

**ICAR Finance Sub-Committee
Conference Call
Wednesday March 18th, 2020
14.00 CEST (Rome Time)**

NOTES

1.0 Call to order and approval of the agenda

In attendance: Niels H. Nielsen (Chair), Laurent Journaux, Josef Kučera, Ernst Bohlsen, Martin Burke (Chief Executive, CE), Elena Couto (Secretariat).

Agenda is approved as proposed.

2.0 Approval notes of previous meeting

There were no comments/corrections to the previous notes.

3.0 Financial statements 2019 ICAR and SERVICE-ICAR SRL

The Chair proposed not to enter into details in this item as the reports were reviewed in detail in February and have just been adjusted considering the comments of that previous meeting. The meeting agreed and the CE will send these documents to the Board for approval at the next meeting scheduled Tue 24th March 2020.

Ernst Bohlsen did not attend the previous meeting and asked clarification concerning the cost of the personnel in ICAR lower in the last quarter. The CE explained that all the personnel cost is under SERVICE-ICAR Srl and ICAR pays monthly an amount to cover partially this cost. In last quarter this payment was reduced to avoid a profit too high in SERVICE-ICAR Srl. Josef Kučera asked about the Inspector's audit & report for which they will need to check the accounts as in the previous years. Elena Couto will send after the Board meeting next week the details for both ICAR and SERVICE-ICAR and the Inspectors will check and asked for some samples.

4.0 Financial Inspector call

The Chair pointed out the need to add some comments to highlight what are the benefits for candidates and their organisations if they put nominations forward for Inspector. The CE will review this part and present last version to the Board next week.

5.0 Rabo bank update

Martin Burke informed ICAR received few additional requests last week from Rabo bank. He sent another email this week and is expecting to have the account ready this week. In any case he suggested to have a B plan in case this matter is delayed; maybe look into another bank? There will be an update for the Board next week.

At the moment the CE and Secretariat are working with lawyers for a final version of the current by-laws and the staff and consultants' contracts.

COVID-19 Risks?

There was a discussion about possible impact of Covid19 on ICAR fees. Laurent Journaux said probably this may affect fees but not in 2020, as the calculation is based on number of animals it will depend what happen in farms this year. The impact could be more in some of our paid services like the Proficiency Test. The Secretariat will prepare the accounts of SERVICE-ICAR Srl first quarter for April to monitor the trend of our services.

Confidentially, the CE informed that the LOC2020 originally thought to move the Annual Conference to September 2020, but CRV is proposing now to move directly to 2021. Martin Burke will have a document ready for next Board from LOC with the final proposal. If Conference is postponed to 2021 ICAR will need to discuss with Interbull Centre as 2021 their meeting is scheduled during the EAAP meeting in Davos, Switzerland. The CE will propose a call with Jay Mattison and Toine Roozen before the next Board meeting.

The General Assembly will be arranged with Zoom only for mandatory items (approval of financial statements 2019, election new Board members).

6.0 Any other business

The next meeting will be on 17th April at 12h00 CET.

7.0 Adjourn

Meeting was closed at 15h00.