

Web General Meeting Istanbul



Beginning at 11:00 am



Arcangelo Gentile opens the GA at 11:00 am.

Due to the statues (see below) as 26 members are there in presence, Peter Heimberg suggests to postpone the official start to 11:30 am

Based on the statutes the GA is capable of making decisions if more than 50% of the full members are present:

32 or more members

(62 full members, 4 associated members, 2 observers and 2 applicants)

If there are less than 50% of the full members are present, a second GA shall be convenend within 30 minutes. This repeated general assembly will be capable of making a decision irrespective of the number of representatives attending.

Therefor Hasan Batmaz and Hidir Gencoglu present the actual counts of the 2026 WBC in Istanbul with record-breaking 3750 participants!

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PERSONAL GOALS

- Inclusion of new countries/members
 - Support of countries with less opportunities of having an efficient local organization
 - Support of countries with less possibilities to participate to world congresses (by organizing or supporting the organization of regional/continental congresses)
 - Collaboration with international veterinary organizations: WOA, WVA, Universities, students' associations....
 - Major involvement of the local buiatrics association to the “associative life” of the WAB
 - Major gender representativeness in the management of the association (board of governors)
 - Involvement of industry representativeness
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PERSONAL GOALS

- Reinforce the network among the associations
- Webinars of presentations of the single local associations member
- Webinars on the problem of the buiatricians

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The purpose of this MoU is to establish a strategic partnership between WAB and IVSA to

- promote student engagement in buiatrics,
- increase awareness of career opportunities in buiatrics,
- facilitate knowledge exchange and mentorship,
- support the development of the next generation of veterinarians working in buiatrics

We will try to pursue these objectives through educational activities, scientific exchange, student participation in international and regional events, and jointly developed projects.

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2.1 WAB Commitments:

- To allocate 3 of the currently available WAB Student Award positions to students nominated by IVSA (from WBC 2028)
- To offer 2)complimentary registrations for World Buiatrics Congresses (as from 2032) to be allocated to IVSA-nominated participants
- To extend an invitation to the IVSA President to participate in the WAB General Assembly as an observer (but not economical support!!).
- To jointly organise at least one 1 annual WAB webinar in collaboration with IVSA, addressing topics related to veterinary students' perceptions and interest in bovine/ruminants medicine.

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2.2 IVSA Commitments:

- Utilise IVSA Global social media to disseminate WAB activities and communications. 3 posts per year, and 3 bulletin articles per term.
 - Share WAB opportunities under the “opportunities” section of the IVSA social media.
 - Invite WAB in both IVSA events (congress and symposium) in the term of one year, giving one lecture per event (*travel and accommodation for the WAB speaker are managed by WAB, with logistical support provided by the IVSA*).
- Help connect WAB with IVSA Local Chapters in countries of interest to WAB

IVSA: Short statement

Violet Adeline Wierbos

gives an overview on IVSA and their activities

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WVA EXCO meeting July 12, 2026

WAB has been accepted as Constituent Member



World Veterinary Association

On our side: potential reasons for joining:



The WVA is the leading global voice of the veterinary profession (representing over 500,000 veterinarians through more than 90 member associations).

It acts as a platform where international veterinary priorities, policies, and standards are discussed and shaped.

Membership might give us direct access and visibility in global veterinary decision-making processes, ensuring that bovine medicine is properly represented in international discussions on animal (in our case bovine) health, welfare, food safety, and, why not, veterinary policy.

Membership could give us stronger voice and recognition.

We might have also the possibility of joining working groups: in this case WAB experts could actively contribute to global position statements on issues related to issues where cattle health plays a central role.

The WVA has a plenty of activities, initiatives and projects where we could really play a role.
<https://worldvet.org/activities/>

Membership would enhance WAB's international visibility through participation in WVA congresses, webinars, World Veterinary Day initiatives, and global partnerships.

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Constituent Membership is open to veterinary professional organisations that: represent the veterinary profession in a country or customs territory, or represent an international, regional, or **discipline-centred organisation within veterinary medicine**. The majority of members within the organisation must be veterinarians.

Rights & obligations

Voting privileges within the Association

Nomination rights

Payment of an annual membership fee (500 euro in our case)



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WVEPAH is a non-profit organization dedicated to continuing education programs for professionals involved in production animal health. Their programs lead to a Certificate Diploma delivered by the Université de Montréal, validated by WOA, and contributing to the "One Health" approach.

