



**The 19th AAVS Assembly Meeting
September 24th, 2021, 16:00-17:00 (Japan time)**

Zoom

ANNEX 1: List of participating Member Institutions

ANNEX 2: Meeting agenda

ANNEX 3: Figure showing the relationship between AAVS and AAVS Office

ANNEX 4: Comparison table for revision of bylaws

ANNEX 5: Adopted AAVS bylaws

ANNEX 6: List of Executive Committee members

Agenda 1: Welcome address

The AAVS President, Dr. Hori, gave a welcome address. He mentioned the difficulties veterinary education as well as AAVS face due to the pandemic and asked participants to actively participate in the meeting even in a virtual format. He then explained that the Assembly meeting will report discussions from the Executive Committee meeting held on 17 September and will be followed by the award lectures by the winners of Kei-ichiro Maeda Ise Award 2020 and 2021.

Agenda 2: Agenda

The Secretary General, Dr. Haga, announced the meeting agenda (Annex 2).

Agenda 3: Report from the 19th Executive Committee Meeting

1) Update on AAVS and AAVS Office operation

Dr. Haga explained the relationship between AAVS and AAVS Office (formally called AAVS Japan) using a diagram (Annex 3). AAVS is established by AAVS bylaws and AAVS Office is established by a Japanese Act. The AAVS Office receives technical and operational support from OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific through a Memorandum of Understanding. The bylaws of both AAVS and AAVS Office are being revised to reflect this relationship. The current roles and responsibilities of AAVS Office include:

- Be the point of contact for any inquires
- Support organizing events and other activities e.g., Newsletter

- Support Secretary General
- Support Treasurer
- Update website
- Award the Kei-ichiro Maeda Memorial Ise Award

Maintenance of AAV Office is estimated to cost approximately 1,500USD per year, which will be covered by AAVS membership fees.

2) Membership status

Dr. Haga reported the membership status. As of September 2021, there are 41 Active Members and 1 Associate Member. 6 applications were received in 2021 and all were approved by EC. Some members haven't paid membership fees and AAVS office will remind them.

3) Activities

Dr. Haga briefly introduced AAVS Activities in 2020-2021, which included:

- 4 virtual meetings; including one event organized in collaboration with Universitas Gadjah Mada and OIE
- eNewsletter launched in April 2021
- Online platform to share teaching resources needs/availabilities established in June 2021

He informed that planned and upcoming activities will be discussed later in the meeting.

Kei-ichiro Maeda Memorial Ise award

Dr. Nakayama, the President of AAVS Office, explained the background of Kei-ichiro Maeda Memorial Ise award, then reported that two winners were selected in 2021.

- Kenta Watanabe, Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Public Health, Yamaguchi University
- Sho Nakamura, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Okayama University of Science

He informed that the award lectures by 2020 and 2021 winners will be held after the AAVS Assembly Meeting. A call for nomination for Ise award 2022 will be announced in early 2022.

Agenda 4: Financial report

Dr. Takiguchi, the Treasurer gave a financial report for 2020 and an interim financial report for 2021. AAVS's funds are in USD and in JPY, but to simplify, financial report was provided in USD.

Summary of financial statement for the Period of 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021:

- The total income was 24,420.01USD and the total expenditure was 239.21USD. The balance carried over to 1 January 2021 was 24,180.80USD.

Summary of interim financial statement for 1 January 2021 to 8 September 2021:

- The total income was 26,882.45USD and the total expenditure was 468.88 USD. The balance carried over to 1 January 2021 was 26,413.57 USD.

Agenda 5: Introduction of new AAVS Members

- College of Veterinary Medicine of Central Bicol State University of Agriculture, Philippines (Live introduction by Dean Ilene Mirabeles)
- Rakuno Gakuen University, Japan (Live introduction by Dr. Kohei Makita)
- University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (Live introduction by Dean Madura Munasinghe)
- Veterinary College, Bangalore, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, India (not available)
- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Applied Zoology, HRH Princess Chulabhorn College of Medical Science, Chulabhorn Royal Academy, Thailand (Live introduction by Dean Parntep Ratanakorn)

- Chattogram Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Bangladesh (Video introduction by Dr. Abdul Ahad)

Agenda 6: Adoption of revised AAVS bylaws

Dr Haga announced that the revised AAVS bylaws was endorsed by EC members and briefly explained the key changes using the extracts from the comparative table circulated among Member Institutions by email (Annex 4). A concern was raised by a Member regarding the ambiguity of the number of Executive Committee members ('approximately 10'). After a discussion, Members agreed to change it to 'between 9 and 11.' The revision was then adopted by consensus (Annex 5).

Agenda 7: Election of Officers and Executive Committee Member

Dr. Haga explained that the terms of President, Past President and Vice President will come to an end this year and proposed the following Members to take those Officer positions, recommended by EC members, considering the subregional balance.

- President – Universiti Putra Malaysia
- Past President - University of Tokyo
- Vice President - National Taiwan University (NTU)

With NTU becoming the Vice President, the position of EC member representing East Asia will become vacant. The EC recommended this position to be filled by Seoul National University (SNU). The recommended candidate institutions were elected by consensus (Annex 6).

Agenda 8: Open discussion on AAVS activities and any proposed issues from Member Institutions

The discussion was moderated by Dr. Omar from Universiti Putra Malaysia, the new AAVS President showing a slide listing planned/proposed activities:

- Enrichment of teaching resource sharing platform
- Virtual meetings
- Biannual eNewsletter
- (NEW) Online lecture series
- (RE-ACTIVATE) Working group on veterinary education
- Collaboration with FAVA Veterinary Education sub-committee

Dr. Hafsa Zaneb from UVAS, Pakistan suggested establishing a working group for veterinary educational research and several Members expressed interests in being involved. Dr. Jezie Acorda from UPLB, Philippines suggested AAVS to establish a platform for research collaboration among AAVS members, including a directory of veterinary experts to reference when looking to collaborate with experts in specific fields. Dr. Urabe from AAVS office confirmed that such a list is yet to be established by AAVS, and Dr. Omar, agreed in moving forward with the idea. In connection, Dr Hori, former AAVS president and other members agreed to this concept.

Agenda 9: The 20th AAVS Meeting

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Universitas Gadjah Mada, agreed to host the AAVS 20th meeting in second half of 2022 if the sanitary condition allows for a face-to-face or hybrid meeting.

Agenda 10: Closing remarks

Dr. Hori and Dr. Omar gave closing addresses to the meeting participants.

Dr. Hori stated that he had learned a lot about collaboration in veterinary education through AAVS. Looking back his presidency, he believes that he was able to gradually activate AAVS activities, and hopes for its continued growth.

Dr. Omar gave a brief introduction of himself and expressed his gratitude for being chosen as the new President. He summarized the current situation of AAVS including revision of the bylaws to be more

robust, growing number of Members and the opportunities as the organization gain more visibility. Both Drs. Hori and Omar expressed their gratitude for the strong support provided by the AAVS Office and the OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific.

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