntu
Xin Lin
Shiyo Ang
Kamyar Eskandari
Halima Muhammad
Oojas Pardeshi

- 1. Opening & Introduction** - Mr. Metzger introduced himself as chair and called the meeting to order at 1: 10 PM UTC+0. He welcomed all of the participants to our first ExCo plus Officials meeting this term and added it was great to see everybody ready for giving updates and engaging in discussions.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda:** Chair asked for any changes/ addition to agenda before approval to the participants and Stavros asked to correct agenda point 5.2.1.2 which he mistakenly wrote ;'Stripe account' but Should be "Wise Account", Felix made corrections to it. Oojas asked the chair to add agenda point 'Member Certificate' in the AOB Section. Felix added it and, since there were no other changes needed, the agenda was approved.
- 3. Approval of the minutes:** Felix said as there are no minutes to be approved for now including the last term and asked Upendra to check if he is right. Upendra explained that as Younes (Past SG) told him, it's not needed to approve the last term minus, so we would approve these minutes in the second meeting.
- 4. Explanation of the new ExCo Structure**

Felix explained the new structure for ExCo meetings, emphasizing that the agenda points would be shorter in order to make the meetings more frequent, shorter, and more efficient. This was previously communicated via email to all the attendees.

Key Changes to the Meeting Structure:

- 1. ExCo Updates:**

Each ExCo position, along with the Chair, will give a brief update (maximum





5-7 minutes) about their activities and progress. These updates are meant to provide information without requiring further elaboration unless needed.

2. Recording and Minutes:

Upendra was assigned to record the meetings, and he will ensure that everything discussed is accurately captured in the minutes.

3. Questions and Discussions:

After each update, attendees will still have the opportunity to ask questions. However, additions to the update section are not necessary unless they pertain to the discussion.

4. Discussion Points:

If anyone wishes to discuss specific topics or seek comments, these should be added to the "Discussion Points" section. Time will be allocated accordingly for meaningful discussions.

5. Time Management:

Felix mentioned that time limits might be introduced for certain discussions in the future, but for this meeting, they would gauge how much time was needed. Moving forward, the goal is to refine and adapt the process for maximum efficiency. If an update exceeds 5-7 minutes, feedback will be provided to help streamline future reports.

He inquired if there were any questions about the new ExCo structure and mentioned that he would turn off his camera if everyone else did as well. Noticing no questions or comments, he smoothly transitioned to the next agenda point.

5. ExCo Updates (Time limit: 20 min)

Felix asked Upendra about the time limit of 20 minutes he had set for discussion. Upendra replied that it was like maximum for overall update and discussion for each ExCo so that they can stick within the timeframe to make meetings shorter than previous term.

5.1. Updates

5.1.1. President





New Term Registration

Regarding the new term registration, Felix had collected all the necessary information from ExCo to bring to Brussels. However, due to various events and ongoing matters, the final document had not yet been completed. This was still in progress.

Communication

Felix noted that while many were effectively cc'ing people in communications, some minor mistakes remained. He and the Trust discussed organizing sessions on communication and Google tools for improvement. The communication chart is available in the "new officials" folder of the shared drive, and they are working on additional explanations for these documents.

One-one Meeting with ExCo

Felix had also completed one-on-one meetings with all of ExCo, which had gone well. Many updates had been shared by the members. It was also noted that some had encountered issues with ClickUp, where tasks were not being saved in the calendar or updated properly. Felix was investigating the issue and planned to provide updates at the next meeting.

73rd Congress Minutes in Progress

Regarding the past term, Felix said that no further minutes needed approval, but the finalized Congress minutes were still pending and were expected to be approved at the next meeting in line with the set timeline.

Partner Events

Felix updated the members on recent partner events he attended, including the WSAVA Congress, FECAVA Congress, and ECCVT meeting. He is preparing summary documents detailing the discussions and the roles of these partners for clarity, as some members may not fully understand them. Although the reports are still in progress due to time constraints, they will be uploaded to the shared drive within the next week and a half, after which members can reach out with questions..

In addition to attending these events, Felix mentioned that a meeting had taken place, with John, Donat, and Ali attending on his behalf for the second meeting. This





concerned an upcoming conference in Kenya organized by WOAHA. Currently, plans are being made to involve IVSA students in the workshops, as well as IVSA Kenya, the local chapter hosting the event. Meetings were ongoing to finalize dates and procedures.

Regarding upcoming events, Felix would be attending the FEVER event next month, which was organized by IVSA's equine partner. In November, he would attend the FE General Assembly, with further updates to be provided at the next meeting.

He mentioned his involvement in the COP 29 Youth Council project, which focuses on food and One Health topics, and plans to participate in the next meeting for further updates.

He concluded his update by inviting questions from the members. Since there were none, he then asked Tamy (MOD) to provide her updates.

5.1.2. MOD

Certificate for MO Boards

Tamy starts by addressing that within the end of last term Regional Reps are working in connection with the last year counterparts for MO certificates and certificates for the regional teams. She had a meeting with each regional representative and she had described the autocrat as an extension that we have, that makes our lives easier.

Application for Regional Teams

She provided an update that as we all were aware about the call for application for Committees, Network and Regions and in regional teams, she was happy to see the number of applications that we got for Asia and Pacific and SSA region but was not enough for Europe, Mena and the Americas and she was hoping to get good applicant by the end of extended date.

One on one meeting with Regional Reps.

Tamy shared her positive experiences from one-on-one meetings with regional representatives, noting their plans for regional symposiums. Florian, the Europe RR, is meeting with MO boards through October, and Tamy will support communication between





Florian and the MOs, aiming to release the host call soon. She acknowledged a delay in creating the WhatsApp group for regional meetings but expects it to be set up by the end of September.

Database Update

She noted that she has been working on updating the database the most for this term. This year, she decided to let Regionals Reps collect information that we need for the database, which is how they know who they will be working with and she is working with Ryan, who designed Secretariat for that.

New Strategies

She shared that she had a productive meeting with Susan on managing information for multiple committees and developed a new strategy for broader engagement. Tamy is also working on a new strategy for exchange contracts to be sent to MOD and Regional Reps, planning to discuss it with her Secretariats next week for an update in the second ExCo meeting. Additionally, she is addressing several issues at the start of the term and is in touch with Felix about strategies for migrating members to member portals.

Others

She sent an evaluation form for the 73rd Congress in Peru and will remind members to fill it out. Additionally, she plans to hold a President and EO Meeting in mid-October. She mentioned discussing the structure with Regional Reps, ensuring inclusive participation. To address members' concerns about the topic and its progress, she decided to send a form to all MOs to collect feedback on improving the competition.

5.1.3. DAD

DAD Scholarship

John highlighted that the DAD scholarship application would be opened earlier in the term, with an open call for the whole month of November, instead of mid-term. This adjustment would ensure everything happens within the current term, preventing the bill from being carried over into the next term.

DF Fund & Social Media Post

John also noted that the social media post had been completed by Lin, with Avnish providing inputs. Additionally, he had met with Michelle and Stavros to discuss DF funds. John added that he has several planned meetings awaiting as well.





5.1.4. ERO

Nicoline updated everyone that she had a medical condition during Peru Post Congress and it took a while for her to recover from that. She had 2 handover meetings with Susanna (past term ERO) and she would have meetings with CC and Chairs soon. She mentions that she would also have a meeting with secretariats to plan the term and divide the work upon them.

5.1.5. SG

Secretariat division and Official Email

Upendra greeted everyone and noted that he, Felix, and Tamy had initially assigned Secretariats based on preference and expertise, but updates were made later for various reasons. He provided the official email to all and hoped they had logged in, although he noticed some ongoing issues that would be addressed after the meeting. With the reactivation of the approved MOs during the Congress in Peru, four were approved, but only Kenya, Australia, and Zambia had logged in, while Saudi Arabia had not yet accessed the official email. He mentioned discussing the database and inactivated MOs with Stavros and Tammy to update the groups for easier communication.

Canva and ClickUp access

Upendra added he provided Canva premium access for the 73rd Symposium host, including the PRC Secretariat, so it would be easier for the teams to create designs. Upendra mentioned that he had added everyone to the ClickUp platform to keep them up to date. He then shared that he had two meetings with Felix on different agendas before this 1st official meeting and also with Sehyun (Vice SG) so that in his absence, Sehyun could take on his role and assist Upendra when needed, as he is Secretary of SG as well.

Handover Document

He mentioned that he was also in the process of preparing a handover document for the next Secretary, to make the transition smoother as there were no handover documents for SG Post before.

GA Timeline Morocco

Recently, Upendra had sent all the officials the GA timeline and explained the process we are going to follow for the General Assembly in Morocco and requested everyone to stick





with it. Just before the meeting, he also sent an email to all the MOs for a call for amendments to the constitution and bylaws.

Others

Upendra announced that starting next month, he would hold one-on-one meetings with the Secretariats to get updates on their progress with assigned ExCo members, aiming to enhance team communication. He thanked Younes and the entire Trust for their support over the past 22 days and concluded by expressing hope for more progress to be addressed in the second official meeting.

He then opened the floor to any questions.

Since there were no questions, Felix asked Stavros (Treasurer) to give an Update.

1.1.1. Treasurer

Stavros explained what had happened in the treasury. He shared that they had started by sending invoices for the memberships of the MOs that had applied for the new term. Discussion points were scheduled to follow, and they had already received their first payment, which he noted was a positive development.

Aside from that, Stavros mentioned they had been trying to identify the most common problems MOs faced during the renewal or application process. The goal was to send a combined email to the affected MOs to help streamline the application process. The application process had been slow, but Stavros hoped it would be fast-tracked with the help of handout manuals, which they were working to complete, to guide the MOs through the best steps.

He concluded by noting that not much else had happened, but the remaining points would be discussed shortly.

