



## ICA General Assembly 2018

Approved Minutes of the **ICA General Assembly** held on Wednesday 24 October 2018 at 17.00 at the Hotel-De Wageningsche Berg, Generaal Foulkesweg 96, 6703 DS Wageningen, The Netherlands on the occasion of the **30th Anniversary of ICA** and 8th ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2018 - **High Tech to Feed the World Sustainably: Innovation from Spade to Fork**.

### Present representing the ICA members institution

BE	Université catholique de Louvain	Philippe Baret
CH	Bern University of Applied Sciences	Magdalena Schindler
DK	Aarhus University	Kurt Nielsen
FI	University of Helsinki	Ritva Toivonen
FR	Institute Polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais	Philippe Choquet
HR	University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agriculture	Zoran Grgic
IE	University College Dublin	Alex Evans
LT	Aleksandras Stulginskis University	Antanas Maziliauskas
LV	Latvia University of Agriculture	Irina Pilvere
NL	Wageningen University and Research Centre	Arthur Mol
RO	Banat's University of Agriculture Sciences and Veterinary Medicine	Cosmin Alin Popescu
SI	University of Ljubljana	Emil Erjavec
SK	Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra	Peter Bielik
UK	University of Reading	Julian Park

Number of Proxy votes given the Chair Marek S Szyndel – (Daniela Quaglino)	1	
Number of Proxy votes given the delegate of the institution	10	
AT	University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences	Sabine Baumgartner
BE	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	Matt Tips
CZ	Czech University of Life Sciences Prague	Michal Lošťák
ES	University of Lleida	Astrid Ballesta
FI	University of Eastern Finland	Jyrki Kangas
HU	Szent Istvan Egyetem	Matt Tips
IT	Free University of Bozen – Bolzano	Stefano Cesco
PL	Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences	Anezka Kita
RO	University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Cluj-Napoca	Leon Muntean
SE	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	Carolyn Glynn
Total numbers of ICA members institution (full members)	55	
Members not eligible to vote due to non payment of membership fees for 2017	6	
Associate member not eligible to vote	2	
<b>Total number of members eligible to vote</b>	<b>47</b>	

Total number full members represented at the ICA GA 2018	14
Number of Proxy votes given the Chair Marek S Szyndel – (Daniela Quaglino)	1
Number of Proxy votes given the delegate of the institution	10
<b>Total number of votes</b>	<b>25</b>

**Quorum is reached when 1/3 of the 47 members eligible to vote are represented at the GA 16**  
**The General Assembly meeting was quorate.**

The following also attended the General Assembly:

Norbert Weber	Technische Universität Dresden
Vadym Tkachuk	National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine
Martina Lichovníková	Mendel University in Brno
António Nazaré Pereira	Universidade Trás-os Montes Alto Douro
Ana Maria Pereira	Universidade de Trás-os-Montes Alto Douro
Sadat Amankona	IAAS
Birger Kruse	Norwegian University of Life Sciences
Florin Stănică	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Bucharest
Teodor Ioan Trasca	Banat's University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine
Yvan Larondelle	UC Louvain
Barbara Hinterstoisser	University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
Davorin Gazvoda	University of Ljubljana
Wim Heijman	Wageningen University & Research
Aurore Degré	Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech (Université de Liège)
Josef Glössl	University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
Tlektés Yespolov	Kazakh National Agrarian University
Marina Alexeyeva	Kazakh National Agrarian University
Zhanar Zhyltyrova	Kazakh National Agrarian University
Ewa Wietsma-Lacka	Kazakh National Agrarian University
Karen van de Heude	Wageningen University & Research
Pieter Windmeyer	Wageningen University & Research
Claude Bernhard	AGREENIUM

## Agenda

1	<b>Welcome</b>
2	<b>Presentation</b> of Wageningen University and Research by Rector Magnificus Arthur Mol
3	<b>Minutes of the General Assembly held on Wednesday 18 October 2017-</b> to be approved and signed
4	<b>Report of the President on behalf of the ICA Board</b>
5	<b>Report of ICA-Bioeconomy Committee of the ICA Board</b>
6	<b>Report from ICA-Edu Committee of the ICA Board: Network for Innovation in Life Sciences Higher Education</b>  Paper 4 EU Erasmus + “Strategic Partnership Project” - Innovative Education for Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Life Sciences

