



**The 20th AAVS Executive Committee Meeting**  
**November 18th, 2022, 16:00-18:00 (Japan time)**

**Zoom**

**The AAVS Executive Committee:**

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| 1. The AAVS President                | Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia   |
| 2. The AAVS Vice President           | Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, National Taiwan University, Taiwan <b>(Represented by Dr Chen-Si/Lin)</b>                |
| 3. The AAVS Past President           | Head, Department of Veterinary Medical Science, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Tokyo, Japan |
| 4. Representative of East Asia       | Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Seoul National University, Korea <b>(Represented by Dr In-Hyung/Lee)</b>                |
| 5. Representative of South Asia      | Representative, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan                 |
| 6. Representative of South-East Asia | Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia  |
| 7. Selected EC Member                | Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Kasetsart University, Thailand  |
| 8. Selected EC Member                | Dean, College of Veterinary Science and Medicine, Central Luzon State University, Philippines                                 |
| 9. Treasurer                         | Dr. Takiguchi, Hokkaido University, Japan <b>(absent, video presentation)</b>   |
| 10. Secretary General                | Dr. Haga, University of Tokyo, Japan  |

**ANNEX 1: Participant list**

**ANNEX 2: Meeting agenda**

### **Agenda 1: Welcome remarks**

On behalf of the AAVS President, who could not attend at the opening due to some urgent issues, the Past President of AAVS, Dr Hori, gave a welcome address to Executive Committee (EC) members and observers (Annex 1).

### **Agenda 2: Agenda**

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

### **Agenda 3: Overview of AAVS activities since the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Secretary General, Dr Haga, briefly described the following activities since the 19<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> AAVS Virtual Meeting on Veterinary Education in the time of COVID-19, on January 21, 2022
- Launch of the AAVS Strategic Plan 2022-2026 in March 2022
- Establishment of 2 working groups: Veterinary Education Enhancement (VEE) chaired by Prof. Omar, AAVS President, and Prof. Chang, AAVS Vice President, and Veterinary Education Research (VER) chaired by Prof. Hafsa.

[VEE activity]

- AAVS sessions during the 2<sup>nd</sup> ICAVESS, held by UGM, Indonesia, on September 17-18, 2022. Day1: AAVS Vet Education Session, and Day2: AAVS-WOAH-UGM Session on AMR and Food Safety: One Health education and the role of VEE in Asia
- AAVS Interschool Lecture Round
- FAVA-AAVS Joint Education Committee; kickoff meeting on July 22, 2022.
- FAVA Congress: Session on Veterinary Education, November 13, 2022.

[VER activity]

- Webinar: Veterinary Educational Research in Asia – potential way forward, on May 31, 2022.

### **Agenda 4: Update on AAVS and AAVS Office operation**

Dr Haga explained that the President of the AAVS Office has been changed from Dr Nakayama to Dr Haga and that Dr Hori of the University of Tokyo has been assigned as a new statutory member of the AAVS Office. Both changes are from April 2022.

The current roles and responsibilities of AAVS Office are the same as those explained at the 19<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting.

The AAVS Office is supported by WOAH Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific staff and the Fellows of the University of Tokyo and Interns. As interns, students from National Taiwan University, Central Bicol State University of Agriculture, the Philippines, and Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia, as well as veterinarians from UK/Hong Kong and Taiwan, have contributed during the past year.

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

AAVS Office has issued newsletters and since the 19<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting, two issues, No.2 and 3, have been published and available through the AAVS website.

Dr Haga, reported that two winners of Kei-ichiro Maeda Memorial Ise Award 2022 were selected and announced.

- Yohei Takeda, Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine
- Fumie Magata, The University of Tokyo

He informed that the award-giving and -presentation ceremony for 2022 winners will be held at the AAVS annual assembly in 2022.

## **Agenda 5: Financial report**

The Treasurer, Dr Takiguchi, gave an interim financial report for 2022. AAVS's fund is in JPY.

Summary of interim financial statement for the Period of 1 January 2022 to 30 October 2022:

- The total income in USD was 33,425.70USD and the total expenditure in USD was 10,380.88 USD. The balance as of 31 October 2022 was 23,044.82USD.
- As expenditures, AAVS Office paid about 250,000JPY (approx..1,685USD) to a judicial scrivener for change of corporate registration due to amendments of articles of bylaw and change of directors, and paid about 110,000JPY (approx..674USD) to an accounting firm for their services for two years. Due to these expenditures, the total number of expenditures has increased from last year.
- Foreign exchange valuation loss of 7,214.99USD was incurred due to the significant depreciation of JPY.

## **Agenda 6: Membership status**

Dr Haga reported the membership status:

- As of November 2022, there are 52 Regular Members and 1 Associate Member.
- The regular members consist of 49 active members who paid membership fee for 2022 and 3 inactive members who have not paid membership fee for 2022.
- No applications have been received since the previous meeting.
- 11 regular members lost membership due to not paying membership fees for more than 3 years.

## **Agenda 7: Discussion**

### **7.A: Nominations of EC Members**

Dr Haga explained that the terms of Representative from South Asia, Representative from Southeast Asia and two EC members will come to an end this year and proposed the following Members to remain at or take those positions, considering the limitation in the activities during the current term due to COVID-19 pandemic, and the interest of each present EC Member.

Representative from South Asia – University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (new)

Representative from Southeast Asia – Universitas Gadjah Mada (remaining)

EC Member 1 – Kasetsart University (remaining)

EC Member 2 – Central Luzon State University (remaining)

These suggestions for new EC Members were endorsed by EC members.

Dr Haga also mentioned that Dr. Hafsa, present Representative from South Asia, would be welcomed to join future EC meeting as the chair of VER working group.

