

**Minutes of the 35th Board Meeting – 5th November 2012, Zoo Landau, Germany;
08.20 – 16.00**

Participants

Board Members

Christian Wenker, President
Arne Lawrenz, Imm. Past President, Co-Chair EAZA Vet. Committee
Gerry Dorrestein, Treasurer, Chair Master Plan Working Group (Resources & Administration)
Sabine Oefner, Assistant Treasurer, DGZWE
Peter Dollinger, Office Bern
Hanspeter W. Steinmetz, Secretary

Advisory Board Members

William Magnone, Host 2012 Conference Bussolengo/Verona
Alex Greenwood, IZW, Chair Master Plan Working Group (Research & Conservation)
Anke Schumann, IZW
Annette Liesegang, Auditor, Interim Education Committee, Swiss Section
Tina Risch, President SWORG
Sascha Knauf, Auditor
Maya Kummrow, Education Committee, Chair Master Plan Working Group (Education)
Dirk Jörgens, Guest

Regrets

Alexis Lécu, Vice President, French Section, IDWG, TB Working group
Stephanie Sanderson, Future Vice President
Thomas Voracek, Host 2013 Conference Vienna
Heribert Hofer, IZW, Chair WAZA Scientific Committee
Steven Seet, IZW, Conference organizer
Roman Vodicka, Czech and Slovak Section
Michael Fielding, British Section
Sandra Silinski, German speaking Section
Endre Sos, Hungarian Section
Klaus Friedrich, Italian Section
Torsten Møller, NZWVG
Mads Bertelsen, Chair ECZM
Ioana Popescu, Editor Newsletter
Eva Wehrmeister, Vice President SWORG
Sjaak Kaandorp, DFZVO, IDWG, Chair EAZA Veterinary Committee, Chair Master Plan Working Group (Advocacy, Politics and Alliances)
Gidona Goodman, Contraceptive working group
Stijn Peters, Webmaster
Carsten Ludwig, Second Webmaster
Rob Hilsenroth, Executive Director AAZV
Kirk Suedemeyer, President AAZV
Eric Miller, JZWM
Teresa Morishita, JZWM

1 Opening of the Meeting, Welcome, Adoption of the Agenda

Christian Wenker, President, opened the meeting at 08.20 by welcoming the participants. A list of apologies was presented and a list of attendees was circulated. The agenda was briefly discussed and adopted. No notable valet was reported.

2 Adoption of the minutes of the 34th board meeting Bussolengo, 5. May 2012

The President asked for comments on the minutes of the previous meeting published in the Newsletter July 2012/2, 56, pp. 3-9.

3 Matters arising not covered in the agenda

A request to discuss the Immobilien availability was scheduled for agenda "22. Any other business".

4 Membership report including free members & new members

Dollinger presented the membership report. As of November 1st, we had 673 members and 24 candidates. We have no valid postal addresses of 10 members. In addition, 4 of the July issues of the EAZWV Newsletter could not be delivered but of those 4 we now have the correct postal address.

Of the 673 members and 24 candidates, 455 are Full, 168 Student, 47 Free, 16 Collective, 7 Associate and 4 Honorary Members (Michael J. Fielding, Murray Fowler, Heinz-Georg Klös and Peer Zwart).

Members and candidates represent 52 countries or territories. About three quarters of them originate from only nine countries: Germany (31.6 %), Switzerland (8.3 %), France (7.6 %), United Kingdom (6.5%), Austria (5.2 %), Netherlands, USA, Italy, Spain (18.8 %).

John Bainbridge, Dublin was born in 1947 and thus become Free Member on January 1, 2013.

5 Financial report 2012

There is a slight discrepancy in members between the treasurer and the office Bern due to the fact that the treasurer is not counting the members that have not paid their membership yet. Still 30% of members are not paying the membership fee or are late. The treasurer gave a comprehensive report of the associations' finance of the running year. Again a balanced financial year is expected.

