

Aquaculture Advisory Council Extraordinary General Assembly

Minutes

3 February 2021 (09:00-09:30)

Attendants: Javier Ojeda (Chair), Melanie Haslauer (ALFAA), Federico Facchin (COPA COGECA), Jan Kappel (EAA), Catherine Pons (FEAP), Maria Luisa Alvarez Blanco (FEDEPESCA), Alexander Döring (FEFAC), Ole Christensen (FEFAC), Sandrine Rambert (FFA), Nancy De Briyne (FVE), Constantin Muraru (IPIFF), Anna Pyć (Polish Trout Breeders Association), Catalin Platon (ROMFISH), Paul Denekamp (Stichting Vissenbescherming), Ana Granados (EFFAB), Fernando Gonçalves (APA), Andrea Fabris (API), Bernhard Feneis (COGECA), Philippe Le Gal (CRC Bretagne Sud), Marine Levadoux (CIPA), Loïc Maine (GMB), Teresa Morrissey (IFA), Ola Öberg (RECIRKFISK), Yannis Pelekanakis (Federation of Greek Maricultures), Anne-Laure Prego-Cauchet (CNC), Giuseppe Prioli (AMA), Pier Antonio Salvador (COPA), Danilo Santini (FAI CISL), Douglas Waley (Eurogroup for Animals), Phil Brooke (CIWF), Jean-Christophe Raymond (CNPMEM), Brian Thomsen (Danish Aquaculture Organisation), Cécile Fouquet (Secretariat), Charlotte Musquar (Secretariat)

Excused: Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)

Abbreviations: **DG** (Directorate-General); **EC** (European Commission); **Excom** (Executive Committee), **GA** (General Assembly), **MAC** (Market Advisory Council); **RoP** (Rules of Procedure); **WP** (Work Programme); **F2F** (Farm to Fork); **EMFF** (European Maritime and Fisheries); **CFP** (Common Fisheries Policy); **CAP** (Common Agricultural Policy)

1. Welcome words by the Chair

The Chair welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and approval of the last GA Minutes

The agenda was adopted.

The minutes were adopted without changes.

3. Approval of AAC accounts for 2019-2020

The Secretariat presented the 2019-2020 AAC accounts.

The accounts were approved.

The Secretariat informed the members about the online procedure to sign the accounts as requested by the Belgian administration.

The Chair expressed his concern that although the full accounts had been sent to all AAC members previous to the meeting these should have been presented in this



meeting in a more detailed manner, including the projection of the tables on slides. He requested the Secretariat to take note of this for the following Assemblies.

4. Appointment of the 1st Vice-Chair

Marine Levadoux (CIPA) pointed out that, among the 7 NGOs members of the AAC, three of them were specialised in animal welfare. She regretted that the AAC OIG is not more diversified. **Sandrine Rambert (FFA)**, **Philippe Le Gal (CRC Bretagne Sud)**, **Bernhard Feneis (COGECA)** and **Teresa Morrissey (IFA)** agreed.

The Chair informed that finding ways to make the AAC more attractive to other NGO's and consumer organisations will be discussed in the Executive Committee of the AAC.

Thierry Hélie (CRC Normandie) witnessed that there is no conflict of interests in the way **Paul Denekamp (Stichting Vissenbescherming)** plays his role as WG2 vice-chair. **Pier Antonio Salvador (COPA)** and **Ola Öberg (RECIRKFISK)** were also positive about him in this regard.

Pascale Colson (DG MARE) agreed that more diversity is needed in the AAC's OIG but noted that having an OIG Vice-Chair is already very positive.

Paul Denekamp (Stichting Vissenbescherming) is elected as AAC Vice-Chair. **FFA, CRC Bretagne Sud, CNC** and **EMPA** abstained.

Paul Denekamp explained that his goal is very clear and that he will bring more attention to the welfare of all fish species. He is very positive on the good work done during the online seminar in October and would like to pursue it.

5. AOB

There was no request to take the floor.

6. Date and place of the forthcoming General Assembly meeting

The ordinary GA meeting will take place on **21 September 2021**.