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## Committee Conference call – 2022 March 22<sup>nd</sup> - MINUTES

**Date:** March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5 to 6 PM.

**Location:** teleconference

**Chairpersons:** Michel THIBAUDON, Marilou MOTTET

### Agenda

1. Organization of the next IRS international symposium in Budapest in September 2022
2. Request the prohibition of the presence of *Ambrosia* seeds in the lots of crop seeds.
3. Miscellaneous

**Participants:** Michel THIBAUDON, Roberto ALBERTINI, Maira BONINI, Laszlo MAKRA, Gilles OLIVER, Uwe STARFINGER, Marilou MOTTET, Heinz MÜLLER-SCHÄRER (invited).

**Justified members:** Sandra CITTERIO

### 1. Organization of the next IRS international symposium in Budapest in September 2022

❖ Michel T. reminded that:

- The next 2-day International Ragweed Conference (including the next IRS General Assembly) will be held in Budapest on 8-9 September 2022.
- The conference venue will be in the center of Budapest at the “National Public Health Center, Hungary”
- The proposed fee: 150€ for IRS members and 300€ for not IRS members (lunch and coffee break included)
- The following agenda:
  - *September 2021: proposal of title and topics to the scientific committee in Hungary*
  - *October 2021: first call for abstract*
  - *January 2022: second call for abstract*

- *Beginning of March 2022: call for abstract*

All these points are done, thanks to all

- 2022, April 1st: deadline for abstract
- From April to end of May: examination of the abstracts by the scientific committee
- End of May: proposal of program, examination by IRS committee
- June 2022: registration call
- July 2022: registration call

At this date we received 8 abstracts. Good, but not sufficient. We have still the answer for 3 keynotes.

We decided to postpone the deadline for the abstract from 1<sup>st</sup> of April to 19<sup>th</sup> of April. If necessary, we will make a second delay at the date of May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Michel THIBAUDON reads the proposal of Sandra CITTERIO:

I would like to make a proposal for the Congress: "In order to increase the number of participants, I suggest to extend the deadline and include the possibility to participate remotely with a lower fee".....many people are afraid to move at this time and we risk a flop.

After some discussion, and the intervention of Laszlo, the committee decided to accept to extend the deadline, but not to organize a mix congress (in presence and remotely).

There are only two possibilities:

- The organization as previous
- To postpone the congress in 2023

So we decided a new Committee meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

## **2. Request the prohibition of the presence of *Ambrosia* seeds in crop seeds.**

The European commission is currently in the process of revising the regulations on crop seed exchanges in Europe. The French Ragweed Observatory asked if the IRS would agree to request the prohibition of the presence of *Ambrosia* seeds in the lots of crop seeds. (This is already the case for some species as the wild oat *Avena fatua*).

After discussion we decided that IRS will send official letter to the different ministries of the different countries about this problem.

Marilou and Heinz will be in charge to write the letter and the mailing address. Then Michel will sign the letter and send them by mail.

## **3. Miscellaneous**

Nothing

The next committee meeting will be on **April 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 5:00 PM.**