



Minutes AFFIA Executive Committee 5/12/2017

Remote meeting – Skype for business
At 5.00pm, Bangkok time

Attending for AFFIA EXECOM

Mrs Anne Deguerry, President (AD)
Mr Bart Verstapen, Vice Secretary (BV)
Dr Wasaporn Chanput, Treasurer (BC)
Ms Regan Suzuki Pairojmahakij, Secretary (RSP)

Attending for AFFIA Secretariat

Mr Nathan Preteseille AETS, coordinator (NP)

Apologies

Mr Tharaton Teerakunded, Vice President (TT)

1. **Initial agenda points of discussion** (while waiting for all members to join)
 - Given RSP's new full time post, her time will be increasingly limited and options to share out minute drafting would be welcome. Proposal that minutes drafting role be shared with Vice Secretary on an alternating basis.

2. **Validation of last meeting minutes**

The minutes of 6/11/2017 are circulated, validated and *unanimously adopted* by the EXECOM.

3. **Event at KU 27-28 June**

Planning on the event is moving ahead. The two identified speakers have confirmed their availability to join on the new dates. Feedback on the workshop budget of workshop in June 27-28 provided by BC. After discussion with Dr Wiboon, the budget has been approved (A total of 300,000B available to cover travel costs). It will be a regional workshop which is the largest type of workshop that FSC can organize. Facilitator's flights and accommodation (140 EU per individual) will be covered as well as honorarium. Participants (total of 11) will receive the same, minus honorarium. All 11 participants must be approved by the FSC).

BV: Who do participants need to be? BC: They must come from Asia, but not necessary to be government, academia or private sector. Ideally, there should be a balanced distribution geographically of participants. NP: Can participants come from Thailand as well? BC: To follow up with Dr Wiboon.

ACTION Points:

- identify participants, develop questions
- draft agenda, and
- find out whether non sponsored participants join?

UPDATE: Answers from Book: (07/12/2017)

1. Participants from Asia or SEA?

Ans: They can come from Asia, however, we have to keep in mind that FSC targets developing countries, so they should be our criteria of selection. What we had experienced were, for example, people from India...they need to apply for visa, which FSC won't cover that, and some countries have to change flights a couple times to come to Thailand which led to a very expensive flight. Let's have in mind 300,000 baht is our ceiling.

2. Non-supported participants can join the event Y/N?

Ans: Yes. We just have to take care of cost for coffee breaks and for field trip (if there is) because FSC doesn't support. Maybe AFFIA can offer coffee break, lunch they take care of themselves (except 11 participants), and field trip they pay extra?

3. Can it be mixed of participants?

Ans: FSC welcomes research institutes and universities, but not from private companies, sorry I gave wrong info to you. The idea of FSC is to support developing countries and poor researchers/teachers ^^ But everyone is welcome on their own budget.

4. FSC support participants from Thailand Y/N?

Ans: Yes, but just never happened so far. The budget is too much to cover ones from Thailand, they can easily come on their own cost.

5. Follow up from FSC Y/N?

Ans: Yes, KU have to report bi-annual, summary of what activities KU has performed and feedback and connection established and so on. This will be done by the FSC coordinator of KU, Assoc.Prof. Wiboon, Head Dept of Entomology.

Timeline: To be finalized within week of December 11.

4. Naming of Liquidation Organization

AD: may be no rush to include in current statutes. It may be something to be taken up at General Assembly next year.

5. Contacting of Dr Yupa

No response provided to date. Suggestion by RSP to email and then follow up by phone. Contact desired on multiple points: consumption data, February tour, etc. BV: Perhaps in addition to requesting her assistance, AFFIA could offer Dr Yupa help in preparing for China conference.

UPDATE: Nathan Contacted AJ Yupa, who is interested in joining forces with AFFIA to represent South-East Asia at the Insect to Feed the World Conference in May 2018.

However, Aj Yupa is not YET interested to join AFFIA believing she would not have much input.

6. Disclosure of AETS contract

There were no inquiries into this so closed.

7. Revision of members' benefits

Suggestion that the 'entity' column be collapsed, but otherwise the table of benefits be retained as is.

8. Thai Research Fund feedback

Funding support available for Thai companies or those based in Thailand. More information to be available in January.

9. Australian Association Update

Feedback by NP: 50+ members, proposing tiered memberships for their members to be members of AFFIA as well. AD: depends on whether this is something that could fit within existing statues. A skype call between Olympia and AFFIA EXECOM members was agreed to broaden discussion. ACTION Point: NP, AD, BC to initiate a skype call with Olympia by end of the week.

UPDATE: The call was made with AD, BC, AD and NP. We expect an answer from the Australian association to know their fees amount and have a better knowledge for the offer to be made.

10. Save the Date Request:

Asking members to block out February 5th for workshop.
NP Reminds all with the next AFFIA NL in January.

At 18:00 Bangkok Time, the meeting was closed.

The President

The Secretary