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**Minutes of the Executive Council meeting
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Minutes of the informal Executive Council meeting
Wednesday 21st September 2011 - 11:00 hrs
La Rural Convention Centre - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Present:

Mr. Gilles Ratia, President
Mr. Lucas Daniel Martínez, Vice-President
Mr. Riccardo Jannoni-Sebastianini, Secretary-General
Dr. Théodore Cherbuliez, President of Standing Commission
Prof. Karl Crailsheim, President of Standing Commission
Dr. Nicola Joan Bradbear, President of Standing Commission
Dr. Dinh Quyet Tam, President of Standing Commission
Dr. Jacobus C. Biesmeijer, President of Standing Commission
Dr. Wolfgang Ritter, President of Standing Commission
Mr. Etienne Bruneau, President of Standing Commission

Invited:

Mr. Cristian Constantinescu, Director of FIITEA

Agenda of the meeting

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Final up-date on the organisation of the 42nd Apimondia Congress
3. Apimondia workplan for the 2012-2013 biennium
4. Apimondia budget for the 2012-2013 biennium
5. Review of amendments to Apimondia Statutes
6. Review of arrangements for set-up and management of Apimondia working groups
7. Renewal of Apimondia Executive Council positions
8. Proposal of new Honorary Members
9. Final verifications on other items of the General Assembly agenda

- Adoption of the agenda (point 1)

The agenda is adopted unanimously.

- Final up-date on the organisation of the 42nd Apimondia Congress (point 2)

The members praise the excellent organisation of the event with a particular mention to the large number of abstracts submitted as well as the large number of participants, the setting up of the scientific programme and the communication system with the Local Scientific Committee.

- Apimondia workplan for the 2012-2013 biennium (point 3)

The Secretary-General illustrates the symposia that will be held in the biennium 2012-2013. Dr. Ritter proposes to hold events, in the form of workshops, also in the year in which the Apimondia congress is being organised, provided that they are not held in the same continent in which the congress is hosted. The Secretary-General also reports on the intense contacts carried out between Apimondia and FAO as well as on the identification of a corporate professional congress organiser.

Mr. Bruneau addresses the delicate issue of alkaloids in honey whereas the President and Secretary-General point out that Apimondia should address two priorities: fund raising and finding sponsors.

- Apimondia budget for the 2012-2013 biennium (point 4)

The members review and approve the budget for 2012-2013 that will be submitted to the General Assembly the following day.

- Review of amendments to Apimondia Statutes (point 5)

The draft of the amendments to the Statutes, prepared by the Management Board, is approved by the Executive Council members.

- Review of arrangements for set-up and management of Apimondia working groups (point 6)

The members and in particular the Presidents of the Standing Commissions emphasise the importance of their direct involvement since the onset of any Working Group so to ensure that there is consistent coordination and alignment in the objectives and work undertaken as well as in the disclosure of the results of the activities carried out and findings delivered by each Working Group.

- Renewal of Apimondia Executive Council positions (point 7)

The President addresses the issue on the candidatures for the various Executive Council positions, underlining that for the position of President of the Standing Commission for Apitherapy there are two candidatures: Dr. T. Cherbuliez and Dr. W. Fierro, whereas for the other positions there are only the candidatures of the incumbent members. As for the new positions for Presidents of the Regional Commissions, the Executive Council members approve the proposal of Dr. Biesmeijer to recommend the members of Apimondia to vote for a two years mandate only for this first introductory period.

- Proposal of new Honorary Members (point 8)

The members approve the proposal to nominate Messrs. Asger Søgaard Jørgensen and Lucas Daniel Martínez Honorary Members of Apimondia for the continued and effective support given to the Federation.

- Final verifications on other items of the General Assembly agenda (point 9)

The members review and finalise the agenda of the Apimondia General Assembly.

Having covered all the agenda, the President calls the meeting to a close.