

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting ArExec/09/2023

Record of Discussions and Decisions

Thursday, September 14, 2023 10 AM (gmt+1)

PARTICIPANTS				
Name	Country	Function	Present	Regrets
Dr. Amine Kassouf	Lebanon	President	\boxtimes	
Eng. Ahmed A. Al-Bashah	Yemen	President-elect	\boxtimes	
Prof. Samuel Godefroy	GFoRSS	Vice-president	\boxtimes	
Eng. Narjes Maslah El Hammar	Tunisia	Secretary		\boxtimes
Dr. Amal Al-Rashdan	Kuwait	Treasurer		\boxtimes
Dr. Abubakr Salama	Morocco	Member-at-large		\boxtimes
Dr. Elie Bou Yazbeck	Lebanon	Member-at-large	\boxtimes	
Dr. Gouda Abdalla Ramadan Gouda	Qatar	Member-at-large	\boxtimes	
Mr. Khalid Ghaffar	Waters Corporation - UAE	Member-at-large		
Dr. Moustapha Nabeel Mohamed Ahmed	Egypt	Member-at-large		\boxtimes
Eng. Reem Mahmoud Alqaisi	Jordan	Member-at-large	\boxtimes	
Eng. Sakina El Khabuli	Libya	Member-at-large	\boxtimes	

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS – HIGHLIGHTS

The 6th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL was held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, in a virtual format via Zoom.

Review and adoption of the proposed agenda

Quorum of attendance was achieved with the participation of 7 members out of 12.

The proposed agenda was reviewed and adopted by the executive committee members attending the meeting.

Review and approval of 22 May 2023 Record of Decisions (ROD)

Executive committee members approved unanimously the ROD of the previous meeting.

Update about the section

Professor Samuel Godefroy introduced the item, explaining the stages reached so far in relation to the organizational structure and reminding the attendance about the ongoing vote on the proposed amendments to the bylaws. He also explained the next stage after the voting is over and the results are achieved, where a recommendation will be formulated and submitted to AOAC INTERNATIONAL. He also referred to his participation that took place during the annual meeting of AOAC INTERNATIONAL, which was held in person in New Orleans, Los Angeles, in the United States, from August 25 to 30, 2023, where an introductory presentation was made regarding the activities and updates of the Arab section.

Approval of new members

Dr. Amine Kassouf presented this agenda item, prompting the Executive Committee members about the communication sent regarding new members. He highlighted the solicitation of their approval and feedback on the matter, emphasizing the aim for unanimous approval. The list of new members in the section was indeed unanimously approved, and a request was issued to include their names on the section's website. Additionally, an email welcoming the new members to the section was recommended.

The second annual meeting of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL

Professor Samuel Godefroy noted the expressed interest of a group of sponsors in connection with the event. He announced a series of meetings to prepare for the meeting, with organizational committees. He provided an overview of the possible agenda, suggesting that the first day should be devoted to a training course, while the following two days dealt with various topics such as analytical methods for pesticide residues, aflatoxins, allergens and food fraud.

Settlement of date for the upcoming meeting

All members renewed their agreement to organize frequent meetings in the purpose of maintaining the momentum initiated since the creation of the section.

Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting was concluded at 11:30 AM Rabat time.