

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting ArExec/12/2023

Record of Discussions and Decisions

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

1 PM (GMT+1)

PARTICIPANTS

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

The 7th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, in a virtual format via Zoom.

Review and adoption of the proposed agenda

Quorum of attendance was achieved with the participation of 8 members out of 12.

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

Review and approval of 14 September 2023 Record of Decisions (ROD)

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

Updates about the section

Dr. Amine Kassouf discussed this agenda item and briefed the meeting attendees on a set of organizational updates of the Arab section of AOAC INT. These updates included the revised By-Laws, especially the voting results related to their adoption by the section's members. He also informed the committee that AOAC INTERNATIONAL had been contacted in this regard for final endorsement.

He also pointed out that the Arab Section of AOAC INT will be hosted officially by the Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO), following the official endorsement by the organization's council, and an official representative of AIDSMO will be appointed to the Executive Committee of the section.

He also explained that within the framework of cooperation between the Global Food Regulatory Science Society (GForSS) and the Jordanian military laboratories, an LC/MS/MS instrument was transferred to these laboratories and will be used to organize training courses and support future projects of great interest for the Arab region.

Executive committee members welcomed all these updates and shared ideas, particularly pertaining to the LC/MS/MS instrument and its great potential for the section's future projects.

At the end of this item, Dr. Kassouf briefed the committee about his participation to the Dubai International Food Safety Conference, which was held in Dubai between December 11 and 13, 2023 and the side meetings he had that aimed to advertise more the section and its activities.

Updates about the second annual meeting of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL

Dr. Amine Kassouf introduced this item, sharing updates on the second annual meeting of the Arab Section. He explained that it was proposed to postpone the date of this meeting given the current critical circumstances faced by the Arab region, and to facilitate a broader international participation. A new tentative date has been proposed for the meeting, which is towards the end of February 2024. Executive committee members elaborated on this item and ideas were discussed related to the scientific program of the meeting and the

importance of sharing a draft program as soon as possible so members can include their comments and suggestions.

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 2:10 PM Rabat time.