Felix thanked Every ExCo and he mentioned that we finished the update part and then moved to the next agenda point i.e Discussion Points.

1.2. Discussion Points

1.2.1. Treasurer

1.2.1.1. Reimbursement [Forms](#)





Stavros mentions he thought of beginning with the exciting stuff where people can get money and the reimbursement form has been ready for the year where officials and ExCo are eligible for the IVSA Events. So he asked everyone to check the link to the form or he can directly send it in the chat. He adds that officials can choose the way, how much money is attached in PDF form with the name at front so that it would be more clear for him. He mentions that it would be easier for everyone. He asks everyone to message or mail him if anyone needs any information and adds there is also ByLaws for the amount that can be reimbursed for different official positions. By this way he says this would help to get your money back as well.

Stavros asked the participants if there are any questions or he can move to the next point.

Felix asks Stavros if he needs anything to be discussed here in the meeting about reimbursement form or it was just an update and rather slipped to discussion point.

Stavros answered that to be honest he wanted to have an update.

Felix replies that there's no need to worry and it was totally fine and asked the participant if there were any questions regarding reimbursement forms.

Seeing none, he moved to the next agenda point.

1.2.1.2. Wise Account

Stavros informed everyone that their Wise account had sent a notification stating that it needed to be closed by mid-December. He mentioned that he had been trying to contact Wise to appeal the decision, but after reviewing the policy, he didn't believe it would be manageable.

From his perspective, the most probable outcome would be that they would have to close the Wise account and either open a new one or search for alternative online banking options. Stavros suggested looking into Revolut, as it offered the benefit of not having to pay current exchange rates. However, he was open to suggestions and encouraged others to share any alternative ideas.





He clarified that the decision was not yet final, as they were still attempting to contact relevant parties, though it hadn't been easy. Stavros also reminded everyone to keep in mind that this issue could result in a change to their banking methods in the near future.

Felix clarified that they had not received any direct information regarding the account closure. When they requested more details from Wise, they were told that there were no options to appeal the decision, which was why they were now in this situation. Felix explained that since the usual online methods weren't working, they were asking for input from the group.

He posed the question to everyone, asking if they had any suggestions for alternative online banking solutions or had faced similar issues with Wise accounts. Felix asked if anyone in the group had experience with this situation and could provide ideas or solutions, as they were open to exploring other options.

Stavros reassured everyone that it wouldn't be a major issue since they also had their bank account and PayPal account in place. He said that they were not at risk of losing access to their funds, even if the Wise account had to be closed.

Zuzanna (Trustee) shared that she had personally been using Revolut for five or six years, the same platform that had already been mentioned, and she recommended it. She acknowledged that someone, possibly "Te," wasn't a big fan of Revolut, but suggested checking with her to understand why. Zuzanna mentioned that she hadn't encountered any significant issues with Revolut, noting that it operates in much the same way as Wise.

She also pointed out another app called Nadavi, though she admitted she had never used it. Zuzanna offered to send her referral link in the chat for others to review later. She added that Nadavi was another prominent alternative to online banking systems and suggested that it might be worth exploring.

Finally, Zuzanna emphasized that she had personally had a very positive experience with Revolut.

Felix thanked Zuzanna for her recommendations.

Michelle weighed in on the discussion by mentioning her experience with Double Loop. She shared that she had used it for all IVSA-related payments, and it worked quite well for her until she had to transfer more than 1,000 euros. At that point, she encountered issues, as they charged significant fees for larger transfers. Michelle noted that this wasn't clear initially





and only became apparent when she tried to transfer more than 1,000 euros, which turned out to be quite troublesome.

She advised everyone to check this aspect before opting for Bank on Loop, offering a heads-up to prevent similar issues.

Felix acknowledged the information regarding the 1,000-euro limit, expressing relief that they still had PayPal and normal bank transfers as backup options. He mentioned that if no other advanced solutions emerged, they would proceed by trying to get Wise to respond and clarify the reasons behind the issue. If they couldn't stop the account closure, Felix suggested that Revolut could serve as a potential alternative.

With that, Felix thanked everyone and transitioned to the next agenda point, which was membership renewals.

1.2.1.3. Membership Renewals

Stavros updated everyone on the membership renewals for the year, noting that several countries had already completed their renewal applications and received their invoices. He mentioned that while the process was generally working, many Member Organizations (MOs) encountered difficulties during the renewal process. He acknowledged there might be specific reasons making the process more challenging than it should be.

Stavros asked if anyone had experience with their own MOs or previous experiences using Glue Up that might help identify potential issues. He mentioned that they had sent out around 10 invoices, and most MOs had renewed their memberships. However, in order to issue an invoice, Stavros had to first create a webpage for each MO. Currently, he and Tamy, along with the secretaries, were working to structure the problems faced during the renewal process into clusters. The goal was to address each cluster individually and provide MOs with the appropriate tools, suggestions, or even a handover manual to help them complete the process smoothly.

Stavros' primary question was whether anyone had any points on how they could make the process easier, what specific problems MOs might be facing, and if there were any suggestions that could help streamline the renewal process.

So Felix asked if anyone noticed something or like, have an idea to share to raise their hands.

Felix acknowledged that there were no additional points regarding the membership renewals. He suggested that everyone should reach out to their respective MOs to inquire if





they had registered. He encouraged them to ask, “Have you registered? If not, why?” He emphasized the importance of gathering this information and relaying it to Stavros or Tommy so they could better understand the situation and provide assistance to MOs that were struggling with the process.

With that, Felix thanked Stavros for his input and transitioned to the next section of the agenda, specifically point 5.2, which focused on the DAD beneficiaries. He handed over to John to elaborate on this topic.

5.1.6. DAD

5.1.6.1. [DAD Beneficiaries](#)

John introduced the first point of discussion regarding the DF beneficiaries list. He explained that for this term, the list largely remained unchanged, with only three countries—Ecuador, Tunisia, Algeria, and one other—being removed from the list due to their GDPs exceeding the threshold of 0.5. John mentioned that he wasn't too familiar with the technicalities involved, noting that this was more within Stavros' area of expertise.

He then brought up Ukraine, stating that there were ongoing discussions about its status on the list. John expressed uncertainty about whether a consensus had been reached regarding Ukraine's inclusion to stick with factor 0.5. He mentioned that he had already prepared the beneficiary list, and whatever decision they arrived at regarding Ukraine would be reflected accordingly.

John asked if anyone has any comments on this discussion.

Felix said he would add his perspective on what he thinks.

Felix emphasized the need to keep Ukraine at the 0.5 GDP threshold due to ongoing challenges, citing insights from two Ukrainian veterinarians at the FECAVA Congress that highlighted the difficult situation. He noted that Ecuador, Tunisia, and Algeria are not facing crises on the same scale as Ukraine, so he believed it was fair to upgrade those countries. While acknowledging that it's impossible to account for every detail, Felix concluded that maintaining Ukraine at 0.5 while adjusting the others based on GDP criteria was reasonable.

Felix asked John to continue if he has raised a hand





John replied it's Avnish raising the hand.

Avnish clarified that Ecuador and Algeria's GDP factors had changed, meaning they were no longer part of the DF beneficiaries. As a result, those countries should be made aware that they will not be eligible to apply for DF projects in the future. He then moved on to the second point regarding Ukraine. Avnish mentioned that to keep Ukraine as a temporary DF beneficiary, an export process would need to be conducted, followed by a simple hand-raising vote to decide whether or not to continue their temporary status. However, in his opinion, the ongoing war situation in Ukraine justified keeping them as a beneficiary under the current criteria.

Felix acknowledged Avnish's points and mentioned that the Executive Committee (ExComm) had already discussed the issue. He explained that he just wanted to gather a bit more input before proceeding with the vote. Felix then opened the floor for further comments, asking if anyone had any additional input or suggestions before moving forward with the decision.

Felix asked Upendra if he wanted to address that point but it was Stavros who raised the hand, Felix asked Stavros to give inputs.

Stavros indicated he was ready to respond to the email about the situation and suggested including information and links regarding Member Organizations (MOs) that had been promoted or had increased their GDP. He then proposed an email vote on the matter, acknowledging uncertainty about whether it was the best course of action but considering it a viable option.

Felix asked, "Wait, didn't Avnish say that we were supposed to do it here? Or did I misunderstand that the vote must happen here?" He seemed unsure if the vote was intended for the current meeting or if it could be done via email as Stavros suggested.

John clarified that Avnish had not preferred to handle the vote during the meeting since it was already part of the ongoing email chain. He mentioned that to save time, they could move it online, as it was going to be done there either way. However, he brought it up during the meeting as it was part of his discussion point.





After the clarification, he agreed to follow the plan that Stavros would provide more information on how the changes would affect the MOS. He mentioned he would also check what the implications would be, and then they could proceed with an email vote. Before concluding, Felix inquired if there were any more comments from the group, asking if anyone agreed or disagreed, just to get a sense of how everyone felt

Felix was about to close the agenda point saying “Seeing...” and he saw hand raised so continued John but it was Avnish again.

Avnish encouraged everyone to share their opinions on the temporary beneficiaries list, noting that many officials had contributed during the last vote, even from the relevant countries. He welcomed input on keeping or adding countries and invited those uncomfortable speaking up to share their thoughts via email or text later.

Felix thanked Avnish for his input and addressed the group, saying that if there were no more comments or raised hands, they could still reach out after the meeting. He encouraged members to contact them via email or WhatsApp to share their thoughts, either with John or any of the team.

With no further discussion, Felix wrapped up the current topic and moved on to the next agenda point, which was symposium travel grants, turning it over to John once again.

