International Ragweed Society (I.R.S.) PARMA ITALY

Committee meeting- 2018 September 3rd - MINUTES

Date:Tuesday 2018 September 3rd 13:00Location:Parma, ItalyChairpersons:Maira BONINI and Michel THIBAUDON

Agenda:

- Approval of the previous minutes of the meeting held (Lyon, September 2017)
- Communication of the President
- Report of the Treasurer on the financial balance
- Report of the Secretary on the IRS members (book of members)
- -Agenda of the next General Assembly
- 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)
- Result election for the committee (2018)
- Results of IR day 2018

-Election of the board available after the end of the General Assembly -Miscellaneous

Participants: Maira BONINI, Roberto ALBERTINI, Michel THIBAUDON, Heinz MUELLER-SCHAERER, Gilles OLIVER (invited), Olivier PECHAMAT, Franziska ZEMMER, Sandra CITTERIO (invited), Sevcan CELENK (invited).

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

- 1. Approval of the previous minutes of the meeting held in Lyon September 2017): Approved
- 2. Communication of the President:

The President thanks to all for their work during these last four years. She appreciate their support.

She hoped to involve the number of members; if one part have been done, ther is still some work to do.

The President appreciate the migration of the website to Gilles and thanks him for the update.

About IRD (International Ragweed day), there was a few contribution only in France (80) and in Italy and Turkey.

During ICA 2018, IRS organized the two ragweed days with Ragweed courses, Ragweed session and a specific booklet. It was a large success. The booklet will be online on the IRS website.

For the grants, if initially it was voted to give 6 grants, as only one student was in the possibility to obtain a grant we decide one grant and for 4 persons some reimbursement for their work during the course and the session.

3. Report of the Treasurer (Marie-Agnes Chapgier, asked to Michel Thibaudon to present it) on the financial balance: the banks account at the end of 2017 was 3404,06 €. In 2016 we have collected the 2017-2018 fees. The amount collected by Alphavisa at the date of this meeting is 1779 € (including 10% for Alphavisa). The finance balance at this date is + 989, 12. The total bank account is 3404,06 € (2106,45 on Swiss bank account, and 1297,61 on the specific French bank account of Michel)

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-	Swiss bank account:	2106,45€
-	French bank account:	1297,61€
-	TOTAL:	3404,06€

This report is accepted.

Heinz made a proposal to try to ask some financial support from different ministries such as Health, Agriculture, Ecology, etc.

Some private support from private companies may be possible even from agrochemical industry.

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.

- 5. Agenda of the next General Assembly: approved
- 6. 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. During the first semester of 2018, Gilles made a lot of update of the website with the new events. Thanks to him.
- 7. 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.)

It was proposed a 2x3 pages leaflet with all these topic This work is still to be done.

8. Election of the committee (2018) The results of the election of the committee members are:

International Ragweed Society (IRS)								
Number of participants : 28 on 38 members								
Candidates	Results (number of votes)	Elected						
R.ALBERTINI	20	YES						
S.CELENK	19	YES						
S.CITTERIO	22	YES						
L.MAKRA	19	YES						
G.OLIVER	20	YES						
O.PECHAMAT	17	YES						
U.STARFINGER	22	YES						
M.THIBAUDON	23	YES						

The President thanks the members of this new committee with half new members.

End of the committee meeting at 14:30.

<u>The President</u> Maira BONINI <u>The Secretary</u> Michel THIBAUDON michel.thibaudon@wanadoo.fr