



International Ragweed Society

## IRS GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Minutes

*Held online via Teams on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2025*

Present : *László Makra, Arnaud Monty, Gilles Oliver, Victoria Rodinkova, Heinz Müller-Schärer, Tristan Grausi, Aydan Acar Şahin, Maira Bonini, Bernard Clot, Emy Niederberger, Pascale Tarrade, Michel Thibaudon.*

### 1) Let's talk about Ambrosia lecture

Before the start of the General assembly, a lecture was organized in the frame of the "Let's talk about Ambrosia" series. This 5<sup>th</sup> lecture was entitled "A temporally and spatially explicit, data-driven estimation of airborne ragweed pollen concentrations across Europe" and based on a paper published in Science of the Total Environment in 2023.

### 2) General assembly

#### a) Approval the annual report, the accounts and the Auditors' report

The annual activity of IRS is reported by the president. At Vilnius at the Aerobiology conference in 2024, 6 presentations were related to Ragweed, in addition of several posters. A general assembly was organized there but only 9 members were present (including 4 of the committee). Three new IRS members got a scholarship for the conference.

The report, accounts and auditor's report are approved.

#### b) Election of the members of the Committee and the Auditors

The vote was organized online through the Balotilo system, that allows for anonymous voting. First, the president was elected; then the rest of the committee was elected, and the roles were distributed among committee members.

The results are the following:

President: *Victoria Rodinkova*

Vice-president: *Heinz Müller-Schärer*

Treasure: *Roberto Albertini*

Secretary: *Arnaud Monty*

Webmaster: *Gilles Oliver*

Committee members : *Tristan Grausi, Boris Fumanal, Olga Sozinova, Aydan Acar*

Auditor: *Bernard Clot*

#### c) Election of Honorary Members

László Makra, as former president, is elected as honorary member.