5.1.6.2. Symposium Travel [Grants](#)

John explained that the symposium travel grants were a bit complicated but had been discussed with Avnish, the secretaries, treasurer, and post-treasurer. They agreed to allocate 2,000 euros from DF funds to support Member Organizations (MOs) from DF countries for the symposium in Rabat. Since flying to Casablanca was cheaper than flying directly to Rabat, and the train ride between the cities only cost around 10 euros, this option was deemed cost-effective. The plan was to offer travel grants to 3-4 countries, depending on the number of applicants, with most requesting amounts below 1,000 euros. Some countries only needed 200-600 euros, making it possible to cover all within the 2,000-euro budget.

John proposed travel grants to support two to four countries for the symposium, noting that the funding would come from the DF's budget and cover amounts less than €1,000 for most applicants. He emphasized the need for a vote to confirm support for this initiative.

Sushan raised his hand. Felix asked Sushan to address this topic.





Sushan apologized for not getting John's point on whether he was told to give the allocated Travel Grant sum to SSA region only or to all DF beneficiary countries.

John clarified that the total amount allocated for travel grants was 2,000 euros. He explained that this amount would be distributed among the selected countries, which could range from two to four, depending on the number of applicants. He emphasized that if the selected countries' travel costs could be covered within this budget, they would be eligible for the travel grants. However, he reminded everyone to keep in mind the overall costs, including visa fees and flights.

Sushan mentioned that after reviewing costs from Asian and some European countries, the current budget wouldn't cover DF beneficiaries from those regions. He asked John if grants could be extended to eligible members from DF MOs in Asia.

John explained that the 2,000 euros would be distributed based on applications, covering individual flight costs within the budget. If a flight cost 1,100 euros and the applicant was selected, the DF would cover it.

Susan asked for clarification, wondering if the 2,000 euros was for one recipient or all recipients.

John clarified that the 2,000 euros was for multiple recipients, not just one. Initially, he thought it was 1,000 euros per person, but after reviewing the form, it was clear the budget could cover the average costs for several people.

Felix mentioned that during the meeting, he couldn't locate the document when he searched for it on his screen. He asked if someone could quickly share it with him.

John explained that the symposium travel grant has been highlighted in the document, and when clicked, it should redirect to the relevant section.

Felix shared the document on the screen and confirmed that participants could see it.

John clarified that there wasn't a fixed amount for each individual receiving the travel grant, such as giving one person 1000 euros. Instead, the plan was to cover two to three people,





depending on their expenses. The decision on how to allocate the funds would be based on the expenses submitted by the applicants. He acknowledged that something might have been lost in translation or if it was clear and invited further input, mentioning that someone else wanted to contribute to the discussion.

Avnish clarified in response to Susan that the 2,000 euros would be a pooled amount, used to sponsor as many delegates as possible. For example, if 10 delegates could be funded at 200 euros each, they would do so, but if only two required larger sums, they would adjust accordingly. The amount per delegate was flexible based on the total.

John added that, to avoid issues with late bookings, they planned to open travel grant applications earlier than symposium ones. Applications would be accepted from October 1st to 15th if the event was in October, giving selected applicants enough time to prepare.

John concluded that after votes, a final decision would be made on whether to offer the grants. He then passed the floor to Felix, who supported the idea of using collective funds to help as many MOs as possible, especially with the event in Africa. Felix also agreed with an earlier application process to ensure timely preparation for selected recipients.

Felix noticed that Tamy had raised a hand and gave her the floor for questions, comments on this topic.

Tamy asked if applicants would be clearly informed about the potential grant amounts and expressed concern about opening travel grant applications too early, noting that during the Peru event, simultaneous openings led to confusion and a surge in applications.

John responded that both travel grant and symposium applications would open simultaneously but the travel grant applications would close 15 days earlier. For instance, if applications opened on October 1 and closed on October 30, travel grants would close on October 15. John and his team would work with the OC to finalize recipients during that window, ensuring all applications were processed by early November.

Sushan questioned if it would be better to open a Travel Grant before the 73rd symposium form.

John mentioned that the symposium would indeed open on September 30th, seeking Tamy's validation on this point to ensure accuracy.





Tamy clarified that she plans to open the applications three days before September 30, ensuring that everything is finalized within that timeframe.

John mentioned that he and his secretary would work quickly to finalize everything within the week, pending EXCO approval. Once approved, they would ensure all details were handled within the short timeframe. He reiterated that while both applications would open simultaneously, the travel grant applications would close earlier.

He pointed that regional groups would promote the event, urging applicants to submit promptly to avoid missing deadlines. John also agreed with Felix's point on the need for clear communication about the time-sensitive nature of the application process, which was key to selecting participants.

Felix said if there were no more questions, we could move into votes but meaning while he saw Michelle raising her hand and let her speak.

Michelle sought clarification on the €2000 allocation for travel grants, asking if it would be a single pool divided among recipients based on the number of applicants. She also questioned the rationale behind selecting this amount, noting that it might only cover a maximum of two people, especially for applicants from countries like Malawi.

John stated that they had discussed the price in the meeting held last Sunday, and decided that the amount would be used to cover two to three people.

Michelle questioned that as far as she remembered the GA discussion in Peru was for providing Travel Grant to 4-5 people.

John expressed concerns that the allocated amount would not suffice and emphasized that he did not want a situation where too much of the DF budget would be used for travel grants, especially if they did not show up.

Michelle continued to speak. Felix asked if she had direct comments on this. She replied yes. Michelle noted that the Development Fund, as Felix had mentioned, had a successful term in 2023 and managed to save a significant amount of money. She then inquired about the feasibility of expanding the budget for travel grants, given the savings, and wondered if there was room to allocate more funds towards this.





Felix shared plans to offer both travel grants and Reduced Fee spots, noting that Taiwan may require more funding than Morocco, especially to support DF beneficiaries. He emphasized staying within budget while increasing support compared to last year, suggesting a spending review at the end of the term.

Michelle highlighted that this might be the last live symposium for a while, depending on GA decisions. She noted that no travel grants were given in 2022-2023 due to European locations, limiting African attendance. Taiwan's distance would need significant funding, and future congresses, like Romania 2026, might face similar issues.

Michelle emphasized the importance of maximizing delegate participation at the upcoming Africa event, given the presence of many DF beneficiaries in Sub-Saharan Africa. While acknowledging the need to preserve the Development Fund, she pointed out that substantial savings from the 2022-2023 term were available for use.

Before John responded, Felix invited Daniel to share his thoughts. Daniel echoed Michelle's concerns, stating that the \$2,000 allocation seemed insufficient to achieve the goal of increasing delegate numbers from countries like Nigeria, Malawi, and Guatemala, where travel costs could already exceed that amount. He urged a reconsideration of the grant amount to better accommodate international delegates.

John acknowledged the valid concerns raised, noting that they had anticipated such questions. After the previous meeting, they decided to allocate travel grants for at least two delegates, considering the selection process. He indicated that the grants would likely suffice for two to three countries, urging the committee to recognize funding limitations while aiming to cover as many countries as possible.

He emphasized that the funds were for various activities throughout the term and cautioned against allocating all resources to travel grants, justifying the €2,000 allocation by highlighting the need for funding other planned activities.

Felix agreed that the allocation was an improvement over last year but reiterated the need for careful planning due to uncertainties in RRT events affecting the DF budget. He remained optimistic about ensuring attendance at a European Congress with early arrangements and affirmed that the allocated amount was reasonable for their first event.

Felix asked Daniel if he had any further questions as his hand was still raised.





John continued saying that he wanted to take the Trustee opinion on this before proceeding to further discussion.

Zuzanna stated that when seeking the trust's opinion, more time was needed to address the matter. She mentioned that she did not have access to the sheet through her trust email, so she requested that an email be sent to all members regarding the necessary information. Zuzanna emphasized the importance of discussing the points Avnish was writing about in the chat, noting that she and Avnish, the only representatives from the trust present, could not provide a comprehensive opinion without prior discussion among the entire trust body.

Felix noted that the discussion was taking longer than expected and proposed postponing it to the next meeting. He suggested sending an email to gather information on the amount and seek the trust's opinion, emphasizing the need to reassess the situation before proceeding. He then moved to adjourn the current agenda and asked if there were any other discussion points.

John clarified whether the main issue was the acceptability of travel grants for the symposium. He proposed holding a vote on this matter now, noting that cost details could be addressed later and seeking clarification on whether the committee planned to finalize all aspects, including travel grants, at a later date.

Felix said that we need to decide by voting to know if we are having a Travel Grant for the symposium in Morocco or not. He asked everyone to vote and immediately clarified that ExCo only could vote on this.

Voting Result: There were seven votes in favor of the travel grants, with Lorena absent, resulting in one abstention. The majority was in favor, so it was decided to provide travel grants for the symposium in Morocco. It was noted that further details would be provided later. The meeting then moved on to the next agenda item, which was the discussion of reduced fee spots for the symposium

5.1.6.3. Reduced Fee Spots (Symposium)

John proposed increasing the Reduced Fee spots from two to three or four to enhance member participation in the region, similar to the symposium travel grant. He noted that 95% of the Development Fund countries are from the hosting continent and believed that more travel grants could positively impact attendance, especially if individuals applied for





both the travel grants and reduced fee spots. John emphasized that if attendees with reduced fees could not participate, he would reconsider the program in the future. He explained that despite reduced fee spots, attendance has sometimes remained low but suggested that combining these with travel grants might subsidize costs enough to increase participation. He proposed this increase as a trial to assess engagement from Development Fund countries and invited questions and discussions.

Tamy raised her hand and questioned that as we already have two reduced fee spot at the symposium and how many of them were planned to be increased by one or two.

John proposed increasing the Reduced Fee spots from two to three or four to enhance participation in the region, noting that 95% of Development Fund countries are from the hosting continent. He believed that more travel grants could improve attendance, especially for those applying for both. John emphasized that if attendees with reduced fees couldn't participate, he would reconsider the program. He suggested combining reduced fee spots with travel grants to help subsidize costs and proposed this increase as a trial to assess engagement from Development Fund countries, inviting questions and discussions.

