

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS – RECORD OF DECISIONS

08 May 2025

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prof. Kaushik Banerjee	Member - India	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Greg Paoli	Treasurer - Canada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### PROPOSED AGENDA

Item	Participants
1. Review of the Agenda	All
2. Review and Approval of 20 December 2024 Record of Decisions	All
3. Updates on recent Activities: 3.1 Collaboration with AIDSMO 3.2 Food Regulatory Science Dissemination Activities	Prof. Godefroy, all
4. Call for Candidacies for members of the Board of Directors	Prof. Godefroy – All
5. Call Assembly of Members	Prof. Godefroy – All
6. Adjournment	

## MEETING DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

### **1. Review of the Agenda**

The meeting commenced 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 the 20 December 2024 Record of Decisions**

The review and approval of the Record of Decisions from 20 December 2024 was deferred to a subsequent Board meeting.

### **3. Discussion of Initiatives and Collaborations**

As outlined in the agenda:

#### **3.1 Collaboration with AIDSMO**

#### **3.2 Food Regulatory Science Dissemination Activities**

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

He updated the Board on challenges encountered with the USDA-funded activities—specifically, the decision by the US Codex Office to discontinue support for initiatives in Asia and to limit funding exclusively to the Arab/Near East Initiative.

He emphasized the importance of maintaining a strong presence in Asia and sustaining involvement in the South Pacific Initiative.

Prof. Godefroy also informed the Board that all activities funded through U.S.-supported programs may potentially cease, and therefore preparations are underway to identify alternative funding sources to ensure operational sustainability.

### **4. Candidacy for Board Membership for the Next Term**

All Board members present at the meeting agreed to continue serving for another term and to be included in the list of candidates for election at the upcoming General Assembly meeting.

### **5. Other Items**

The Board was informed of the ongoing collaboration between GForSS and Food Regulatory Science, led by Foodregsci Europe. A more detailed agreement regarding operations management with Foodregsci will be developed once a proposal is received and reviewed by the Board.

In the interim, operational support will continue to be provided on an ad hoc basis.

### **6. Adjournment**

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