



Minutes AFFIA Executive Committee 10/02/2017

Remote meeting - Skype for business
At 6pm, Bangkok time

Attending for AFFIA EXECOM

Mr Massimo Reverberi, President (MR)
Dr Paijit Sangchai, Vice-president (PS)
Dr Wasaporn Chanput, Treasurer (WC)
Mrs Anne Deguerry, General secretary (AD)
Mr Bart Verstapen, R&D Coordinator (BV)

Attending for AFFIA Secretariat

Mr Nathan Preteseille AETS, coordinator (NP)

1) ACFS, GAP & Novel Food regulation

. For ACFS, cricket market development is the first priority. Then EU novel food application and set up of GAP in Thailand is handled by ACFS with 12 members from Thai Universities and livestock stakeholders. They are working on the collection of liable data. AFFIA is officially represented in the group with one seat taken by NP.

. On the 6th of March, there is an EFSA workshop in Parma (Italy), Kuhn Ming will represent Thailand ACFS and NP will represent AFFIA.

. On the 15th of March, there is an IPIFF workshop in Brussels (Belgium), AFFIA will be represented by Coordinator Nathan Preteseille. It is important for AFFIA members to know how to coordinate the application for third countries

. Let's come back to GAP for crickets in Thailand: on the 17th of March, there is a public hearing

GAP document will be finalized in May.

- . ACFS, before the public hearing, edited a document, but all written in Thai language. AFFIA Vice-president proposes to translate the document in English.
- . There is a point of discussion about the feeding regime of the crickets. Actually, the insects' regime is not part of ACFS concern for GAP. But at the same time, the feeding regime affects the analysis of the final food. If we think more globally: GAP in order to apply for novel food in Europe the feeding regime cannot be neglected.

Action points:

- . NP will attend IPIFF novel food workshop in Brussels, on 15th of March and EFSA workshop on 6th of March.
- . AFFIA will attend ACFS public hearing on GAP in crickets' production on 17th of March.
- . PS will translate the document provided by ACFS before the public hearing. He will translate it within the 2 coming weeks.
- . Once translation achieved, NP will ask their opinion on GAP for crickets to relevant members.

2) AFFIA Associate members statutes

- . The question arose, as a person from UK asked to be an AFFIA member. Actually, AFFIA has to stick with its statutes meaning that full members come from ASEAN countries only, whereas associate members come from "Asia but outside of ASEAN (...) countries listed such as China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Sri Lanka, South Korea, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan Australia and New Zealand."

Action point:

- . Application for UK member shall be rejected.
- . Full members have access to every AFFIA document (newsletters, EXECOM minutes, internet login) whereas associate members have access to newsletters only and to relevant document on a case-by-case basis.

3) AFFIA Marketing & Communication

- . Aquaculture Asia Pacific Magazine offers to AFFIA to submit an article about "Insects as Feed" within AFFIA.
- . One of the AFFIA members suggested that AFFIA shouldn't promote any of its members through AFFIA social media.

Unanimously, the EXECOM members stated that given the logic of social medias, when one article about one of AFFIA members arose, its seems very logical to showcase it.

Action point:

- . AD will contact "Insects as feed" members and come back to NP for the article.

4) AFFIA Event

- . Different venues available:
 - Kasetsart University: rental for 1000 THB/hour – no sell allowed
 - LaunchPad: rental for 8900 THB (including 2000 for allowance to sell).

Four companies are already interested:

- Abundance food
- EIF
- Bugsolutly
- Star Bugs Insects Food

Action point:

- . The AFFIA event ("AFFIA buggy night") is set on 2nd of March, at Launchpad (accessible by skytrain) as an evening event.
 - . The entrance fees will be fixed at 300 THB / person
 - . AFFIA organizer will try to get the better price for rental of the venue.
- NP will meet between 14 and 17/02 the Launchpad manager and the "Café des Stagiaires" bar next to it to have a coordinated event.
- . NP will prepare invitations and launch the registrations before the 18th of February.

5) AFFIA Registration procedure

Step by step procedure has been set up as below

1. Registrations have to be validated by AFFIA General Secretary, AD.

If an AFFIA member receives an application request, this is forwarded to Anne.

2. Once validated, AD sends the approval to the applicant with AFFIA Treasurer, WC in cc and payment information.

We create a PAYPAL account to have lower transfer fees, by this week and participants have 2 options:

- Paying on paypal with 10% transfer fees => 55 USD (average) and inform WC

- Paying on the same month of application if coming Thailand and inform WC

3. WC verifies and sends the receipt to the applicant, with NP and AD in cc who shares relevant information depending on the participant statute. This is done around each newsletter time.

At 7:10pm, the meeting was closed.

The President

The General Secretary