Tamy questioned again if we are giving 2 travel grants and 4 reduced fee spots so if that's 6 in total.

John stated they planed to increase the Reduced Fee spots by one or two as a "test run." He clarified that if participants still don't attend with the Reduced Fee spots, it indicates that the issue lies elsewhere. Since 95% of Development Fund beneficiaries are from Africa and the event is held there, it makes sense to raise the number.

Felix acknowledged that while they agreed on Reduced Fee spots, the proposal is to increase them. He opened the floor for further comments and, seeing none, moved to a vote on the increase. He reminded attendees that only ExCo could vote. John suggested determining whether to increase by one or two spots, emphasizing the need for clarity on the decision.

Felix thanked john for clarifying. Felix called for a vote on whether to accept two additional Reduced Fee spots for the symposium. He asked all ExCo members in favor of this to raise their hands.





Result: Felix announced 5 raised hands from ExCo were in favor of having two additional reduced fee spots.

Felix asked those against having additional RFS to raise their hands. Seeing none, he asked if someone was abstaining from their vote to raise their hand.

Two ExCo abstained from their vote.

Felix confirmed that the majority is in favor of adding two extra Reduced Fee spots for the symposium. He then moved to the next discussion point, which is MFSP, with John leading the discussion again.

Before moving to the next agenda, he addressed questions in the chat, John reiterated that the issue arises from not wanting to focus all resources on grants. With a budget of 4000 euros for travel grants, the concern is balancing funds. The DF's budget supports less-developed countries through various means: travel grants, reduced fees, scholarship grants, and paying membership fees. Overall, funds are allocated where necessary.

5.1.6.4. MFSP

John discussed the Membership Fee Sponsorship Project, initiated in 2021 when he was the secretary to the Development Director. The project aimed to encourage financially stable countries to cover membership fees for DF beneficiary countries, but no country had volunteered to sponsor anyone so far. Although he considered cancelling the project, he decided to email all MOs to gauge interest in covering the fees for another country. Interested MOs could respond with the name of the MO they wished to sponsor and the amount, which the treasurer would then add to their invoice as a one-time payment. While still in the early stages, John hoped this could generate funds for countries in need.

John sought feedback on the project, asking for opinions on its feasibility and whether there were potential flaws or gaps in the proposal that needed addressing.

Daniel expressed gratitude for discussing membership fees and asked about the payment plan's flexibility, specifically how the payment amount was determined—whether by the number of years the sponsor wished to cover or the amount for that year. He sought further clarification on this point.

John explained that the payment amount was based entirely on each country's circumstances, with no fixed donation amount. Sponsors could contribute any amount they





felt comfortable with, whether five euros, two euros, or more, allowing veterinary student associations to support beneficiary nations according to their budget. He assured Daniel that if sponsors wished to contribute annually, they could specify this in the email draft, emphasizing that the initiative relied on their willingness to help.

Daniel confirmed he understood the explanation.

Felix noted there were no more raised hands and encouraged members to provide input later if desired, assuring that John would keep everyone updated. He then moved on to the next agenda point and handed the floor to John for further discussion.

5.1.6.5. DAD Scholarship Grants

John mentioned that he felt he had been speaking too much and moved on to his final point regarding the DAD scholarship grant. He explained that this idea originated from Avnish, who suggested that to effectively structure the scholarship grants, it would be beneficial to open applications earlier in the term. This would allow applicants to receive their funding within the same term they applied, thus preventing a backlog that would burden the next director.

John asked if someone had their submissions in.

Felix pointed out the chat message sent out by Susan that asked whether DAD was reducing the time for completion of project to one year.

John replied yes to what Susan needed to be confirmed with.

Susan again asked if the form will be open and closed by November.

John clarified that if the group agreed to proceed with opening the scholarship grants this time, the application period would run throughout November, starting from the first of November and closing at the end of December. This structure would allow for a more organized process and timely reimbursement for applicants.

John added that applicants would be required to complete their internships and submit their pre-investment expense reports and receipts by August 1st. All payments would then be processed in August, ensuring that there would be no carryovers to the next term.





Sushan asked whether providing a one-year time frame for applicants to figure out where to do their internships would create scheduling conflicts, particularly for those who might only be available in September or October. He expressed concern about managing their college commitments alongside the internship opportunities.

John acknowledged Sushan's concern but explained that the extended application window would still provide ample time for applicants to secure internships. He emphasized that the academic calendar includes breaks, which were considered to ensure that students could manage their internship commitments effectively within the available timeframe.

Avnish raised his hand and asked for a summary of the discussion to ensure that all officials were aware of the main agenda points and the current status of the meeting. He wanted to confirm that everyone understood the key topics addressed so far.

Felix summarized that the DAD scholarship grants applications would be opened earlier than usual, specifically throughout November. This change would allow for winners to be selected in December, ensuring that the entire scholarship process, including information gathering and reimbursement, occurs within the same term. This approach aims to avoid carrying the workload into the next term, thereby streamlining the process for the new term. He asked if this clarification was helpful to everyone.

Avnish explained that opening the scholarship applications earlier would not reduce the time for completing internships, as winners would still have nine to ten months after selection. The key benefit is that it prevents expenses from rolling over into the next term, simplifying the process for the next Development Director. This change ensures that scholarship management is more manageable while allowing ample time for applicants to complete their internships.

Susan expressed confusion earlier, noting that as a project winner, they could only do their internship in October or November. They pointed out that if the internship is completed after the designated period, it would then shift into the next term, which could pose a problem that hasn't been adequately addressed.

Avnish described that the issue isn't about whether the internship is completed by August or the end of the term. Instead, it pertains to completing the internship within the timeframe specified in the scholarship contract. For instance, if the scholarship contract





states that the internship must be completed within nine months starting from November, it is essential to adhere to that timeframe. Avnish clarified that the aim of opening applications earlier is to prevent responsibilities from rolling over into the next term. Scholarship winners must complete their internships within the timeframe specified in their contracts, regardless of when applications are submitted. This change is intended to streamline the process while ensuring deadlines are met.

John added that applicants should only apply if they can meet the contract's conditions. The goal of the proposed changes is to simplify the process for both applicants and the Development Director, reducing their workload. He noted that any necessary reimbursements could still be processed throughout the term. The discussion on this proposal would continue, with decisions dependent on feedback from the officials and ExCo.

Felix noted lingering questions about the scholarship grants and suggested continuing the discussion via email for additional input. He thanked everyone for their contributions and moved on to the next agenda item: chair updates and addresses to start with SCAW.

6. Chair Updates

6.1. Updates

6.1.1. SCAW

Titilayo, the SCAW Chair, provided an update on their ongoing tasks. She mentioned that they are working on the winners of the essay competition and the CEVA grant, with beneficiaries currently submitting their reports along with pictures and videos to showcase their project outreach. She also addressed the SCAW translation process, which has been in progress since last term and is being expedited.

Regarding the position statement, Titilayo mentioned that she is currently reviewing comments from the ExcOs and expressed appreciation for everyone's contributions so far. The president requested that she share the document again so everyone can review and provide necessary comments. Titilayo thanked everyone for their contributions since the last term and invited questions for clarity.

Felix then asked SCOW Chair, Saniya to give her updates.

6.1.2. SCOW

Saniya provided an update on her plans for the SCOW committee. She mentioned being contacted by someone from IVSA Ghana regarding World Wellness Day on October 10. She





is planning to scale up the event and involve the Committee. Saniya has been sending out emails within her school and plans to post about the event on a page. She then asked if there were any questions, suggestion and if someone has so she ask everyone to reach out to her.

Felix then moved to the SCOVE committee to get their update.

6.1.3. SCOVE

Daniel mentioned that he had been working on tasks from the previous term, such as a policy paper and related surveys. He expressed appreciation for the work done on the paper and noted that they had been collecting comments for more effective implementation. He also highlighted that the translation process, which had been ongoing, was still in progress. Daniel concluded by stating that further updates would be provided at a later time.

Seeing no questions, Felix asked SCOH Committee Chair, Nadya to provide the update

6.1.4. SCOH

Nadya, the Chair of SCOH, shared a few updates. First, she mentioned the WVA Health Survey, stating that she had a meeting with the WVA One Health Committee, which included Marta (the past chair), where they discussed the continuity of the Health Survey. A follow-up meeting is planned, although the time hasn't been announced yet. Nadya assured that she would relay the information to the ERO and presidential team once it's scheduled.

She also provided an update on the WFP, noting that last year they hosted a professional event where the survey was launched. This year, she had the opportunity to present the survey alongside pharmaceutical students and a Federation of Medicine Students, although they were unable to attend 10% of the events. Additionally, Nadya mentioned that they are in the discussion phase with the One Health Commission and that while there are One Health Congresses this year, another one is scheduled for next year.

Lastly, Nadya had a brief meeting with the WSAVA Chair, where they discussed topics such as a committee ambassador program specific to certain countries. She is awaiting further updates from the WSAVA Chair and will provide more information once available.

She asked everyone to feel free to text or email her if they had any question or suggestions further.





Felix asked the Alumni Committee Chair, Jerry Hope to give her updates.

6.1.5. Alumni

Jerry mentioned that under the previous chair, Gabriela, there was a low turnout in member applications. He is looking for ways to increase publicity to attract more applicants. Additionally, he brought up the issue of payments for those applying to be part of the alumni team. Jerry plans to discuss this with the treasurer later in the week, as he has been travelling between different states and hasn't had the chance to settle down and address it. He asked for any questions or assistance and encouraged others to reach out to him if needed.

Felix then asked SCOCA chair, Sanskar to give the updates.

Sanskar mentioned that Sushan might provide updates on SCOCA, as he has been working on the SCOCA Ambassador proposal and discussing prizes for the blog writing competition winners. Additionally, they will be discussing the TNT Grant further at a later time.

