



Minutes AFFIA Executive Committee 08/03/2017

Remote meeting - Skype for business

At 3pm, Bangkok time

Attending for AFFIA EXECOM

Mr Massimo Reverberi, President (MR)

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)

Dr Paijit Sangchai, Vice-President (PS) wasn't able to join the meeting.

1) ACFS, GAP & Novel Food regulation - follow up

. NP attended a Novel Food workshop organised by EFSA (European Food Security Agency - which will be in charge with the Novel Food applications), in Parma (Italy) on the 06/03/2017. Christophe Derrien from IPIFF Secretariat was attending too, such as Khun Ming from ACFS (Thailand). A lot of law consulting firms were there, probably seeking for a new market niche.

. Actually, it remains still unclear how Novel Food applications could be submitted, whereas EU Commission will release Novel Food "implementing act" not earlier than September/October 2017.

- . The way Novel Food dossier should be submitted remains very blurry. it looks like it will be a case-by-case submission and not a submission per species.
- . ACFS wants to collect data on species traditionally reared and eaten in Thailand, but nothing defined on who will collect and analyse the data, and which money will allow it.
- . The development of Good Agricultural Practises for cricket rearing in Thailand is on its way. Thanks to Dr Paijit Sangchai the working document has been translated in English. The public hearing for Good Agricultural Practises GAP by ACFS will be held on 17th of March in Khon Kaen. NP couldn't attend as he will be in Europe, but it is important for AFFIA credibility and representativeness, that an AFFIA representative will attend. On the day before the event, no AFFIA member could mention that he would assist, very unfortunately. Nathan shares the little comments received from AFFIA members on the draft GAP.
- . As Good Agricultural Practises at IPIFF level will be developed in the forthcoming months, we fear that Good Agricultural Practises in Thailand, which are supposed to be released in May 2017, will not be in line with EU regulations and recommendations.

Action point:

- . NP will meet BIFF (Belgian insects organisation) mid-March in Brussels and share with them views on Novel Food regulation and development.

2) AFFIA event – follow up

- . AFFIA Buggy night was cancelled due to a lack of participation, the competition of another “insect event” the very same evening, maybe the fees of 300THB, maybe the content with a too narrow topic.
- . But the EXECOM keeps the idea of an AFFIA event to gather the members and grows synergy between AFFIA groups, possibly at the end of May.

Action point:

- . The next AFFIA event could be held on the week of the 29th of May, possibly on a Monday or Friday to help people from abroad to come.
- . Kasetsart could be co-organizer, WC will confirm
- . The event will be open to all members and potential members. Ideally, each member should come along with a potential member.
- . The EXECOM members are the most welcome to share their views on the organisation and content of the event.

3) AFFIA Marketing, Communication and Organisation

- . NP who is doing AFFIA coordination pro bono needs help and needs to share things to do.
- . WC who is AFFIA treasurer will be relocated for one year in France for a post-doctoral study.

Action point:

- . All the EXECOM members should try to be more involved in AFFIA actions and support if they want it to be successful.
- . AFFIA needs help more specifically for web mastering and event organisation.
- . If WC agrees to keep her role of treasurer until next election, AFFIA need someone located in Thailand able to take care of AFFIA money. This is urgent. If within the EXECOM no member is available for that, this problem should be solved ASAP.

4) Miscellanea

- . The number of AFFIA members in Feed evolves the last few weeks, reaching 7 members. Most of them will be present at VIV ASIA conference in Bangkok 15th to 16th of March.
- . BV informs the EXECOM that the EAWAG project he is running will officially end in June 2017. It might be relocated from Surabaya to Jakarta area where there is a source of segregated kitchen waste, but it depends on the local government. In any case, BV will keep his seat at the AFFIA EXECOM until the end of its mandate.

. INSECTA 2017 International Symposium on Insects as Feed, Food and Non-Food will be held on September 07/08, 2017 in Berlin, Germany. The conference is organised by Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Engineering and Bioeconomy (ATB) in cooperation with Pilot Pflanzenöltechnologie Magdeburg e.V. (PPM). is aimed to create an efficient platform for an exchange of stakeholders from science, economy and politics in the field of insects as feed, food and non-food.

The "Call for Papers" is open with a deadline on April 31, 2017.

www.insecta-conference.com.

The topics of the conference are:

1. **Insects production systems**
 - Rearing substrate optimization
 - Established production systems
 - Mass rearing systems, industrialization
 - Automation
2. **Application of insects as feed**
 - Nutrient composition
 - Use for pets, in aquaculture and for farm animals
 - Feed safety
3. **Utilization of insects as food**
 - . Processing and fractionation
 - . Use in gastronomy and food retailing
 - . Food safety
4. **Evaluation of the use of insects**
 - . Consumer acceptance
 - . Ecologic and economic assessment
 - . Status of legislation
 - . Ethical issues
5. **Non-food applications of insects**
 - . Insect biotechnology
 - . Biopolymers
 - . Waste management systems

. There is another Conference organised by EAAP in Tallinn, Estonia August 28 to September 1, 2017

Website <https://eaap2017.org/>

The topics of the conference are:

1. **Insects in a circular economy**

. Insects as feed

Marcel Dicke, Laboratory of Entomology, Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands

. Life-cycle assessment of insects in circular economy

Afton Halloran, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

2. Safety, regulatory issues and consumer acceptance of insects

. Challenges in relation to the legal barriers in order to increase the types of organic materials that can be applied as substrates for rearing insects

Dorte Lau Baggesen, DVM, Ph.D., MPG, Head of Division, Technical University of Denmark, National Food Institute, Denmark

. Safety and regulatory affairs in insect industry

Tarique Arsiwalla, Protix

At 4:10pm, the meeting was closed.

The President

The General Secretary