



**INTERNATIONAL SHEEP  
VETERINARY ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the Third Quadrennial Meeting  
held at Harrogate Convention Centre  
at 4pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

- 1) Delegates were welcomed by the President, John Smart.
- 2) Apologies were received from Chile and Portugal. All the other 20 countries with voting rights were represented. In addition many delegates attended the QGM.
- 3) Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quadrennial Meeting held in Rotorua were approved. Proposed by USA and seconded by the UK.
- 4) Matters Arising – None
- 5) **President's Report** - John Smart said that the ISVA now had membership from over 30 countries, 22 with voting powers. He announced the creation of a new award, the Karl Linklater Award, named after the convener of the first International Congress. The purpose of this award is to help sponsor delegates from developing countries attend the International Congresses. This year ISVA had hoped to sponsor a delegate from Ethiopia but the Home Office refused him a visa because he was not 100% sponsored. John announced two Lifetime Service Awards to Gareth Bath, South Africa and Chris Lewis, UK.
- 6) **Secretary's Report** – Ian Gill said that the number of member countries has increased to 22 fully accredited countries. Unfortunately contact has been lost with several members, Botswana, Colombia, Mauritius, Swaziland and Zambia. Ian asked if anyone knows any sheep vets in these countries to let him know.

In 2013 Gareth Bath made a plea for a membership drive to move towards the World Veterinary association of 85 and Ian asked the delegates to encourage other sheep producing countries to join.

ISVA has a 3 tier membership system.

- 1) Countries which have hosted an International Congress.
- 2) Countries nominated by their National Veterinary association.
- 3) Countries with a recognized sheep specialist society.

#### Karl Linklater Award

Yesuneh Gizaw from Ethiopia was selected from the abstract submissions to be sponsored to attend this congress. Unfortunately the UK Home Office refused his visa. Ian Gill has registered a complaint on behalf of the ISVA with the Home Office.

- 7) **Treasurer's Report**- Ian Gill said that it had been an interesting year as treasurer! HSBC closed our account due to inactivity and lack of contact with them. This was despite phone calls, branch visits and assurances from the HSBC Head of Small Business banking assuring me this would not happen! They said it was for security purposes. However since then they have allowed him to withdraw all the funds and transfer them to his personal bank account without a second signature! (He did clear this with the committee first.) This allows us to pay for our Harrogate expenses. He can provide the email trail to anyone who is interested. HSBC has however put £100 into our account as an apology for the hassle and the account therefore is still open. £300 was given to the PPR workshop to support a meeting with delegates from the developing countries.

#### Income

24.02.13 Initial deposit	10.00
22.03.13 Rotorua Congress	2992.17
13.04.17 HSBC	<u>100.00</u>
Total	<u>£3,102.17</u>

#### Expenditure

President's medallion engraving	NZ\$122.45	61.00
ISVA Flag		75.00
Karl Linklater Award		<u>300.00</u>

Total £436.00

**Balance** **£2,666.17**

8) Election of Officers - All the present officers and committee members had stood down. Only single nominations had been received for President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer with two nominations for Committee members.

President:	Ian Gill, Scotland (UK)
Vice President:	Heinz Strobel, Germany
Secretary/ Treasurer:	Ann Goplen, USA
Committee:	Ken Pettey, South Africa Piet Vellema, Netherlands

9) Bids for the 2021 Congress were presented by Australia (Rob Suter), Canada (Paula Menzies) and Spain (Delia Lacasta).

Spain was successful in their bid to host the next International Congress which will be in Seville 20 to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

10) Any other Business. A proposal was made by Paula Menzies, Canada suggesting that the Congress be held every 3 years instead of every 4. This motion was carried, by a significant majority, on a show of hands. This means that the Congress after Seville will take place in 2024.

11) There being no other business the meeting closed at 17.44.