



Minute of the AB-WRSA annual meeting - 2018

The annual meeting of the AB WRSA took place on August 28th, 2018, in Goiania Brasil, at the Universidad Pontificia Catolica, after the closing of the VI ARC, with the presence of the following members:

- Gaby Quagliariello from Argentina
- Ana Moura from Brasil
- Florencia Garcia Segura from Mexico
- Kasy Gomez from Brasil
- Luiz Machado from Brasil
- Yazmin Felipe from Mexico

The proposed topics were addressed, with the next conclusions

1) Financial situation of AB-WRSA

- Secretary treasurer has R\$ 2,427.19, and 635.39 USD from the AB WRSA
- This amount was the remaining after paying R\$2,000.00 to the organization committee of Zootecnia Brasil, in order to have the VI ARC to be held in Goiania, Brasil.
- The money receipt was shared and shown to the board.
- Additionally, at the time of the meeting Florencia Garcia and Gaby Quagliariello made their annual payment, also, payments from Benjamin Valladares Carranza and Rafael Cano Torres were sent from Mexico.

2) Election of the new board of directors

- Suggestions to appoint Luiz Machado as the president of the AB WRSA were made, however, Luiz declined, due to excess of job and other assignments.
- Gaby Quagliariello proposed to occupy the Vice presidency, as well as Kasy Gomez, who was included to be appointed as part of the board, to help in contacting more people interested in cuniculture.
- No other proposal were received to form the new board, therefore it was advised to maintain the board with the same President and Secretary Treasurer until December 2018.
- Meanwhile, it will be proposed to all the members to vote for the new board.

3) Information about the next American Rabbit Congress

- At the moment, no other country has been proposed to organize the next ARC.



4) Analysis about rabbit research in the Americas

- ⊕ Since the organizing committee was in hands of Zootecnia Brasil, some works could not be charged at the platform outside Brasil, therefore, a few writers were disappointed due to this fact. Therefore, we don't have enough data referred to total areas of research done by the researchers in the Americas.
- ⊕ From the program, 7 lectures were presented, 18 oral presentations and about 6 posters.
- ⊕ The oral presentations had a greater tendency towards research in the area of Nutrition with 33% of the works, 23% were concerned about animal welfare, 20% on reproduction, 10% dealt with genetics, 10% dealt with pathology and 4% was about social development.

5) Designing strategies to increase rabbit-scientific activity in the Americas

After the assembly participation, the following suggestions were made:

- ⊕ Look at the rabbit farmers needs, and then make research to be applied directly by them.
- ⊕ Try to find ways to generate information about the rabbit breeding activity to ask for government funds to increase rabbitry development.
- ⊕ Organize congresses for producers.
- ⊕ Organize courses on line for producers.
- ⊕ Look for financial aid in international institutions to improve rabbit research.
- ⊕ Make a campaign to increase the number of members, in order to strengthen the AB-WRSA.
- ⊕ Additionally, to create a social group in what's up was proposed and was immediately done by the Vice President, Gaby, in order to improve communication of the board.
- ⊕ The next task was to look for researchers working with rabbits all over the Americas, in order to maintain and strengthen the AB WRSA. And also, promote interest to hold the next ARC.

Best regards,

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President of AB-WRSA

Luiz Carlos Machado
Secretary/ treasurer