



International Ragweed Society

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LYON FRANCE

Committee meeting- 2017 July 23th - MINUTES

Date: Saturday 2017 September 23th 9:00

Location: Lyon, France

Chairpersons: Maira BONINI and Michel THIBAUDON

Agenda:

- Approval of the previous minutes of the meeting held (Lyon, July 2016)
- Communication of the President
- Report of the Treasurer on the financial balance
- Report of the Secretary on the IRS members (book of members)
- Next IRS scientific event in the framework of ICA 2018 (Parma):
 - Ragweed course: lessons and teachers
 - Grants (in coordination with ICA scientific Committee and other Scientific Societies: IAA, EAS, etc)
- IRS leaflet (The main § with photo may be: Aim of IRS , About ragweed , About activities of IRS , International Ragweed day , Website of IRS with a square code , Membership with fees and square code, Committee and board , Why become IRS members , Etc.)
- IRS website (with Gilles Oliver as invited person)
- Next Committee meeting and General Assembly in the framework of the next IRS scientific event: agenda
- Next election for the board (2018)
- Results of IR day 2017
- Miscellaneous

Participants: Maira BONINI, Roberto ALBERTINI, Michel THIBAUDON, Marie-Agnes CHAPGIER, Heinz MUELLER-SCHAERER, Gilles OLIVER (invited), Marilou LOTTET from French Ragweed Observatory as invited person at the end of the meeting.

Meeting: Chairperson: Maira BONINI (President)
Secretary: Michel THIBAUDON

1. Approval of the previous minutes of the meeting held in Lyon July 2016): Approved
2. Communication of the President: The president explains the different actions made during the year. The most important points are:
 - 1) Supporting letter “AMBROSIA-NO “ project



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We gave supported (only in the principle, no money to be spent from IRS) a project which was presented by a group of Institutions (LHA Milan, University Milano Bicocca, Municipality of Castano Primo, Cooperativa Sociale Eliante) for a call of the “Fondazione Cariplo” (the call is only for Lombardy Institutions). Attached you can find the supporting letter (in Italian language).

2) I was contacted by the President of IAA (Bernard Clot) for a coordination among different Scientific Society on the grants for the next ICA 2018 in Parma

3) IRS Leaflet

- a. Aim of IRS
- b. About ragweed
- c. About activities of IRS
- d. International Ragweed day
- e. Website of IRS with a square code
- f. Membership with fees and square code
- g. Committee and board
- h. Why become IRS members
- i. Etc.

Gilles and Michel will send proposal by the end of this year.

4) Migration on the SMARTER website into the IRS website: completed

5) IR day 2017: some informations on the website, but not enough countries

- a. Nex leaflet
- b. 6 Ambrosia species card in different languages
- c. Activity in France (RNSA, AFEDA), Turkey; Italy (website AIA and LHA Milan; lesson for children)

3. Report of the Treasurer on the financial balance: the banks account at the end of 2016 was 2539,74 €. In 2016 we have collected the 2017-2018 fees. The amount collected by Alphavisa at the date of this meeting is 1710 € (including 10% for Alphavisa). The finance balance at this date is 4193,94 €. (2483,94 on Swiss bank account, and 1710,00 on the specific French bank account of Michel)

4. Communication of the Secretary: Since last committee meeting, there were no dissemination works from the Secretary. He thinks that the number of members who have paid their fees for 2016-2017 is higher than last year but still low with a lack of international countries (only European countries).

Heinz think that it will be interesting to class the Members file by country. Maira Bonini will prepare a large mailing for Christmas including greetings, ICA information and membership.

5. IRS website (with Gilles Oliver as invited person): As Tamas KOMIVES was not able to continue the updating of the network, it was asked to Gilles OLIVER from RNSA to transfer the initial network to a new company and he started in February to update all the website with the help of Maira BONINI. In September 2017, Gilles had integrated the COST SMARTER on the IRS website.



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6. Next Committee meeting and General Assembly in the framework of the next IRS scientific event (ICA-Parma): agenda.
 - a. IRS Committee meeting: Tuesday 8h15
 - b. IRS General Assembly: Tuesday at 17h00
7. Next IRS scientific event in the framework of ICA 2018 (Parma):
 - Ragweed course: lessons and teachers
 - Grants (in coordination with ICA scientific Committee and other Scientific Societies: IAA, EAS, etc):

During International Congress on Aerobiology (ICA) in Parma 3-7th of September 2018. IRS will organize:

- a. Ragweed course on Monday morning for nearly 50 persons, with early registration. The program of this course will be send later.
- b. Two sessions supported by IRS: Is ragweed allergy still a real problem?
 - i. Monday afternoon with a keynote and 3 to 5 short communications
 - ii. Tuesday morning with 6 to 8 short communications

The specific amount for the two days ragweed package. For the total ICA the special amounts will be of 410€ for IRS and EAS members.

Grants: It was decided that IRS will provide 6 Grants for Ragweed session (1320€) + the possibility to reimburse real expenses for the organisation of the Ragweed course (max 600 euros). The Grants will be reserved for young until 31 years old. Total cost for Grants: 1920€

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It was proposed a 2x3 pages leaflet with all these topic

A proposal will be sent to board members by Gilles Oliver and Michel Thibaudon by the end of this year.

9. IRS website: increase the informations about the fonction of the Committee members. Update the minutes of the General Assembly. The minutes of the committee meeting have no reason to be published on the website.

See how to add the different publications about Ragweed of the members (Maira will ask them). Modify the title of this part as Publications and news.

For the data it will be nice to try to add the data of Austria, Turkey, Serbia, Croatia, Ukraine and Russia. The members of the committee will ask to be responsible.

The President invite the committee members to update the website.

Gilles will try if he can send us some statistic of use of the Website.

The example of the French „Plattform signalement ambroisie“ will be added on the website.

10. Next election of the committee (2018)

We need to organize election for the committee members before next summer.

The election will be made by electronic vote, organized by Gilles and Michel

The call for candidate will be send by the beginning of April 2018

The reception of the candidature must be before April 20th

Validation of the candidature by the committee members: end of April



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Electronic vote from beginning of May to the end of May.

Official results to be committed and new elected during June by the President.

Acceptation of the results of the vote during the General Assembly in Parma.

11. Results of International Ragweed Day (IRD) 2017: It has been difficult to gather the different actions, which was done at this occasion in the different countries. The different actions are published on the IRS website.

12. Miscellaneous:

Maira Bonini asked Marilou Mottet to present her and to present the French Ragweed Observatory. Marilou will become IRS members as Observatoire as soon as the fees will be paid for 2017-2018.

The French Ragweed Observatory will present a communication during Ragweed session of ICA Parma.

Marilou will try to make a proposal of a specific sticker as IRS gift for ICA or other events.

End of the committee meeting at 12:30.

The President
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