

Minutes of AFFIA EXECOM meeting on 12th January 2018- 17.30 (Bangkok time)

Participants: Nathan Preteseille (NP), Anne Deguerry (AD), Bart Verstappen (BV), Regan Pahirojmahakij (RP), Book Chanput (BC)

Absent: Tharatorn Teerakunded (TT). (**TO DO:** NP notifies Tharatorn about his role).

1. **FSC Supported Regional Workshop- June 2018-27TH, 28TH :**

- NP proposed a tentative workshop schedule via an e-mail, Execom will give feedbacks/modifications within the end of January.
- BC will go back to Thailand in the middle of June 2018, and she will be able to participate and coordinate the AFFIA regional workshop on 27th-28th of June.
- BV proposes to separate the agenda in Chemistry/Biochemistry and Nutrition between Dr Dewi and Dr Longyu, depending on their curriculum.
- BC could collect many answers since last EXECOM Meeting:
- BC Asks how to market the event. NP shares that 4ento website, and other organizations, can promote it.

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. May be 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.*

- **TO DO:** NP sends tentative program by email to AFFIA EXECOM for finalization of draft by **end of January** before sharing with Dr Longyu and Dr Dewi.

BC contacts Dr Wiboon to confirm the possibility of getting non-supported participants paying.

RP makes the link with a person of FAO possibly to invite

2. **AFFIA communication :**

- NP proposed an AFFIA activity, for example, video clips from members => to be further discussed and open to other possibilities to produce more visibility tools from AFFIA.

➤ **TO DO:** NP organizes Open session of AFFIA on **17th January 2018 at 17.00 Thai time**. Anne and Book will be able to participate.

3. **AFFIA Fees:**

The membership fees are under the provisions of article 4 of the statutes, which don't provide any details about a membership being taken up in the course of the year.

At the last General Assembly meeting a complicated solution was proposed but never applied, then the Executive committee would like to come back to a simple prorated rules:

➤ **TO DO**

The membership policy for new members

. New members that apply to join the association during a running year, will pay membership fees in proportion with the remaining number of months of the executive year.

. If a member was part of the AFFIA the previous year, he/she cannot claim a discount due to the late payment of his/her membership fees and has to pay the full year fees.

4. **Project on experimental Archeology:**

Thanks to RP Introduction, NP discussed with Mr Bill Schindler, "currently engaged in a year-long research project on his sabbatical that is focused on taking lessons from the 3.5-million-year human dietary past and from extant traditional societies and fusing them with modern culinary techniques and approaches to help raise awareness and take steps towards creating a food system that is healthy, relevant, and more sustainable. The name of the project is Food Evolutions and you can see more about it here: www.foodevolutions.org

The results of this research will culminate in a book he is currently writing and also help to launch the food lab he is currently developing at his home institution, The Eastern Shore Food Lab at Washington College. More information is available here: www.washcoll.edu/esfl Update about Mr. Bill Schindler Nathan will get back to Buhler next week regarding to the AFFIA fee."

Mr Schindler will be in Thailand from 09/02 to 18/02, and will meet NP on 09/02. He is willing to visit farms and families consuming/producing insects.

BV mentions his possible support around the 09/02 if needed.

➤ **TO DO:** NP makes an offer to organize the trip to BILL by AFFIA and follows-up.

5. Insects to Feed the World Conference- IFW- China- May 2018:

- NP contacted Dr.Yupa, in which she showed interest in joining the workshop and might go to insect event in China in May 2018.
- NP contacted the African association which expressed its will to develop collaborations with Asia and which will be present in IFW in China.
- **TO DO:** NP sends a letter to IPIFF following the call they earlier add. The letter aims at defining a global approach from the international organization to the organizers of the conference.
NP sends elements of the call with AAIS to EXECOM.

6. TRF- Kasetsart University

NP: No Update received

7. Australian Association:

NP did not receive the fees as announced in the call before. Pending.

8. EU Novel Food Regulation and the case of insects:

- NP reminds that on the **5th of February 2018**, there will be a workshop on Novel food regulations organized by ACFS. The workshop will be held in Rama Garden Hotel near Kasetsart University. Mrs Antonia Ricci who is one EFSA expert from the Insects as Food and Feed risk assessment released by EFSA in October 2015, will be supporting ACFS and relevant regulatory bodies in collecting and assessing their data to enable a risk assessment on cricket as food, needed for any Novel Food dossier.

NP is organizing the week for AETS under an EU supported project. AD, RP, Hiso and Star Bugs, might join the event, at least. ACFS will write an official invitation letter to all AFFIA members.

- **TO DO:** Receive follow-up info from NP
Define who replaces Book to go.

9. AFFIA Registration

The invoice is validated. NP shares that a last pending point is the registration location as it seems complicated at AETS. NP follows-up.

- **TO DO** NP validates the invoice from Indo-Siam legal

10. Miscellaneous:

ASIA- AFRICA Research collaborations:

- FSC granted a PhD project to study the effect of feed, processing techniques in relation with nutrition. Mr. Michael Bawa from Gana is the candidate.
- Kasetsart University has accepted to be the honorary member of AFFIA, which they can be a great support in terms of knowledge, experts, research facilities and project coordination.

At 18:30 Bangkok Time, the meeting was closed.

The President

The Secretary