At present, they provide blended-learning training programs in poultry, aquaculture, and swine production.

WVEPAH asked WAB to evaluate the possibility of supporting or organizing training activities in bovine medicine





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PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2024

PRESENTED TO

Joana Jacinto



**Department of
Clinical Veterinary Science**

Vet Suisse

**University of Bern
Switzerland**

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Students award

Name	Gender	Student last year	Association
1 Carlos Palazuelo Alonso	Male	Graduation expected in 2026	ANEMBE SPAIN
2 Clara Alvares	Female	Graduation expected in 2026	ANEMBE SPAIN
3 Kadir Cagdas	Male	4th year	FAVMA Turkey
4 Emilia Soto	Female	Last year graduating 2026	Sociedad Chilena de Buiatria CHILE
5 Francisco Reyes	Male	Graduation expected June 2026	Sociedad Chilena de Buiatria CHILE
6 Yangyang Zhuang	Female	4th year, graduation expected 2027	CHINA association
7 Yuanjiing Chen	Female	4th year, graduation expected 2028	CHINA association
8 Adam Osicka	Male	Graduation expected June 2026	Czech Buiatric Society
9 Ahmand Amir Akmal	Male	Graduation expected June 2026	Malaysian Veterinary Medical Assoc.
10 Amirul Haziq	Male	Graduation expected June 2026	Malaysian Veterinary Medical Assoc.
11 Imelda Guzman Rodriguez	Female	Graduation expected May 2026	AMMVEB Mexican Buiatrics Association
12 Khaled Ben Fraj	Male	Studente 6 anno	Medical Veterinary International Tunisia
13 João Mateus Araújo Ribeiro	Male	Final year	Brasilian Association for Buiatrics
14 Aweke Kassahun Tefera	Male	6 year, expected Graduation June 2026	EVA ETHIOPIA
15 Kalicha Jarso Godo	Male	6 year, expected Graduation June 2026	EVA ETHIOPIA
16 Tinsae Getaw Tadese	Female	6 year, expected Graduation June 2026	EVA ETHIOPIA
17 Ayisha Dekebo Beriso	Female	6 year, expected Graduation June 2026	EVA ETHIOPIA
18 Yared Ermiyas	Male	7 year, expected Graduation June 2026	EVA ETHIOPIA
19 Isabela Prado Menezes	Female	Graduation expected December 2026	Brasilian Association for Buiatrics

Timeline of Registration in Italy:

24th June 2024: David Black (former Treasurer) informs the EXCO that he was not able to persuade Starling Bank (UK) to run the WAB account by a treasurer not being UK citizen.

2nd Juli 2024: David Black informs the EXCO that Starling Bank is going to close the bank account on 2nd October 2024.

12th August 2024: In a Zoom the EXCO decides to open a bank account in Italy inside the EU, as there is a high probability that a least one EXCO member will be resident of the EU.

9th September 2024: As the WAB has to be registered in Italy for opening a bank account, Arcangelo is enforced to start this process with the help of a notaio by the EXCO. If there is a time shortage for opening the bank account for the WAB due to this, the EXCO agrees with a temporarily used private account run by Thomas Wittek (Treasurer).

27th September 2024: As the registration process is not yet ready and has to be supported by a notary, Starling offers a cheque with our money as they denie to send the money to private account of Thomas Wittek mentioned above. David Black manages to get 4 more weeks till the account is closed.

17th October 2024: Signing of the Registration with Statutes in Italian language in Italy seconded by an Italian colleague of Bologna University.

21st October 2024: Arcangelo reports in a EXCO Zoom that the WAB is registered in Italy and the bank account is opened by now. EXCO takes over positions of the new registered association.

30th October 2024: After a succesful try of 10 Pounds, David Black had to transfer the money in tranches of 10.000 Pounds as the bank denies to transfer bigger amounts to new accounts.

12th November 2024: David Black informs the EXCO that all money is transferred and the Starling Bank account is closed.

20th December 2024: Italian fiscal code is given for Thomas Wittek.

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New Homepage

transferred to a modern design by a professional Webdesigner

new structure more slim and fast

the domain www.buiatrics.com stays at the host we used before (*webhosting canada*) as we never had problems with them up to now

The short timeout of the Homepage was caused by a not understandable cancelling of the webhosting contract that could be revised quite quickly...

