



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

1. **NATURE OF MEETING:** EASVO General Assembly
  
2. **PLACE AND DATE OF MEETING:** London  
16 June 2022
  
3. **REPRESENTATION:**
  - (a) **Chair:** Jane Clark (EASVO President)
  - (b) **UK Representation:** Jane Clark, AGV
  - (c) **Others present:** Representatives from UK/FR/PL/FI/OT/CH/IE/DK/DE/NO/IT/IC  
  
Apologies were received from absent Members – PT for the morning (joining us for the afternoon session)  
  
We were also joined by Wiebke from the FVE office and Estelle from the Regional office of WOA and Stanislaw and Mette from FVE Board for parts of the meeting
  
4. **To:** AGV Website  
  
Name: *Jane Clark*  
  
Location: Cardiff  
  
Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## **5. Summary of the meeting:**

We were delighted to be able to meet in person in London, 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.

As usual a significant proportion of our discussions were on Animal Welfare and we were pleased to be joined by Mette Uldahl (FVE VP) to discuss the FVE papers for vote, on animal welfare labelling and animal welfare during transport. We then heard a report from Fabien, who updated us on the AW audit in slaughterhouses in Switzerland and Ulrike, who gave a very interesting presentation on the practical challenges and delivery approaches of welfare in transport in Austria. During these discussions we agreed to recommend that FVE, and the AWWG, continue to highlight the role of veterinarians in advocating for animal welfare, delivering successful welfare outcomes and influencing both the quality and potential ways to reduce, long distance journeys.

Importantly we also discussed EASVO business, and we agreed to develop an EASVO strategy. This will be aligned with the FVE strategy but will highlight our unique role and look to address the specific challenges faced by our members as state veterinarians.

We also heard that our finances were in good health following the disruption of the last few years. This meant that we were able to agree to engage with the FVE to agree secretariat and professional support which will be hugely valued as we develop our strategy.

And, last but not least, in our roundtable we discussed the different approaches taken by our members in relation to supporting our Ukrainian friends and the “silent refugees” – their pets. Then it was time to discuss the response to African Swine Fever and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza by our members, and our interest in developing vaccination instead of culling for control programmes. And finally an update on the ban on breeding certain dog breeds in Norway and, although we did not have much time to discuss the important subject of veterinary wellbeing and resource challenges, we agreed that will weave this into our strategy.

## **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

**AP 3** Adoption of minutes of the last EASVO GA

**AP 4** Actions from the last meeting

**AP 5** EASVO Finances – Situation 2022, Status membership

- Presentation of the economic status of EASVO
- Auditor Report
- Discussion on FVE Secretariat support for EASVO

**AP 6** FVE matters to be discussed/voted

**3 – Adoption of Agenda, FVE/22/am/018 VOTE – unanimous**

**4 - Adoption of Minutes of the General Assembly November 2021, FVE/21/am/076 VOTE - unanimous**

**7 - Financial matters (FVE/22/DOC/020)**

a) 2021 - v) Vote for approval of the financial report 2021 and to give discharge to the Board and Auditor **VOTE - unanimous**

c) 2023 Budget - ii) Vote for adoption of proposal for budget and subscription fees 2023 **VOTE - unanimous**

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

**AP 8** Inputs from a recent graduate OV on the pros and cons of public service, from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in Ireland

**AP 9** WOAHA (formerly OIE) update by the acting WOAHA Sub-Regional Representative in Brussels

**AP 10** Animal Welfare WG - update on the current AW topics from the AWWG.

**AP 11** FVE matters to be discussed / voted

**i) Draft position paper animal welfare labelling - ap11\_a\_i\_draft\_FVE FVE/21/doc/009 VOTE - unanimous**

**ii) Draft position paper welfare around animal transport - ap11\_a\_ii\_FVE\_Draft FVE/21/doc/003 VOTE - unanimous**

**AP 12** Outcome of Swiss animal welfare audit

**AP 13** Update on welfare during transport (Austria)

**AP 14** National reports/Covid-19/Ukraine issues/New tech: “round table” – extended Agenda Point to discuss items of interest from EASVO members

**AP 15** EASVO Website Update

**AP 16** Summary and agreement of recommendations to the FVE

**AP 17** Any Other Business - None raised

Next GA meetings:

- 24-26. Nov 2022: Malta
- June 2023: Czech Republic, Zaječí: Viticulture