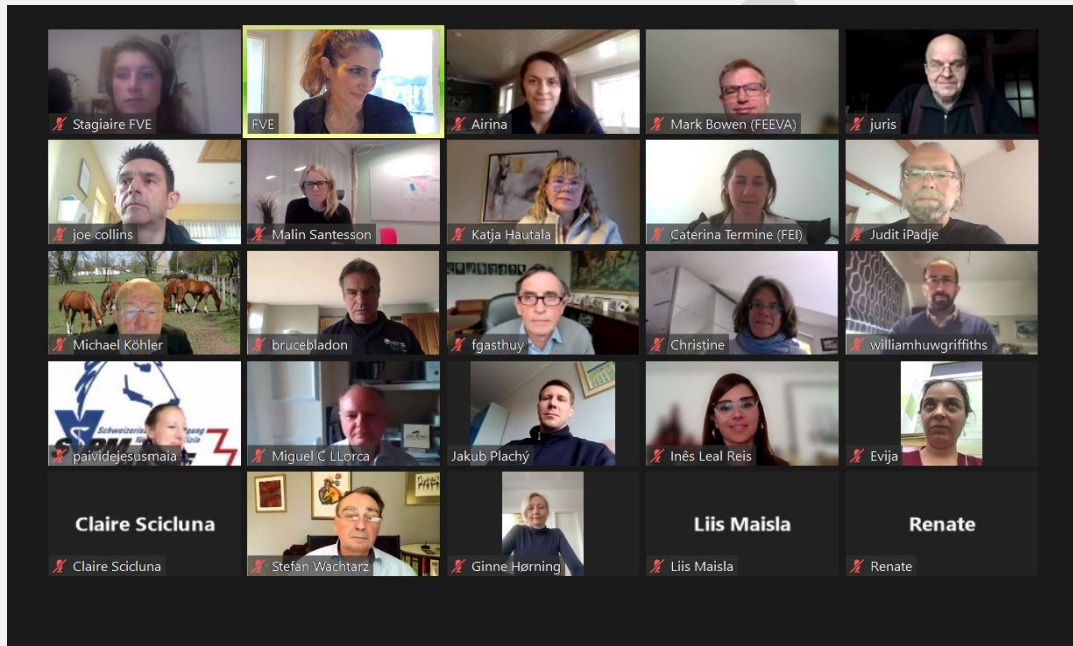




## Minutes FEEVA GA 5th November 2021

Thursday 5 November 10:00-12:30 CET, Via ZOOM



### Welcome

**Mette Uldahl**, FEEVA President, opened the meeting and welcomed all the FEEVA delegates and presented the new FEEVA secretary **Yael Dotan**. She said that she hope next year to meet in a face to face meeting, but this year due to the COVID19 pandemic the board decided for a virtual meeting. She welcomed the guest **Caterina Termine** from FEI, and mentioned the apologies received from **David Foley** and **Sue Stivers** from AAEP.

### Updates on matters ([presentation](#))

**Mette Uldahl** gave an overview of the last years of FEEVA activities. She highlighted how she saw the importance of creating a new FEEVA organization plan, like the contribution of each board member to the working groups activities and the revision of the members in each group. She specifically mentioned the connection with the FVE activities and communication work, the Medicine working group, the collaboration with FEI, FEEVA prepurchase working group and the disease surveillance working group. She emphasized the work that has been done on issues like EHV1 outbreak, the [HERCA- FEEVA](#) statement, [EHN](#) group cooperation, the unwanted horses issue, the '[Best practice protocol for euthanasia](#)', and the Recommendations for Ensuring Good Welfare of Horses Used for Industrial Blood, Serum, or Urine Production.

**Mette Uldahl** informed the members that she is leaving the board as a president and will continue to be involved in the Horse Welfare Working Group, the FVE animal welfare working group, the WVA position paper and the essential medicine list. She thanked **Nancy De Briyne** for all her years as FEEVA secretary and welcomed **Yael Dotan** as the new FEEVA secretary. She concluded by saying that it was a great pleasure to work for FEEVA in the last 4 years.

