

ICGTD Committee Meeting
Sunday 10th July 2022, 3 pm



Hotel Galant (Sauvignon room), Mikulov, Czech Republic.

Executive Committee Components

Absent:

Gonzalo Diaz
Jaime Auger
Marcela Esterio
Patrice Rey
Mark Sosnowski
Philippe Rolshausen
Stefano Di Marco
Eirian Jones
Helen Waite
Pascal Lecomte
Philippe Larignon
Jiye Yan
Lisa van de Water

Erzsébet Karaffa
Cecilia Rego (came late)
Akila Berraf-Tebbal
Akif Eskalen
Francois Halleen
Florence Fontaine

Virtual:

José Ramon Úrbez Torres
Lucie Morton
David Ezra
Lizel Mostert
Josep Armengol

In-person:

Aleš Eichmeier
David Gramaje
Laura Mugnai

Invited:

Denis Rusjan
Rufina Hernandez

I marked in blue the past-chairpersons or previous workshops organisers
In yellow the Regional coordinators
In green the funding members
In pink the Honorary members

Minute

1. Expressions of interests for 13th IWGTD organization

Four proposals were received.

- China (Jiye Yan)
- Slovenia (Denis Rusjan)
- Mexico (Rufina Hernandez)
- California (Akif Eskalen)

In particular four persons presented the proposal and technical aspects of relevance. It is reminded that we should try to follow the alternation of upper and lower hemisphere viticultural areas, and also to avoid organizing two workshops in a row in the same geographical area (not Europe again) so Slovenia does no longer present its candidature. Also the COVID situation does not allow free movement in all areas. The South Africa proposal is finally not presented as there are countries that never organized one.

The candidates are voted. Akif Eskalen abstains from voting.

- Mexico 7 votes
- China 3 votes
- UC Davis 2 votes

The 13th IWGTD will be organized in Mexico by Rufina Hernandez.

2. Council membership

- Outgoing/retiring members

The ICGTD Executive Committee includes the funding members for life, previous ICGTD workshops organizers, and scientist that showed a special and continued activity in the field that are proposed for their merits by other Executive Committee members.

The committee decides that previous ICGTD workshops organizers remain in the Board for 10 years after they acted as IWGTD organizers.

- Changes to regional coordinators

The regional coordinators names are updated as following:

Europe - Stefano Di Marco (s.dimarco@ibe.cnr.it)

Africa - Francois Halleen (halleenf@arc.agric.za)

North America - José Ramon Úrbez Torres (joseramon.urbeztorres@agr.gc.ca)

South America - Gonzalo Diaz (Chile)

Oceania - Mark Sosnowski (mark.sosnowski@sa.gov.au)

Asia - Jiye Yan (jiveyan@gmail.com)

- Proposals for new Executive Committee members

Proposed to add Rusjan Denis from Slovenia in the Board composition but no special reason, or wide or relevant activity is presented in support of the candidature, so the inclusion in the committee is postponed to the next Executive Committee Meeting. David Gramaje proposed Chloé Delmas and she was approved as Committee member.

3. Recognition for outstanding contributions to GTD research

Discussion on a mechanism for this type of recognition

- A Board member will propose the candidature and present the reasons. The selected candidates become Honorary members with the assent of all board members

4. Rules for IWGTD organizing committee (criteria to select the persons for oral presentation, general standards)

The rules to be followed are discussed

1. *To respect the author choice if possible*
2. *No more than 3 presentations per author*
3. *Relevance and novelty*
4. *Participation in the past IWGTD or in the ICGTD*

6. Phytopathologia Mediterranea (Laura Mugnai)

- The publication of 12th IWGTD abstracts in the 2022 August issue is decided
- A 12th IWGTD Special Issue in PM will be prepared, the Chairperson and the past Chairperson will be the Guest editors

7. Lyon ICPP2023 – possible GTD workshop (Florence Fontaine and Josep Armengol)

Florence Fontaine shortly presented that in August 2023 will be held GTD section focused on Botryosphaeriaceae

8. ICGTD website

Akif Eskalen agrees to fully revise and update the website working in collaboration with the past and the new chairperson and the ISPP SMC chairperson. On this occasion the STRUCTURE AND OBJECTIVES of ICGTD will be checked and updated after approval by email by each Executive Committee member.

9. Chairperson ICGTD

- José Ramón Úrbez Torres handed over role of ICGTD Chairperson to Aleš Eichmeier, convenor of 12th IWGTD

10. Other issues (GTD community requirements)

- Pascal Lecomte sent a letter with an interesting subject for discussion, that is reported here.
The Executive Committee thanks Pascal for his contribution now and over the years and decides to evaluate the request

LETTER BY PASCAL LECOMTE

I think that the council should encourage a discussion or research to better clarify the etiology of esca disease.

There are presently so many confusing descriptions of this syndrome, including different names of specific diseases well-characterized or not by necrosis and/or leaf symptoms (e. g. GLSD, white rot, esca proper, ...) that students are often loss...and also many hypotheses or theses about the causes of leaf symptoms (toxins, metabolites, sap disruption,).

I strongly think that more clarification is fully required: for growers, there is only one phenomenon in the vineyard: a vine is affected by wood microorganisms, shows necrosis inside the wood, and then fluctuating foliar symptoms in summer before the decline.

This situation, according to my own experience, shows that a unique phenomenon may include several internal configurations leading to external symptoms.

There was also a note that we have to prepare the farewell to Pasquale Lecomte because he was going to be retired, video announcement.