

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting ArExec/01/2024

Record of Discussions and Decisions

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

12:30 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Khalid Ghaffar	Waters Corporation - UAE	Member-at-large	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Moustapha Nabeel Mohamed Ahmed	Egypt	Member-at-large	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 8th meeting of the Executive Committee of the Arab Section of AOAC INTERNATIONAL was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, in a virtual format via Zoom.

Review and adoption of the proposed agenda

The 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 20 December 2023 Record of Decisions (ROD)

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

Updates about the section

This item was introduced by Dr. Amine Kassouf, who briefed the participants on a range of organizational updates, including the opportunity to organize a series of scientific workshops and trainings in cooperation with military laboratories in Jordan. These training courses will target technical laboratories, official and private, military laboratories, and those affiliated with the Jordan Food and Drugs Administration (JFDA) and the Jordan Standards and Metrology Organization (JSMO).

Discussing calls to support the standardization of analytical methods in the Arab region.

This item was introduced by Dr. Amine Kassouf, who briefed the participants on the context of the discussions that have taken place in the Arab Section since its establishment, related to the possibility of establishing joint programs between AOAC International and the Arab Section to provide proficiency testing for the Arab region. He explained that identifying key needs and challenges and proficiency testing were among the main points of focus in each session, but proficiency testing was one of the most prominent ones. Dr. Kassouf briefed the participants on the meeting with AOAC International regarding proficiency testing, and one of the outcomes of this meeting was the development and sharing of a survey with stakeholders in the Arab region.

Update on the second annual meeting of the Arab Section of AOAC International

This item was introduced by Dr. Amine Kassouf, who shared an update on the second annual meeting of the Arab Section with the meeting participants. He explained that it was proposed to postpone the date of this meeting. The Executive Committee members discussed this item and ideas related to the scientific program of the meeting and the importance of sharing the draft program as soon as possible so that members can include their comments and suggestions.

Settlement of the date for the upcoming meeting

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

Adjournment

The Executive Committee meeting was concluded at 1:30 PM Rabat time.