
Report of the President 2017:

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New ICA Board members elected on GA 2016, Ghent University, Oct. 25, 2016

- Prof. Yvan Larondelle, Catholic University of Louvain, new ICA Treasurer.
- Prof. Antanas Maziliauskas, Aleksandras Stulginskis University, Lithuania, representative the Northern Europe constituency
- Prof. Artur Mol, Wageningen University and Research (WUR), NL representative the Western Europe constituency

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- Prof. Peter Bielik, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Slovakia representative the Central and South Eastern Europe constituency.
- Philippe Choquet co-opted as ICA Board Representative on the GCHERA General Assembly and is Treasurer of GCHERSA

6th ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2016

26-27 Oct. 2016, Ghent University, Belgium

- “The Life Science University in the 21st C Global World”
- Prof. Alex Evans prepared after Forum main “Challenges for Life Science Universities in delivering future global leaders”

Challenges for Life Science Universities in delivering future global leaders

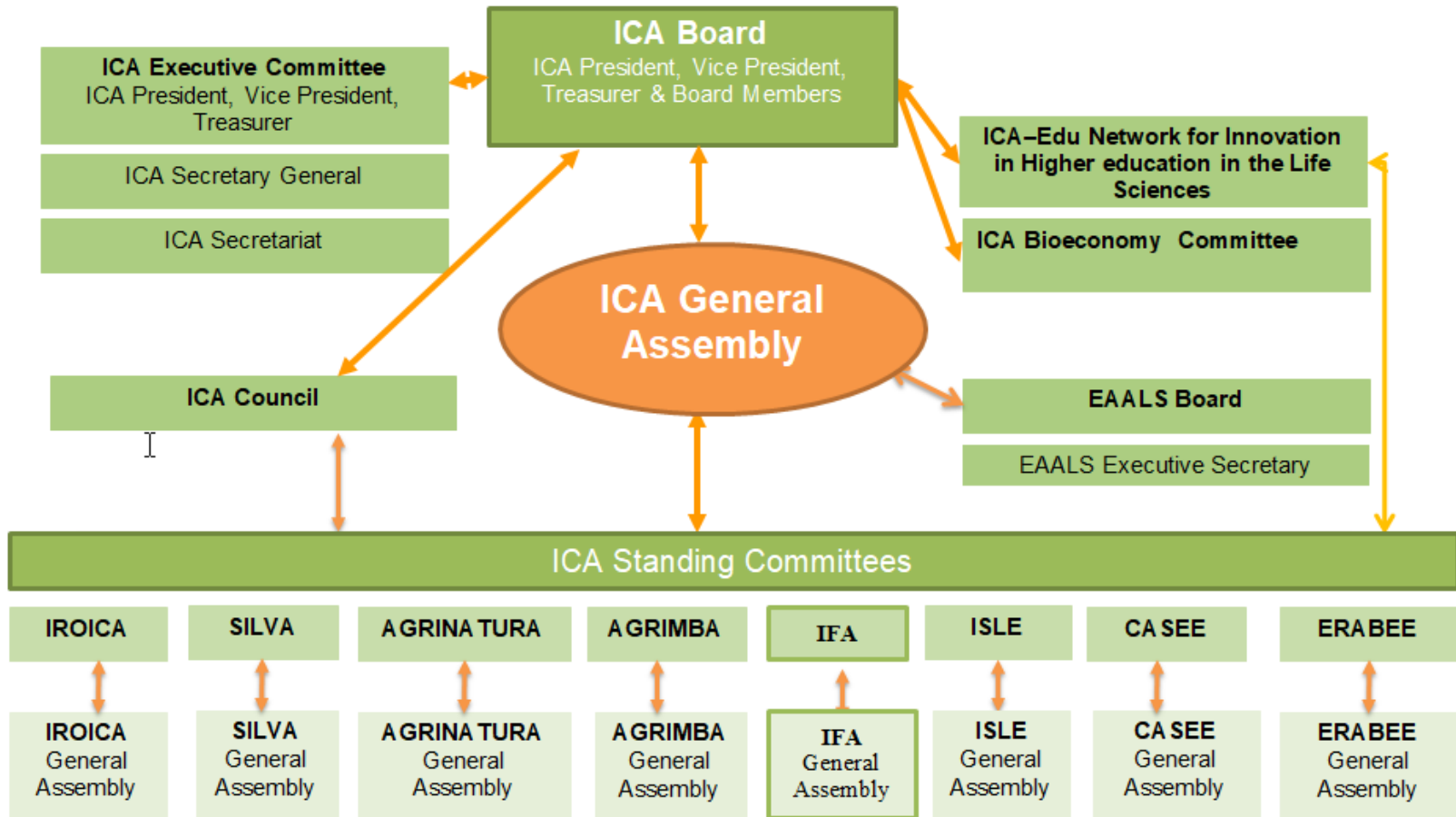
- Life Science universities must embrace change and work with their staff, students and stakeholders to continually develop inspirational innovation and education systems
- Graduates must have discipline specific knowledge but also be skilled in communication, free thinking and ethics.
- University leadership must be inclusive and strategic.
- Agriculture and Life Science Universities have the unique challenge of the increasingly multidisciplinary nature of the field where a broad knowledge of the natural, social and applied sciences are needed to solve the problems that society faces.

ICA organizational meetings:

- ICA Executive Committee on Dec. 19, 2016 in Paris
- ICA Board on Feb. 2, 2017 at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences
- Two ICA Board meetings by Video Conferences:
10 May 2017 and 7 September 2017



Association for European Life Science Universities (ICA)



NEW ICA Board Committee

- **ICA-Edu** – ICA Network for Innovation in Life Sciences Higher Education
- aims to provide the opportunity to discuss, evaluate and deliver innovative approaches in higher education in the life sciences in support of the European and global agenda for a sustainable bioeconomy (biomass production, and the food and non food value chains), for the protection of biodiversity, for a vibrant rural development and for a sustainable environment.

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- **ICA-Bio** – ICA Network for the Bioeconomy
- to contribute to the implementation of the EU Strategy for the bioeconomy in education, research and innovation by seeking synergies among ICA members and other EU and international institutions, industries, and networks

CEDIA - ICA Conference 4 - 5 May 2017, Vienna, Austria,

- “Defining Agronomist Professional Profiles and Agricultural and Life Science Degree Programmes”
 - Prof. Alex Evans prepared brief Report and some reflections on this conference:
 - how current agronomists professional profiles and agricultural and life science study programmes relate.
 - how professional associations, alumni organisations and life science universities can support each other, so that the universities deliver the professionals and leaders for the bioeconomy
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ICA-Edu Colloquium, 12-14 June 2017

University of Zagreb, Croatia

“Delivering graduates to meet the challenges of sustainable development goals – embedding the development of sustainable and ethical values in the curriculum”

ICA 30 Year celebrations 2018

- ICA joint conference with APLU and ACFAVM in 3-5 April 2018 in Ghent
- Topic: “The Challenge of Change: Harnessing University Engagement, Learning, and Discovery to Achieve Food and Nutrition Security”

ICA 30 Year celebrations 2018

- Proposal from Wageningen University and Research to host the ICA Rectors and Deans Forum – 25 & 26 October 2018.
- Theme: High Tech to Feed the World
- Wageningen will be celebrating its 100 years anniversary in 2018 and played an important role in the early years of ICA
- Possible joint celebration with AGRINATURA and SILVA

Others

- ICA –MoU with University of Eastern Finland (UEF). Cooperation Agreement from 1 January 2017 - renewed
- External audit: Independent Auditor Report for GA for the 2017 accounts

Thank you for your attention

