

Minutes of the ICT Business Meeting, Wednesday, 29 August, 2001; at the WAAVP Conference, Stresa, Italy

Attendance: President, Dr. E. Pozio (Italy); General Secretary, Professor C. Kapel (Denmark); Past President, Dr. D. Murrell (USA); Dr. R. Gamble (USA); Professor F. Bruschi (Italy); Dr. D. Zarlenga (USA); Professor A. Bessonov (Russia); Dr. A. Gajadhar (Canada); Dr. W. Cabaj (Poland); Professor W. Kociecka (Poland); Dr. D. Christensson (Sweden); Professor B. Gottstein (Switzerland).

Agenda:

- 1) Translation into other languages of the ICT-guidelines published by Gamble et al. 2000 in Vet. Parasitol.
 - 2) Update on the preparation of other guidelines (treatment of human trichinellosis; serological diagnosis)
 - 3) Old and new ICT members
 - 4) Corresponding members
 - 5) ICT web site
 - 6) Changes in the ICT rules and regulations
 - 7) New ICT appointments
 - 8) Other business
- ad 1) The translated guidelines will be available on the ICT homepage. The translated text should be submitted as PDF files to the webmaster, Professor Fabrizio Bruschi (f.bruschi@med.unipi.it). At the present time, only the Chinese and Italian translations have been completed. Translations in Russian, Polish, French, and German are ongoing. It was recommended that translations in Spanish should also be initiated.
- ad 2) The preparation of the ICT-guidelines on the treatment of human trichinellosis is ongoing chaired by Professor Dupouy-Camet, France. In light of the vast amount of work allocated to Professor Ortega-Pierres, including the organisation of the ICT9 in Mexico City, the publishing of the Proceedings book, and the current translation of the ICT-guidelines into Spanish, the Executive Committee, in order not to overburden Professor Ortega-Pierres, has decided to allow Dr. R. Gamble to chair the guidelines on serological diagnosis, with the help of the serology working group, which remains unaltered (Dr. R. Gamble, Dr. G. Ortega-Pierres, Dr. E. Pozio, Prof. F. Bruschi, Prof. Y. Taskahashi, Dr. K. Nöckler, and others who could be interested). The president will address the new chairman and suggest that human serology and problems with horse serology will be included in the guidelines.

A working group on marine trichinellosis was suggested by Dr. Gajadhar, Canada, and Prof. Kapel, Denmark. A mandate was given to institute such a working group. Dr. Murrell, Denmark, informed that the Danish Centre for Experimental Parasitology, in the function as a WHO/FAO Collaborating Centre on Parasitic Zoonoses, has been requested by the WHO to prepare a WHO/OIE manual on the meat-borne helminth zoonoses trichinellosis and cysticercosis.

- ad 3) The membership list have been updated after the ICT-10. Presently, the general secretary is correcting the list based on an inventory among the retired ICT members. It was decided that nomination and voting on a new member can be done by mail to the president.
New members should be search for in a number of regions and countries. ICT is only represented in 32 countries of 198 countries in the world (16%).
Among others, the following persons are all active within the field and potential candidates for a ICT-membership: Drs C. Foggin and S. Mukuratiwa (Zimbabwe), Dr. I. Owen (Papua New Guinea), Prof. B. Koudela (Czech Republic), Prof. T. Järvis (Estonia).
- ad 4) The identification of Corresponding Country (CC) members responsible for gathering national data and reporting to ICT, was suggested by the president. There was general agreement that this would facilitate the gathering of data. If a country only have one ICT-member this person function as CC, where more members are present a CC should be suggested to the ICT president. The CC-member should have modern means of communication. The ICT president sent this request to all ICT members on these matters in his first letter of last year, but at present only members from Argentina sent the name of the Argentina CC member.
- ad 5) The president encouraged ICT-members to include the ICT homepage address (www.med.unipi.it/ict/welcome.htm) in their email and letters. Dr. Pozio also stated that he would make sure that a link to the homepage could be found at WHO, FAO and OIE homepages. A link exist already at the CDC homepage. Dr. Bruschi (Italy) made the point that there is only very few country reports and encouraged ICT members to send their country report in PDF format. It is the intention to summarised the country reports in a table on the ICT- homepage.
- ad 6) To facilitate a continuous rejuvenation of the ICT executive committee, it was decided that ICT members can stay in the Executive Committee for a period of maximum 8 years (2 subsequent ICT conferences). The periods for which a member serves as President or General Secretary is subtracted. Re-election to the Executive Committee can take place after a period of 8 years of normal ICT membership. It was also decided to change the bylaws of ICT to include a paragraph on Country Corresponding Members and how they are selected (see above ad 4).
- ad 7) The next ICT business meeting is scheduled for ICOPA X, Vancouver, Canada, 1.00 pm, 9th August, 2002. There was a suggestion to propose a workshop on trichinellosis at the ICOPA meeting. Send your suggestions to the President (pozio@iss.it) or to the Secretary General (chk@kvl.dk) as soon as possible.
The XI International Conference on Trichinellosis (ICT11) will be organised by Dr. R. Gamble (rgamble@nas.edu) in San Diego, California, USA, 15-19 August 2004.

Further information will be available during ICOPA meeting and will also be posted to ICT members and other potential participants within the next year.