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

2. **PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING:** Brussels and GoToMeeting
11th November 2021

3. **REPRESENTATION:**
 - (a) **Chair:** Jane Clark (EASVO President)
 - (b) **UK Representation:** Jane Clark, AGV
 - (c) **Others present:** Representatives from AU/CZ/DE/DK/FI/NO/UK

Apologies were received from absent Members – CH/FR/IC/IE/IT/PL/PT

We were also joined by Wiebke from the FVE office and Beth from the AVMA

4. **To:** AGV Website

Name: *Jane Clark*

Location: Cardiff

Date: 14th November 2021

5. Summary of the meeting:

A small group of our members were pleased to meet in person in Brussels, with the rest of the GA attending virtually, ably supported by Wiebke from the FVE team. We agreed to support all of the items for vote on the FVE General Assembly agenda, including our votes for the nominees for FVE VP and the Finance Committee, and enjoyed interesting discussions on several issues.

As usual a significant proportion of our 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 welfare friendly farrowing systems for pigs and the FVE AW strategy. We then heard a report from Conny, who had represented the FVE and EASVO at an OIE workshop on welfare during the long distance transport of animals. During these discussions we agreed to recommend that FVE and the AWWG consider the prioritisation of Pig AW issues in the FVE AW Strategy and the output of Conny's report on the OIE workshop.

Importantly we also discussed EASVO business, and heard that our finances were in good health. We also reviewed our statutes in light of the exceptional disruption to EASVO's work, caused by Covid-19, and after adopting a new clause, the GA voted in favour of the current EASVO board continuing to serve for a further 2 year term.

In our roundtable we discussed some of the challenges and opportunities that OVs have faced during Covid-19, we have continued to respond to the challenges of Animal Health notifiable diseases, but we also have worked effectively in multi-disciplinary teams and this provides an excellent framework for the future. We all agreed that this is a valuable agenda item and that we would like to spend more time on it at our next GA, when we hope to finally meet in person in London.

And last, but not least, we agreed to develop the EASVO strategy, by correspondence, for further discussion and potentially adoption, at the June GA in London.

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, and guests.

AP 2 Adoption of Agenda – **Vote In Favour**

AP 3 Adoption of minutes of the last EASVO GA (10. June 2021) – **Vote In Favour**

AP 4 Actions from the last meeting

AP 5 Finances – Situation 2021, Status membership

- Presentation of the economic status of EASVO

AP 6 14:00 joint section with UEVP for those who participate in person: The European Commissioner of Agriculture Janusz Wojciechowski's speech on the shortage of veterinarians in rural areas.

This session was held earlier in the day so we did not have the opportunity to attend

AP 7 FVE matters to be discussed / voted (Documents sent out by FVE and available online)

2 – Adoption of Agenda, FVE/21/am/052 VOTE In Favour

3 - Adoption of Minutes of the General Assembly June 2021, FVE/21/am/026 VOTE In Favour

5- Election new FVE Vice-President 2021-2023, FVE/21/GA/nom VOTE

6 b)- Election new member internal audit ctt, FVE/21/am/055 VOTE

AP 8 Discussion of the development of an EASVO Strategy 2021-2025

AP 9 Animal Welfare WG - we were joined by Sean Wensley to provide an update at 15:30 CET.

AP 10 FVE matters to be discussed / voted

9 b) - Draft position paper on moving towards more animal welfare friendly farrowing systems, VOTE In Favour

9 c) - Draft FVE Animal Welfare Strategy, VOTE In Favour

AP 11 OIE Workshop on long distance transport of animals

AP 12 Vote over changes to the [EASVO statutes](#) in response to the impact of Covid-19 and future special circumstances is to be voted on in advance.

The revised Statutes were adopted on 11/11/21

AP 13 Vote/Election for officers of the board - **VOTE In Favour** of the current Board

AP 14 National reports/Covid-19: “round table” – items of interest from EASVO members

AP 15 EASVO Website Update

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

AP 16 Summary and agreement of recommendations to the FVE

AP 17 Any Other Business

Next GA meetings:

- 16th June 2022: London
- Nov 2022: TBC - Malta or Czech Republic?