

EAVLD Board Meeting

Date	Thurs 15 th December 2022
Time	10:00-11:00 CET
Location	Online

Attendees:
Marialaura Corrente (President) (MC) Antonio Martinez-Murcia (Vice-President) (AMM) Viktor Ahlberg (Treasurer) (VA) Istvan Kiss (IK) Heather Graham (HG) Marzia Pezzolato (MP) Jason Sawyer (Secretary) (JS)

Apologies
NA

Agenda

1	Communication	Marialaura
2	TB Webinar	All
3	EAVLD website	All
4	Privacy Policy	All
5	Sponsorship	All
6	AOB	All

New and remaining actions from this meeting:

Action 2 Dec 22: MC/AMM to invite Roberto Spada to a future meeting or correspond about potential future sponsorship

Action 1 Feb 23 All board members to read and comment on the draft privacy policy which has been sent around by MC

Action 2 Feb 23 JS to email speakers with dates and times provided by HG to request speakers attend a practice session

Action 3 Feb 23 JS to edit current program table (to contain speaker name, title and speaker country affiliation) sent to HG

Action 4 Feb 23 VA to check website settings to ensure committee members can edit the EAVLD website

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Action 5 Feb 23 VA to discuss with webmaster about likely future website costs and what services are included in this payment

Action 6 Feb 23 AMM to explore potential website costs with Spanish contacts as an alternative to our current arrangements

Action summary from previous meeting on 15/12/22:

Action 1 Dec 22: MC to draft an EAVLD privacy policy for consideration by EAVLD board

Action 2 Dec 22: MC/AMM to invite Roberto Spada to a future meeting or correspond about potential future sponsorship

Action 3 Dec 22: Include sponsorship policy as an agenda item on next full board meeting for further discussion (JS to include as secretary)

Action 4 Dec 22: HG to enquire with the communication department at her institute about the possibility of hosting the TB webinar on 24th March 2023

Action 5 Dec 22: HG to approach Jakko van Ingen to see if he would be prepared to talk

Action 6 Dec 22: JS to contact EURL in Madrid about possibility of giving a talk at the webinar on molecular diagnostics. Also mention the contact of AMM with Lucas Domingez to see if they would want to put forward this work.

Action 7 Dec 22: JS to forward proposed title for APHA talk on vaccination and DIVA to MC

Action 8 Dec 22 HG and MP to follow up their initial suggestions for talks at the TB webinar (ECVM and ESGVM and Istituto Zooprofilattico) to see if these can be agreed and confirmed with draft titles

Action update 17th Feb: All actions complete and discussed in meeting apart from Action 2 – taken forward to next meeting.

New action:

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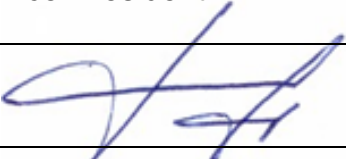

