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Event: 50th WHFF Council Meeting
Venue: Zoom
Time and Date: Monday 16th January 20.00 2023 CET (Paris time)

Minutes.

Present:

Cherilyn Watson (President)	New Zealand
László Bognár (Vice President)	Hungary
Brad Eggink	Canada
Luis Alphonso González	Colombia
Thierry Menard	France
Jens Baltissen	Germany
Martino Cassandro	Italy
Izumi Furuta (Translator)	Japan
Jos Buiting	Netherlands
Lindsey Worden	USA
Suzanne Harding (Secretary General)	

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence.

- The President welcomed the participants to the meeting.
- Jun Kurita (Japan) was represented by Izumi Furuta.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

- Agenda was approved by Lindsey and seconded by Brad.

3. WHFF Conference 2023 update (*WHFF 5003 Speakers at the WHFF Conference 2023 v2, WHFF 5003 Speakers at the WHFF Conference 2023 v2*)

Jos asked that speakers have a slide comparing what is happening in other countries. This will give an international overview of each topic.

Each session was discussed, comparing to the EHRC Conference Program in April 2023.

Session 1 – topic remains.

- A replacement speaker for Anna-Charlotte Doublet (FR) is needed, Martino suggested Christian Maltecca (USA), but it was decided that two US speakers in the first session would not be ideal.

Action: Thierry will find a replacement for Anna-Charlotte Doublet.

Session 2 - topic remains.

- Speakers remain apart from Dr. Anouk van Breukelen (NL) as a replacement for Yvette de Haas (NL).
- Thierry also has a research speaker if needed.

Session 3 - topic remains.

- The question was asked if the title 'Beef on Dairy' is relevant? Luis thought that it is a very important topic.
- László explained the European perspective.

- It was decided to move this title to the Panel discussion.
- Hoof health - Brad said that this has been a trend for several years, is it still a 'novel' trait? Jens agreed. It was decided to keep the title, and ask the speaker to cover indexes, values and collecting data.

Action: Suzanne to contact Hermann Swalve

- Jos suggested Resilience as a title and suggested Niek Meijer (NL).
- Thierry said that BLIRD has been talked about in too many conferences, however a presentation about paratuberculosis would be interesting and he will find a speaker.

Action: Thierry to find a speaker on Paratuberculosis.

Panel 1 – topic changed from 'Showring Health and Welfare' to 'Rethinking Breeding Strategies in Dairy Cattle'

- There was a discussion about changing the topic. Speakers could talk about using sexed semen and beef on dairy, with a speaker from Latin America and from Europe.

Action: Luis and Jos to suggest speakers preferably from countries not yet represented.

Action: Council to suggest two producers for the Panel, preferably from countries not yet represented.

Session 4 - topic remains.

- Jens will ask Reinhard what aspect of the topic would be best presented.

Action: Jens to contact Reinhard about the content of his presentation

- The other topics and speakers remain.

Action: Suzanne to check that the Danish speaker is still available.

Session 5 – topic remains.

- Jos commented that Frido Hamoen has left CRV and that there are already two speakers from the Netherlands. He suggested someone from another country.

Action: Suzanne to approach ICAR for a speaker on the session to replace Frido.

- It was stated that the Israeli presentation must not be a software sell but about the concept, which is interesting.

Action: Suzanne to check with speaker

Panel 2 – topics changed to 'Producers Panel - Digitisation and the Consequences of Data Ownership on Farm'

- The Panel topic refers to the two previous sessions.

Action: Suzanne to ask herd books if they are still able to support these producers.

- Martino wondered if we should have a consumer in the producer panel. After a discussion it was decided not to do this.
- Luis would like to do a summary at the beginning the panel.

Action: Council to send information for Luis to summarise.

Theme for the conference in 2020 was 'Perfect Vision for the Holstein Cow'.

- Jos suggested 'Breeding for the Optimum Holstein Cow' for the 2023 Conference.
- Thierry suggested adding 'Innovative'
- The Theme was decided as 'Innovative Breeding for the Optimum Holstein Cow'.

Cherilyn emphasized that the Council must feedback comments as soon as possible once the topics and speakers are circulated. Invitations need to be sent out by the end of January.

Action: Suzanne to circulate topics and speakers

Action: Suzanne to check how many speakers per countries.

4. Any other Business

There wasn't any other business

5. Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting was not scheduled. Cherilyn thanked the Council for their attendance and ended the meeting at 21.40.

Digitally signed Cherilyn Watson on 13/06/23

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cherilyn Watson', is positioned below the text indicating a digital signature.