



FOR AGV WEBSITE - BACK TO OFFICE REPORT OF EASVO MEETING

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

2. **PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING:** GoToMeeting
10th June 2021

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

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

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

Apologies were received from absent Members – IC (NO as proxy vote)/PT

We were also joined for parts of the meeting by all 5 FVE Board members – Rens, Siegfried, Stanislaw, Thierry and Torill and Representatives from the OIE Regional Office Brussels.

4. **To:** AGV Website

Name: *Jane Clark*

Location: WFH, Cardiff

Date: 11th June 2021

5. Summary:

Sadly we were, again unable to meet, in person, in London for the GA this year so, instead, we held a busy and valuable “virtual meeting” ably supported by Wiebke from the FVE team. We agreed to support all of the items for vote on the FVE General Assembly Agenda and enjoyed interesting discussions on several issues.

Our main discussions were on Animal Welfare and we were grateful to be joined by Sean Wensley, chair of the FVE AWWG, to discuss the FVE papers for vote, on sustainable husbandry systems for laying hens and best practice for the euthanasia of horses, and the FVE AW strategy that is out for consultation. During this discussion we agreed to recommend that FVE and the AWWG consider how they define/use the terminology around “animal mental health”/psychological wellbeing of animals and also consider how to present documents for different audiences as they develop the AW strategy. We also discussed the work of the ad hoc FVE working group on welfare during long distance transport following our recommendation to the FVE GA on this at the last meeting.

From Germany, Conny, spoke about the One Health challenges posed by the rise in the illegal dog trade/puppy smuggling and the internet sales of pets and, recognising that work is already underway, we call on the FVE to continue to show leadership in this area. We will also consider proposing a joint session with UEVP (practitioners) to discuss these challenges at a future GA.

And finally, we reflected on the integration of an EASVO strategy with the developing work plan for the FVE strategy. We agreed that a small group of EASVO members, led by Romano, will develop a draft strategy for further discussion/adoption at the November GA.

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 (Online, 5. Nov 2020)

AP 4 Actions from the last meeting

AP 5 Finances – Situation 2020, Status membership

- Presentation of the economic status of EASVO

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

AP2/3 - Adoption of Agenda and Minutes of the General Assembly Meeting of November 2020 VOTE IN FAVOUR

AP5 - Finances

- **Approval Finances 2020 VOTE IN FAVOUR**
- **Budget 2021 and proposal for fees 2022 VOTE IN FAVOUR**

AP6 – FVE Board VOTE IN FAVOUR

AP7 - FVE Position paper on Cannabinoids use in animals VOTE IN FAVOUR

AP13 - VetCEE Strategy (for information and discussion in the FVE GA)

AP 7 Discussion of the **FVE Strategy** and the development of an EASVO Strategy 2021-2025

AP 8 News from:

- Animal Welfare WG - we will be joined by **Sean Wensley** to provide an update and discuss:
 - **AP8b - FVE position paper on ‘Moving towards more sustainable husbandry systems for laying hens’ VOTE IN FAVOUR**
 - **AP8c - FVE/FEEVA Best Practice Protocol for Euthanasia of horses 2021 VOTE IN FAVOUR**
 - **Draft FVE AW Strategy (open for consultation)**
- Work of the FVE ad hoc WG on Welfare in Transport
- Animal Health Law: latest information
- The Food safety & sustainability working group:
 - **AP11b - FVE paper - Veterinarians commit to sustainable food systems VOTE IN FAVOUR**

AP 9 National reports/Covid-19: “round table” – items of interest from EASVO members

AP 10 Forward look to EASVO Board elections (scheduled for Nov 2021) – review of EASVO statutes in response to the impact of Covid-19?

AP 11 EASVO Website Update

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

AP 12 Summary and agreement of recommendations to the FVE GA

AP 13 Any Other Business

Next GA meetings:

- Nov 2021: TBC