7	<p><b>Report of the ICA Treasurer</b> – to be approved</p> <p>Paper 1 Treasurer's report for 2017  Paper 2 ICA Budget 2019  Paper 3 Extract of the Auditors' Report 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal to allocate up to 15.000 € from reserves for the Action Plan 2018 – 21</li> </ul>
8	<b>Membership subscription rates 2019</b> – to be approved
9	<p><b>Reports from the ICA Standing Committees</b></p> <p>AGRIMBA – Peter Bielik &amp; Wim Heijman  AGRINATURA – Carolyn Glynn  CASEE – Michal Lostak  IROICA – Matt Tips  SILVA – Norbert Weber</p>
10	<b>Report of GCHERA</b>
11	<b>Report from IAAS - Sadat Saavy, IAAS Vice President Partnerships</b>
12	<p><b>ICA Board Elections - Representative from the Southern European Constituency</b></p> <p>Nomination of <b>Prof. Dr Ana Maria Nazaré Pereira</b>, President of Agrarian and Veterinary School at University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro (UTAD) in Vila Real, Portugal  Paper 5 Personal Statement Prof. Dr Ana Maria Nazaré Pereira,</p>
13	<p><b>Proposal of new Full members of ICA</b></p> <p>Kazakh National Agrarian University - KazNAU</p>
14	<b>Proposal to suspend members for non payment of the membership subscription</b>
15	<b>Appointment of Auditors for the 2018 accounts</b> – to be approved
16	<b>Any other business</b>
17	<b>Closure</b>

## Minutes

1	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Marek Szyndel, President of ICA, welcomed everyone to the ICA General Assembly. He highlighted that at this General Assembly we were celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ICA.</p>
2	<b>Presentation</b> of Wageningen University and Research by Rector Magnificus Arthur Mol
3	<p><b>Minutes of the General Assembly held on Wednesday 18 October 2017-</b> to be approved and signed</p> <p>The minutes were approved and signed by the President and Secretary General</p>
4	<p><b>Report of the President on behalf of the ICA Board</b></p> <p>Marek Szyndel presented his report on behalf of the ICA Board, the report is online at:  <a href="http://www.ica-ls.com/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=232&amp;Itemid=246">http://www.ica-ls.com/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=232&amp;Itemid=246</a></p>

	<p>He reminded the ICA members of the structure of ICA and its various associated Committees and the ICA Standing Committees. He highlighted the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ICA was being celebrated at this General Assembly and during the following 8<sup>th</sup> Rectors and Deans Forum <b>High Tech to Feed the World Sustainably: innovation from Spade to Fork</b>. He thanked Rector Arthur Mol for hosting the Forum at Wageningen University and Research. He highlighted that Dr Christian Patermann would address the delegates at the Forum dinner on the future role of life science universities. We had also asked past Presidents to give their challenges for the future of ICA in meeting the expectations of our members, and Marek Szyndel reported on their challenges. Marek Szyndel also highlighted the activities of the Board's sub-committees, ICA-Bio and ICA-Edu.</p>
5	<p><b>Report of ICA-Bioeconomy Committee of the ICA Board</b></p> <p>Josef Gloessl, as Chair of the Board Committee, presented his report which is online at <a href="http://www.ica-ls.com/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=232&amp;Itemid=246">http://www.ica-ls.com/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=232&amp;Itemid=246</a></p> <p>The main activity in 2018 had been to organise with UNESCO a workshop <b>International Cooperation in Education and Training for the Bioeconomy</b> at the Global Bioeconomy Summit in April in Berlin. A report of that Workshop was distributed at the General Assembly and is available from the ICA Secretariat. There is ongoing discussion to develop a <b>European/International Bioeconomy Education Platform</b>. ICA is a partner in a Cost application <b>Education for the Bioeconomy</b>, we participated in European Congress Lodz where we co-organised a workshop <b>Bioeconomy Education for the future</b>, and we were a partner in a BBI Horizon 2020 call <b>Skills4Bio Current and future Skills development for a sustainable European Bioeconomy</b>. Josef Gloessl reported he had also engaged in an ongoing discussion with John Bell and Waldemar Kutt from DG Research and Innovation.</p>
6	<p><b>Report from ICA-Edu Committee of the ICA Board: Network for Innovation in Life Sciences Higher Education</b></p> <p>Paper 4 EU Erasmus + "Strategic Partnership Project" - Innovative Education for Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Life Sciences</p> <p>Barbara Hinterstoisser, as Chair of the Committee, reported on the successful application to ERASMUS + for a strategic partnership project <b>Innovative Education for Sustainable Entrepreneurship in the Life Sciences</b> which is led by BOKU. The proposed ICA-Edu Colloquium for 2018 had been postponed until 2019. The title of the ICA-Edu Colloquium in 2019 will be <b>Let the entrepreneurial genie out of the bottle! How will we stimulate the nascent entrepreneurial skills of our students?</b> Her report is online at: <a href="http://www.ica-ls.com/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=232&amp;Itemid=246">http://www.ica-ls.com/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=232&amp;Itemid=246</a></p> <p>Barbara Hinterstoisser encouraged ICA Members to identify staff who might wish to join the activities of ICA-Edu and to contact the ICA Secretariat.</p>
7	<p><b>Report of the ICA Treasurer – to be approved</b></p> <p>Paper 1 Treasurer's report for 2017  Paper 2 ICA Budget 2019  Paper 3 Extract of the Auditors' Report 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to allocate up to 15.000 € from reserves for the Action Plan 2018 – 21</li> </ul> <p>Yvan Larondelle presented his report of the Accounts and Treasurer's Report of the accounts for 2017, the budget for 2019 and an overview of the expenses to date.</p> <p>There was a surplus on the I&amp;E account at the 31 December 2017 of 3892€. The Total secure assets at 31 December stood at 101.388€ after allowing for insecure assets of</p>

