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Minutes of the INFPD General Meeting
held during XXIV World's Poultry Congress, on 08 August 2012 at Bahia
Convention Center in Salvador-Bahia, Brazil

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1. Introduction

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is currently implementing the project, entitled “*Smallholder Poultry Development Programme*”, with funds from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to strengthen and further develop the International Network for Family Poultry Development (INFPD) so as to enable it to continue to raise the international profile of family poultry production throughout the world, especially in developing countries. This is being done through the selection and training of young poultry scientists from twelve developing countries as ‘Associate Poultry Advisors’; development and dissemination of technical information (family poultry development toolkits) and development of the organizational structure of the INFPD. As a part of the project activities, it was planned to organize three stakeholders’ workshops. Accordingly, the first meeting was arranged on 26 August 2010 during the 13th European Poultry Conference (EPC), held from 23 to 27 August 2010 in Tours, France, with members of INFPD and other interested WPSA (World’s Poultry Science Association) members from Africa and Europe. The project sponsored and invited 10 young poultry experts from Africa to the EPC. The second meeting was organized and successfully held on 26 March 2011 for INFPD members from Asia Pacific during the 7th International Poultry Show and Seminar of the WPSA-Bangladesh Branch, which took place from 25 to 27 March in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Members of INFPD, WPSA and senior officials of FAO and IFAD attended the meeting and participated in the discussions.

Thereafter, the third stakeholders’ workshop was arranged on 08 August 2012 during the World’s Poultry Congress (WPC) held from 5 to 9 August 2012 at the Bahia Convention Centre, Salvador-Bahia, Brazil, with selected INFPD members and interested WPSA members from all over the world. There were 16 participants, including the 5 newly elected INFPD Executive Committee Members (i.e. E. Fallou Guèye, INFPD Coordinator/Chair; Md. A. Saleque, INFPD Secretary; Jean-Claude Fotsa, Editor-in-Chief, *Family Poultry Communications*; J. Oluwasola Agbede, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, *Family Poultry Communications* & Brigitte Bagnol, INFPD Ex-Officio). The list of participants is also attached (see also *Picture 1*).

2. Agenda, presentations and discussions

The main agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Opening and Welcome, Prof. Funso Sonaiya, Outgoing Coordinator, 5 minutes
2. Declaration of results of e-election and installation of the new INFPD Executives, Prof. Funso Sonaiya, Outgoing Coordinator, 5 minutes
3. Acceptance speech by the new Coordinator, INFPD, on behalf of the Executive, Dr Fallou Guèye, 5 minutes.
4. Activities and projects of INFPD
 - 4.1 Membership of INFPD, linkage with WPSA, Dr. Fallou Guèye, 5 minutes
 - 4.2 Results and conclusions from the INFPD member's survey, Dr. Md. A. Saleque, IFAD/FAO Project Coordinator, 5 minutes
 - 4.3 Progress report on other IFAD-funded project activities (website, decision tools, APAs training, e –conferences), Dr. Olaf Thieme, FAO, 10 minutes
 - 4.4 *Family Poultry Communications* (FPC), Family Poultry Directory, Newsletter, information material, etc., Dr. J-C. Fotsa, newly elected FPC Editor-in-Chief, 5 minutes
5. Future structure and sustainability of INFPD, open discussions by participants. 25 minutes.
6. Conclusions and decisions of the meeting, 5 minutes
7. Closing, 5 minutes

2.1 Opening remarks, results of e-election and installation of the new INFPD Executive Committee

The meeting started with an opening and welcome speech by the outgoing INFPD Coordinator, Prof. Emmanuel Babafunso Sonaiya. In his speech he suggested that INFPD members within their respective countries should become more active and all should take the membership of WPSA. He also said that there is no need to pay additional amount of money for INFPD. Besides this, he mentioned the objectives for the period of 2004-2008. The objectives included

- Institutionalization of family poultry via WPSA, and
- Development of the IFAD proposal.

In line with these objectives, he informed that INFPD became institutionalized as a WPSA global working group. Regarding the relation of INFPD as a global network with WPSA, two acceptance letters were received. On the other hand, the IFAD project proposal was developed and is considered as a major step towards the sustainability of INFPD. So, he suggested Dr. Fallou Guèye, the newly elected INFPD Coordinator, to prepare a guideline on how INFPD will work with WPSA. He also highlighted the need to prepare projects on education, research and organization. He added that it is now known how information can get to the grassroots. He announced the results of the election and welcomed the new Executive Committee members to take over the responsibility of INFPD. Thereafter, the new Coordinator of INFPD, Dr Fallou Guèye delivered his acceptance speech and introduced the new members of the INFPD Executive Committee.

