



Draft Minutes AFFIA Executive Committee 13/12/2016

At AETS Bangkok office, Mahatun Plaza, 7th floor. Ploenchit Road,
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At 9am,

Attending for AFFIA EXECOM

Mr Massimo Reverberi, President

Dr Paijit Sangchai, Vice-president

Dr Wasaporn Chanput, Treasurer

Mrs Anne Deguerry, General secretary

Mr Bart Verstappen, R&D Coordinator

Attending for AFFIA Secretariat

Mr Nathan Preteseille AETS, coordinator (NP)

Mr Chanon AETS

*Attending for ACFS National Bureau for Agricultural Commodity and
Food Standards*

(from 10 :30 am)

Mrs Ariwasan Tanasinsiri – Policy and Plan Analyst ACFS (Khun Ming)

Mrs Korwadee Phonkliand – Standard Officer ACFS (Khun Korwadee)

AGENDA

- AFFIA internal organization
 - o Membership Fees:
 - o Fairs
 - o Newsletters:
 - o AFFIA event.

- Regulations about insects in ASEAN countries
- AFFIA relationship with international organisations (IPIFF/Woven/BIFF/FFPDI)
- Monthly meetings

- Relationship AFFIA/IPIFF on Novel Food
- Collaboration with ACFS
- GAP
- Show-farm
- JIFF, Wageningen

1) AFFIA internal organisation

- a) Membership Fees: The General Assembly set the annual fees for the first year at 50 USD or its equivalent in Thai Bath (1790 THB) – All the EXECOM Members have paid their fees to the treasurer.

Action point: For the other members, Anne Deguerry will prepare the call for payment together with Wasaporn Chanput, with a deadline on the 31st January 2017.

- b) AFFIA participation to fairs: AFFIA is today too small and fairs are expensive. Decision to build an agenda on a shared platform.

Action point: Nathan Preteseille will check the one to use, accessible on the website only to the AFFIA members.

If there is a high interest by some AFFIA members for an event, they could get a booth together. And the participating members can then represent AFFIA through simple business cards.

Action point: All members agreed on sustainability => Nathan Preteseille will check for recycled business cards possibilities.

- c) Newsletters: Nathan Preteseille will follow the spread of newsletters through members (meaning active members paying their membership fees) e-mailing.

Action point: newsletters will be available in pdf format on the website.

- d) AFFIA event: The relevance, the objective and the content of such event have been discussed but nothing finalised yet. The objective is to build AFFIA through ASEAN, especially outside Thailand where most of the members are located. AFFIA asked ACFS and KU for their possible support and co-hosting, maybe even the EU. Kasetarts University answered positively and suggested to organise it in early February 2017.

Nathan Preteseille suggests as a random example the model on Edible Insects Detroit and the conference where the fees for vendors could cover plane tickets from outsiders. He adds the event depends on the possibility of AFFIA members to spend time on it.

Bart Verstapen suggested that we get funding and support from Ministry of Agriculture especially department of Fisheries/Livestock.

Action point: All Execom members are required to spread the word and attract new members

- e) Regulations about insects in ASEAN countries: There is a need to collect the opinion of the FDA or equivalent in each ASEAN countries. AFFIA members could also be involved. The tricky part is that regulation is poor in the field of insects in the region and we want ASEAN countries to keep regulations low.

Action point: All Execom members are required for this task. Anne Deguerry will collect it in Malaysia and Bart Verstapen in Indonesia.

f) AFFIA contacts with international insect organisations:

The Execom defined the preferred contacts as below:

Woven	Massimo Reverberi
BIFF	Bart Verstapen
FFPIDI	Nathan Preteseille
IPIFF	Anne Deguerry

2) Relationship AFFIA/IPIFF on Novel Food:

EU Novel food regulation: A common understanding to join force for a dossier application is needed. Following the meeting of IPIFF by Nathan in November, it was suggested to go through the guidance and exchange with IPIFF on possible complementarities to build an exhaustive dossier.

Action point: A leader or commission could/should be defined in the AFFIA on this point, especially to prepare the possible involvement of AFFIA in a possible Novel Food working committee at ACFS.

3) Collaboration with ACFS:

At 10:30am, Khun Ming and Khun Korwadee from ACFS joined the meeting.

ACFS is the National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards in Thailand.

Khun Ming wants to make a proposition to build a working group on the EU novel Food regulation and the application to be done. It was supposed to be sent on the day following the hereby-presented meeting.

If approved, the working group should start in January and the AFFIA should be invited. As the IPIFF will organize an event in March 2017 on it, AFFIA-ACFS collaboration should be defined before to represent all interests there.

Khun Korwadee is meeting the ASEAN secretariat on standards on the day following this meeting. Insects are not on the table yet.

Nathan Preteseille raised the point on an official recognition of AFFIA by ACFS. Khun Ming and Khun Korwadee are not able to give an immediate answer on that point, they will refer to their hierarchy. Anyway, they showed their interest in working with AFFIA. Massimo Reverberi suggested a possible recognition through their permanent invitation as observer.

- 4) **GAP:** GAP establishment is going on in Thailand. A public hearing to be organized by April-May. Finalization for July is the goal. Announcement of the public hearing will be done 2-3 weeks in advance, and the release of the GAP document will be in Thai only. The public hearing will be in Konken, then the 2nd draft will go back to the GAP committee. The GAP will consider 4 species of crickets.

Action point: => DEFINE someone to prepare the public hearing at AFFIA, who is Thai.

Due to the geographic proximity of ACFS and Kasetsart University, Mrs Wasaporn Chanput will inform AFFIA Execom on the GAP Agenda.

The President Massimo Reverberi raises the point of Codex Alimentarius - or Food Code - which was established by FAO and the World Health Organization in 1963 to develop harmonised international food standards, which protect consumer health and promote fair practices in food trade. The next meeting is planned in about 4 years. There is no mention about insects in the Codex.

Nathan Preteseille mentioned that at ASEAN level there is a Risk

Assessment Centre for Food Safety (ARAC) which was launched this year.

<http://www.arac-asean.org>

5) Show-farm: Discussion on the relevance of such a showcase. May not be good for the feed, can be training and “show” for the food, in relation with the GAP work. The Vice-President, Mr Paijit Sangchai mentions land available around Bangkok. If it seems possible to build such a showcase, An associated project is needed: a company or a research project, its longevity will be more difficult as it will require funds and labor

6) Journal of Insects as Food and Feed: Nathan Preseteille contacted the editor they are ok for a media partnership – exchange of logos on respective websites. AFFIA cannot subscribe yet to the Journal but they agreed to grant a discount to AFFIA members willing to subscribe.

Action point: Nathan will contact the JIFF back to inform them.

At 12:45, the meeting was closed.

The President

The General Secretary