

12th COLOSS Conference General Assembly & Executive Committee Minutes

10th & 11th September

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

10 September 2016

8.40: Peter Neumann, President of COLOSS, opens the General Assembly meeting of COLOSS with a welcome address, followed by a short presentation highlighting COLOSS' current structure, it's achievements of the past year, and it's current financial expenses. He highlights that prior to the meeting, that COLOSS used approximately 17,000 CHF from its budget.

9.00: Peter Neumann presents Sjef van der Steen, who is responsible for running the Executive Committee elections for the next 3 year period.

9.05: Sjef van der Steen introduces Fani Hatjina and Eva Forsgren, both COLOSS members who will assist with the election process. Sjef van der Steen provides information and rules about the election. He then tells those able to vote to please submit their voting form anonymously to either him, Fani Hatjina, or Eva Forsgren, in 15-20 minutes. The first section of the GA concluded once participants submitted their form. In total, 81 individuals casted their votes.

Coffee break

11.00: The GA continued with each Core Project and Task Force providing a short update to the GA.

12.30: Lunch

13.55: The GA reconvened for a group photograph, and to announce those selected as the new Executive Committee. Sjef van der Steen, Fani Hatjina, and Eva Forsgren announced, in no particular order, that the following were selected: Maria Bouga, Robert Brodschneider, Norman Carreck, Panuwan Chantawannakul, Karl Crailsheim, Vincent Dietemann, Raffaele Dall'Olio, Giovanni Formato, Anna Gajda, Preben Kristiansen, Fanny Mondet, Peter Neumann, Asli Özkirim, Christian Pirk, Victoria Soroker, Geoffrey Williams. Two candidates, Raffaele Dall'Olio and Christian Pirk, tied for 15th. Both were admitted into the Executive Committee; however, only 1 will be selected by coin toss to cast a vote.

For vote counts, see Appendix

14.15: The 1st GA meeting comes to a close. Participants disperse to attend CP and TF discussion groups.

11 September 2016

12.50: The newly elected COLOSS EC meets for a business lunch:

- Present were Anna Gajda, Panuwan Chantawannakul, Vincent Dietemann, Fanny Mondet, Maria Bouga, Geoff Williams, Raffaele Dall'Olio, Robert Brodschneider, Norman Carreck, Giovanni Formato, Peter Neumann, Vicky Soroker, Karl Crailsheim. Absent were Christian Pirk, Asli Özkirim, and Preben Kristiansen.

- Karl Crailsheim opens the meeting as the eldest elected EC member. Because 16 members were elected, but only 15 are able to vote according to the statutes, a coin was flipped to determine who, with the lowest votes (Raffaele Dall'Olio and Christian Pirk), can vote in EC decisions. As Christian Pirk was not present during the EC meeting, Raffaele Dall'Olio chose heads in the toss. Tails was displayed, so Christian Pirk has voting rights as the 15th EC member.

- The next decision involved selection of a President. Karl Crailsheim opened the floor for nominations; Vicky Soroker, Maria Bouga, and Robert Brodschneider nominated Peter Neumann. An anonymous ballot vote was cast among EC members present. Names were placed in a hat, and drawn. 12 votes cast as Raffaele Dall'Olio cannot vote. Peter Neumann received 11 votes; Geoff Williams received 1. Peter Neumann was elected as President.

- As President, Peter Neumann chaired the remainder of the session.

- Discussions about other EC positions were brought up, including Vice President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer.

- Raffaele Dall'Olio suggested Panuwan Chantawannakul for VP and Vincent Dietemann for Secretary; Vicky Soroker suggested Geoff Williams as Secretary because of past knowledge. Peter Neumann and Panuwan Chantawannakul suggest Geoff Williams as VP. The EC reviews the statutes, which states multiple VPs can be selected. Vincent Dietemann declines Secretary position, and Panuwan Chantawannakul accepts the possibility of taking up a VP position. After further discussions, Panuwan Chantawannakul and Geoff Williams accept VP positions; Geoff Williams accepts the Secretary position; no treasurer is appointed, but Peter Neumann will oversee finances because of his position is located close to where they are managed (University of Bern).

- Panuwan Chantawannakul suggests regional coordinators for COLOSS; the EC believes this is a good idea. The EC will recruit regional coordinators from both the EC and GA.

