



Minutes AFFIA Executive Committee 22/06/2017

Physical meeting – in Bangkok
At 05:30 pm, 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)

Foreword

- a- Previous to this Executive Committee, the members already came together on the 2nd and 12th of June to work out the details of the organisation of the AFFIA event in Kasetsart University – 23rd June 2017.

- b- The Execom members raised the point about the membership fees in the association. If we want the AFFIA to become sustainable, we need to raise more money to be able to pay someone to do the coordination. Today, it is done on a voluntary basis by Nathan Preteseille. The Execom thanks him, but is fully aware of the uncertainty of his availability.

Then, two ways are open to raise money:

- increase of membership fees and number of members
- external founding (Which implies the association registration, cf below).

1) Fees:

HIGH PRIORITY

The Execom members are required to think about a proposal of fee schedule for different types of members and companies (researcher/research institute/income and/or number of employes) in order to be able to deliberate at the next meeting.

2) **Founding:**

To be able to apply for founding, AFFIA must be a legal entity and the Execom members all agree on that point and the association will be registered under Thai laws.

Dr Paijit volunteered to do the registration with his team and proposed to register under commercial association, as it is easier, more expansive though.

Anyway, the main strengths of AFFIA are:

- Contact with ACFS especially on cricket GAP group and public hearing
- Contact with EU through IPIFF (novel food regulation and Insect as feed regulations)
- Strong relationship with Kasetsart University
- AFFIA Newsletter spreading all the information about insects as Food and Feed
- The representation of the insect industry in ASEAN. AFFIA is now known worldwide and recognized.

The next Execom meeting will schedule the AFFIA registration.

3) **AFFIA General Assembly**

The date has been proposed on the 8th of September. A doodle enabling all members vote have been launched to possibly adjust the date. It is proposed to have the possibility to join the meeting on an online platform. Skype for business, already available through AETS, is seen as the first possibility. Other possibilities will be checked.

At 7:30 pm, the meeting was closed.

The President

The General Secretary