



## ICA General Assembly 2019

Approved Minutes of the **ICA General Assembly** held on Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 17.00 at the UniLaSalle – Campus de Beauvais, 16 rue Pierre Waguet, Beauvais, FR on the occasion of the 9th ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2019 *Collaboration between European and African Life Science Universities for a Sustainable Future*

### Present representing the ICA members institution

EE	Estonian University of Life Sciences	Mait Klaassen
FI	University of Eastern Finland	Jukka Jurvelin
FI	University of Helsinki	Ritva Toivonen
FR	Institute Polytechnique LaSalle Beauvais	Philippe Choquet
HR	University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agriculture	Zoran Grgic
IE	University College Dublin	Alex Evans
LT	Aleksandras Stulginskis University	Antanas Maziliauskas
LV	Latvia University of Agriculture	Irina Pilvere
NL	Wageningen University and Research Centre	Arthur Mol
PL	Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences	Jaroslav Bosy
PT	University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro	Ana Maria Nazaré Pereira
RO	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine	Sorin Mihai Cimpeanu
UK	University of Reading	Julian Park

### Present as Proxies

AT	University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences	Josef Glössl
BE	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	Jean-Marie Aerts
BE	Université catholique de Louvain	Yvan Larondelle
CZ	Czech University of Life Sciences Prague	Michal Lošťák
FR	AGROCAMPUS OUEST	Matt Tips
IT	Free University of Bozen – Bolzano	Stefano Cesco
UA	National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine	Vadym Tkachuk

Total numbers of ICA member institutions (Full & Associate members)	52
Members not eligible to vote due to non payment of membership fees for 2018	4
Associate member not eligible to vote	2
Total number of members eligible to vote (Full members)	46
Number institutional representatives present at the ICA GA 2019	13
Number of Proxy votes given the Chair Marek S Szyndel – (Daniela Quaglino)	1
Number of Proxy votes given the delegate of the institution	7
Total number of voters	21
Quorum is reached when 1/3 of members eligible to vote are represented at the GA	16

The General Assembly meeting was quorate.

The following also attended the General Assembly:

Leseilane Johannes Mampuru	University of Limpopo
Florin Stanica	University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Bucharest
Barbara Hinterstoisser	University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
Peter Bielik	Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra
Paul Geurts	Wageningen University and Research
Luis Artur	Universidade Eduardo Mondlane
Göran Andersson	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
Carolyn Glynn	Agrinatura
Achille Ephrem Assogbadjo	University of Abomey-Calavi
Agnieszka Kita	Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences
Enisa Omanovic-Miklicanin	University of Sarajevo
Guido Orzes	Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
Timo Tokola	University of Eastern Finland
Pierre Grenier	Agreenium
Astrid Ballesta	Universitat de Lleida
Darko Voncina	University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture

## Agenda

1	<b>Welcome</b> Introduction and welcome of all attendants by president of ICA.
2	<b>Presentations:</b> Presentation of UniLaSalle by President Philippe Choquet and the host of the ICA General Assembly and ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2019
3	<b>Minutes of the General Assembly held on Wednesday 24 October 2018</b>
4	<b>Report of the President on behalf of the ICA Board</b>
5	<b>Report of ICA-Bioeconomy Committee of the ICA Board</b>
6	<b>Report from ICA-Edu Committee of the ICA Board: Network for Innovation in Life Sciences Higher Education</b> Paper 1 Summary of the ICA-Edu Colloquium 2019
7	<b>Report of the ICA Treasurer – to be approved</b> Paper 2 Accounts and Treasurer's report for 2018 Paper 3 ICA Budget 2020 Paper 4 Extract of the Auditors' Report 2018
8	<b>Proposal to set up the ICA Task Force to develop the Engagement of ICA with the EU in Brussels</b>
9	<b>Membership subscription rates 2020 – to be approved</b>
10	<b>Reports from the ICA Standing Committees</b> AGRIMBA – Peter Bielik AGRINATURA – Carolyn Glynn CASEE – Michal Lostak IROICA – Matt Tips

