



Presentation by incoming President Philippe Choquet

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Philippe Choquet thanked the ICA Board for his nomination as the new ICA President, and he underlined that since he has been the Vice President of ICA for the last couple of years, he agrees with the previous decisions and activities which he will continue during his Presidency. He explained that the main goals for his Presidency will be to:

- continue to reinforce the structure of ICA,
- facilitate networking between members, Standing Committees and enterprise stakeholders through the development of ICA universities-enterprise forum, and
- create better visibility and better possibilities for lobbying, particularly at the EU level.

The principle of a controlled budget and secure reserves will also be continued in the coming years. The top priority for ICA in the coming years is to generate an increase in the annual income, as Per Holten-Andersen also explained. The ICA Board's long term objective is to generate sufficient funds to establish a Secretariat in Brussels. The possibility of sharing office facilities with EUA will be pursued further.

Therefore, the sponsorship campaign and the membership campaign will be given top priority in the coming months. The ICA webpage is not only important for giving ICA a worldwide image but is a vital instrument for attracting new sponsors. It will be an important step to finalize the webpage as soon as possible.

Furthermore, one of ICA's core purposes is to facilitate networking amongst our stakeholders; our members, Standing Committees and international organisations. It is vital for ICA to strengthen its visibility politically in Europe and towards international organisations in order to create a greater European dynamic within the field of life sciences. The current development of GCHERA will support the latter objective.