6 Determination of the annual subscription for 2014

According to the treasurer the association has funds of 55'000€ available and a balanced budget is planned for 2013. Therefore the Dorrestein suggested to keep the membership fee as it is. The proposal was accepted unisonous.

7 Proposed budget for 2013

Gerry Dorrestein explained that the budget for 2013 will remain with minor adaptations, incl exchange differences between CHF and Euro, the same. Dollinger requested to adapt the costs of the zoo office Bern to 12800€ caused by the poor exchange rate. Final budget must be accepted by the General Assembly in Vienna.

8 Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine

Steinmetz mentioned that the JZWM is still looking for European Associate editors. Annette Liesegang mentioned that she offered her expertise but has never heard back. Wenker presented that the JZWM has an editorial board of 50 members and decisions taking is a slow process. Therefore the JZWM decided to put a JZWM Editorial Operational Board of four members in place, containing of 4 members, a chair, vice chair (elected by AAZV Executive Committee), an EAZWV representative (elected by EAZWV board), and an ACZM representative (elected by ACZM). It is a 3-year commitment. Mads Bertelsen was suggested and confirmed unisonous as EAZWV representative.

9 ECZM

Steinmetz gave a short overview of the activities regarding ECZM. There are 5 subspecialties: avian, herpetology, small mammals, wildlife population health and zoo health management. All, except avian are calling for de-facto diplomats and are in the phase of provisional recognition. Zoo health management just recently accepted new de-facto dipl. ECZM has various committees for credentialing, education and examination, eg. the credentialing committee evaluates the application for de-facto recognition. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the diplomats if you have a question regarding your application or you need any advice. The next two steps of the process are to advertise the college (call for de-facto diplomats, round table discussion in Vienna, ACZM ultrashort course in Vienna) and to initiate residency programs. It seems that the most difficult part is to find the funding the residencies. The recognized diplomats have to work together to find a solution because an important requirement is that a diplomat must supervise residents during the majority of time.

10 EAZWV secretariat at zoo office Bern

Due to the fact that Marianne vd Zee, Treasurer Secretary, will end her work by the end of the year 2012 it was discussed to transfer the treasurer secretariat to the zoo office Bern and combine both secretariats. Expenses for the EAZWV will remain the same. It was suggested to send Sabine Öfner, Vice treasurer and Zoo Office secretary to the Netherlands to prepare a smooth transition of the treasurer office in mid December. Travel costs will be covered for zoo office secretary by the zoo office Bern and for Sabine Öfner by the EAZWV. The transfer of the treasurer office to the zoo office Bern without increase in costs was accepted with one abstention.

Dorrestein suggested to transfer the current membership database to a web based database (Animana). The treasurer uses this solution already for his own business with good experiences and it will fit our needs with sending out automatic invoices, individual membership numbers and central availability. Costs are 200€ for the membership database transfer, followed by a 75€ monthly maintenance fee. The program is available on English, German and Dutch. Transfer is done within one week. The new system would allow us to distribute individual passwords to the members for the EAZWV website. The proposal was accepted unisonous.

11 Matters and requests of the sections

Since this year section reports are only required for publication once a year. Nevertheless any matter or request from section is welcome at any time.

- a. Czech and Slovak – CAZWV (Vodicka)
- b. Swiss – SVWZH (Liesegang)
- c. Dutch & Flemish - DFZVO (Kaandorp)

d. French (Lécu)

Lécu submitted a brief report of the French section that held its last meeting in Dunkerque Zoo. The section supported several vet. thesis and conservation projects. The section did some lobbying with the Ministry regarding vote of the 206/2010 draft at Brussels and was working on their BALAI agreement. In addition the section is working on a legal Etorphine grouped import via Denmark (please see agenda item 22).

e. German speaking section (Silinski)

f. DVGZWE - DVG (Öfner)

Four workshop were planned but only was held until now. Next workshop is in Görlitz in mid December.

g. British (Fielding)

h. Hungarian (Sos)

i. Nordic zoo and wildlife (Møller)

j. Italian (Friedrich)

Bussolengo will host another SANCO meeting. Official EAZWV / EAZA representative is Kaandorp. It is important for our community to be present on such meetings to provide expertise and a balanced opinion.

