

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – RECORD OF DECISIONS

20 December 2024

07:00 – 08:00 AM Quebec City Time

Zoom Meeting Details:

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PARTICIPANTS

Name	Officer / Function	Present	Regrets
Dr. Pamela Byrne	Vice President – Ireland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Kaushik Banerjee	Member - India	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Zeinab Bouchiki	Member - Morocco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Junshi Chen	Honorary President – China	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 with no advice
Mr. Greg Paoli	Treasurer - Canada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PROPOSED AGENDA

- Review of the Agenda *All*
- Review and Approval of 31 October 2024 Record of Decisions *All*
- Updates on recent Activities: *Prof. Godefroy, All*
 - Codex Initiative
 - AFTIAS – GCC Program
 - Camel Milk
 - Food Regulatory Science Dissemination Activities
 - UNIDO - Albania Project
- Perspectives for 2025
- Adjournment

MEETING DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Review of the Agenda

The meeting began at 8:00 AM (Quebec time), chaired by Prof. Samuel Godefroy.

A quorum was confirmed. The agenda was presented and unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Greg Paoli, seconded by Dr. Wiem Guissouma.

2. Review and Approval of 31 October 2024 Record of Decisions

The Records of Decisions from 31 October 2024 were reviewed.

A motion for approval was proposed by Dr. Pamela Byrne and seconded by Ms. Nuri Gras.

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Review of Initiatives

Prof. Samuel Godefroy provided an overview of ongoing and upcoming GForSS initiatives and associated projects:

a. Codex Initiative

Prof. Godefroy highlighted the continued engagement of GForSS in Codex-related capacity-building and training activities. Efforts are underway to the Codex Outreach Program funded through the collaboration with Venture 37, and the US Codex Office, and implemented in the Arab region, through collaboration with AIDSMO and the GSO.

b. AFTIAS – GCC Program

An update was presented on the AFTIAS-funded GCC Program, noting that implementation will be initiated according to plan.

c. Camel Milk Project

The Board was informed of recent progress under the Camel Milk Project, offering support to ADAFSA, a new partner of GForSS through a signed Memorandum of Understanding.

d. Food Regulatory Science Dissemination Activities

The Board was informed of previous activities and of the approach planned to be followed in 2025.

e. UNIDO – Albania Project

Prof. Godefroy provided an update on GForSS' collaboration with UNIDO to develop a proposal in support of the Albania Food Safety Capacity Development Project.

The Board took note of the updates, expressing appreciation for the progress achieved

4. Perspectives for 2025

Looking ahead to 2025, the Board emphasized the importance of consolidating GForSS's role as a leading platform for food regulatory science collaboration. Key priorities will include strengthening partnerships with international and regional organizations, expanding training and capacity-building programs, and increasing the visibility of GForSS through targeted dissemination activities. The Board also underscored the need to pursue new funding opportunities to sustain ongoing initiatives and support emerging areas such as digitalization and data-driven regulatory science.

5. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 9:15 AM (Quebec time).