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**Minutes**  
**EUfishmeal General Assembly**  
**14th of September 2017, Killybegs, Ireland**

**1) Adoption of agenda**

Jes Bjerregaard was elected to chair the General Assembly and he stated that the call for the GA and the agenda had been done in due time and that the GA was authorized to make decisions.

The agenda was adopted without remarks.

**2) Presidents report**

Johannes Palsson presented the Presidents report, which had been circulated to all EUfishmeal members and conference participants prior to the GA. Johannes welcomed the new associated members Hedinn, Perten Instruments and JS Proputec A/S. He then gave an overview of the total production in EUfishmeal in 2016, touched upon the accounts, the new premises of the secretariat and the work that had been done in EUfishmeal in 2016 and 2017 so far.

He ended the presentation with an outlook of the future and the important topics for the secretariat to work on such as BREF, fishmeal research projects, life cycle analysis, use of fishmeal for ruminants and harvesting from all levels in the oceans.

**3) Accounts of the past year**

Anne Mette Baek Jespersen presented the financial statement and expenditures in EUfishmeal for year 2016. Anne Mette explained how the budget was agreed last year (€ 45.000 and then raised to € 54.000 due to 3 new associated members) and she explained the reasons why the budget was exceeded. This was due to the BREF benchmark that had been decided to cover by EUfishmeal reserves.

The General Assembly approved the accounts for 2016.

#### **4) Budget 2018**

Anne Mette then presented the budget proposal for 2018 at € 99.300. She explained the slight increase that is due to payment of 60 % of Jonas' salary for a full year compared to only 9 months in 2017 and some expected additional travel activity relating to the BREF-revision.

The General Assembly approved the budget for 2018.

#### **5) Executive Board appointment**

There were no remarks to the proposed members of the Executive Board and Jes concluded, that the board was approved and that it would constitute the presidency itself.

The Executive Board for 2017/2018 will be:

- Kyrre Dale, Norway
- Christian Bisgaard, Germany
- Frank Trearty, Ireland
- Johannes Palsson, Denmark
- Johann Petur Andersen, Iceland
- Odd Eliasson, Faroe Islands
- Toby Parker, UK

#### **6) EU revision on BREF documents**

Anne Mette went quickly over this point that had already been discussed at the previous day's conference.

#### **7) Fish oil for human consumption**

Anne Mette explained how the secretariat together with Norsk Sjømat had produced a report with an overview of the current regulatory situation for producing fish oil for human consumption in Europe. The answer from the Commission to this report was positive, as they confirmed that production of fish oil for HC and non-HC can be done on the same production facilities. It was now up to the factories to define the "flushing" method and thereby to prove for the national authorities, that they can secure the complete separation of the types of raw material and end product. Anne Mette explained, that the secretariat, based on a hopefully upcoming Danish industry code for the production, will upgrade it to a common European industry code.

Egil Magne backed the secretariats work and asked, if the secretariat in addition to this could look at the possibility to include all the liquid phases in the factories in the food approval. Anne Mette answered, that the secretariat would work to include this.

## **8) Follow up on scientific projects**

Two scientific projects are being worked on in EUfishmeal at the moment, Anne Mette described. One is the literature project together with DTU Aqua, DTU Food, Nofima and Matis. First phase is an application in October, where we will apply for DKK 500.000. The goal is to deliver a scientific review (workshop report) and communication of the present knowledge in a simple way e.g. infographics, fact sheets and 1-2 videos. Anne Mette explained, that the second phase is the development of a cost-effective method to screen for valuable ingredients in fishmeal and test the quality and effects of ingredients and mixed feed compounds in aquaculture fish feed. The project is expected to fit in as a part of a large international research project with a project duration of 2-4 years.

The second project is a research project on “FMSY Values in Fisheries Management (ECOSYSTEM-Fmsy)”. The project has received full funding (DKK 3 million). Anne Mette told the GA that Søren Anker Pedersen from the EUfishmeal secretariat had just been presenting the initial parts of the project at the annual ICES conference.

## **9) Annual meeting 2019**

The next bi-annual conference 2019, will be at the Faroe Islands, where Havsbrún will be the hosts. The conference will take part in week 35, 2019.

## **10) Miscellaneous**

Anne Mette briefly told about the infographic responsibility paper which had been handed out at the meeting and can be used for communicating and promoting the good story about the fishmeal and fish oil industry.

There were no further remarks and Jes Bjerregaard ended the General Assembly.

Signatures:

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Johannes Palsson

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Odd Eliassen

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Arnt-Ove Hoddevik

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Johann Petur Andersen

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Frank Trearty

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Toby Parker

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