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Commission Internationale des Méthodes d'Analyse des Pesticides (CIMAP)

**MINUTES OF THE
54th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE 59th COUNCIL MEETING**

hold on Thursday, 19th June 2025, in the Galway Bay hotel in Galway, Ireland

Present:

Mr L. Bura (secretary)
Ms M.C. Cardeal de Oliveira
Mr C. Czerwenka
Mr J. Garvey
Mr B.E. Hocken (treasurer)
Ms D. Julinková
Ms H. Karasali (chair)
Ms V. Kmečl
Mr P. Maberly.
Ms F. Mathieu
Mr J. Memelink
Mr Y. Ohshima
Mr B. Patrian
Mr O. Pigeon
Mr A. Plumb
Mr P. Prachathipat
Mr T. de Rijk (assistant secretary)
Ms A. Santilio
Ms C. Vinke

The chair, Mrs Helen Karasali welcomed the participants and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. No amendments to the agenda were proposed.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Mr V. Chmil, Mr R. Hänel, Mrs O. Novaková, Mr L. Manso, Ms J. Rolnik and Mr Shahabuddin.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (CM/279)

As there were no corrections, the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting (2024) were proposed to be accepted as true and fair report of the meeting. The Minutes were accepted and will be signed by the chair.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There weren't matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

4. Secretary's report (CM/282)

The secretary, Mr Bura, presented the report, a copy of which had been e-mailed to the members.

In the time period covered by the report eight full scale collaborative studies and one small scale study were initiated. The results were presented on the technical meeting.

Reports of seven full scale collaborative trials, seven small scale trials, one method extension and a revision of MT method were presented.

The status of four provisional methods was changed to full CIPAC method. Ten methods were accepted as provisional CIPAC methods, one method for identity and one for relevant impurities were adopted.

Three colleagues were elected as correspondent members and five colleagues as full CIPAC members. four colleagues resigned from the CIPAC membership. Two colleagues were elected as honorary life members after their resignation from the membership. Mrs Helen Karasali was elected as the new chair of CIPAC.

Handbook Q was published in 2024. The accepted provisional methods are available as pre-published methods on the CIPAC website.

No comments were received from the meeting.

5. Treasurer's report (CM/281)

The treasurer, Mr B.E. Hocken, presented the Report and Statement of Accounts, a copy of which had previously been sent to the members.

Sales of Handbooks and CD ROMs were affected during the last six months of the year. Sales of Handbooks, CD ROMs and publication reduced by 9% in 2024 to £19,459 (2023- £21,295). Cost of sales were affected by the MBS Administration. Sponsorship income reduced by 40% to £4,161 (2023 - £6,969). Administrative expenses increased to £34,679 (2023 - £26,907) during the year

reflecting the impact of the MBS bad debt of £14,922 and Conference costs of £4,310. Travel and administration expenses reduced to £7,931.

Overall CIPAC showed an operating deficit of £13,859, however higher interest rates showed an increase in our Money Market deposit interest to £14,071. This has resulted despite all the MBS problems in a small surplus of £212.

Most of our cash is held on HSBC Term deposits. Our Capital investments are AAA rated and as such are very safe in these difficult times.

BCQ Buckingham took over as a webshop in January 2025 after many discussions with Bruno Patrian our Communications Officer, BCQ will undertake the role previously filled by MBS. CIPAC stocks are being replenished by BCQ.

The performance this year has been disappointing and has been largely out of our control. I remain hopeful with our new Fulfilment House BCQ operations will stabilise with an upturn in Sales in 2025.

Mr B.E. Hocken reported that CIPAC finances remain in good order.

6. Publications

6.1 Future CIPAC publications

Future publications will be only the pre-published methods accepted this year, until the publication of the next handbook in approx. 4 years. Around 100 copies of Handbook Q were sold. The electronic version changed from E-P to E-Q, and there is an electronic version updating the existing one, without the necessity to buy the whole set again. The change from Marston to BCQ Buckingham resulted in the creation of the webshop. The old handbook had to be reprinted and Mr Patrian corrected them according to the errata already existing. The price of printing one handbook is around 30 £. The prices of handbooks have raised. The webpage of CIPAC has very much improved thanks to the work of Netty and Bruno. In the case of need Jim, Helen and László have access to the dropbox.

6.2 Form of publications

We moved from the CD ROMs to the webshop.

6.3 Review of CIPAC handbooks

The excel sheet containing the MT methods will be put on the web. The information from the obsolete list was added to the cumulative index, on the electronic version and also the webpage. It was proposed to delete the provisional list. There is no need to review a handbook at the moment.

6.4 Availability of individual methods

It is not possible to buy individual methods. Several times (one, two times/year) a method is sent out for free for particular reasons, mainly MT methods.

7. Future CIPAC meetings

7.1 Meeting in the year 2026

The 70th CIPAC meeting will be in Krabi, Thailand.

7.2 Proposal for the 2027 meeting

Three countries were approached for the possibility to host the meeting. We are waiting for their answers.

8. Payment to the host country

The organizers asked for 8000 EUR due to the increase in expenses. The sum was agreed by the Meeting.

9. Resignations from CIPAC

Mr Jim Garvey (Ireland) has resigned from CIPAC as he will retire from work and doesn't want to block the Irish position. The Meeting thanked his very valuable activities for CIPAC and specially thanked the long service of Mr Garvey as editor of the handbooks and member of ESPAC.

10. Withdrawal of membership

The membership of Ms Gádor Indra Hidalgo López was withdrawn as she is no longer working in the field of pesticide analytics.

11. Elections

11.1 Election of correspondents

Mr Bura proposed Ms Maria Basso from Uruguay, Ms Vanessa Gonçalves dos Santos from Brasil and Mr Denis Viquez Murillo from Costa Rica to be elected as correspondent members. Seconded by Mr Hocken and Mrs Karasali. Ms Maria Basso, Ms Vanessa Gonçalves dos Santos and Mr Denis Viquez Murillo were unanimously elected as correspondent CIPAC members.

Mr Prachathipat proposed Ms Woramon Suriyachan from Thailand, Mr Bura seconded. Ms Woramon Suriyachan was unanimously elected as correspondent CIPAC member.

11.2 Election of members

Mr Bura proposed Ms Elaine Devaney from Ireland to be elected as a full member. Mrs Karasali seconded. Ms Devaney was unanimously elected as CIPAC member.

11.3 Any other elections

Mr Bura proposed Mr Jim Garvey to be elected as honorary life member after the long period of serving CIPAC, contributing to its success. Mr Hocken seconded and Mr Garvey was unanimously elected as honorary life member.

12. Any other business

Mr Hocken is still planning to serve as treasurer in 2026, and for a smooth transition, he introduced Mr Paul Maberly who will start in 2027. Paul is currently Joint Managing Partner of our auditors Mercer & Hole and has been known to Mr Hocken for 30 years. Mr Maberly explained that because of the changes in the rules CIPAC doesn't need an audit but only an accountant report.

13. Closure

Mrs Karasali expressed her gratitude to all colleagues for their contributions to the meeting and to Mr Hocken, Mr Patrian, Mr Bura and Mr de Rijk for all their continuous CIPAC work and closed the meeting.

László Bura
Secretary
July 2025