12 Matters and requests of the working groups

a. Infectious diseases working group (Lécu)

The IDWG has a strong link and data exchange with AAZV Infectious Diseases Committee (ref. Kathryn Gamble). Kathryn Gamble asked for an exchange of fact sheets between EU Handbook and US Manual. The boards agreed to the exchange unanimously. A new (5th) edition of the Handbook is planned to be launched in 2013 with updated factsheet on relevant diseases (e.g. AHS, West Nile), with an edition of the preliminary chapters to re-adjust to current concerns, and with a "Diseases List" concept added (current relevant diseases sorted by taxonomic groups). The idea of "Health Tax" (fundraising within EEP participants for research in relevant infectious diseases of concerned species) needs to be discussed with EAZA

b. Student working group – SWORG (Riesch)

Since the last board meeting SWORG organized a student night out and ist general assembly in Bussolengo during the EAZWV conference. Unfortunately the student quiz in the newsletter did not receive any response until now. SWORG continuous to maintain a good cooperation with other student groups like FAUNA (Portugal) EWDA. The 4th Student Summer School was held at Tiergarten Schönbrunn, Vienna from 03.-07.09.2012. SWORG was able to welcome 20 students from 9 countries and topics were animal training, enrichment, welfare, nutrition, transport, lab, anesthesia, and postural disease. The summer school made a small profit of 62,93€. SWORG acknowledged Vienna Zoo and all lecturers.

SWORG will organize a student night, the general assembly with elections, and a student mixer during the Vienna 2013 meeting. A student workshop is planned for 2013, details will follow. SWORG confirmed an estimated budget of 1000€ for 2013 on the request of the treasurer.

c. Education working group

d. Contraceptive working group (Goodman)

e. TB working group (Lécu)

Alexis Lécu has sent a short presentation on the TB working group status. He referred to the EAZWV website for a lab update. A 2nd pinniped TB meeting will be organized in early 2013 to update TB guidelines of 2010. New diagnostic TB tools might be available in 2013, such as IFNG test in Elephants in NL (Vicktor Rutten), DPP test (Chembio – still not on the market but an experimental stock is available at Paris Zoo, so serum could be sent but ONLY for animals with known TB status = extensive post mortem, culture positive. A survey is planned in 2013 to map out all current work in EU labs relevant to our zoo TB issues.

f. EAZWV / AAZV (Wenker)

Various EAZWV members participated the AAZV 2012 Conference in Oakland (620 participants) incl. some presentations, which received great interest. Wenker, as the EAZWV president, was invited at Executive Board Meeting, he also advertized the IZW/EAZWV conference in Vienna 2013. Next AAZV president 2013 will be Paul Calle, Bronx Zoo, and was invited to the Vienna Conference 2013.

g. EAZWV / WAZA (Greenwood)

Hofer gave a presentation about “Polar bears as sentinels for infectious diseases“ at the WAZA meeting in Melbourne in October. Hofers presentations concluded that CEOs have (1) to rethink the approach to diagnosis and invest in veterinary services and conduct systematic investigation of all deaths (2) to rethink the approach to tissue banking and store reference material as a worthy investment in the future disease investigation (3) to consider the zoo to be one „epidemiological unit“ and (4) pathogens clearly can overcome transmission hurdles previously thought impossible.

h. EAZWV / AAZV Joint meeting (Lécu, Greenwood, AAZV)

Greenwood informed that there is an offer from AAZV and Atlanta to host a EAZWV, AAZV, IZW joint conference in 2016. A possible date is the 2nd and 3rd week of July 2016.

i. EAZWV / EAZA Veterinary committee (Lawrenz)

The search and appointment of veterinary advisors is a slower process than expected. Interested EAZWV members which like to get involved should please always contact Arne Lawrenz at Wuppertal Zoo.