### **7.B: AAVS Activities**

#### **Updates by working groups**

Dr Hafsa reported the progress in the activities of VER working group in 2022. The working group was established in January 2022 and the first core group meeting was held in March 2022. The working group consists of 31 members and the core group consists of one or two representative(s) from each country. The core group decided the activities in 2022 and the first webinar on VER was held in May 2022, inviting experts in VER from RVC, UK. After the webinar, a quarterly meeting was held in October attended by the Core Group members and other general members, and discussed the plan of activities for 2023.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of February, May, August and November, with the contents of a faculty CPC (continuous professional development) session inviting general members and a quarterly review meeting attended by Core Group members. A Google Space for Journal Club activities has also been established.

Dr Hafsa explained that they are considering to hold a next call for general membership of VER, and also to revise VER-WG concept note to further define the difference between Core Group members and general members, the tenure duration of VER-WG Chair and Core Group members, and to clarify the way to appoint Chair/Core Group members.

Regarding the updates from VEE working group, since either Dr Omar, chair of the WG, or Dr Chang, co-chair of the WG, were not available at the time of reporting, Dr Haga suggested to move on to the next discussion point, which is the collaboration with FAVA, as a part of VEE activities.

### **Updates on collaboration with FAVA**

First, Dr Sato, a member of the VEE WG and the chair of FAVA standing committee on Veterinary Education, explained the FAVA Strategic Plan 2021-2025, which includes activities related to veterinary education, in collaboration with AAVS. He presented a scheme and plan of FAVA-AAVS joint activities on veterinary education and explained the establishment of Joint Education Committee between FAVA and AAVS (JEC). The final goal of the joint activity is to establish an Asia Accreditation Body for Veterinary Education, and as the first step, the document on “Qualities and competencies to be developed through undergraduate veterinary education” has been prepared by the JEC. The second step will be development of Day-one competencies and Core Curriculum.

Dr Virginia Venturina commented that we need our baseline or criteria in the assessment of the improvement of quality of education as first objective. Dr Sato agreed to the comment and noted that there is diversity in veterinary education in each Asian country. He also stressed that even in this difficult situation with diversity, we need to have some standard, step-by-step, to improve veterinary education in Asia. Dr Haga followed Dr Sato’s comment that AAVS, association of veterinary schools, and FAVA, association of veterinary professionals, could work together to achieve better veterinary education responding to social needs. Dr Horii supported Dr Haga’s comment and added that we could think about and focus on common educational contents for each country in the field of high importance, such as infectious diseases. Drs Khongsak and Teguh introduced that SEAVSA already has ASEAN Veterinary Statutory Body and that they are developing accreditation standard for veterinary education in Southeast Asia. Dr Teguh pointed out that we could collaborate with SEAVSA for the establishment of Asian standard on veterinary education.

### **MOU between FAVA and AAVS**

Dr Haga explained the draft MOU proposed by FAVA. The discussion point was on the point 3.2, stipulating that the status of each association is AAVS become the Associate member of FAVA and vice versa FAVA become the Associate member of AAVS. The EC members considered the concept of mutual collaboration including Joint Education Committee is agreeable but since the definition and requirements of “Associate member of FAVA” was not clearly indicated, it was agreed to further confirm with the FAVA management what kinds of collaboration is expected in the point 3.2.

The EC members also agreed to present the draft MOU at the annual assembly meeting as a proposal from FAVA and that the further confirmation and discussion will be made via online meeting with FAVA and e-mail communications among AAVS members.

### **Teaching Resource Sharing Platform**

Dr Haga introduced the resource sharing platform established in June 2021 on the password protected site for AAVS members. He commented that this platform is not fully utilized yet and Dr Omar commented that this would also be a discussion point between FAVA on how to promote resource

sharing. Dr Sato commented that the Platform on AAVS website is also useful for FAVA veterinary education committee and that further collaboration between FAVA and AAVS on teaching resource sharing could be explored.

### **Collaboration with other organizations (e.g., SEAVSA, FAVA))**

Dr Khongsak explained the recent activity of SEAVSA on developing an ASEAN accreditation standard for veterinary education. The ASEAN standard itself is not yet open to public but it was confirmed that further collaboration with SEAVSA and FAVA will be explored in achieving the final goal to establish an Asian accreditation body on veterinary education.

### **Upcoming activities**

AAVS Office will send the annual letter to all Members in November, after annual assembly meeting, requesting updates of contact info with the invoice for 2023 membership fee.

Next issue of eNewsletter is planned to be issued around February 2023.

### **7.C: The 21st AAVS Meeting**

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Hokkaido University, Japan, agreed to host the AAVS 21<sup>st</sup> meeting in September 2023 either physically, virtually or hybrid.

Drs Omar and Khongsak suggested to hold the meeting back-to-back with other conference so that Dean of each school could be permitted to travel for those back-to-back conference and attend the AAVS meeting on-site. Dr Hafsa commented that there is a plan to hold the first conference on VER in 2023 and it might be an option to hold such a VER conference back-to-back with the AAVS meeting. Dr Omar commented if those kinds of plan on conference or symposium could be further explored with Hokkaido University.

Dr Omar also indicated that FAVA 2023 will be held on 3-5 November in Malaysia. Dr Haga commented that there is also a possibility to have a joint session during the FAVA Conference.

### **Agenda 8: AOB**

Dr Haga introduced Dr Noraine Medina, new Dean of the Central Luzon State University, replacing Dr Virginia Venturina, and will be a new member of EC.

### **Agenda 9: Closing remarks**

Dr Omar gave closing addresses to the meeting participants.

*Takeshi Haga / Abdul Rahman Omar / AAVS Office*

*November 18, 2022*