Felix asked Susan if he wanted to add an update on what Sanskar said. Sushan answered that as he had covered that so no more updates remained from his side.

Felix then moved on to get an update on the wild and exotics addressing Ishaan, WEAN Chair.

6.1.6. WEAN

Isaan explained that they had a handover meeting with Hesus, the past term chair, where they discussed the policy paper that needs to be written. They have also received a series of emails that will be addressed later during the discussion points. Additionally, Hesus handed over an almost-completed partnership project, which Isaan plans to finalize during their term. They have already started communication on this matter.

Upendra raised his hand.

As everyone was unable to hear Upendra and with a break coming up, Felix announced a 10-minute break to allow Upendra to resolve the issue. Felix entertained a motion for a break until 5:18 PM UTC+2 so Upendra could address the problem. Just a moment after Felix announced so, Upendra apologized as his laptop had been overheating due to working





on the GA timeline since the morning, which caused a microphone issue when he tried to notify the chair that the time limit for recording had been reached and needed to be redone with next recording.

Felix asked ExCo for hand raising to get started with the meeting. As we got 7 out of 8 hand raised, he brought the meeting back to order at 5:18 PM UTC+2.

1.1. Discussion Points

1.1.1. SCOH

1.1.1.1. One Health Commission

Email was sent to discuss a potential future collaboration. Since there isn't a team or meeting with the ERO team at the moment, further discussions will take place in the next meeting, as noted by Susan.

1.1.1.2. WOHC Discussion

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1.1.1.3. Attending WHA event as IVSA

Sushan mentioned that the International Veterinary Students' Association (IVSA) had accreditation from the World Veterinary Association (WVA). He explained that Ania, a past president who attended the event, wanted to seek permission to reach out to the WVA or other student organizations. IVSA, IFME, and WVA are all part of the organization, but IVSA did not participate in the event as an official IVSA member. He added Ania also wanted to explore whether collaboration with IVSA under this accreditation would be possible for the current or upcoming term.

Felix asked if this matter was related to the World Health Assembly (WHA) and the One Health Committee. Sushan confirmed that it was.

Felix suggested that the discussion be postponed, as the concept was new. He recommended gathering more information regarding what the proposed partnerships or sponsorships would entail. He asked Sushan to email further details for consideration before bringing the matter up in future meetings.





Sushan added that the organization is part of the World Health Organization (WHO), with other student organizations also involved. IVSA could potentially represent as a General Assembly delegate moving forward. Felix asked Sushan to provide more information in mail to share with the officials for further discussion in upcoming meetings

1.1.2. SCOCA

1.1.2.1. Blog Writing Competition Prize from Past Term

Sushan mentioned 3 winners have been selected but the problem was with giving prizes that is 3 gift cards. But Thessa said she couldn't buy the gift card as she couldn't buy that from the nation. So, as the prize was said to be the gift card, we can now move into cash. Felix and Susan thought of giving them the money and they should send the gift card voucher. He wanted to discuss this.

Felix pointed out that we can't provide gift cards from generalized amazon gift cards in every country because it's not working in some countries.

Felix asked Susan to check if he couldn't afford it or they already buy gift cards and reimburse them.

1.1.2.2. SCOCA TNT Grant

Sushan mentioned that the main work of SCOCA is to train new trainees. He shared a proposal with Exco regarding upcoming training events aimed at incorporating new trainers. Building on the idea from the previous term, and as suggested by Zu, the plan has been moved to this term. Sushan highlighted the importance of starting early to provide opportunities for connection with MOs, as they may have trainers within their networks. He suggested trying this approach before potentially moving to online training events in the future.

Felix asked if this was more of an update or the discussion point.

Sushan noted that he was hoping to get suggestions on opening the form early by October 15th and closing it after 20 days. After selection MOs would get funds to conduct TNT events and would also collect the database from MOs who applied for the grant.

Avnish suggested that organizing a national-level TNT event might be more beneficial than having SCOCA handle it. He shared his experience on the SCOCA team, noting that their





previous attempts to figure out a similar initiative did not yield helpful results. Avnish believed that a national event could strengthen SCOCA's network with trainers. He also recommended that the application period be set for 1.5 to 2 months to give MOs adequate time to seek out trainers, considering this is a new event that requires adjustment. He expressed overall support for the idea.

Felix thanked Avnish and since the ExCos were reviewing the mail that was sent earlier, the ExCo would rather discuss more in the email chain and could be brought to the officials soon.

He clarified that all officials could view the proposal as asked by Susan then moved to the next agenda point.

1.1.2.3. SCOCA Ambassador Proposal

Susan inquired about the possibility of establishing ambassador roles within SCOCA, similar to other committees. She proposed using these ambassadors to broaden SCOCA's reach and engage them in learning about soft skills and other relevant attributes. Susan suggested that these ambassadors could be developed into trainers who would provide small training sessions to MOs. She recommended having 10 to 15 ambassadors to effectively branch out the training sessions and wanted to discuss this idea further.

Felix asked about input or ideas to provide if anyone has something.

Saniya mentioned that she is also planning to implement ambassador roles for SCOW. She expressed her support for the idea of having ambassadors, aligning with Susan's proposal for SCOCA.

John expressed his agreement, stating that the idea of establishing ambassadors makes sense and is a good initiative. He encouraged the group to move forward with the proposal.

Daniel supported the idea of establishing ambassadors for SCOCA, noting that it is a good initiative to enhance outreach in soft skills development.

Felix asked Sushan and Sanskar to work on it and update the officials soon.

1.1.3. SCAW

1.1.3.1. Four Paws Sponsorship





Titalyo shared that the 4 Paws sponsorship proposal is a continuation from the last term, and they reached out regarding a proposal similar to CEVA, which involved MOs and LCs. Christiana suggested that instead of replicating the CEVA project, they could consider sponsoring members for volunteer opportunities at 4 Paws, sponsoring speakers for webinars, or providing prizes for an essay writing competition. Titalyo mentioned that he had sent the ERO a sheet regarding this but had not yet received a response from Nico. He brought the proposal for discussion with ExCo to explore better ideas for seeking sponsorship for SCAW.

John asked when was the agreement done and is there anything such drafted out or are there any guideline that has been discussed so that would make him lead to his inputs.

Titi noted that as far as what she got from Christiana (Past SCAW Chair), there aren't any set guidelines. She adds although we have partners we don't yet have sponsorship and trying to get on with MoU and it's upon the official to decide what can be done next.

John asked if Nico reached out to them.

Nico replies that this was on a list which she was going to talk about on tuesday and also this was also the topic of meeting with Zuzanna and Susanna on Tuesday.

Felix asked if we could postpone this topic and they would update us on everything after the meeting and since got no comments, he moved to the next discussion point.

1.1.3.2. Position paper

Titi noted that the position paper is from the last term and mentioned that Susan suggested sending it to ExCo for their review. Titi added that he is working on providing comments but found some of the feedback to be unclear.

Felix asked if she had a deadline set on where you are up with a comment and sent it out again to give it a second look.

Titi replied that the deadline set for comment is the end of September and will be sent again in the first week of october.





Felix admitted everyone to have a look and that would be further discussed in the upcoming meeting.

1.1.3.3. Global Voices

Titi mentioned that Global Voices is an initiative where IVSA members and SCAW collaborate for animal welfare. He expressed his intention to start the project as early as possible and wanted to gather input from the ExCos.

Felix inquired about the reasons for starting the Global Voices project later in the year compared to earlier terms, specifically asking if it was due to workload issues.

Titi clears that she doesn't have an exact idea but now she prefers to get on with starting and continue as usual.

Felix asked the attendees if they have any input to add on. Seeing none, Felix asked if she thought there was no workload and specific challenges for her, to give it a go.

Felix moved to the next agenda point.

1.1.4. SCOVE

1.1.4.1. DR. Brooke from WSAVA Dental Committee

Susan indicated that he would provide an update instead of Daniel, as the information was primarily forwarded to him. He mentioned his involvement with WSAVA as the chair of the Dental Committee and expressed a desire to collaborate with IVSA, SCOVE, and SCOCA to develop a series of programs. Susan noted that he has shared resources in video format. He also pointed out that, when speaking with others, many had not seen the educational content frequently. He received permission to upload this content to the IVSA YouTube channel. Susan asked whether it would be better to upload the videos to the IVSA YouTube channel or direct them to another website.

Felix noted that since Lorena isn't in the meeting currently, he asked to bring this to mail with all the information so that she can participate there as well but he opened the floor for discussion if anybody could add on it.

He then moved to the next agenda point.

1.1.5. WEAN





- 1.1.5.1. Partnership Opportunity from NATUWA Wildlife Sanctuary in Costa Rica**
- 1.1.5.2. WildestVet Wildlife Veterinary Educational Adventure Programs**
- 1.1.5.3. Rwanda Wildlife Services**

Ishaan mentions that he has generalized discussion to make rather than individual points as they covered the pretty much same problem or the question he had for officials and gets permission to make an overall agenda point as a single discussion point.

Ishaan shared information about three wildlife organizations that have reached out to WEAN: NATUWA Wildlife Sanctuary in Costa Rica, the Wildlife Veterinary Educational Adventure in Africa, and Rwanda Wildlife Services. He mentioned that these organizations have expressed interest in collaboration, offering discounts for their programs, such as a \$5 discount per day from NATUWA. While he is positive about pursuing these collaborations, Ishaan raised two questions:

1. He would like to hear from ERO Nico regarding the external relations policy related to these collaborations.
2. He sought input on what to ask from these organizations during meetings, specifically what they would like from IVSA in exchange, such as publicity for their events or programs, and what IVSA should request in return before finalizing any agreements.