Lawrenz established a good contact with the SSP vet advisor committee (Julie Napier) for a potential future cooperation and to supply us with a list of the SSP Vet.-Advisors to make the liaison with the respective veterinary advisors form the SSP easier. The SSP Vet.-Advisor Committee has not met for the last two years.

A veterinary advisor round table will be organized in Vienna 2013. The aim of this Round Table is to get more Veterinarians involved and to show what we do expect of a veterinary advisor. We plan to develop the veterinary part of a husbandry guideline of an example species, which can later serve as a model.

There are no news from the EAZA Innsbruck meeting.

j. EU / SANCO (Kaandorp)

k. EAZWV / IZW (Hofer)

l. EAZA legislation committee report (Kaandorp)

13 Presentation of the Master Plan Working groups

During the Vienna conference, on Wednesday at 18:00, before the Icebreaker, four rooms should be reserved for the Master Plan working groups to discuss further details.

Resources and administration (Dorrestein)

Member database should be stored at one location with an online access.

Advocacy, Politics and Alliances (Kaandorp)

Kaandorp could not attend the board meeting and submitted a detailed report of the working group which was presented to the board.

1.EAZWV should have strong partnerships with all professional external parties that are relevant for reaching its overall aims regarding exotic animal health issues, including NGOs (e.g. IUCN, OIE), regional zoo associations (EAZA, AZA, ZAA, ALPZA, etc.), animal rescue centres (e.g. PASA) and other veterinary associations (AAZV, AAWV, WDA, AVBC (Australian Veterinary Conservation Biologists]) etc. EAZWV should thrive in this matter to come to position statements preferably together with AAZV, EAZA, WAZA and AAZA regarding exotic animal health issues with political contents such as global emerging diseases outbreaks.

2.EAZWV should identify potential partners (AAZV, WDA, AAWV, ARAV) to seek academic cooperation. EAZWV and potential partners should recognize differences in mission(s) between associations and try to overcome them, or to strengthen the common goals and establish MOU's when relevant. EAZWV should try to strengthen interregional cooperation with relevant colleagues overseas (AAZV) (access to each other's member area, make contact details available, journals etc.)

3.EAZWV, in cooperation with other relevant associations (esp. EAZA at a European level), should promote Intensive lobbying on all levels (national, regional and international) to solve legislative/regulatory difficulties in exchanging/importing animals and on animal health issues (e.g. transmissible diseases outbreaks) in general.

4.EAZWV should offer to train relevant colleagues and authorities where applicable (provide expertise) – e.g. Balai, Zoo directive etc. when offered opportunities to do so.

5.EAZWV should promote and provide expertise for the Journal of Wildlife diseases, Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine (e.g. provide associate editors) and provide expertise to working groups such as the IDWG and the Tuberculosis working Group.

6.EAZWV should sponsor The Transmissible Diseases Handbook and other relevant papers regarding zoo and wild animal health care. EAZWV should also try to obtain sponsorship from EAZA for this matter.

7.EAZWV should be involved in EAZA matters regarding animal welfare and good veterinary practice and provide expertise and technical veterinary assistance in these matters for the EAZA Technical Assistance Committee helping developing European Zoos to meet EAZA's Minimum Standards.

8.EAZWV should advocate and lobby for a more professional attitude of zoo directors and curators to zoo veterinarians in order to achieve the highest level of good veterinary practice. This can be achieved e.g. to allow zoo veterinarians to attend EAZA meetings and be able to be involved and informed about EAZA husbandry guidelines for program species as well as relevant political and legislative issues with a veterinary impact.

9.The EAZA Veterinary Committee Chairman should represent EAZWV at EAZA Council and represent EAZA at the EAZWV Board Meeting.

10.The EAZWV “Alliances/Advocacy/Politics” Working Group Chairman should represent EAZWV at the AAZV Board Meetings at the AAZV yearly conferences.