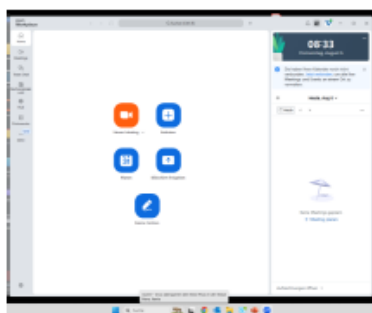


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Zoom is still the perfect tool we need for webinars and meetings
unfortunately after the Brexit it was not possible to change the responsible person
inside our contract to someone who is not a UK resident...
=> therefore we cancelled the contract and will renew it inside the EU till
December 4th 2026...



01.06.24

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Report of the secretary



WAB Member Associations

Dear members, to keep in contact easily please note any
changes of the responsible persons and/or their mailaddresses

Presidents

Secretaries

other contact persons

to: secretary@buiatrics.com and/or peterheimberg@gmx.de

Report of the secretary



In memoriam:
Kerstin Elisabeth Müller

* 28.09.1959 – 18.04.2026

Former Head of Clinic for Cattle, FU Berlin, Germany

Member of WAB Board of Governors (2004 - 2016)

*highly addicted to the
teaching of veterinary skills,
lived for her students and the
veterinary education ...*



WAB Treasurer's
Report
WBC - Istanbul 2026

Thomas Wittek

Background Information

WAB was registered as a “Company Limited by Guarantee” in England and Wales

Bank account with Starling Bank (UK)

T. Wittek elected as treasurer in May 2024 in Cancun replacing David Black

Starling Bank did not allow Non-UK citizen to continue the account

David Black thankfully agreed manage the account till it was moved to an EC-country

WAB had to be registered in Italy first before it was possible to open a business account

Background Information

WAB now registered in Italy as non-profit association in October 2024

Bank account was opened 21.10.2024 at the bank: Intesa SanPaolo S.p.A

Funds had to be transferred in tranches of maximal £10,000 over several days, starting 24th October to 2nd November 2024

Currency conversion £ to Euro

TW had to appear in person at the bank in Bologna (January 2025)

Financial Summary in £
May 2024-October 2024, Key Items
Starling Bank (UK)

Income/Expenditures	£ (Pound)	€ (Euro)
Opening Bank Account at WBC 2024	65 872	
Income from WBC 2024	19 435	
Student support for WBC 2024	-16 130	
Transfer fee	224	
Closing balance October 2024	68 953	80 347



NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Bodies of the WAB

Paragraph 8

- 2. The WAB is administered by the Board of Governors (Board) consisting of 10 - 20 members elected from individuals who have been endorsed by their national buiatrics associations which are Full Members of the WAB.
- 3. The members of the Board should also be broadly representative of the different regions of the world.
- 4. Terms of office, for all bodies of the WAB, begin and end at the close of a General Assembly meeting.
- 5. The Board is elected by the General Assembly, which is convened on the occasion of the WBC.

Financial Summary October 2024 to June 2026– Key Items Only (rounded)

EXPENDITURE	€ (Euros)
Opening Bank account in Euro Oct 2024	80 347
For new registration of WAB in Italy and deregistration in UK	-2 400
Old Web Site and Web Site Hosting	-1 800
Zoom Hosting and New Email Provider	-650
Mid-Congress Meeting	-0
President attending WOA in 2025 and 2025	-2 300
New Home Page	-2 500
Miscellaneous	-300
Closing Account at 30/06/2026	70 391

Budget to WBC 2028 – Key Items - (€)

Opening Bank Account at WBC 2024	70 000
Income from WAB 2026 (estimated)	39 000
Professional and Bank Charges	-1 000
Communications inc. Web Site, Email, Zoom	-6 000
Mid-Congress Meeting	-8 000
Scholarships & Presidents Awards	-15 000
WOAH meeting President	- 3 000
WVA membership fee	-1 000
Miscellaneous	-2 000
Membership fee from national associations	?
Sponsoring	?
Predicted Bank Balance at WBC 2028	73 000

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Report of the Treasurer and presentation of the financial balance



Report on the finances of the World Buiatric Association between May 2024 and June 2026

Vienna, 28. June 2026

Dear auditors,

I was elected as treasurer in May 2024 replacing David Black. However, as non-UK citizen I was not allowed by the UK bank (Starling) to continue the account. David Black thankfully agreed to stay in office until we were able to move the bank account to an EC country, which took some time since we had to register the WAB in Italy first before a business account could be opened there.

