IAVS Membership Committee
Report 2020/2021

The IAVS Membership Committee 2019–2023 consists of the following members:

- Jürgen Dengler (Chair; CH; connection to EDGG)
- Bianca Andrade (currently US, connection to Latin America)
- Riccardo Guarino (IT)
- Reginald Tang Guuroh (GH, connection to YS and to Africa)
- Gerald Jurasinski (DE, connection to Website and Social Media Committee)
- Frank Jonghong Li (CN, connection to China)
- Javier Loidi (ES, connection to GB)
- Alireza Naqinezhad (IR, connection to Global Sponsorship Committee)

The Membership Committee would be very eager to support IAVS to improve member services and increase its membership substantially. To this end, the Committee had developed a Strategy Plan in 2019 and fine-tuned it in 2020. However, since the election in 2019, actually all activities of the Committee have been on hold as we are still waiting for the IAVS membership database to be transferred and become functional at MCI and for the new IAVS website to be released and functional. We sincerely hope that this unfortunate state, now extending over 1.5 years will soon end!

Meanwhile, individual members of the Committee could contribute only some small pieces in the realm of the Committee’s tasks:

- Bianca Andrade finalised the IAVS advertising flyer/poster by integrating further wishes from the IAVS GB and from the other Committee members. This version has been approved in early 2021 (but since then waits for its use...).
- Jürgen Dengler gave extensive advice on the construction of the new IAVS website, and particularly its membership portal (with joining and renewing options).
- Along with the strategic aim of the Committee to establish Regional Sections for more regions on the globe, Jürgen supported the initiator of the African section, Reginald Tang Guuroh, with ideas and many contacts: Currently, in conjunction with the planned first Asian Grassland Conference (AGC), Jürgen is networking with the aim to stimulate the establishment of one (or several) regional section(s) for Asia.

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