11.EAZWV should help EAZA and the EAZA Veterinary Committee regarding veterinary technical assistance for substandard or developing zoos as is stated in EAZA’s action plan 2013-2016: (EAZA will consider offering zoo expertise to a wider group of zoos via the Technical Assistance manual; EAZA will make the updated Technical Assistance manual available to the EU/EC and non-member zoos;EAZA will investigate whether the EU would provide funds for EAZA to assist in helping substandard zoos;)

12.EAZWV should be proactive in providing competent veterinary advisors for the EAZA TAG’s, EEP’s and ESB’s and inform/instruct the EAZWV membership what the definition and requirements of this advisory tasks are.

13.EAZWV should be involved in the updating of the existing screening protocols of e.g. EAZA, NVD, BIAZA and WAZA regarding the screening of veterinary standards and issues in zoos.

14.The above goals should be prioritised and an action plan developed. For this purpose a time schedule in which certain goals have to be achieved/established will have to be made.

Education

Maya Kummrow informed about the activities of the education working group. Currently the group consists of 13 members (Kummrow, Bacon, Bertelsen, Clauss, Girling, Fernandez, Knauf, Kirchner, Lendl, Liesegang, Perrin, Risch, Ruegg) with 7 subgroups. Individual subgroups worked on the structure to organize EAZWV education. Following projects were initiated:

(1) The student summer school (subgroup leader: Risch/Clauss) recommended to organize a 5day summer school every 2 years. List of potential hosts for the next 6 years received a standard application letter: 2014: Nürnberg (marine mammals, conservation medicine) 2016: Paris (amphibian medicine, hoof care), 2018: Valencia.

(2) It was decided to organize a 2 hour student-mentor-mixer (Kummrow) on the EAZWV conference in Vienna 2013 for the first time. The student mentor mixer will be held on Friday evening after round- tables and before students’ night out. The aim is to give students the chance to meet and connect with potential mentors. Student will rotate between four topic tables (zoo practitioners, wildlife work, training, research) with mentors of various specialties and student groups. The student mentor mixer is organized in a casual atmosphere where drinks and snacks are provided by SWORG. Students need to register and will be informed about mentors and topics ahead of time, participation is limited to 40-50 students.

(3) A summer school for full members (Lendl) will be held at Copenhagen Zoo in September 2013. It will be a 3 day-course (Thursday 1pm - Sunday 1 pm) for full members. Topics are anesthesia and pathology with Carsten Grondahl, Mads Bertelsen, Christine Lendl, Mark Hoyer, pathologist (Wildlife Vets group, Yorkshire) as speakers. The preliminary course fee is approx. 750 €. The official announcement is planned in next newsletter.

(4) An internet based continuing education course (Kummrow) should be a further EAZWV program. Together with the Vetion (www.vetion.de) a course idea was developed. The course is a power point presentation with spoken text. Additional options are eg. Imaging (e.g. videos), question / discussion forum. With participation earning of CE credit points (based on MCQ exam) is planned. EAZWV members

enter the EAZWV zoo medicine program via a link on the member homepage and receive a significant deduction in the course fee in comparison to non-members. A 1-year trial period with 2 courses starting in early 2013 is anticipated. The courses are uploaded for 1 year. Upon registration members have access for 6 weeks. Speakers are recognized specialists (e.g. Dipl. ACZM). The financial risk is carried by Vetion. First topic ideas during the trial year are herbivore nutrition, blood gas analysis in zoo anesthesia, ophthalmology, dermatology in exotics, in house diagnostics, parasite management in large collection. Future cooperation with AAVZ is anticipated because it will multiply the audience and lecturer pool. It is hoped that the course will generate money for EAZWV in the future. Earning CE credits is an extra incentive for booking courses, however ATF credits require publicly accessible courses and salaries for speakers. The education committee wants to keep it cheap to spark interest and to get it started. The course fee should cover salary for speakers (350 Euro), Vetion technical/ IT investment and support of speakers. Based on this following suggestions were made for a 2 hour internet based course: A. Courses *restricted to EAZWV members* (no CE credit points) with no salaries for speakers (50 €) or 350 Euro salary for speakers (70 €). B. Courses *open to public* (veterinarians only) incl. CE credit points either speaker salaries paid by Vetion (70 €/ member, 75 €/non-member) or speaker salaries paid by EAZWV (trial year: 700 €) (45 €/ member, 75 €/ non-member). It was decided unisonous to start a trial with a course; *open to public* incl. CE credit point and speakers are paid by EAZWV. The treasurer has to adapt the budget 2013 accordingly.