11	<b>Report of GCHERA</b>
12	<p><b>ICA Board Elections</b></p> <p>The following existing Board Members have been proposed by Marek Szyndel, ICA President, and seconded by Alex Evans, ICA Vice President, for a second term of office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Antanas Maziliauskas</b>, Chancellor, Vytautas Magnus University Agriculture Academy, representing the Northern Europe Election Constituency</li> <li>• <b>Arthur Mol</b>, Rector Magnificus, Wageningen University and Research, representing the Western Europe Election Constituency</li> <li>• <b>Yvan Larondelle</b>, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering &amp; Institute of Life Sciences University of Louvain – UCLouvain, as the ICA Treasurer</li> </ul> <p>The ICA Board has received the nomination of</p> <p><b>Hubert Hausenauer</b>, Rector, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) proposed by Arthur Mol, Rector Magnificus, Wageningen University and Research and seconded by Michal Lostak, Vice Rector, Czech University of Life Sciences, to represent the Central &amp; South Eastern Europe Election Constituency. <b>Paper 5</b> Hubert Hausenauer’s personal statement</p> <p>The ICA Board proposes the renewal of the co-option to the ICA Board of <b>Philippe Choquet</b>, President, UniLaSalle, Beauvais, representing ICA at the GCHERA General Assembly</p>
13	<p><b>Proposal of new Full member of ICA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geisenheim University, Germany</li> <li>• Tavia State Agrotechnological University, Ukraine</li> </ul>
14	<b>Proposal to suspend members for non-payment of the membership subscription</b>
15	<b>Appointment of Auditors for the 2019 accounts – to be approved</b>
16	<b>Any other business</b>
17	<b>Closure</b>

### Draft Minutes

1	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Marek Szyndel welcomed all representatives of the ICA member institutions and other delegates to the ICA General Assembly 2019. The draft Agenda was approved.</p>
2	<p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <p>Presentation of UniLaSalle by Philippe Choquet, President of UniLaSalle and the host of the ICA General Assembly and ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2019. Marek Szyndel thanked Philippe Choquet for inviting ICA to UniLaSalle.</p>
3	<p><b>Minutes of the General Assembly held on Wednesday 24 October 2018</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved by all members present, and then signed as proof by Marek Szyndel, President of ICA and Simon Heath, ICA Secretary General.</p>
4	<p><b>Report of the President on behalf of the ICA Board</b></p> <p>Marek Szyndel presented his report on behalf of the ICA Board. He looked back to the Celebrations of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ICA at the time of the ICA Rectors and Deans</p>