The WAB Bank account was opened 21.10.2024 at the bank Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. The report on the finances of the World Buiatric Association (WAB) is delivered in two parts. The first part at UK bank is in GBP, the second part at the Italian bank is in Euro.

Report confirmed by 2 Auditors (Joey Rheinberger, Joaquin Hernandez)

Report confirmed by 26 members

Board of Governors Meeting Istanbul

Report of the Membership and Nomination Committee Presentation of new member of the Board of Governors



Surname	Name	Entrance BoFG	Continent	End of term with COVID	2026 Istanbul	2028	2030	2032
GENTILE	Arcangelo	2008	Europe	end of presidency 2026	Become Past president	Leave the BoFG		
JORDAO	Ricardo	2012	S. America	end 2nd term 2022, 3rd 2026	Become President		Become Past president	Leave the BoFG
HAN	Bo	2016	Asia	end 1st term 2022, 2nd 2026	Leave the BoFG			
GONZALEZ-MARTIN	Juan (Vincente)	2016	Europe	end 1st term 2022, 2nd 2027	Leave the BoFG			
HEIMBERG	Peter	2016	Europe	end 1st term 2022, 2nd 2028	May be re-elected secretary		Leave the BoFG	
SORIECH	Przemyslaw	2016	Europe	end 1st term 2022, 2nd 2029	Leave the BoFG			
CAMPUZANO-REYES	(Luis) Octavio	2016	N. America	end 1st term 2022, 2nd 2030	Leave the BoFG			
WILLIAMSON	Norman Bruce	2016	Oceania	end 1st term 2022, 2nd 2031	Leave the BoFG			
LEE	Inhyung	2018	Asia	end 1st term 2024, confirmed to 2028		Leave the BoFG		
WITTEK	Thomas	2018	Europe	end 1st term 2024, elected secretary		May be confirmed as treasurer for a		Leave the BoFG
OSAWA	Takeshi	2022	Asia	end first term 2026	May be confirmed for a 2nd term		Leave the BoFG	
GIATTIO	Raphael	2022	Europe	end first term 2026	May be confirmed for a 2nd term		Leave the BoFG	
CLAUDE	Luis Pablo Hervé	2022	S. America	end first term 2026	May be confirmed for a 2nd term		Leave the BoFG	
ZELONDO	Daniel	2022	S. America	end first term 2026	May be confirmed for a 2nd term		Leave the BoFG	
SHAABAN	Roula	2024	MENA	end first term 2028		May be confirmed for a 2nd term		Leave the BoFG
MANSOR	Rozahhan	2024	Asia	end first term 2028		May be confirmed for a 2nd term		Leave the BoFG

Nominations received

- ▣ *Beriku Gebrekidan (Ethiopia)*
- ▣ *John Mee (Ireland)*
- ▣ *Zoltan Szelenyi (Hungary)*
- ▣ *Hidir Gencoglu (Türkiye)*
- ▣ *Miguel Angel Quiroz Martinez (Mexico)*
- ▣ *Jian Gao (China)*
- ▣ *Joey Rheinberger (Australia)*



Nominations received

- ▣ *Beriku Gebrekidan (Ethiopia)*



Beriku Gebrekidan (Ethiopia) – His appointment will provide, for the first time, representation from Sub-Saharan Africa, an important milestone for the international development of our Association.

Ethiopia has one of the largest cattle populations in Africa (60 millions cattle and 60 millions small ruminants!!!), and the entire region offers significant opportunities for growth, education, and professional development in bovine medicine.

Nominations received
□ *John Mee (Ireland)*



John Mee (Ireland) – John is highly respected within our community and has consistently contributed to our activities, not only with his intensive participation to congresses but also with constant participation at our webinars.

Ireland is internationally recognized for excellence in dairy production and bovine health, and his appointment would reinforce links with the English-speaking scientific and professional community.

Nominations received
□ *Zoltan Szelenyi (Hungary)*



Zoltan Szelenyi (Hungary) – Central Europe remains a strategically important region for cattle production and veterinary education.

Hungary has a long tradition of engagement within our Association, has successfully hosted important events (see organization of Middle European Countries), and has historically played a leading role in our movement (Otto Szency was for many years secretary general).