(5) The ECZM, ACZM (Bertelsen) is planning an ACZM ultrashort course in Vienna 2013 with a special lecture on the ECZM progress.

(6) The group of the access to electronic resources (Knauf) is investigating the necessity and possibility of access to electronic resources for all members. Further investigation into institutional access via a publisher (e.g. BioOne). It was decided to focus on journals required for the ACZM / ECZM exams. The Master Plan working group should try to get a quote to have free access to all EAZWV members.

(7) Training of veterinary authorities (Girling) courses are already offered by Sijak Kaandorp via the EAZA and there does not seem to be any need for an separate program. EdWoG offered support with existing program.

Research and Conservation (Greenwood)

Based on the conversation with AAZV the research and conservation-working group concluded that the funding structure must be different in Europe.

The Conservation & Research program of the EAZWV proposes to support “the advancement of veterinary knowledge and skill in the field of zoo and wild animals, improving the husbandry of zoo animals and the management of wild animals populations, and contributing to the comradeship amongst its Members.” as defined in the mission statement of the EAZWV as it pertains to Conservation as defined as “any research and/or applied practical veterinary services that furthers the ability to preserve wildlife diversity in nature or captivity”. To support this agenda, we propose to establish competitive peer reviewed grant application process whereby students and established professionals can apply for travel grants, pilot study funds or small project research funds that meet select criteria for funding and are consistent with conservation objectives of the organization.

Selection criteria are the feasibility of the study, the strong emphasis on species in one of the IUCN threat categories, the direct benefit to zoo and wild animals, the particular support to areas currently difficult to fund through alternative sources, the novel technical developments as opposed to minor modifications or small

improvements on existing methods, the travel that helps communicate the research and mission of the EAZWV broadly and whether the supported research will result in peer reviewed publishable results

Topics that could be covered by the funding structure are travel grants for students to present conservation relevant research results at international meetings, pilot studies in captive animal health research and pilot studies in conservation medicine relevant research. Funds are not intended for large scale or long term projects and are rather to support research that may then attract larger scale funding based on the preliminary results. Travel funds will be restricted to support attendance at international conferences to broadly disseminate the work of the EAZWV membership as opposed to local or regional meeting travel support.

Funding can be provided for travel up to 1.000 €, pilot studies up to 10.000 € (5.000 € for one year with the possibility of renewal for a second year if success indicated by publishable results or great potential is demonstrated).

Various options for potential funding structure were presented like membership fees, donations, corporate sponsorship, profit of conferences or a combination. Öfner mentioned that the DVG is using 5 € of each conference registration for a fund.

14 Request of the Zebra Foundation

Greenwood presented the idea of the research and conservation master plan working group to a potential EAZWV fund. The Zebra Foundation is an established funding agency with a focus on students, has a peer review process in place and established committee, and EAZWV members have been funded via the Zebra Foundation. Concerns are that general funding levels are inadequate, EAZWV Conservation & Research objectives are broader with more complex funding structures planned including different levels of grants from small travel grants to larger pilot study funding. Control of review process a must and thus, involvement with the Zebra Foundation would require very significant input in terms of review and decisions on funding that might also impact the Zebra Foundation. It is not clear if funding would be evenly distributed among member states or would end up concentrated.