	<p>26.912€. The total secure assets was similar to that at the end of 2016, 101.107€. Although the GA in 2016 had agreed the withdrawal of 15.000€ for special projects 2017 there had been no need to withdraw such funds – ICA-Edu had been funded out of current income.</p> <p>The proposed Budget for 2019 was similar to the Budget for 2018 with the proposal to withdraw funds from the reserves of 15.000€ to support the work of the two Board Committees, ICA-Edu and ICA-Bio, with 4500€ each, and to allocate 6000€ to the development of the secretariat during the change-over of the Secretary General. On being questioned Yvan Larondelle confirmed that this allocation for the Secretariat was only envisage for a period of two years and not an ongoing charge.</p> <p>Yvan Larondelle reported on the financial status at 5 October. Unfortunately, ICA had had to return 15.000€ to the coordinator of the ELFRUS project in which ICA had been a partner. The Coordinator had misread the rules for the involvement of ICA and the payment to ICA had been rejected by the EU.</p> <p><b>The General Assembly approved</b> the Accounts and Treasurer’s Report for 2017, the Budget for 2019 and for the possibility to withdraw 15.000€ from reserves during the year 2019 for the projects as indicated above.</p>
8	<p><b>Membership subscription rates 2019</b> for approval</p> <p>Yvan Larondelle proposed that there would be no increase in the membership subscriptions rates for 2019. The full membership subscription is unchanged at 1250 €</p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p>
9	<p><b>Reports from the ICA Standing Committees</b></p> <p>The following reports were presented</p> <p>AGRIMBA – Peter Bielik &amp; Wim Heijman</p> <p>AGRINATURA – Carolyn Glynn</p> <p>CASEE – Michal Lostak</p> <p>IROICA – Matt Tips</p> <p>SILVA – Norbert Weber</p>
10	<p><b>Report of GCHERA</b></p> <p>Philippe Choquet reported that the GCHERA Conference 2019 was proposed to be held at University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine – Bucharest in the Spring.</p>
11	<p><b>Report from IAAS</b></p> <p>Sadat Saavy, IAAS Vice President Partnerships, presented the report of IAAS</p>
12	<p><b>ICA Board Elections - Representative from the Southern European Constituency</b></p> <p>Nomination of <b>Prof. Dr Ana Maria Nazaré Pereira</b>, President of Agrarian and Veterinary School at University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro (UTAD) in Vila Real, Portugal</p> <p>Paper 5 Personal Statement Prof. Dr Ana Maria Nazaré Pereira,</p> <p>Prof. Dr Ana Maria Nazaré Pereira was proposed by Rector Antonio Fontainhas Fernandes of University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD) and seconded by Vice Rector Astrid Ballesta of the University of Lleida.</p> <p>There were no other nominations for the Southern European Constituency</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Prof. Dr Ana Maria Nazaré Pereira was elected to the Board</p>
13	<p><b>Proposal of new Full members of ICA</b></p> <p>Kazakh National Agrarian University – KazNAU</p> <p>A presentation of the University was made.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> KazNAU was elected to ICA</p>

14	<p><b>Proposal to suspend members for non payment of the membership subscription</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the following universities would be suspended at 31 December 2018 if their outstanding membership subscription had not been made – each had not paid their membership subscriptions for three years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural University of Athens</li> <li>• Ankara University, Turkey</li> <li>• Lviv National Agrarian University, Ukraine</li> </ul> <p><b>Agreed</b></p>
15	<p><b>Appointment of Auditors for the 2018 accounts</b></p> <p>Simon Heath proposed that the current auditors audit the accounts for 2018</p> <p><b>Agreed</b></p>
16	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>There was no other business raised.</p>
17	<p><b>Closure</b></p>

### Representation at the General Assembly

The General Assembly is open to all staff and students from ICA Member Institutions, **all** are most welcome to participate in the meeting. The General Assembly is validly constituted when one third of the Member Institutions are represented. Decisions are reached by a simple majority of the votes cast. Each ICA Member Institution [who has paid the ICA membership subscription for 2016] has a right to cast one vote in the meeting. This vote will normally be cast by the ICA Representative (rector, head of college/school, or dean) of the Member Institution. A **Proxy form** was enclosed with the full papers for the General Assembly

Dr Simon B Heath,  
Secretary General

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Minutes approved at the ICA General Assembly held on 23 October 2019 at UniLaSalle – Campus de Beauvais, 16 rue Pierre Waguette, Beauvais, France



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