	<p>Forum held at Wageningen University and Research on the 25 and 26 October 2018. At the Anniversary dinner Dr Christian Patermann listed several question facing society and challenged ICA to take a lead in addressing these questions.</p> <p>Marek Szyndel outlined the Rectors and Deans Forum 2019 focusing on <b><i>Collaboration between European &amp; African Life Science Universities for a Sustainable Future</i></b> during the following two days. The expected outcome were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified mutual benefits that can be gained from the collaboration between European and African life science universities.</li> <li>• A renewed focus to on-going activities and new opportunities to address the global challenges</li> <li>• Initiation of new relationships between African and European like-minded agricultural and life science universities.</li> </ul> <p>He thanked Carolyn Glynn (President of AGRINATURA &amp; SLU) and Philippe Petithuguenin (Deputy Director for Research and Strategy, CIRAD, Montpellier) for their collaboration with ICA in developing the programme for the 2019 Forum.</p> <p>Marek Szyndel also outlined the plans for the ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2020 with our sister associations in North America, Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) in the US and the Canadian Faculties of Agriculture and Life Sciences (ACFAVM). The developing theme of the Forum was planned as <b><i>Agriculture and Life Science Megatrends: Addressing Gaping Holes.</i></b></p> <p>Marek Szyndel referred to the work of the ICA Board Committees, ICA-Bio and ICA-Edu, and to the contribution of the ICA Standing Committees to the aims of ICA to enhance the contribution of agricultural and Life Science Universities. The reports of the Board Committees and Standing Committees were delivered in the following Agenda Items.</p> <p>Marek Szyndel addressed the upcoming elections to the Board, see MInute 12. Marek Szyndel thanked Peter Bielik, who was stepping down from the Board, for his contribution to the work of the Board during the past three years.</p>
5	<p><b>Report of ICA-Bioeconomy Committee of the ICA Board (ICA-Bio)</b></p> <p>Josef Glössl presented his report of ICA-Bio.</p> <p>Josef Glössl participated at the BIOEAST Conference “<b>Bioeconomy in the forefront of national policies</b>” on 8 Nov. 2018 in Budapest. It was agreed to follow-up co-operation between BIOEAST and ICA-Bio on Education and Training for the Bioeconomy in order to strengthen the European perspective.</p> <p>Josef Glössl attended the Preparatory Workshop for the Global Bioeconomy Summit 2020 (GBS) as a member of the <b>International Advisory Council (IAC)</b> for the GBS 2020; on the 11 and 12 March 2019 in Beijing. ICA-Bio together with UNESCO proposed a Workshop on “<b>International Cooperation in Education and Training for the Bioeconomy</b>” to be held at GBS 2020</p> <p>Josef Glössl and Simon Heath attended the UNESCO Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting “<b>Bolstering Biotechnology Research and Education: Building Human and Institutional Capacities for the Bioeconomy</b>” held on 26 September 2019 at the UNESCO Headquarters, Paris</p> <p>Josef Glössl participated in the Workshop “<b>Promoting education, training and skills across the bioeconomy</b>” held on 15 October 2019, Brussels; by invitation by EC DG Research &amp; Innovation</p> <p>Josef Glössl, Michal Lostak and Simon Heath attended a meeting in Prague on 19 September 2019 organised by the BioCan Do project to discuss the initiation of a</p>

	<p>Community of Practice for Biobased Education. A follow-up meeting of 8 persons was held on 15 October 2019 in Brussels at which it was agreed the <b>Community of Practice for Bioeconomy</b> should be formed and a number of activities were proposed.</p> <p>ICA is a partner in the EU COST-Proposal “Education on the Bioeconomy” submitted by April 2018, re-submitted in Nov. 2018 and Sept. 2019</p>
6	<p><b>Report from ICA-Edu Committee of the ICA Board: Network for Innovation in Life Sciences Higher Education (ICA-Edu)</b></p> <p>Paper 1 Summary of the ICA-Edu Colloquium 2019</p> <p>Barbara Hinterstoisser presented her report of ICA-Edu.</p> <p>The <b>ICA-Edu Colloquium 2019</b> with the title <b>Let the entrepreneurial genie out of the bottle! how will we stimulate the nascent entrepreneurial skills of our students?</b> was held Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May 2019 at the Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe, Leuven, Belgium. The Workshop was organised by Thomas Lans, Education and Learning Sciences, Wageningen University, NL. The Workshop was attended by 35 delegates and the outcome of the Workshop is outlined in Paper 1.</p> <p>A follow up Colloquium in 2020 is planned <b>Action to keep the entrepreneurial genie out of the bottle! Engaging students with sustainable entrepreneurial education in your curriculum.</b> This will be held in May 2020 at the University of Copenhagen.</p> <p>The INTRINSIC Project continues focusing on <b>Innovative Education for Sustainable Entrepreneurship Education in Life Sciences</b> <a href="https://www.intrinsic.eu/index.html">https://www.intrinsic.eu/index.html</a> . The project organises regular Webinars focusing on embedding <b>entrepreneurial education in the curriculum</b></p>
7	<p><b>Report of the ICA Treasurer – to be approved</b></p> <p>Paper 2 Accounts and Treasurer’s report for 2018  Paper 3 ICA Budget 2020  Paper 4 Extract of the Auditors’ Report 2018</p> <p>Yvan Larondelle, ICA Treasurer, reported on the Accounts for 2018 Paper 2 and the Auditors Report of the 2018 Accounts, Paper 4</p> <p>The Balance Sheet for the financial year 2018 shows that the opening balance of 128.300 € on January 1 decreased to give the closing balance of 116.037 €. This decrease in the closing net capital for 2018 is the result of the deficit 12.263 € from the Income and Expenditure Account. This deficit arose from the need to repay 15.000€ after the EU audit of the ELFRUS project of 15.000€. This repayment was made because the coordinator of the project had not followed the rules of the contract with the Commission. If the outstanding membership subscriptions 8.125 € are deducted, the secure cash assets stand at 107.912 €. The assets are thus clearly above the agreed minimum level of reserves of 50 000 € as agreed at the ICA General Assembly 2018.</p> <p>In 2018 ICA contributed to the activities of the ICA-BIO and ICA-Edu networks for about 3.000 € in each case. This did not significantly impact on the ICA balance. Further support to ICA-Edu and ICA-Bio committees of the board, as well as to specific activities, is expected in 2020 and specific provisions have been foreseen in the budget of 2020.</p> <p>Yvan Larondelle presented the Budget for 2020.</p> <p>The Accounts for 2018 and the budget for 2020 were approved by the General Assembly</p>