Felix suggested having individual Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed with each organization seeking collaboration to avoid potential conflicts, such as discount issues. He emphasized the importance of understanding what these organizations expect in return, including specific posts or a structured posting schedule. While regular sharing could have a positive impact, the outcomes remain uncertain. He concluded that multiple MoUs would be necessary for these collaborations.

Avnish noted that most of these organizations are volunteer-driven and seek to enrol students for wildlife-related experiences. He mentioned that members could benefit from discounts or free internships and externships, depending on the programs offered. Avnish emphasized that IVSA could act as a connection between students and these organizations, helping to publicize their opportunities. This approach would also ease the process of finding speakers for specific subjects, as these organizations have the necessary expertise and resources.





Felix then again moved to Nico First as she was best to address this.

Nico mentioned that Susanna, the previous year's ERO, had many insights regarding potential partnerships, particularly with past collaborators. He stated that after the meeting on Tuesday, he would reach out to everyone to discuss different networks and committees and gather input on beneficial partnerships. Nico encouraged the group to contact him and his secretaries for further discussions and asked if anyone had their questions.

John reported that both NATUWA and another sanctuary reached out to him, and he had responded to their emails while cc'ing the president and ERO. From his perspective, he believes it is possible to arrange for IVSA volunteers to participate for free. He suggested drafting a letter with DAD and an auction item. John also noted that when scheduling the meeting, it would be beneficial if Ishaan and Nico could facilitate free participation in the programs, allowing them to auction that amount. He concluded with this as his comment.

Sushan mentioned that it's okay to ask for more if they have more room of service to provide us by the collaboration like having 50% OR one free seat for the event. Since there are many organizations as such and since they are approaching us this might be the good opportunity for us IVSA member to look into internship opportunities and he had seen the partnership and MoU that was signed for 10-50% discount, so can be justified on that basis.

Ishaan thanked everyone, particularly Avnish and John, for their valuable inputs. He mentioned the idea of including webinar speakers in the MoU, acknowledging Felix's concern that MoUs might be somewhat challenging. However, he believes that most organizations have similar goals for collaboration, and once a template MoU is created, it can be modified for various organizations. Ishaan indicated he would discuss this with Nico after her meeting.

Regarding the DAD event and auction, he highlighted the potential benefit for the DF fund. He proposed offering a complimentary spot for every five IVSA members attending the event. Ishaan expressed his intention to negotiate for better deals, emphasizing that these organizations operate on tight budgets as NGOs. Despite the challenges, he would strive to secure larger discounts and free spots for a few attending IVSA members.

Felix admired the interactive discussion that was done regarding that point, he agreed to Ishaan to have include more / ask more from them while keeping in mind that they are NGOs and he noted that not to have like 20s of MoUs signed that next committee has to do as it always end up with mess in large number.





With no further comments, Felix then moved to the next agenda point of PN.

I.1.6. Pathology Network

I.1.6.1. IVSA Pathology * IVSA SCOH Policy Paper Endorsement(EAEVE)

Violet, from Latvia, provided an update. She mentioned sending a new email to EAEVE requesting their endorsement and receiving a reply. EAEVE will make it their agenda point on October 2nd, and they are awaiting a decision. Violet suggested waiting for Eve's response before publishing the policy paper, which is planned for early October. She is coordinating with Lorena to finalize details on the publication's process. No questions were raised at this point.

Felix asked if that was an update or rather a discussion point.

Violet raised a question for discussion, suggesting they wait for EAEVE response before publishing the policy paper. Initially, they planned to publish at the beginning of October, but if they receive EAEVE's endorsement, they may delay the publication slightly.

Susan mentioned that, according to Nadya's suggestion, there are 50 other organizations interested in helping with the INGO endorsement. They are planning to update this on the website. Susan inquired about the possibility of adding endorsements later, after the initial update on the website, and whether this could be done or not.

Felix stated that he needs to check whether endorsements can be added to the website, as none have been added so far. He's unsure if it's a technical issue or just hasn't been done and asked for input, possibly from Avnish.

Felix asked Avnish if he had any suggestions. Avnish then gave positive input that it could be done but he would make sure with trustees again.

John asked if EAEVE is the only organization approached or the only one able to endorse the policy paper. He suggested sending a reminder email with a deadline for their response and requested clarification on the endorsement process.

Violet clarified that EAEVE is not the only partner for endorsement. Two other organizations, the World Veterinary Association (WBA) and the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FBE), have already confirmed their endorsements and will help amplify the policy





paper through their channels. EAEVE would be an additional third organization if they agree. She apologized for not clarifying this earlier and hoped it answered John's question.

Felix suggested that while meeting the deadline would be ideal, securing endorsements is more important than sticking to the timeline, as it greatly increases the paper's impact. He acknowledged Sujana, asking if they wanted to add something to the discussion.

Susan clarified that they need an endorsement before the zonal assembly and suggested uploading the current endorsement to the website. If EAEVE endorses later, they can replace the old one. He asked if this requires another vote at the GA or can be done internally.

Felix noted that if EAEVE endorses changes, it must go back to the GA for approval. If there are no changes, they can proceed as before. He also suggested checking if they can add the endorsement letter to the website afterward.

John advised sending a reminder email to EAEVE to keep the deadline and avoid presenting it to the GA again. He emphasized finding the best solution and keeping everyone updated.

Felix asked if Violet wanted to add anything or if they should check on the endorsement paper and proceed from there.

Violet agreed that they could wait, noting that she had already mentioned the October deadline in her email to EAEVE. Their executive committee will make a decision on October 2nd, so they should have an answer by then. She expressed uncertainty about resending emails since WBA and FBE are already informed about the upcoming publication but was okay with Felix's suggestion.

Felix moved to the next agenda point seeing no more comment/ discussion.

1.1.6.2. Language Translation to Mandarin, Spanish, Indonesian, Korean, Japanese, Polish

Violet mentioned that WBA requested translations of the policy paper, and they are considering translating it into languages like Mandarin, Indonesian, Korean, and Japanese, in addition to English. They are unsure if translations are necessary due to the time involved and plan to use DeepL AI with native speakers to verify accuracy. She asked for opinions on





whether they should proceed with translations or if it's unnecessary, given WBA's request for key translations.

John recommended moving forward with the translations, as it would be valuable for non-native English speakers. He noted that their diverse team has officials who speak most of the listed languages, except perhaps Japanese, and suggested seeking external help if necessary. He emphasized that since WBA requested the translations, they should proceed.

Susan suggested reaching out directly to IVSA member organizations from relevant regions to help with translations, as relying solely on AI might lose the sentiment of the original text. She acknowledged that using AI with a review might work but expressed concern that doing it without member organization involvement could create a burden. Additionally, she wasn't sure if they had enough people in committees and networks who spoke the necessary languages, which could add to the workload.

Felix asked John if he has direct comment on this as Tamy and he raised the hand.

John agrees that Tamy could continue.

Tamy expressed interest in being involved in the process and offered to help with reaching out to representatives, especially to support vulnerable groups.

John supported Susan's idea, agreeing that utilizing individuals within their network for translations is preferable to relying on AI. He emphasized reaching out to the officials who speak the relevant languages first and suggested involving the member organizations as a backup if needed.

Felix summarized that there is agreement on translating the policy paper. The discussion focused on whether to use AI for translation, followed by member review, or to have members translate directly. He mentioned using deepfake as a free option and confirmed that everyone supports proceeding with the translation.

With this Felix then continued to the next agenda point and asked Susan if it was him or Saniya briefing it and Susan said he was doing that.

1.1.7. SCOW

1.1.7.1. World Health Mental Health Day





Susan mentioned that IVSA Ghana approached them about organizing a webinar for World Mental Health Day. However, she suggested it might be better for the school to take the lead, with IVSA Ghana participating. Although work has already begun on this idea, she advised waiting until further details are clarified, as it's an important matter to consider.

Felix thanked Susan for the update and noted that the discussion was moving to the next agenda point, focusing on updates from the regional representatives, starting with Europe.

2. Regional Rep. Updates

2.1. Updates

2.1.1. EUROPE

Florian provided an update from the European Regional Representative, detailing efforts focused on planning the European Regional Symposium. He collaborated with Tamy to establish specific goals, including the intention to open host applications the following week, contingent on discussions with the PRC team. Florian also worked on a base document outlining preparations needed from host MOs before the first meeting.

He mentioned challenges in securing responses from MOs regarding the database and one-on-one meetings, which were set to begin the following week. A meeting with IVSA Turkey was scheduled for October 12th to address issues from the last term.

Additionally, Florian discussed concerns regarding IVSA Romania with Lorena and Alex, planned to reconnect with partners from the last term, and considered a partnership with WWF for IVSA Europe. He also intended to follow up with an organization that had indicated a desire to terminate their involvement to confirm their current status.

Felix double checked which MO had Florian mentioned. Florian replied that it was Luthiania.

Florian expressed his understanding and thanked the European Regional Representative for the update, mentioning that he had not noticed certain details due to technical issues with his laptop. He pointed the importance of being included in communications with partners. After acknowledging the update, Florian opened the floor for questions regarding IVSA Europe, noting there were none before moving on to the Americas. He then called on Alessandra, confirming her presence.

2.1.2. AMERICAS





Alessandra provided an update for the Americas, starting with the successful formation of a new board for IVSA Chile, coordinated by Martina, the IVSA Italy President, who is currently in Chile. Alessandra has conducted one training session with the new nine-member National Board.

She has held one-on-one meetings with six out of her 14 MOs, including IVSA Peru, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela. Many of these MOs are changing boards, with some having entirely new members, prompting Alessandra to plan additional training sessions.

Alessandra noted concerns about engagement among MOs, as there is a lack of interaction in the region. She is exploring ways to create more collaborative opportunities. She has scheduled meetings with IVSA Brazil and Panama for the week.

