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1. **NATURE OF MEETING:** EASVO General Assembly

2. **PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING:** GoToMeeting
4th June 2020

3. **REPRESENTATION:**
 - (a) **Chair:** Jane Clark (EASVO President)

 - (b) **UK Representation:** Jane Clark, AGV

 - (c) **Others present:** Representatives from
AT/DK/FI/FR/DE/IE/IT/NO/PL/ES/CZ

Observer – SE

Apologies were received from absent
Members – CH

We were also joined by FVE Officers
– Rens, Torill and Thierry - for parts
of the GA

4. **To:** AGV Website

Name: *Jane Clark*

Location: WFH, Cardiff

Date: 7th June 2020

5. Summary:

There was great sadness that we were unable to meet, in person, in London for the GA this year but conducted an interesting and valuable “virtual meeting” supported by the FVE team. There were no items for vote on the FVE General Assembly Agenda so we focussed on the feedback from our members.

A key discussion point was the impact of Covid-19 on our members and we reflected that this was a “One Health” challenge and that we are really proud of the way that the European Veterinary profession has responded and maintained Official Controls, keeping the food chain moving to maintain the supply of safe food and protect Animal Welfare. We identified some themes to feedback to the FVE GA on vets supporting the human health response; the impact on the wellbeing of everyone in the food chain; the use of emergency legislation with the main message that the meat food chain has been prioritised; supporting the economy; and some of the challenges around resources – especially PPE/RPE.

We also reflected on the proposed FVE strategy and are keen to re-engage with the process. We questioned whether a more fundamental review was required in light of the Covid-19 impacts and lessons learned but agreed that the themes identified are relevant to the whole profession and EASVO is ready to engage, support specific initiatives and, potentially work with the FVE team on developing a parallel EASVO strategy.

And finally, we were grateful to the FVE board and officials for reviewing the Section Fee structure which is so important for our financial sustainability.

6. Action Points:

No actions identified for AGV members

7. Communications

This report is a high level version and is available to non-members on the AGV website - <http://www.agv.org.uk/bva-and-fve-easvo/>.

A detailed record of the discussions at this meeting is also available to AGV members.

8. Agenda:

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

AP 2 Adoption of Agenda

AP 3 Adoption of minutes of the last EASVO GA (Brussels, 7. Nov 2019)

AP 4 Actions from the last meeting

AP 5 Finances – Situation 2020, Status membership

- Presentation of the economic status of EASVO
- Update on the FVE review of the fee structure for the Sections

AP 6 FVE matters to be discussed / voted (Documents sent out by FVE)

- **FVE Finances: report by FVE Treasurer**
- **COVID-19 round table** (AP 7 refers)
- **Development FVE Strategy 2021 – 2025: state of play**
- **Ongoing dossiers:**
 - a. FVE draft position paper on Telemedicine
 - b. Medicines incl. draft position paper on ‘Anaesthesia=veterinary act’
 - c. Animal Health Law & Official Controls (AP 8 refers)
 - d. Food Safety and Sustainability (AP 8 refers)
 - e. Veterinary Education
 - f. Animal Welfare (AP 8 refers)

AP 7 Covid-19 “round table” – we ask EASVO members to give feedback on the impact of Covid-19 on the delivery of official controls within their country / workplace. In particular the extent of implementation and adoption of Commission Implementing reg 2020/466 of 30th March 2020 - https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/466/oj

AP 8 News from:

- The Food safety & sustainability working group
- Animal Health Law
- Animal welfare WG - we have asked **Sean Wensley** to provide an update

AP 9 Development of an EASVO Strategy 2021-2025

AP 10 EASVO Website Update

- <http://easvo.fve.org/>

AP 11 Summary and agreement of recommendations to the FVE GA

AP 12 Any Other Business

Next GA meetings:

- November 2020: in Prague (Czech republic)
- June 2021: in London (United Kingdom)