



## **Minutes AFFIA Executive Committee 12/09/2017**

Remote meeting – Skype for business  
At 12:00 am, 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)

Dr Pajjit Sanchant is absent and excused.

### **Attending for AFFIA Secretariat**

Mr Nathan Preteseille AETS, coordinator (NP)

#### **1) Validation of the Minutes of the General Assembly 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

##### **Validate at the unanimity**

#### **2) Registration of the association:**

NP is still digging to go further. As explained during the General Assembly, this process is important to be able for the association registration. The first move is to register only with Thai within the association, as if there is a foreigner, it will last 6 months to one year.

NP evoke a demand of internship at AFFIA he had. Through AETS it is not possible, through Bugsolutly neither. Anyway, EXECOM need to read the internship agreement before.

MR raise the point that an intern needs to be driven, checked, and control.

Not to mention the problem of visa, it is quite strict in Thailand. Kasetsart University has strengthened the internship rules and is only working with selected universities and if the intern is under KU, he would be able to work for AFFIA only if the intern supervisor agrees.

**Action point:** Keep going in the registration process

#### **3) MoU AFFIA / AETS:**

**The MoU between AFFIA and AETS is agreed at the unanimity**

**Action point:** It will be signed by the President Massimo Reverberi, according to the statutes.

#### **4) International and regional collaboration:**

NP and AD had a conference call with Christophe Derrien, General Secretary of IPIFF, and we decide

to strengthen the collaboration between insect associations: IPIFF, AFFIA and NAEC. The first two topics to work on are:

- FAO: Actually, since Mr Paul Vantomme retired from the institution, the support FAO was bringing to the insect sector has completely vanished and we would like to recreate this support.
- Codex Alimentarius

Actually those two topics can also be part of AFFIA agenda at a regional level: if we have the support of FAO, it can give leverage to support our members that are struggling with some national regulation (ex: pb of licence for Insect as Feed in Vietnam).

Then AD mentioned a FAO conference that happened beginning of September: *FAO Regional Meeting on Agricultural Biotechnologies in Sustainable Food Systems and Nutrition in Asia-Pacific*.

AFFIA should attend that kind of conference.

**Action point:** Develop our networking with FAO in Bangkok and other ASEAN countries.

#### 5) Event at Kasetsart University by Food Security Center.

WC mentioned the possible organisation of an event dedicated to insects early 2018 at KU and covered by FSC (at least for 2 experts, for their flights, per diems and fees), and

**Action point:** Np starts a draft program with a list of ideas of possible experts to deliver such course

At 1:30 pm, the meeting was closed.

The President

The General Secretary