

# Aquaculture Advisory Council

## EXCEPTIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Minutes

Paris, CNC

31<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 09:00-10:00

**Attendants:** **Marc-Philip Buckhout** (Chair), **Marco Gilmozzi** (FEAP), **Stéphane Angeri** (SENC), **Goulven Brest** (SNEC), **Phil Brooke** (CIWF), **Bruna Campos** (BirdLife), **Laurent Champeau** (CRC Charente-Maritime), **Paul Denekamp** (Stichting Vissenbescherming), **Karin Dubsky** (Coastwatch Europe), **Cécile Fouquet** (Secretariat) **Silvano Giangiacomi** (FAI CISL), **Ana Granados** (EFFAB), **Thierry Helie** (CRC Normandie Mer du Nord), **Sarah Horsfall** (SAGB), **Leo Kirchmaier** (AFAA), **Balazs Kucska** (COGECA), **Marine Levadoux** (CIPA), **Silvia Lourenço** (LPN), **Douglas McLeod** (British Trout Association), **Michael Mulloy** (IFA), **Ola Öberg** (Recirkfisk), **Javier Ojeda** (APROMAR), **Erik Bjorn Olsen** (Danish Society for a living sea), **Soren Anker Pedersen** (EU fishmeal), **Yannis Pelekanakis** (Federation of Greek Maricultures), **Pierpaolo Piva** (FAI CISL), **Anne-Laure Prego-Cauchet** (CNC), **Sandrine Rambert** (Fédération française d'Aquaculture), **Addy Risseeuw** (PO Mosselcultuur), **Julia Rubeck** (DG MARE), **Farid Safi** (Secretariat) **Benoît Salaun** (CRC Bretagne-Nord), **David Sandison** (Scottish Salmon Producers), **Neža Sautet** (Ministry of Agriculture of Slovenia), **Kathryn Stack** (FEAP), **Douglas Waley** (Eurogroup for Animals)

**Excused:** **Luisa Álvarez** (FEDEPESCA), **Nancy de Briyne** (FVE), **Denise Ritter** (Deutscher Tierschutzbund), **Brian Thomsen** (Danish Aquaculture Association), **Margreet van Vilsteren** (Goodfish Foundation), **Tapani Veistola** (FANC)

**Delegation of votes:** **Luisa Álvarez** (FEDEPESCA) to **Javier Ojeda** (APROMAR); **Denise Ritter** (Deutscher Tierschutzbund) to **Paul Denekamp** (Stichting Vissenbescherming); **Margreet van Vilsteren** (Goodfish Foundation) to **Bruna Campos** (BirdLife)

**Abbreviations :** **FG** (Focus group), **GA** (General Assembly), **MS** (Member State), **MSP** (Marine Spatial Planning), **WG** (Working group)

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda and approval of the last GA minutes (September, 13th 2018)

The agenda was adopted.

The last GA minutes were adopted with the following amendment of **Yannis Pelekanakis** (Federation of Greek Maricultures) : "**Yannis Pelekanakis** (Federation of Greek Maricultures) spoke about the need for more flexibility when it comes to the new programming period and the production investments. The EC should take into consideration the structure of the fish farming sector in each member states and possible particularities of the banking system."

#### 2. Approval of closed accounts for the period 01/11/2017- 31/10/2018

**Farid Safi** (Secretariat) presented the AAC closed accounts for the period 01/11/2017-



31/10/2018.

After the presentation, **Pier Antonio Salvador** (COPA) said that the reimbursement ceiling should be adapted depending to the country of origin of members.

**The Chair** said that the AAC was bound by the EC reimbursement rules, leaving little flexibility. He also said that the way money is spent could be discussed at the Excom.

**Paul Denekamp** (Stichting Vissenbescherming) expressed his opposition to the idea of an AAC meeting taking place in Cyprus for environmental reasons. The Chair replied that the AAC should not refuse the invitation of a MS.

**The accounts were approved.**

### **3. Presentation of candidate for AAC membership and vote**

#### **IPIFF – International Platform of Insects for Food and Feed**

**Raphael Smia** (IPIFF), member of the Executive Committee of IPIFF, gave a presentation on his organisation. IPIFF is the « voice of insect producers » towards the EU institutions and other relevant stakeholders.

After the presentation, **Alexander Döring** (FEFAC) encouraged **Raphael Smia** to share IPIFF Guide on Good Hygiene Practices with AAC members when it is released.

**IPIFF was approved as a new member of the AAC.**

### **4. Approval of new 40% ExCom Members**

Eurogroup for Animals was accepted as a new member of the Excom.

### **5. Any other business**

Next WGs will take place in June in Brussels rather than Brussels to take advantage of the availability of the EC.

Members approved to have the Excom scheduled on October on 30 rather than on 31.

**Cécile Fouquet** (Secretariat) informed members about the application for a European Maritime Day workshop. The application was selected. The workshop will be titled « Aquaculture and the social acceptability challenge ». **Members agreed with confirming that the AAC accepts this workshop.**

**The Chair** explained that at the end of March, one candidate as AAC Chair will be selected and then approved by the GA via written procedure. If no agreement is found, members will then have two candidates to vote for via written procedure (email).

### **6. Date and place of the forthcoming meeting**

The next meeting will take place on 10 September 2019 in Brussels and hosted by the Flemish authorities.