

## BACK TO OFFICE REPORT OF EASVO MEETING

1. **NATURE OF MEETING:** EASVO General Assembly
  
2. **PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING:** Brussels, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015
  
4. **REPRESENTATION:**
  - (a) **Chair:** Veronique Bellemain (President)
  
  - (b) **UK Representation:** Jane Clark, AGV (Observer)
  
  - (c) **Others present:** Representatives from FR/IE/NL/UK/DE/NO/IT/FI/SE/CH/PL/CZ/RO/ES/IC/DK.  
Apologies were received from AT
  
5. **To:** AGV Council  
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Date: 12 November 2015

### 6. Summary:

A constructive meeting with the UK made very welcome and a clear hope that AGV will be able to become a full member again in due course. The main issues covered included updates on the progress of the Official Controls negotiations, Animal Health Regulation and fees for OV's in Slaughterhouses. The recent revisions of the FVE principles of Veterinary Certification were raised and IE and the UK's professional bodies are both considering whether there should be similar changes to their principles. There were detailed discussions of several Animal Welfare issues including an update on the work of the AW Working Group and some specific AW issues (Bobby calves, permanently housed and tethered dairy cows, the slaughter of pregnant animals and the production of PMSG). There was an update from representatives on the One Health Working Group and an interesting and thought provoking lecture on "Zoonoses – a matter of priorities". Approximately 60% human

pathogens (and 75% of those identified in the last 20 years) originate from animals. Many of these pathogens originate in wild animals and increased human mobility, climate change, International Trade, logging, urbanisation, exotic pets etc. all potentially contribute by increasing the contact between man/livestock/wildlife. Finally the General Assembly agreed EASVO's position on several issues for the FVE General Assembly and carried out the election of Officers for the next 2 years.

## 7. Action Points:

ITEM/AREA	DETAIL	ACTION	URGENCY
3/bis	Note the financial situation and to have developed an options paper on AGV membership	Jane Clark/Cath McVicar	For a decision to be made before the end of this financial year
Multiple points	Note the questionnaires that are due to be circulated and agree a priority/nil return	Jane Clark to liaise with AGV council	ASAP

## 8. Agenda:

1/ Welcome, introduction of delegates, apologies for absence, new members.

2/ Adoption of Agenda

3/ Minutes of the last General Assembly Meeting (Iasi, June 2015)

3 bis/ Information on EASVO finances

4/ Matters arising from the last GA

4.1/ Official Controls Regulation: state of discussions

4.2/ AHL: state of discussions

4.3 / Survey to investigate the level of fees charged for the delivery of Official Controls across EU

4.4 / Certification and pressure on Official Vets (in link with the FVE 10 principles of certification paper)

5/ Animal Welfare

5.1/ AW-WG: state of work, EASVO's issues

5.2/ Killing of male calves in milk production farms

5.3/ Holdings of cows all the year inside and tethered

5.4/ Slaughter of pregnant animals

5.5/ Condition of PMSG production

## 6 / One Health WG

02:00 pm/ LECTURE: One Health: “Zoonoses – a matter of priorities” - Mariann Chriél, Senior Adviser, DVM, PhD, Section for Public sector service and commercial diagnostics, National Veterinary Institute, Technical University of Denmark

## 7/ FVE matters to be discussed / voted:

FVE 6) Proposal to solve the issue of the high subscription fees for countries with low numbers of active veterinarians – **For vote.**

FVE 8) **Workshops**

I) Reputation of the profession and public trust

II) Ethics in veterinary medicine and the position of the profession in society

FVE 11) ii) update activities Food Safety and Quality WG.

FVE 15) Communication: FVE's Key messages

## 8/ Election of the new Board

## 9/ Relationships with the FVE (what do we expect from the FVE?)

## 10/ Next GA arrangements

The 2016 EASVO GA will take place in:

- Durbuy and March-en-Famenne (Belgium) 2 June 2016.
- Brussels 10 November 2016