Kummrow presented the ideas of the education master plan committee. While all members supported the idea that EAZWV should financially support research, the working group was split how to finance it. 2 /7 were in full agreement with the Zebra Foundation proposal, and for 2 it was a possibility, but require more detailed specifications and transparency on the conditions and ways of distributing the money and criticize the small sums given out by ZEBRA foundation. Three members recommended a EAZWV/ EAZA based, independent funding body.

Both working groups presented their ideas of an EAZWV/ EAZA based, independent funding body. The advantages would be the full control of the grant process, an independent selection of the review board and selection committees, which would be oversight by the EAZWV board. EAZWV members would receive feedback via conferences and would have the ability to change structures. Nevertheless the establishment of such a funding committee would have to be within EAZWV agreements, the grant review process would have to be run by the EAZWV on a voluntary basis and the grant financing would have to be managed by the EAZWV treasurer.

The committees were also split in the idea of the funding sums and concerns were raised that it is too much for the EAZWV financial resources and money should not be spent from the financial “cushion”, therefore it was suggested fundraising extra money for research by EAZWV.

After a lively discussion the president made the proposal to support the Zebra Foundation for a limited 3 year time period with 500 – 5000 €/ year, because EAZWV is not ready yet and EAZWV can learn from the Zebra Foundation funding structure. It was decided to make a proposal at the next GA to support the Zebra Foundation (amount has to be determined by the next board meeting) for the next three years and sent two members into the Zebra Foundation evaluation committee.

15 Newsletter (Popescu)

Since January, Ioana Popescu is the new editor of the newsletter and Michael Stötter the editor of the student part. Active contribution (abstracts, announcements, courses, ...) for the newsletter from all EAZWV members are very welcome and necessary. The deadlines for next newsletters are 15th November 2012 and 15th February 2013 respectively. We received a paid advertisement for the newsletter.

16 Website (Peters, Ludwig)

The website is able to distribute individual passwords. Peters will work with the treasurer on the online payment, but it might cost an extra fee for the payment, this can be combined with sending an invoice to members. Dorrestein stated that a payment solution with Allenpress (AAZV) was not possible and referred to the new possible member database „Animana“. The goal is to start that the new program will run by the beginning of 2013. Peters as the webmaster has a spam problem, no other board member has similar problems.

17 Outstanding items Joint Conference 2012 Bussolengo (Greenwood)

Figures are still provisional, but the Bussolengo meeting had 315 registered participants (229 scientists, 74 students, 2 guests, 10 organizers) from 35 countries. More than 50% were early bird registrations. The meeting resulted in a small profit of 1292 € for Bussolengo, 2874 € are the profits from the proceedings for the EAZWV and IZW, 675 € were transferred to the “Rhino and forest fund” from the carbon emission fee, and 4684 € were transferred to the cushion fund.

18 Promotion of the Rudolph Ippen award 2012 (Greenwood)

Unfortunately the Rudolph Ippen Award did not receive great attention in the last years (2010:7 applications, 2011: 4, 2012:2). The Award will honor a young scientist whose scientific output, particularly the papers published in the past 12 months, document the beginning of a promising career in wildlife veterinary science, conservation medicine, or zoo animal medicine. The Rudolf Ippen Young Scientist Award is endowed with 1,000 Euro. Candidates can apply by themselves or can be proposed by somebody else. The application should include a letter of application or letter of recommendation; curriculum vitae; list of publications and other scientific output; a copy of the three most important publications of the last 12 months. Deadline for applications is the 15th March 2013. Submissions are preferably done by electronic means, and sent to us by e-mail. Applications will be reviewed by an international jury with members nominated by the EAZWV and the IZW. Promotion of the award will be enforced by distribution of reminder email to the EAZWV email list, to all veterinary faculties with which EAZWV members are associated, to AAZV and to the JZWM

19 Conference 2013 Tiergarten Schönbrunn (Schumann)

The local host of the 2013 Conference will be the Tiergarten Schönbrunn. The conference will take place at the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna from