2.2 Activities, future structure and sustainability of INFPD

About the membership, Dr. Fallou Guèye, INFPD Coordinator, showed that the INFPD subscriber list indicated that there were 955 members from 104 countries, as of 31st July 2012. Out of them, 63.7% are from Africa, 14.3% from Europe, 9.6% from Asia, 6.3% from Middle/South America and the Caribbean, 2.9% from Oceania, 2.0% from North America, and 1.2% from the Middle East. He also informed that only 200 INFPD members are active in the long list of people. He noted that though INFPD is recognized as a Global Working Group of WPSA, some members of INFPD are not members of WPSA. He suggested that all INFPD members should be members of WPSA from now. At the same time, he stressed the need for INFPD to show to INFPD members the benefits and duties of being a WPSA member. On the other hand, WPSA members, who have interest in family poultry research and development activities, will be encouraged to be member of INFPD as well. To this end, an invitation e-mail may be sent to WPSA members.

Dr. Md. A. Saleque presented the results and conclusions of the INFPD member's survey. The survey was based on a questionnaire prepared in three languages (French, English, and Spanish). Out of 883 members from 102 countries in the mailing list, a total of 163 members from 60 countries responded to the survey. From the survey, it appeared that INFPD members were of different professional groups of which very few were female (16%). Most of the members wanted to remain in the mailing list (98.8%). The number of members reading INFPD Newsletter, renamed *Family Poultry Communications*, was also very high (90.2%) indicating the usefulness of the Newsletter. However, only 54% respondents visited the INFPD website regularly. Most of the respondents (62.6%) wanted to contribute to the newsletter and/or website by sharing their experiences through the submission of articles. Regarding the membership criteria, about half of the respondents suggested fixing specific criteria. Some of the respondents acknowledged being members of both WPSA and INFPD but nearly 87% respondents gave their strong consent to build up a strong linkage between WPSA and INFPD to sustain and achieve wider dissemination of the activities of INFPD throughout the world. Among the four suggested topics for the planned e-conferences, the highest number of respondents was in favor of "Commercial niche for family poultry production" though the highest priority was expressed for "Opportunities for specific breeding programmes: the bird of the poor". He mentioned that three proposed e-conferences had already been arranged. He also highlighted some recommendations made from the output of the survey.

Dr. Olaf Thieme in his presentation discussed about the objectives and ongoing activities of the project supported by IFAD/FAO like the training of young scientists as Associate Poultry Advisors (APAs), the provision of information material and the sharing and dissemination of relevant information related to small-scale poultry production through a strengthened INFPD.

He briefly reported on the following activities of the project:

1. Training of two groups of APAs : Two groups of five trained in 2010 and 2011 from Asia, Africa and Latin America ;
2. Information material:

- ❖ Training packages developed for the APA training programme
- ❖ Reports from the APA programme
- ❖ Information packages and video about Bangladesh hatcheries
- ❖ Documentation of Good Practices
- ❖ Four issues of *Family Poultry Communications*

3. He mentioned that three e-conferences were planned for three years and all three were arranged as follows

- “*Opportunities of poultry breeding programmes for family production in developing countries: The bird for the poor*” (24 January - 18 February 2011)
- “*Family poultry interactions with other production systems (forestry, tree crops, annual crops, large animals, fisheries, etc): Nutritional opportunities and constraints*” (16 January - 17 February 2012)
- “*Strategic interventions for family poultry in developing countries*” (28 May - 15 June 2012)

He also gave the update about the website maintained by Poultry Research and Training Centre (PRTC) at Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Science University in Bangladesh. The new website was designed; however he urged more contributions from the INFPD members to populate and update it.

Regarding the decision tools he mentioned that the Kyeema Foundation has been working on it, and it is expected to be completed by September 2012. He also discussed about the INFPD meetings and the participation in conferences such as the XIII European Poultry Conference held in 2010 in Tours, France, with 10 invited participants from 10 countries; 7th International Poultry Show and Seminar 2011, Dhaka, Bangladesh (45 invited participants from 8 countries), XXIV World’s Poultry Congress, Salvador, Brazil, 2012 (10 invited participants), the Pan-African Conference on the Launch of the Kuroiler Chicken held in November 2011 in Entebbe, Uganda (3 invited participants), the Second Global AgriKnowledge Share Fair held in 2011, IFAD, Rome, Italy, and the International Conference on “Innovations in Extension and Advisory Services” held in 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya.

He also suggested the following next steps for INFPD:

- ✓ Where to go with family poultry production?
- ✓ The future role and structure of INFPD and relationships with other institutions?
- ✓ What should be future activities?
- ✓ How to get better and active participation from the INFPD members?