8	<p><b>Proposal to set up the ICA Task Force to develop the Engagement of ICA with the EU in Brussels</b></p> <p>Arthur Moll proposed, on behalf of the ICA Board, the establishment of an ICA Task Force with the objective to conduct a feasibility study to strengthen ICA's presence and influence with the EU Commission, the EU Parliament and other organisations in Brussels for the benefit of ICA members. This initiative had been stimulated by the suggestion of Christian Patermann at the ICA Forum 2018 that there was an opportunity for ICA, in representing agricultural and life science universities, to engage more proactively with the EU.</p> <p>The aim of the feasibility study will be to develop a road map for establishing an enhanced ICA operating environment after 2021.</p> <p>Arthur Moll proposed to the General Assembly that a sub-committee of the ICA Board be established to determine the Terms of Reference for the Task Force. He asked that the ICA General Assembly approve the appointment of a person to co-ordinate the work of the Task Force on the basis of 1 to 1.5 days per week plus travelling expenses during 2020 and 2021 at a maximum cost of €22k per year to be taken from the ICA Reserves.</p> <p>The ICA General Assembly strongly approved this initiative and the proposed withdrawal of funds from the reserves.</p>
9	<p><b>Membership subscription rates 2020</b></p> <p>No change in the full membership subscription of 1250€ per annum was proposed.</p>
10	<p><b>Reports from the ICA Standing Committees</b></p> <p>AGRIMBA – Peter Bielik  AGRINATURA – Carolyn Glynn  CASEE – Michal Lostak  IROICA – Matt Tips</p> <p>Short reports were presented to the General Assembly. Marek Szyndel, on behalf of the General Assembly, congratulated these Standing Committees on their outstanding engagement with their members.</p>
11	<p><b>Report of GCHERA</b></p> <p>Philippe Choquet presented a report of GCHERA – Global Confederation of Higher Education Association for the Agricultural and Life Sciences. He reported on the WK Kellogg Foundation three year project on undergraduate education targeted at universities in Mexico and Haiti. He hoped that the project could be expanded across the global network of GCHERA.</p>
12	<p><b>ICA Board Elections</b></p> <p>The following existing Board Members had been proposed by Marek Szyndel, ICA President, and seconded by Alex Evans, ICA Vice President, for a second term of office of three years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Antanas Maziliauskas</b>, Chancellor, Vytautas Magnus University Agriculture Academy, representing the Northern Europe Election Constituency</li> <li>• <b>Arthur Mol</b>, Rector Magnificus, Wageningen University and Research, representing the Western Europe Election Constituency</li> <li>• <b>Yvan Larondelle</b>, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering &amp; Institute of Life Sciences University of Louvain – UCLouvain, as the ICA Treasurer</li> </ul>

