



**INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE STUDY OF VIRUS  
AND VIRUS-LIKE DISEASES OF GRAPEVINE**

**17th Meeting  
General Assembly of ICVG  
Minutes**

Davis, California, USA

October 10, 2012

The General Assembly meeting was called in order by G.P. Martelli at 4:20 pm at the Conference Center of the University of California in Davis, CA.

Discussion item 1: “After 50 years, is there a need or proposal for changing the mission, activity and organization of ICVG?” Members supported the motion of the Steering Committee to keep the present form of the mission and organization of ICVG.

Discussion item 2: “Do we need to update the ICVG recommendations?” It was agreed that ICVG should continue providing guidelines for certification although new recommendations need to be drafted to better reflect the recent discovery of new viruses and advances in diagnostics. It is critical to attempt changing the European certification that is deceiving.

Discussion item 3: “News from interactions with policy makers and the viticulture profession on certification programs”. There is limited interaction in Europe. This is in contrast to the ongoing dialogue among scientists, regulators and industry representatives in the US to define new standards and harmonize regulatory frameworks through the National Clean Plant Network.

Discussion item 4: “Networking of grapevine virus and phytoplasma collections”. The objective of the network of collections is to gather information on viruses and phytoplasmas available in different collections. P. Gugerli solicited colleagues for information but received limited feedback. It was proposed to reach out again to the ICVG community and seek information while clarifying the objective of this repository.

Discussion item 5: “ICVG bibliography”. P. Gugerli will add the latest information on the ICVG website after the Davis meeting.

Discussion item 6: “Renewal and composition of the committee”. G.P. Martelli announced the desire of P. Gugerli to retire as Secretary and as a member of the Steering Committee. G.P. Martelli reluctantly accepted P. Gugerli’s resignation and expressed his deepest gratitude to Paul for his many years of dedication and service to ICVG. P. Gugerli was made Honorary Secretary and M. Fuchs was elected as the new Secretary. G.P. Martelli also announced the retirement of G. Belli from the Steering Committee. New members of the Steering Committee are P. Saldarelli (Bari, Italy), O. Lemaire (Colmar, France) and N. Fiore (Santiago, Chile).

Discussion item 7: “Venue of the next meeting”. G.P. Martelli received invitations from Chile (N. Fiore), Turkey (F. Ertunc) and New Zealand (D. Cohen) to organize the 18th ICVG meeting. The Assembly was unanimous in identifying Turkey as the venue of the 18th meeting, entrusting F. Ertunc with its organization in 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Fuchs

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