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Minutes

Ref	Item (following agenda items)
17/02/23-01	<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA reported that Jose Luis Blanco (President of the organising committee of Seville Congress) has informed us that EAVLD will receive €5355 from the proceeds of the meeting. • Some concern that we have sent the invoice but so far there has been no response. There may be some issues over VAT. However, VA does not believe there is any cause for concern and we will be reimbursed in due course. • The amount is similar to previous EAVLD congresses.
17/02/23-02	<p>TB Webinar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The upcoming TB webinar was discussed • After some discussion it was agreed that MC will be a joint chair alongside JS and HG will act as moderator and technical assistance • The program and speaker list is now agreed. • Some discussion on title. Agreed on (including some post-meeting correspondence): World TB day. Diagnostics and science: a “One Health” perspective • Program is shown in Appendix 1. • HG reported that she would like to invite the speakers and chairs to a practice session with the IT system we will be using for the webinar on the week beginning the 13th March. There would be 2-3 alternative time slots <p>Action 2 Feb 23 JS to email speakers with dates and times provided by HG to request speakers attend a practice session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We agreed to provide an edited version of the program with speakers name, title and speaker country affiliation. This would allow start of publicity for the webinar to start <p>Action 3 Feb 23 JS to edit current program table (to contain speaker name, title and speaker country affiliation) sent to HG</p>
17/02/23-03	<p>EAVLD website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC presented the expenses for the maintenance of the website for the last 5 years (~€5.5K) including ~€2K in 2022. • MC is concerned website looked tired and feels it needs improvements. • There was general agreement that this is the case. • VA presented an overview of the structure and history of the EAVLD website. It would be possible to improve the content and structure of the site ourselves as it is based on a modern underpinning software system (Drupal v9; recently upgraded from v7). VA to check that settings allow all members of the committee to edit the website and could potentially provide some training to allow others to edit. VA made it clear that he would need assistance to complete a revamp of the website. MC said she was interested in helping with this. <p>Action 4 Feb 23 VA to check website settings to ensure committee members can edit the EAVLD website</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The website was developed by staff at the SVA but they are now freelance. VA says he is regularly in touch with the webmaster, has a good relationship and has no reason to think he is not providing a good service. However, the relationship is informal and has developed over many years. The webmaster will only carry out work we request and is a developer not a designer. • The current webmaster charges per hour. There was some discussion if we could have a fixed price charge with a clear indication of what is included but VA concerned that we may then be exposed to a premium to provide this service. • VA is of the opinion that the normal annual charge should be about €1K and that 2022 cost was related to required update to Drupal 9. However, VA agreed to discuss with webmaster to gauge likely future spend and what we should expect for this level of expenditure in terms of service. <p>Action 5 Feb 23 VA to discuss with webmaster about likely future website costs and what services are included in this payment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some discussion that we may be able to reduce our website costs by moving to a host country where labour and development costs are lower. AMM is aware that costs in Spain are much lower and presented a website that had been developed locally for minimal cost. He is aware of other Spanish companies who offer cost-effective website services. AMM offered to explore how much it might cost to develop a new website with the features of the current site. <p>Action 6 Feb 23 AMM to explore potential website costs with Spanish contacts as an alternative to our current arrangements</p>
17/02/23-04	<p>Privacy Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was insufficient time to discuss this item and it will be moved to next board meeting agenda but an appeal to feedback to MC regarding the draft policy circulated. <p>Action 1 Feb 23 All board members to read and comment on the draft privacy policy which has been sent around by MC</p>
17/02/23-05	<p>Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was insufficient time to discuss this item and it will be moved to next board meeting agenda
17/02/23-06	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no other business

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Appendix 1 Agreed Program for EAVLD TB seminar

World TB day. Diagnostics and science: a "One Health" perspective

TIME	SPEAKER	AFFILIATION	TOPIC	TITLE
9.20 – 9.30				
9.30 – 9.50	Beatriz Romero Martínez	European Union TB Reference Laboratory (Spain)	Molecular diagnostics	The increasing use of molecular diagnostics in the fight against bovine TB
9.50 – 10.10	Eamonn Gormley	UCD (Dublin) Ireland	TB in wildlife	Badgers and bovine TB: the solutions are not black & white
10.10 – 10.30	Akinbowale Jenkins	Nottingham University (UK)	Immunology	A multi-antigenic assessment of cross reactive immune responses in Mycobacterial exposed/infected cattle.
10.30 – 10.50	Elena Biasibetti	IZS Piemonte, Italy	Histology	"TB Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for TB histologic diagnosis"
10.50 – 11.10	Coffee Break (20 min)			
11.10 – 11.30	Richard Anthony	National Institute for Public Health (Netherlands)	TB from a medical point of view	"Mycobacterial genotyping, contact tracing and infection control in the human population."
11.30– 11.50	Antonio Martinez Murcia	EAVLD	Genetic diagnosis and taxonomy	"Genetic diagnosis of Tuberculosis: behind the scenes, a case of the paradigmatic species concept in bacteria"
11.50 – 12.10	Maria Laura Boschioli	ANSES (France) and WOA TB Reference Laboratory	MTBC	"It's not always <i>Mycobacterium bovis</i> ! Other Mycobacteria and their relevance in the veterinary field..."
12.10 – 12.30	Phil Hogarth	APHA (UK) and WOA TB Reference Laboratory	Towards vaccination of cattle against TB	"Use of a DIVA test alongside BCG: making vaccination of cattle against TB feasible"
12.30 – 13.00	Discussion and additional questions for speakers (30 min)			