Dr. Jean Claude Fotsa, the Editor-in-Chief of *Family Poultry Communications*, presented the present situation of the Newsletter. During his presentation, he said that till the time he was presenting the situation of the manuscript sent for publication, the Newsletter received 15 manuscripts from around the world for publication. All these papers were sent out to the editorial board members for Peer Reviewing, editing and comments. Thus, three responses (20%) were given and only one article (6.67%) was accepted and was under corrections. He also pointed out the slow responses of the Editorial Board Members to confirm their position as members which will allow them to finalize the list. He added that the Author’s guidelines were under preparation and will be forwarded to the

Editorial Board Members for their inputs. Dr Fotsa therefore pleaded and requested the Editorial Board Members present at Bahia and to those who were not to confirm their position by filling in the table which was sent to them earlier. This will help the newly installed editors to keep up the flame of the Journal for the proud of the entire INFPD's family and FPC's readers. By so doing, this will enable the new team to come out with the Volume 21 N° 1 of FPC which is under preparation.

After these presentations, there was a forum for open discussions and comments on the discussed issues.

3. General discussions and decisions of the meeting

3.1 Structure of INFPD and opening of a bank account

It was discussed in the meeting that WPSA has accepted INFPD as a working group and we already have two letters from WPSA to confirm this. Thus, there is no problem of identity for INFPD. However, INFPD is not represented on the WPSA board, and this needs to be promoted. Different alternatives to open an account for INFPD were discussed. One of them is to do it through the Asian Pacific Federation. However, most members suggested that if there would be no legal structure of INFPD, separate bank account would not be possible to get funds from different sources; but as a working group of WPSA, it might be possible to open and maintain separate account of INFPD because WPSA has its legal entity. It was also discussed how the activities of INFPD would be geared up. Either, it would work as a working group of the WPSA or as a Forum or Federation like the Asia Pacific Federation (APF). Finally, it was agreed that it will work as working group of WPSA like other working groups. However, list of the newly elected executives' members must be posted in WPSA website. It was also discussed about the opportunity to collaborate with APF.

3.2 Fund raising

It was discussed that it is high time to try to get funds from other sources and try to get projects in the pipeline before the end of the IFAD project. INFPD can work as a 'broker' and publicize technical works, even the International Rural Poultry Centre (IRPC) of KYEEMA Foundation can advertise on its website to support these efforts.

3.3 Membership

It was discussed that all INFPD members should be encouraged to take membership of WPSA. Information about WPSA members, who have an interest in INFPD activities, should be collected through e-mail and specified into the INFPD mailing list. Thus, each INFPD member is able to mention its WPSA membership. It was also suggested to add a membership fee for the INFPD, but this was not accepted because it would not be feasible to collect extra membership charge for the INFPD. It was mentioned the possibility to make INFPD better and link up to the national and regional branches. Moreover, it was proposed that we should make more linkages with different federations/organizations

who work for family poultry like APF and South Asia Pro-Poor Livestock Policy Programme (SAPPLPPP).

3.4 INFPD website

Little information is available in the current INFPD website, which is being developed and maintained by Poultry Research and Training Centre (PRTC), Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU), Bangladesh. The website should be rich and informative. It is essential that INFPD is better marketed and linked up to the national and regional branches. So, a detailed discussion was held on how the website could be made more attractive. Various suggestions were given. Each INFPD member was requested to post information, research papers to the website for the enrichment of the website.

3.5 Future activities

INFPD should prepare a 4-year plan of actions. It was also suggested that INFPD should be represented in the next 10th Asia Pacific Poultry Conference (APPC) in 2013 in South Korea and in the 23rd Latin-American Poultry Congress to be held in 2013 in El Salvador. This is a good opportunity to show cases of INFPD activities.

3.6 Decisions taken

1. INFPD will work as a Global Working Group of WPSA and explore the possibilities to get funding/grants.
2. Fund raising efforts should be extended to other donors in addition to IFAD/FAO.
3. The list of Executive Committee members will be posted on WPSA website and INFPD will be added in WPSA website as a working group. It will be regularly updated.
4. The list of INFPD members will be sent to WPSA for crosschecking to identify the exact number of those who are also WPSA members. The current INFPD members, who are not WPSA members, need to be encouraged to become members of WPSA. If someone shows his/her unwillingness to become a member of WPSA, decision about his/her membership will be taken in the near future. WPSA members, who are interested in family poultry research and development activities, will be encouraged to be INFPD members. However, every INFPD member should be clearly identified and asked whether s/he is still interested in INFPD and its activities.



Picture 1: Some participants of the INFPD General Meeting held on 08th August 2012 in Salvador-Bahia, Brazil (Photo: Dr JC Fotsa).

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