

Minutes of the 2nd General Assembly of the ICC-GIC
held on March 14th, 2023, during the 6th ISOCARD conference in Al-Hofuf, KSA

AGENDA

- 1) REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)
 - 1) Genomic activities
 - 2) Phenotyping activities
- 2) ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF ICC-GIC, 2 VICE-CHAIRS, GENERAL SECRETARY and APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS to THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 - 1) Agreement on the election mode
 - 2) Nomination of candidates
 - 3) Elections
 - 4) Appointment of up to 4 members to the executive committee
- 3) NEXT ACTIVITIES

MEETING MINUTES

The ICC-GIC EC Chairperson Faisal Almathen welcomes all participants of the ICC-GIC General Assembly and gives the word to the General Secretary Elena Ciani, who presents the report of the ICC-GIC activities since the last General Assembly during the 5th ISOCARD conference in Laayoune, 2018.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Genomic activities

- 1) Reference genomes for all Camelus species
- 2) Re-sequencing of 700 genomes – make data available
- 3) SNP chips:
 - i) Saudi Arabia Illumina 60K SNPchip
 - ii) Illumina Greater Good Initiative, 60K SNPchip
 - iii) FAO Affymetrix (Thermofisher) Axiom™ 180K camelid SNP array
 - iv) During the conference an additional Thermofisher 196K Bactrian camel SNP array was presented by the Kazakh participants

Phenotyping activities

- International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR) - Sheep Goats and Camelids Working Group (SGC WG): current composition of the Large Camelids Expert Advisory Group (EAG): Hasan Al-Haddad group (fibre), Carlos I Pastrana group (zoometrics, kinetics, behaviour, fibre), Elena Ciani group, Pamela Burger group (host-pathogen interaction)

During the meeting Pamela Burger invited interested participants to join the ICAR SGC WG to contribute with their expertise to the development of standardized protocols and guidelines for Large Camelid phenotypes. The following persons showed interest during the conference:

- Barbara Padalino: University of Bologna, Italy: Behavioural traits, Animal Welfare
- Moufida Atigui: Institute of Arid Areas, Medenine, Tunisia: Physiology
- Jutka Juhasz and Peter Nagy: Camelicious Company, Dubai, UEA: Milk phenotype recording

Any further ICC-GIC members interested in contributing to the ICAR SGC WG, please contact elena.ciani@uniba.it and pamela.burger@vetmeduni.ac.at

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF ICC-GIC, 2 VICE-CHAIRS, GENERAL SECRETARY and APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS to THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

After agreeing on the election mode, the EC presented nominee suggestions for the next period 2023-2026:

- Chairperson: Elena Ciani, University of Bari, IT
- Vice-chairs:
 - Faisal Almathen, King Faisal University, Al-Hofuf, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 - Hussain Bahbahani, University of Kuwait, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- General Secretary: Pamela Burger, Vetmeduni Vienna, Austria
- Appointed Members:
 - Shynar Akhmetsadykova, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan
 - Yi Li, Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, Hohhot, China
 - Abdelmalek Sghiri, Agronomic-Veterinary Institute, Rabat, Morocco
 - Tanveer Hussain, Virtual University of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

The EC asked to the General Assembly if there were any further proposal for nominates or any objections on the proposed ones. No further proposal or objection was manifested. Hence the election was carried out by hand raising and the former EC addressed its welcoming to the newly appointed EC, that is now composed as it follows:

- Chairperson: Elena Ciani, University of Bari, Italy
- Vice-chairs:
 - Faisal Almathen, King Faisal University, Al-Hofuf, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 - Hussain Bahbahani, University of Kuwait, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- General Secretary: Pamela Burger, Vetmeduni Vienna, Austria
- Appointed Members:
 - Shynar Akhmetsadykova, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan

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NEXT ACTIVITIES

- The newly elected EC will arrange a virtual EC meeting in due course.
- Work together with ICAR for establishing standardized protocols and phenotyping guidelines
- Also, the EC warmly invites all the ICC-GIC members to circulate the web link to for ICC-GIC membership acquisition to other potentially interested people.

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