



**FOR AGV WEBSITE - BACK TO OFFICE REPORT OF EASVO MEETING**

1. **NATURE OF MEETING:** EASVO General Assembly
  
2. **PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING:** GoToMeeting  
5th November 2020
  
3. **REPRESENTATION:**
  - (a) **Chair:** Jane Clark (EASVO President)
  
  - (b) **UK Representation:** Jane Clark, AGV
  
  - (c) **Others present:** Representatives from  
NO/DK/AT/UK/IE/IT/PT/FI/CZ/DE/PL/FR  
  
Observer – SE  
  
We were also joined by FVE Officers (Rens, Thierry, Torill and Stanislaw) for parts of the GA and by representatives from the OIE Sub-Regional Representation in Brussels (Paolo and Roberto)
  
4. **To:** AGV Website  
  
Name: *Jane Clark*  
  
Location: WFH, Cardiff  
  
Date: 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020

## **5. Summary:**

There was great sadness that we were unable to meet, in person, in Prague for the GA but were able to conduct an interesting and valuable “virtual meeting”, ably supported by Sarah from the FVE team. We agreed on the EASVO voting position for papers on the FVE General Assembly Agenda and, in particular, discussed the paper on Telemedicine in detail, supported by Rens (FVE President), but were unable to support the paper as it is currently drafted because of the implications for EASVO members and because we would seek more consideration of the role of new technologies in support of surveillance, official controls, audit/assurance and certification.

We were, again, pleased to welcome Sean (AWWG chair) to present on the work of the group and to highlight the consultation papers that are currently active on sustainable husbandry systems for laying hens and best practice for the euthanasia of horses. We also heard an update from Germany on the long-distance transport of livestock and recommended that the AWWG continue to engage with the COM in support of OVs carrying out the certification for this work.

Another key discussion point was the impact of Covid-19 on our members and we heard from Denmark on the recent cases in farmed mink and the challenges faced by OVs in delivering the disease response.

We also voted in favour of the new FVE 2020-25 strategy and will pick up work on an integrated EASVO strategy in 2021.

And finally, we were grateful to the FVE board and officials for agreeing the new 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

**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)

**5) Adoption of Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting of November in Brussels (FVE/019/AM/034) VOTE**

**7) Finances**

- Approval Finances 2019 **VOTE**
- Confirmation budget and fees 2021, as presented in June **VOTE**

**8) Professional Matters and Statutory Bodies WG**

- Telemedicine position paper (FVE/020/DOC/049) **VOTE**

**9) FVE Strategy 2020 – 2025 (FVE/020/DOC/003) VOTE**

**AP 7** Development of an EASVO Strategy 2021-2025

**AP 8** News from:

- Animal welfare WG - we have asked the chair of the AWWG to provide an update including:
  - FVE draft position paper on 'Moving towards more sustainable husbandry systems for laying hens'
  - FVE/FEEVA Best Practice Protocol for Euthanasia of horses 2020
- Animal welfare during long distance transports: current situation in Europe after the last meeting, short report-Germany-and survey initiated
- Animal Health Law
  - CONSULTATION: minimum requirements Animal Health visits
- The Food safety & sustainability working group

**AP 9** Covid-19 "round table"

Input - on SARS-CoV-2 in mink farms DK

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](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/466/oj)

What has become the new normal for the official veterinarians as the result of the covid-19 pandemic?

**AP 10** EASVO Website Update

**AP 11** Summary and agreement of recommendations to the FVE GA

**AP 12** Any Other Business

Next GA meeting:

- June 2021: in London (United Kingdom)