## Disease Surveillance Working Group - DSWG ([Presentation](#))

**Donald Collins**, gave a presentation about the EHV 1, the clinical and epidemiological aspects as well as the prevention and control. He included the availability issues of the vaccine in Europe and talked about the mandatory or optional vaccination of sport registered horses in different EU countries. He told about the outbreak at the beginning of the year with heavy consequences of sick and dead horses, and mentioned the important involvement in that stressful period of many members in the DSWG and their successful effort to contain the disease.

- Comments from the members (via chat) were about the fact that in Belgium, the vaccination for trotters is obligatory, as well for thoroughbreds in Spain and in Portugal it is optional.

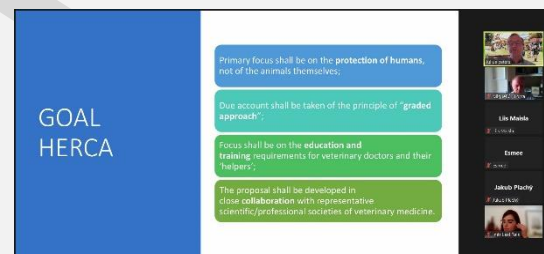
## Medicines Working Group - MWG ([Presentation](#))

**Mark Bowen**, presented the work that has been done in the Medicine Working Group (MWG). He discussed briefly informing about the EU Regulation on veterinary medicinal products, highlighting its importance regarding the AMR fight, the development and internal market improvement and the scientific input that the regulation is based on. He mentioned the importance on maintaining AM to be used in veterinary, and about how the motion for a resolution on the delegated act could have had a serious negative effect on animal health, animal welfare and public health. FEEVA supported the FVE on lobbying against the motion for a resolution defending the possibility to use a few AM categories in veterinary medicine.



## Prepurchase Examination Working Group -PPEWG ([Presentation](#))

**Julius Peters**, presented the work of the PPEWG on [FEEVA/ HERCA joint position](#). He told that FEEVA is working in a joint process with the European Radiological Protection Competent Authorities (HERCA) on developing a recognized standard for use of radiographs about Pre-purchase Examinations of horses. It is a two-step process where the first step has been to describe a joint position with the aim for the development of a recognized standard and the second step is agreeing on a practical protocol with descriptions of individual projections included.



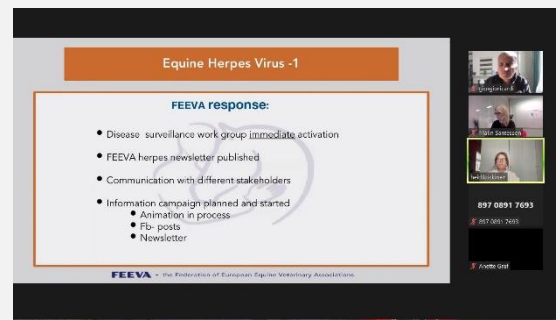
The projections included based on the review will be presented at the next FEEVA PPE Symposium to be discussed.

- **Claire Scicluna** asked whether was discussed the necessity of doing so many X-rays to a horse only for selling purposes? In reference to human and horse health. **Mette Uldahl** answered that indeed we need to solve this point, to take care of the health of our vets members while keeping on taking care of radiographs. For many countries there are recommendations/requirements of how to do this and many other countries are looking for this FEEVA/HERCA collaboration and will set standards when we will agree on the standards. **Dr. Maren Hellige** from Hannover, will review all the suggestions from the member countries and prepare a list of projections to use.

**Caterina Termine** from FEI expressed a huge thank you for FEEVA on behalf of FEI, for the extremely important collaboration during the EHV1 outbreak, where having incredible support from FEEVA DSWG and from FEEVA members for the veterinary advice and work, was crucial.

## FEEVA activities this year (Presentation)

**Heidi Kellokoski-Kiiskinen** started by saying that it was not easy to work and communicate virtually, but nevertheless, we have managed to achieve a lot, and much is still ongoing. She mentioned the involvement and the work of FEEVA for some position papers and protocols, The EHV1 outbreak newsletter to the members, the participation in different meetings as EHN, FVE, UEVP, and the Supporting in the Latvian Equine welfare Project. She explained and illustrated the EHV campaign saying that it will be ready and launched at the beginning of 2022.