Zoltan would bring continuity, experience, and strong regional connections.

Nominations received

▣ **Hidir Gencoglu (Türkiye)**



Hidir Gencoglu (Türkiye) – Türkiye is hosting the congress, and Dr. Gencoglu has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to our activities, having also applied during the previous selection process.

The country occupies a strategic position between Europe, Asia, and the Middle East and has an important cattle sector, making it a valuable bridge to several regions.

Nominations received

▣ **Miguel Angel Quiroz Martinez (Mexico)**

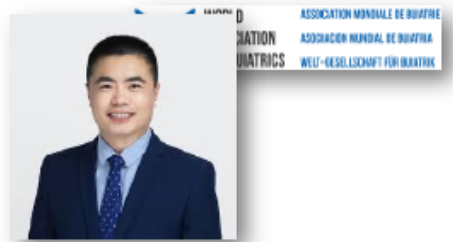


Miguel Angel Quiroz Martinez (Mexico) – Mexico is one of the major cattle-producing countries in the Americas and serves as a gateway to broader engagement throughout Latin America.

His appointment could help strengthen our presence and activities across a region with considerable growth potential.

Nominations received

▣ **Jian Gao (China)**



Jian Gao (China) – China is home to one of the world's largest and fastest-growing dairy industries.

Strong representation from China could help us develop new collaborations, increase participation, and strengthen the Association's presence in a region that will undoubtedly play a major role in the future of bovine production.

Nominations received

▣ **Joey Rheinberger (Australia)**



Joey Rheinberger (Australia) – Increasing female representation on the Board remains an important priority, as the current number of women members is still relatively low.

In addition, Australia has one of the world's most advanced cattle industries and a strong tradition in bovine medicine, making representation from Oceania particularly valuable.

All 7 new Board members confirmed by 26 members

Annual fees for members



Proposal to be approved by the general assembly in Istanbul.

PROPOSAL

Valid as 2027 = 100 euro/year

- No action against non paying member but
- Paying members :
 - Eligible for
 - nominating member for the board of governors
 - bidding for WBC

Annual fees confirmed by 26 members

Report of the President elect

Statutes changings due to registration in Italy

Statutes had to be reassorted due to the Italian procedures...

The Paragraph describing the registration had to be changed:

Paragraph 2

1. At the time of adoption of these Statutes, the World Association for Buiatrics is registered and headquartered in Italy at the Department of Veterinary Medical Sciences of the University of Bologna, via Tolara di Sopra 50, 40064, Ozzano Emilia, Bologna.

Change confirmed by 26 members

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Statutes changings due to annual fees introduction

Proposal:

Member fees

Paragraph 21a

An annual fee of 100 EUR per full member of the WAB has to be paid during the year. No association should be expelled from WAB when not paying the fees, but the fees (for the last 4 years) are necessary for those who want to nominate candidates for the Board of Governors or give a bid for organizing a WBC. A change to the attendance fee can be proposed by the Board and approved by the General Assembly.

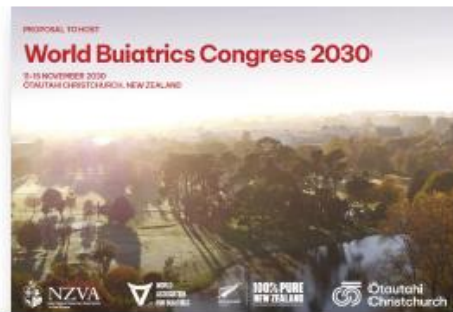
According to this, the Paragraph 20 has to be added by this yellow marked part:

The Assets of the Association

Paragraph 20

1. The assets of the Association consist of the congress participation fees provided by the national Organising Committee of the World Buiatrics Congresses, **the annual member fees** and the donations and contributions of the members and other persons. To accept the donations, the endorsement of the Board is necessary.
2. The Association can carry out supplementary business activity in accordance with its objects. The Association can use any surplus funds only to achieve the objectives mentioned in the statutes.

Change confirmed by 26 members





Inhyung Lee gives a introduction in the
WBC 2028 in Jeju / Korea



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ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DE BUIATRIE

ASOCIACION MUNDIAL DE BUIATRIA

WELT-GESELLSCHAFT FÜR BUIATRIK

Arcangelo Gentile, President

Peter Heimberg, Secretary