Her main concerns currently involve Grenada and Ecuador, which lack boards, necessitating prompt leadership recruitment. She learned from the past president of Costa Rica that they haven't recruited a new board and are uncertain about their status with IVSA, so she aims to engage with the old board for clarification.

Lastly, Alessandra has not received a response from the Dominican Republic and is awaiting updates from both IVSA USA and IVSA Chile for their one-on-one meetings. She advised the new board in Chile to finalize their plans by the end of the month before their upcoming meeting, which will also serve as a training session.

Felix expressed appreciation for the hard work being done across the regions, noting the significant progress and engagement among the member organizations. He then asked if Aaryn or Tamy from the Asia region was present to provide their updates.

2.1.3. ASIA AND PACIFIC

Tamy mentioned that there were no specific outcomes detailed from Aaryn's meetings with the member organizations. However, Aaryn's ongoing efforts to connect with various countries indicated a focus on fostering collaboration and addressing any issues or projects that may arise in the upcoming term. Further details on outcomes may be available after the planned meetings with Japan, Pakistan, Australia, South Korea, and Taiwan.

Felix thanked Tamy for updates and asked if she was to update SSA as Donat was not there.





2.1.4. SSA

Donat's update highlighted his recent activities, including assisting member organizations in understanding IVSA operations and supporting IVSA Rwanda in establishing new executives. He also had a meeting with IVSA Nabivivi to discuss their engagement in the region and the challenges they face. Additionally, Donat has been working on certificates for remote and renal team members, aiming to finalize everything by next week.

Upendra asked for the MO name as he didn't get it during Tamy's Update. Tamy clarified it was Rwanda.

Felix appreciated the work RR into and moved to MENA region update.

2.1.5. MENA

Tamy provided an update for the MENA region on behalf of AI. He noted that AI has already met with representatives from Algeria and Sudan and is currently working on certificates pending Neville's signature. The situation in the region is challenging, with limited engagement from some member organizations, but responses are starting to come in. AI is aware that Morocco is still in the election process but plans to meet with them this week. Additionally, a complaint from one of the MENA member organizations has been received and will be addressed by AI.

Seeing no question, Felix moved to get a trust update and asked Avnish to do so as he was the only trust to be present there at that moment.

Felix quickly checked if Upendra was doing well with the recording part and Upendra replied everything was in order.

3. Trust Updates

3.1. Updates

Avnish addressed recently, the trustees held its first meeting, attended by all members, including Felix. During this meeting, they discussed several topics to kick off the term. A major point of focus was the commitment to support all officials, emphasizing that the trust exists to assist everyone, not just its own members.





To reiterate this commitment, the trust sent out an email highlighting their dedication to supporting all officials. In this email, they conveyed that each member of the trust has experience in various aspects of IVSA, including former positions on the Executive Committee, committee chairs, networks, and roles as local chapter board and national board members. Additionally, the email included contact details for all trust members, alongside a summary of their past experiences. This was intended to encourage officials to reach out whenever they need specific assistance, ensuring that they can easily connect with the trust through the provided emails and contact information.

Avnish stated that the trust is committed to helping each and every member, leveraging their extensive experience with IVSA. He noted that he has completed four terms and is now in his fifth, while many members of the trust have similarly long tenures. Avnish assured everyone that they are available to assist with anything and everything, encouraging officials not to hesitate to ask even small questions, whether about communication or any other matters. He encouraged officials to reach out via email or text, assuring them that support will always be available.

Avnish also mentioned that the trust aims to meet each month to discuss various topics and points raised by members. Most of these meetings will be open to all officials. He confirmed that once the next trust meeting is scheduled, all officials will be informed and invited to join.

He concluded his update by thanking everyone and inviting any questions from the attendees.

Felix acknowledged that there were no questions but expressed gratitude for the update. He emphasized how helpful the trust can be, noting that it provides not only specific information but also comfort when members feel uncertain about something. He mentioned that, as members of the Executive Committee, they strive to support everyone, but having someone from a different perspective within the trust can also be beneficial when discussing various issues. Felix encouraged everyone not to hesitate to reach out to the trust, highlighting its importance in providing support.

Since there were no discussion points, he moved the meeting to the next agenda point: Task Force updates.

Avnish continued by highlighting an important point: the trust is not just available for IVSA-related work. He focused that members should feel free to reach out as friends if they





need someone to talk to. Avnish reassured everyone that they could have informal conversations with the trust, as they are all students who are learning together. He encouraged officials not to hesitate or feel intimidated when approaching trust members, emphasizing that they are all navigating their own challenges.

3.2. Discussion Points

4. Taskforces Updates

4.1. Updates

EIT

Avnish provided an update on the Events Inclusivity Task Force (EIT). He explained that the task force was established during the Congress in Denmark to enhance IVSA events. During the previous term for 2023-2024, Hajar served as the chair, but since Hajar was leaving, Avnish and Susana from the trust would take over as co-chairs for the EIT.

He mentioned that they were beginning their work by reaching out to the former members of the EIT to see if they wished to continue their involvement this term. Avnish noted that they would not be conducting an open call for new members; instead, they aimed to recruit dedicated individuals who could commit to working throughout the term to expedite the process.

Avnish encouraged anyone who knew potential candidates for the task force to contact him or Susana, who would provide the application form.

He also shared that they would soon be updating all the Member Organizations (MOS) about the outcomes of the General Assembly in Peru, including the resolutions that were passed. This would ensure that all MOS and members are informed about the ongoing activities of the Events Inclusivity Task Force, enabling them to continue working effectively for the benefit of all members.

Avnish concluded the update by summarizing that this was the latest information from the EIT.

Felix inquired whether Avnish and Susana had found time to check the email that Hajar created to send out to the Member Organizations (MOS). He pointed that this was important for Tommy so that they could follow the General Assembly resolution plan.





In response to Felix's question, Avnish stated that Zuzana had already reviewed the email. He mentioned that he would go through it that evening and that they would discuss it either the following day or the day after. Avnish assured Felix that he would provide an update on sending the email out once they had finalized their review.

Felix expressed appreciation for the update, stating that it was great to know the progress, especially regarding the email. He then asked if there were any questions. After seeing no responses, he moved on to the next agenda item: the History Task Force. He introduced John, who was present at the meeting.

HISTORY TASKFORCE

John updated the group on the History Task Force, sharing that they had successfully sent out certificates for the last term. Although the TaskForce was not done, participation is still low . He announced that Zuzana would take the lead in securing helpers for the veterinary article on IVSA history, and he encouraged anyone interested in assisting to reach out to her. John is also working on the IVSA history booklet, which he hopes to complete by January 2025, in line with the project timeline extending from the Congress in Denmark last year to the upcoming event in Taiwan. He invited members who want to learn more about IVSA history or contribute to the booklet to contact him, as it promises to be a fun and interesting project. He concluded by noting that he and Zuzana are the only remaining members of the task force and asked if there were any questions or submissions regarding their work.

Felix asked whether, since John was currently working alone on the history booklet, he planned to reach out to specific individuals who might be interested in joining the task force or if he would keep the process as an open call for new members.

John explained that after the symposium in Bali, they had an open call for participants but received no responses. Therefore, they now prefer to reach out to individuals they know. He mentioned that Zuzana planned to contact Giovanni and a few of her friends, including one who was recently appointed as the policy writer for the policy review for MV, to assist with the journal writing. John reiterated that he was inviting anyone interested in helping with the booklet to reach out to him, but they would not be conducting an open call for





new members due to past experiences with low participation. Instead, they are focusing on motivated individuals who want to contribute.

Felix acknowledged John's comments and encouraged everyone to reach out to their friends to see if anyone might be interested in helping with the task force. He noted that if Zuzana's friend were to join, it would be an immense help. Felix also reminded members to consider reaching out to people they know for the Events Inclusivity Task Force and to contact John or Avnish/Susana for more information. He then turned his attention to the last task force, the SPC, and asked Mehdi if he would prefer to provide an update or combine it with her presentation.

Mehdi clarified that he would just combine it with a presentation as Basically he had no updates.

Felix confirmed the next steps in the meeting, stating that they would first address the first discussion point before taking a five-minute break for attendees to use the restroom. He then indicated that they would proceed with the presentation afterward. Felix announced that they were nearing the end of the agenda and moved on to the next point, which was the discussion regarding the EI team members, directing the conversation to Avnish.

4.2. Discussion Points

4.2.1. EIT members

Avnish reiterated that he and Susana were currently recruiting members for the Events Inclusivity Task Force, aiming to start their work as soon as possible. They were reaching out to existing task force members about continuing their roles and inviting new dedicated individuals who would not disappear after the term. He encouraged officials to suggest anyone they believed would be a good fit for improving IVSA events and to contact him or Susana for the application form.

Avnish then opened the floor for discussion regarding whether current officials should be allowed to remain direct members of the task force this term. He acknowledged that while there had been many officials and ExCo members in the previous term, they wanted to ensure that general members also had opportunities to contribute. He asked for everyone's opinions on allowing current officials to participate as direct task force members, emphasizing that they would still seek help from officials regardless of their status.





Felix expressed his thoughts on the participation of officials in the Events Inclusivity Task Force. He suggested that if it were feasible to recruit enough members, it might be beneficial to keep officials out of the task force so they could concentrate on their responsibilities. He acknowledged that officials would still be included in the process. However, he noted that if there were a shortage of members, opening the task force to all officials, except ExCo members, would be acceptable, as he believed ExCo members should focus on their own work. Felix invited any fellow ExCo members who disagreed with his perspective to share their opinions as well.

Susan shared his perspective on the participation of ExCo members in the Events Inclusivity Task Force, noting that most current ExCo members, including himself and Jhon, were already part of the task force. He expressed the view that it would be preferable to avoid including officials, but she also acknowledged her own commitment to the task force, which was part of her motivation for applying. Susan emphasized that if they could recruit more members, it would be better for ExCo members to step down and allow others the opportunity to participate.