## Finances (Presentation)

**Julius Peters**, FEEVA treasurer, presented the finance balance of the FEEVA account, showing an income of 18,843 euros and costs of 8,391 Euros which brings to a positive balance of +10452 Euros. Later he continued by giving detailed figures of the expenses.



BALANCE	
- 31-12-2019	EURO 20789,-
- 31-12-2020	EURO 33002,-
- INCOME	EURO 18843,-
- COSTS	EURO 8391,-
- POSITIVE RESULT	EURO 10452,-

- The finance report was adopted by all members (by raising hand)

## Presentation Protocol for Euthanasia (Vote)

**Mette Uldahl**, presented the '[protocol for euthanasia](#)' for horses, mentioning that this paper is a follow up for the FVE/FEEVA 'end of life position paper'. She explained that this is a technical document for vets on best practice techniques for horse euthanasia whereas the End of Life for horses paper covers more ethical aspects of horse euthanasia, adopted in 2019. She said that the Euthanasia paper, has been through members consultation and adopted in the last FVE GA and is now for FEEVA GA adoption. The paper will be followed by technical guidelines.

- **Bruce Bladon** commented that it would be better to delete the cross between eyes and ears in the diagram, looks too low. **Mette Uldahl** answered that there is broad variation in Europe on the position of the cross and we had a debate in the board about it, what we see now is a compromise.
- **Claire Scicluna** did not agree with the sedation with alfa2 agonist followed by barbiturate because of bad recumbency of the horse and said she believes that the risk should be emphasized as well on the diagram and not only in the text. **Mette Uldahl** replied that this was the reason that it was divided into 2 steps where also induction with ketamine is recommended. She added that the paper passed through members consultancy already and now it is now for adoption, therefore it is not possible to make any further changes. She suggested making a small leaflet easy to read and to insert these details in. **Heidy Kiiskinen** added that she did not find much difference in euthanizing horses in either of the 2 ways.
- **Claire Scicluna** and **Miguel Llorca** commented that a paper from FEEVA should not be first voted in the FVE GA before it is voted by FEEVA GA and asked to make sure to avoid it in the future. **Mette Uldahl** answered that it happened simply because after the paper was ready, the FVE has its GA before the FEEVA GA.
- **Juris Tolpežņikovs** mentioned that Intrathecal mentioning would be nice and suggested including also a brief description and diagram (as for gunshot/captive bolt)
- **Joe Collins** asked if all believe that an Alpha 2 for sedation is essential (as written in section 2.1) in all cases, before euthanasia? **Mark Bowen** answered that since that it is recommended in the SPC we felt it needed to be in a best practice document

- The paper was adopted with 3 abstains

## Extension of term of 2 board members (vote)

**Yael Dotan** explained shortly about the proposal of the board to extend the term of 2 board members for additional term of 2 more years, the board believes this secures a consistent turnover for the future: the situation where the president and 4 board members are total changed, and only 1 board member stays to secure consistency, is not an ideal situation for the continuity of FEEVA work. Voting made by private chat.

- The members voted in favor with one against

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## Board election (vote)

**Mette Uldahl** explained that since the board proposal was accepted the meeting proceeded to the election of 3 candidates for the new board. The candidates are : Andrea Brignolo -Italy, Anette Graf- Sweden, Bruce Bladon – UK, Lucjan Witkowski- Poland, Michael Koheler – Germany. Voting was made by private chat.

- The 3 elected board members :

*Andrea Brignolo -Italy*  
*Anette Graf- Sweden*  
*Lucjan Witkowski- Poland*

**Mette Uldahl** congratulated the new board members.

After a short break for consultancy, the new board selected the new president and the new treasurer

- The FEEVA new president: *Julius Peters*
- The FEEVA new treasurer: *Andrea Brignolo*

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## Upcoming activities

The new FEEVA president, Julius Peters, thanked Mette Uldahl for her great work as FEEVA president and welcomed her to continue her work and involvement in FEEVA activities.

He announced his continued follow-up on European Horse Network issues including FEEVA contribution to EHN. He mentioned the upcoming planned activity with the PPEWG and the foreseen meeting in Portugal.

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## Any Other Business from members

The members asked the secretariat to share the presentations with the participants FEEVA members.

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## Thank you and goodbye

The FEEVA AGM ended at 12:35. **Julius Peters** ended by thanking all for attending the FEEVA GA Online.