Wednesday May 8th to Sunday May 12th, 2013. Main topics and plenary speakers are: Reptile, amphibian and fish medicine, Gregory A. Lewbart (*North Carolina State University, College of Vet. Medicine, USA*); Animal welfare and training, Eveline Dunzl (*Tiergarten Schönbrunn, Austria*); Mountain wildlife, Chris Walzer (*Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology, Austria*); Conservation medicine & Zoonotic diseases, A. Alonso Aguirre (*Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation, Mason Center for Conservation Studies and Dept. of Environmental Science and Policy, USA*); Asian animals: Medicine, management & conservation. Following workshops are planned: Anaesthesia – Telemetry, Anaesthesia - Expeditionary wildlife capture, Chris Walzer (*Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology, Austria*); Scientific writing, Klaus Osterrieder (*Institute of Virology, FU Berlin, Germany*); Animal training, Eveline Dunzl (*Tiergarten Schönbrunn, Austria*); ACZM / ECZM (American / European College of Zoological Medicine) - ultrashort course Hanspeter W. Steinmetz (*Knies Kinderzoo, Switzerland*); Field necropsy and sampling, Ernst Leidinger (*Invitro Laboratory, Austria*) and Anna Kübber-Heiss (*Research Institute of Wildlife Ecology, Austria*); Media training for zoo veterinarians Josef Zens (*Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine, Germany*). In addition the topics Long-acting tranquilisers and transport, European College of Zoological Medicine update, Veterinary complications, and Veterinary advisors are discussed during the round table session. A slight increase in registration fees was accepted due to the more expensive location in a larger city. IZW received already the grant from the German Research Foundation (DFG) for the conference. The estimated budget for the 2013 conference based on 250 participants is with 40 € balanced.

20 Future Joint Conference Venues (President)

Wenker informed that Basel is not able to host the 2014 conference, but EAZWV has applications from Doha, Qatar and Tel Aviv/Jerusalem, Israel. In addition Barcelona is an applicant for 2015 and there is Atlanta as a applicant for the AAZV joint conference in 2016. The board had some concerns about the travel distance to the applying cities and the costs for participants, especially since all applicants are seen as expensive venues. Therefore the board was tasked to evaluate costs with applicants and evaluate alternatives and low budget cities, Jerusalem (Wenker), Doha (Greenwood), Warsaw (Dorrestein), Bucarest (Risch), Scandinavia (Steinmetz). Answers and details must be presented at the board meeting in Vienna.

21 Changes in board members, elections (President)

In 2013 re-election of the treasurer and vice treasurer is necessary. As already known since the last board meeting Gerry Dorrestein will not be available for another period. Sabine Öfner agreed to continue and would run for treasurer. Other potential candidates are needed. The organiser of the next General Assembly 2014 needs to be determined based on the outcome of the conference venue evaluations. Auditors Annette Liesegang and Sascha Knauf will be available for another year.

22 Any other business

Kummrow raised the concern of the availability of LA Immobilon in Europe. There is a temporary offer from Vetapharma (UK) to import of M99 (etorphine 8.9 mg/ml) and M50/50 (diprenorphine 12 mg/ml). Glostrup Apotek or WDT (Germany) were also recommended to import a stock at once and re-export it to other European countries. It was decided that currently no action is needed on the EAZWV level rather that all section should discuss the matter together to find a solution.

23 Time and venue of 36th EAZWV board meeting 2013

Next board meeting will be in Vienna at the Zoo, Tuesday May 7th, 2013, 13:00h.
Please mark the date in your diary.

24 General assembly 2013

The next General assembly is planned for Saturday May 11th, 2013 afternoon, after the conference. The preliminary agenda was accepted.

25 Closure of the Meeting

The President closed the meeting on time at 15:35 and thanked all participants for their contributions.

Hanspeter Steinmetz, Secretary, November 19th, 2012