Felix expressed his thoughts on the matter, stating that he was tired but felt it was essential to address the need for more people in the Events Inclusivity Task Force. He acknowledged that this was an important topic and that time was limited. While he indicated that he wouldn't stop anyone from participating if they felt capable of handling both roles, he suggested that if ExCo members could act more as backups rather than being directly involved, it would be appreciated. He reiterated the considerable workload everyone faced and concluded that prioritizing individuals who were not part of the officials would be a better approach.

Tamy commented that she had spoken with Felix and others about her involvement in the task force. She decided to resign from the task force, explaining that even though she would still be involved, she felt she wouldn't be able to contribute as much as she would like. As a result, she announced that she would no longer be participating in the task force.

Felix acknowledged Tamy's decision to resign from the task force, stating that it was understandable given the workload associated with ExCo positions. He noted that every ExCo role involved a significant amount of work, but positions like the Membership and Outreach Team (MoT) and the Communications Committee (CC) required particularly extensive effort, including managing relationships with various regions and organizations. He then invited any other opinions on the matter, indicating that he had already shared his perspective.





Avnish noted that he saw no further hands raised for discussion and thanked everyone for sharing their opinions. He encouraged anyone who wanted to discuss matters further to reach out to him or Zuzanna, emphasizing their availability. He reiterated that the Trust was also accessible for any support or inquiries.

Seeing no objections or comment on discussion, Felix called the meeting to a 3 minutes short break.

Felix requested a quick hand raise from all ExCo members to confirm that they were back. He counted the raised hands, noting that seven were raised.

Felix expressed enthusiasm, stating that it was "awesome, great, and wonderful" to see everyone. He called the meeting back to order at 6:57 PM (UTC+2) and announced that the next agenda point would be the SPC presentation. He mentioned that Mehdi would provide an update on the SPC and its upcoming activities since it had been approved.

4.2.2. SPC presentation

Mehdi began the SPC presentation by introducing the IVC Strategy and Action Plan that was approved in Peru. He explained that this document serves as a guide for those involved in its implementation over the next five years, from September 2024 to August 2029. The goals include creating a global report on veterinary student organizations, refining the IVSA strategy, and establishing specific actions and timelines.

Mehdi pointed out the distinction between strategy and action plans: the strategy outlines long-term, high-level objectives, while the action plan details specific, time-bound actions. He provided insight into the IVSA's mission, vision, values, and core objectives, highlighting their importance for both short- and long-term development.

The core strategy objectives focus on internal structure, communication, capacity building, and policymaking in veterinary medicine. Strategic focal points were defined for various committees, covering topics such as veterinary education, animal welfare, and climate change. Mehdi concluded by noting that while the Strategy and Action Plan is binding for IVSA officials, it is not mandatory for Member Organizations (MOS), allowing them flexibility in their operations.

Mehdi concluded his presentation by highlighting the importance of understanding the interactions within the IVSA Strategy and Action Plan, emphasizing that a solid foundation in





the first year is crucial for overall success. He encouraged patience throughout the process, noting that some steps might feel slow, but trusting the process will ultimately yield positive outcomes.

The action plan includes a communication strategy designed to keep members informed about developments, promoting engagement through social media campaigns, workshops, and regular updates during General Assemblies (GA) and regional meetings. Changes to the action plan should be based on evidence and data analysis, with all amendments requiring approval from the GA to prevent rapid and unconsidered shifts.

Mehdi presented a timeline for the first semester, outlining various projects leading up to the symposium in Morocco. He mentioned the need for updates on specific tasks assigned to different committees, emphasizing the importance of organization and preparation for upcoming projects. The quarterly meetings, replacing the previous IVSA live meetings, will focus on strategic oversight.

He encouraged members to reach out with any questions or concerns and assured them of his availability for support. After Mehdi's presentation, there was a brief discussion about the status of projects, particularly the need to finalize the draft of the strategic plan for distribution to officials, allowing everyone to stay informed and engaged in their roles.

Felix welcomed the updates from the MOT regarding the upcoming Congress. He highlighted that John has created a WhatsApp group for better communication, which would be beneficial for organizing tasks and sharing information.

As he prepared to transition to the next agenda item on the agenda—updates on the Congress—Felix encouraged Tamy to take the floor and provide any relevant information. He expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts and looked forward to hearing more about the Congress preparations.

Link to SPC Presentation (For review):

Felix introduced the next agenda item, which was the updates on the upcoming symposium and Congress, with no specific discussion points. He invited Tamy from the MOD team to provide any relevant updates or details regarding the preparations. Felix expressed his appreciation for Tamy's efforts and was ready to hear about the progress being made in these areas.





5. Symposium & Congress

5.1. Updates

Tamy provided updates about the Morocco symposium, starting with her productive meeting with Manshay, the OC president, and Janice. They discussed key aspects like operating applications, and two critical tasks are underway: finalizing the planning booklet and working on the Glue Up website. Tamy mentioned that Hewin is following up on the booklet, having already given feedback on the first draft.

Rebecca, Tamy's secretary, and Hewin have been trained to assist with the website. Despite some challenges, updates are expected soon. Tamy also noted the creation of the symposium's Instagram account and mentioned that the plan is to open applications ideally by September 27, or by October 3 at the latest.

She asked if there were any questions, noticing a question from Susan in the chat, and inquired if Susan would prefer to speak or have her question read aloud.

Susan inquires if he and Upendra could ask for a letter of Visa Application, before the forms are released because, both need to do the procedure early as they have to travel to India for Visa Application.

Tamy instantly agreed and asked Sushan to text him and she asked how OC and herself can help with that.

Seeing no more questions/ comments, Tamy moved to give an update of congress, Tamy gave updates on the Congress for 2025, confirming that the 74th IVSA Congress and SGA will be hosted in Taiwan, as decided by the xCo earlier in the term. The OC in Taiwan has been actively recruiting members, and according to Tamy, they received over 50 applications, which the OC is very pleased with.

Once the team is finalized, Tamy plans to meet with them. The OC knows they can take their time for now since the immediate focus is on the Morocco symposium. She wrapped up by thanking everyone for their attention and confirming that updates on both Morocco and Taiwan will continue.

Tamy then asked if there were any further questions.





Felix mentioned that Mehdi had left a tip in the chat regarding the application letter, specifically for Tamy's attention. He wanted to make sure Tamy was aware of it and could follow up accordingly.

Tamy mentioned that once the symposium applications open, she will have a meeting with Manshav to address the specific requirements for sending out application letters. This is a critical step, as the Peru event had strict guidelines, and it's important to ensure that these are followed properly. She plans to coordinate with Manshav after applications are live to clarify and implement the necessary protocols for the invitation process, ensuring everything runs smoothly and in accordance with the required standards.

With no further queries, Felix then moved to next agenda point; AOB

6. Any Other Business (AOB).

Felix provided an update regarding the United Nations General Assembly. He informed the committee that Karina Kartsch, the former CC of the 2022-2023 term from Trinidad and Tobago, who is part of the Quadruped Working Group on AMR, had been invited to the event. Felix shared that Karina, with the approval of IVSA, is attending the Assembly on behalf of IVSA through the Quadruped Working Group. He mentioned that she successfully found accommodation in New York and would be attending the part of the Assembly where she is involved with the working group, which is a significant achievement for IVSA. Felix emphasized that this was great news and an exciting development.

6.1. Certificates of Members

Oojas addressed the committee and brought attention to the last point he had mentioned to be added to the agenda at the start of the meeting. He indicated his desire to discuss this item with the group.

Oojas raised a query regarding IVSA Global's provision of certificates to members. He recalled receiving a certificate of membership, signed around three terms ago, which was part of IVSA Global's operations at that time. However, in the past few years, none of their members have received such certificates. Oojas sought clarification on whether IVSA Global had discontinued issuing membership certificates or if there was some information he was unaware of, particularly as he had been part of operations for the last two terms.

Felix apologized for overlooking the proper order of agenda items, acknowledging that the "Any Other Business" point should have come before his own. He expressed his apologies





for jumping ahead. Felix then asked for the question to be repeated, seeking clarification to ensure he had understood correctly. Noticing that Tamy had her hand raised, Felix suggested that Tamy might be able to provide clarification. Tamy clarified that Oojas was asking about the certificates from Global to MO members.

Tamy noted that IVSA used to provide certificates but was unsure why it had stopped. She explained that handling certificates had become burdensome, especially as they were still managing last term's certificates. IVSA no longer issues certificates for local chapters, leaving it to the MOs to manage. Tamy suggested keeping this responsibility with the MOs to reduce the workload for representatives.

Susan inquired if IVSA is still providing certificates for the executive committee members of member organizations. She recalled receiving such certificates in a past term and sought clarification on whether this practice is still in place.

Tamy explains that we do now give certificates for MO Board members, but she noted out that she read somewhere, ExCo decided not to give it to LCs since 3 years back and it's completely upon MO to look after LC certificates.

John noted that while the discussion was wrapping up, he wanted to support Tamy's earlier points. He explained that IVSA had previously engaged with local chapters, but as the focus shifted to national MOs, it became less necessary. John agreed that MO boards should manage issuing certificates for their members instead of making it IVSA Global's responsibility.

Felix asks if there are any other points to be discussed before we close this up.

Tamy clarified that for certificates issued to members by the MOs, she does not believe a signature from IVSA Global is necessary. She suggested that only the National President's signature is required, as the members are part of the MO, which makes them members of IVSA.

Felix acknowledged Tamy's clarification regarding the signatures for certificates and agreed with her point. He then asked if there was anything else to discuss, noting that there seemed to be no further items.

Felix thanked everyone for the great participation with amazing updates and interactive discussions

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 UTC+2.





A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Upendra Chauhan', is positioned above a dotted line.

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