

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – RECORD OF DECISIONS

26 July 2024

08:00 – 9:40 AM Quebec City Time

Zoom Call Details

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PARTICIPANTS

Name	Officer / Function	Present	Regrets
Dr. Pamela Byrne	Vice President – Ireland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Kaushik Banerjee	Member - India	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent without notice
Mrs. Zeinab Bouchiki	Member - Morocco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Junshi Chen	Honorary President – China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Samuel Godefroy	President – Canada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Nuri Gras	Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Wiem Guissouma	Executive Secretary - Tunisia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ms. Joyce Haddad	Executive Secretary – Lebanon	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent without notice
Mr. Greg Paoli	Treasurer - Canada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROPOSED AGENDA

Item	Participants
A. Review of the Agenda	All
B. Review and Approval of 19 July 2024 Record of Decisions	All
C. Financial statements review with accountant	All
D. Discussion of New Initiative in Collaboration with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Standardization Organization (GSO) and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)	All
E. Operational management with Foodregsci and resource sharing with IUFoST	Prof. Samuel Godefroy and all
F. Adjournment	

MEETING DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

A. Review of the Agenda

The meeting started at 8:00 AM Quebec time.

The quorum was confirmed.

Dr. Pamela Byrne made the resolution for approval, seconded by Dr. Wiem Guissouma.

The agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved.

B. Review and Approval of 19 July 2024 Record of Decisions

The RoD was reviewed. Mrs Nuri Gras Rebolledo made the resolution for approval of the records of the decision, seconded by Dr. Wiem Guissouma.

The records of decisions of the meeting of 19 July 2024 were unanimously approved.

C. Financial statements review with accountant

During the meeting, the accountant Mr. Yann Brisebois reviewed the financial statements for 2022 and 2023, focusing on the financial position, statement of operations, statement of net assets, and statement of cash flows.

Professor. Samuel Godefroy highlighted the revenue differences between 2021 and 2022, attributing the changes to modifications in the management of the funding related to the Codex Outreach initiative. Initially, GForSS was to act as a partner to Laval University, where the funds were initially directed. In view of the procurement restrictions as well as some limitations to execute several projects related to meeting organization, a different approach was adopted for the implementation of this project, seeking the partnership of another non-for-profit organization in the United States, with a robust track record of collaboration and engagement with the US Department of Agriculture (source of funding) : Venture37. GForSS would now act directly as an implementation partner and would solicit the support of the Platform of Food Risk Analysis of Laval University accordingly.

Following the discussions with the board, It was recommended that an explanatory note be included in the financial statements to clarify this change in the stream of revenue.

D. Discussion of a New Initiative in Collaboration with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Standardization Organization (GSO) and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)

As a follow-up to the Board request, to develop a matrix for the assessment of new initiatives and their alignment with the mandate of GForSS, Prof. Samuel Godefroy introduced the proposed matrix (appended to these records). He, then reviewed the way the proposed new initiative would be scored against the various criteria considered.

The board thanked Prof. Godefroy for the effort made to develop this matrix of assessment. The board concurred that this approach offers a more objective assessment of new proposed activities to ensure that GForSS remains focussed on its mandate and to guide the decision-making of GForSS.

Following this discussion, Professor Godefroy summarized the expected outputs of new project planned in collaboration with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Standardization Organization (GSO) and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC).

A motion to approve moving forward with the initiative was approved unanimously.

Dr. Wiem Guissouma offered to refine the proposed matrix developed by Prof. Godefroy, which would then be brought back for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

E. Operational management with Foodregsci and resource sharing with IUFoST

The item has been postponed to the next board meeting for further discussion.

F. Adjournment

The Board meeting was concluded at 9:40 AM Quebec local time.