- The EC discusses further EC jobs, such as media/outreach, etc. Norman Carreck agrees to carry on as dissemination officer, assisted by Anna Gajda as social media officer.

Discussions are deferred to later. - EC remarks that COLOSS member Jean-Daniel Charrière will be asked to audit the books again.

14.25: EC meeting closes.

16.50: The GA reconvenes; Peter Neumann is announced as the President, and Panuwan Chantawannakul and Geoff Williams as VPs; Geoff Williams is also announced as Secretary. Norman Carreck and Anna Gajda will act as dissemination officers; Panuwan Chantawannakul will act as COLOSS coordinator for the regions. The results of the coin flip for EC voting rights was also announced.

17.00: Each CP and TF provides updates on the results of their discussions, and future directions.

18.30: Updates are completed, and Peter Neumann suggests a 5 minute break before final GA discussions.

18.40: The GA reconvenes. Peter Neumann addresses the audience concerning COLOSS directions. Topics include: peer-review support among COLOSS, bee photo database hosted by COLOSS, etc. Ideas are presented and will be discussed among the EC.

18.50: Two new Task Forces are proposed by COLOSS members. Nor Chejanovsky proposes a Virus TF, and Peter Neumann proposes a Varroa Survivors TF. They are instructed to submit official proposals to the EC for consideration.

18.50: Geoff Williams proposes a budget for 2017 in accordance with previous budgets; each CP and TF will be represented evenly (approx. 2,500 CHF per group). Peter Neumann points out that the EC may have to adjust the budget slightly in case new TFs are proposed and accepted by the EC. Peter Neumann also asks for the GA to consider supporting foreign meetings as a way to promote COLOSS internationally. Geoff Williams requests the GA to vote on the proposal made by Geoff Williams and Peter Neumann; included is to allow the EC to have liberty to adjust the budget depending on final Romania Conference expenses and future decisions about new TFs The GA agrees: 36 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstain.

19.00: Geoff Williams asks if Jean-Daniel Charrière can continue auditing COLOSS' finances. He agrees, and tentatively accepts COLOSS' previous expenses from 2015/2016.

19.05: Discussion about future COLOSS Conference. The 2017 conference will be tentatively alongside Apimondia in Istanbul and the 2018 conference will be

alongside EurBee in Ghent. The EC will ask Apimondia organizers to host COLOSS before Apimondia.

19.14: Peter Neumann asks the GA if there is any other business? The GA declines.

19.15: Peter Neumann closes the final 2016 COLOSS Conference GA. The EC decides to meet electronically rather than attend a meeting later in the evening.

Appendix – COLOSS EC Vote Summary

Rank	Total votes	Last name	First name
1	69	Williams	Geoffrey
2	68	Neumann	Peter
3	60	Brodtschneider	Robert
4	58	Soroker	Victoria
5	56	Bouga	Maria
6	55	Dietemann	Vincent
7	53	Mondet	Fanny
8	51	Crailsheim	Karl
9	49	Kristiansen	Preben
10	47	Chantawannakul	Panuwan
11	44	Gajda	Anna
12	42	Formato	Giovanni
13	42	Özkirim	Asli
14	39	Carreck	Norman
15	37	Pirk	Christian
15	37	Dall` Olio	Raffaele
	30	Ellis	Jamie
	25	Brandt	Annely
	20	Aldea	Patricia
	17	Erler	Silvio
	13	Budstedt	Anja
	7	Torres	Alexandra
	6	Feas	Xesus
	6	Ilyasov	Rustem
	5	Teklu Gebretsadic	Wana
	4	Al Naggat	Yahya
	3	Akinwande	Kayode Lawrence
	3	Cordoni	Guido
	2	Couvillon	Margaret
	2	Escobedo Kenefic	Natalia
	2	Fasasi	Kamilu Ayo
	2	Gaikwad	Nitin
	2	Graham	Jason
	2	Li	Jilian
	1	Liu	Fanglin
	1	Masry	Saad
	1	Min Oo	Hlaing
	1	Rajper	Naheed
	0	Mirwan	Hamida
	0	Perez Morfi	Alejandro
	0	Popoola Joseph	Adekola