	<p>Peter Bielik, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, who had been elected from ICA's Central &amp; South Eastern Europe Election Constituency did not seek re-election for a second term. Consequently there was a vacancy on the Board from that election constituency. The ICA Board had received the ICA Board nomination of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hubert Hasenauer</b>, Rector, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) proposed by Arthur Mol, Rector Magnificus, Wageningen University and Research and seconded by Michal Lostak, Vice Rector, Czech University of Life Sciences, from the Central &amp; South Eastern Europe Election Constituency. Hubert Hasenauer's personal statement had been circulated as Paper 5.</li> </ul> <p>There had been no other nominations. The General Assembly approved the election of the above candidates to the ICA Board for a term of three years</p> <p>The ICA Board proposed the renewal of the co-option for a second term of three years to the ICA Board of <b>Philippe Choquet</b>, President, UniLaSalle, Beauvais, as representing GCHERA on the ICA Board and representing ICA at the GCHERA General Assembly. This was agreed.</p>
13	<p><b>Proposal of new full members of ICA</b></p> <p>The following universities had applied for membership of ICA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geisenheim University, Germany</li> <li>• Tavia State Agrotechnological University, Ukraine</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The General Assembly approved their applications for membership</li> </ul>
14	<p><b>Proposal to suspend members for non payment of the membership subscription</b></p> <p>The General Assembly agreed that the following members would be suspended at 31 December if the payment of the membership subscriptions for 2017, 2018 and 2019 had not been received by 31 December 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belgorod State Agricultural University, RU</li> <li>• Saratov State Agrarian University named after N I Vavilov, RU</li> <li>• Kharkiv State Technical University of Agriculture, UA</li> </ul>
15	<p><b>Appointment of Auditors for the 2019 accounts</b></p> <p>The appointment of Auditors was still to be confirmed. The auditors of the 2018 accounts would be asked to undertake the audit of the 2019 accounts:  <b>Dr Marzena Ganc</b>, Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS)  <b>Dr Krzysztof Prymon</b>, Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences</p>
16	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Julian Park informed about platform ONE HE <a href="https://onehe.org">https://onehe.org</a> OneHE is a new organisation, created in 2018, to enable educators to improve their teaching. There is plenty of innovation and excellence in HE teaching but the challenge is how to scale it. As a result, the OneHE platform was set up to support educators everywhere to connect, collaborate and share their practice and help others.</p> <p>Julian Park has set up a global Subject Centre for Biology and Bioscience education on OneHE. It's free to anyone, anywhere in the world and he invites members of ICA to participate.</p>
17	<p><b>Closure</b></p> <p>Marek Szyndel closed the General Assembly</p>

## Representation at the General Assembly

The General Assembly is open to all staff and students from ICA Member Institutions, **all** are most welcome to participate in the meeting. The General Assembly is validly constituted when one third of the Member Institutions are represented. Decisions are reached by a simple majority of the votes cast. Each ICA Member Institution [who has paid the ICA membership subscription for 2016] has a right to cast one vote in the meeting. This vote will normally be cast by the ICA Representative (rector, head of college/school, or dean) of the Member Institution. A **Proxy form** was enclosed with the full papers for the General Assembly

Dr Simon B Heath,  
Secretary General

October 2019

Minutes approved at the ICA General Assembly held on online on Wednesday 21 October 2020 from 15.30 – 17.30 CET Summer Time



Professor Marek S Szyndel  
Chair & President of ICA



Dr Simon B Heath  
Secretary General