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**Draft agenda for the CASEE Board Videoconference meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, 14.00-15.30 am**

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| 1. | <b>Minutes of the CASEE Board VC meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b><br>DOC 1: Draft minutes                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2. | <b>CASEE Conference 2018 in Bucharest.</b> “Research based education at life science universities in the Danube region towards a sustainable future”, 6 – 9 June 2018<br><br><b>DOC 2:</b> Abstract table -> WILL BE SENT IN THE WEEK OF JAN 15 <sup>th</sup> ! | <p><b>Update on progress for the Conference in Bucharest (by VR Stanica)</b></p> <p><b>Questions to be discussed:</b><br/> <b>Online registration on conference website:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When will be hotel booking online available?</li> </ul> <p><b>Extended abstract submission deadline:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31 January – promotion wanted – all Board members are kindly asked to keep promoting it!</li> <li>• Info from USAMV: paper published in journals that are “ISI quoted” -&gt; further details for promotion?</li> <li>• 16 abstracts submitted by 11 December (from BOKU, UNS, USAMV Bucharest, IASI, UNIZG, WULS,</li> </ul> |

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|    |                                                                                                              | <p>USAMVBT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information online should be updated: full paper submission 28 February &amp; 15 April</li> </ul> <p>➔ <b>Decision on the final list of oral and poster presenters, including the decision on the 20 PhD students exempted from registration fee</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3  | <b>CASEE-Board questions</b>                                                                                 | <p>1. Decisions concerning presidency and board constituency have to be taken:<br/>There are still <b>too few candidates</b> for future CASEE-Board members, <b>NO</b> Nominations received by January 10<sup>th</sup>:<br/>➔ Decision on the final list to be presented for the CASEE GA in June</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4. | <b>CASEE Co-operation with ICA and other networks, as well as working groups of the EUSDR Priority areas</b> | <p>1) Co-operation option with <b>ACADEMIA DANUBIANA</b> (Prof. Stöglehner)<br/>2) Update on <b>ICA</b>-activities (by Marek Szyndel)<br/>3) <b>Co-operation with ATAE</b>: VR Szabo is asked to report at the CASEE Board Meeting in March about the ATAE Conference in Opatija from February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 and discussions on how CASEE could be integrated in that conference in the future.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5. | <b>Overview on other CASEE projects ongoing / planned</b>                                                    | <p>1) <b>Update on IMPULSE Program: CASEE-In project</b> (by Margarita Calderón-Peter)<br/>CASEE-In project is starting to print the guidelines for internationalization which can be presented during the CASEE Conference; the CASEE-In project ends in the end of January 2018.<br/>2) <b>EMJMD-Re- Application of the DAFM Master</b> (Update by Zsuzsanna Tarr)<br/>3) <b>Request for CASEE to be Co-Organiser</b> of the Conference "SMALL-SCALE FOOD PRODUCTION SYSTEMS (MICRO-FARMING): PERSPECTIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND USE", 24.-25.4.2018 at BOKU UFT Tulln; see <a href="http://www.unserboden.at/761-0-Ankuendigung_DLT_Tagung_2018.htm?&amp;goback=51">http://www.unserboden.at/761-0-Ankuendigung_DLT_Tagung_2018.htm?&amp;goback=51</a><br/>4) Suggestion from Prof. Blesic <b>University of Sarajevo to combine the 10th CASEE conference 2019</b> with the 31st International Scientific-Expert Conference of Agriculture and Food Industries.<br/>"It is a conference that usually attracts about 200 presenters, mostly from the Balkans, Central Europe, Turkey and some Asian</p> |

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|    |                                              | <p>countries. We would like to know opinions of the CASEE Secretariat about the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does CASEE considers that the 2019 CASEE Conference and the 31st International Scientific-Expert Conference of Agriculture and Food Industries could be held at the same time and in the same place during, let's say, 3 to 4 days?</li> <li>- If the first proposal is acceptable, does CASEE insists on its usual term of the CASEE Conference (end May, beginning of June) or it is also acceptable the usual and for us more convenient term of our conference (the last week of September)?</li> </ul> <p>Please note that these are only suggestions that, if accepted, would facilitate our logistical issues. All possible further details would be discussed, let's say during the 2018 CASEE Conference in Bucharest. If the CASEE administration's position regarding the first proposal is negative, we remain firmly committed to being the organizer of the 2019 CASEE Conference on its usual term in May and in its usual format."</p> |
| 6. | <p><b>Next CASEE Board meeting dates</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NEW VC Date in February is needed</b> because of postponed abstract submission deadline.</li> <li>• <b>13 March 2018, 09.00-10.30 CET</b> (finalizations for annual conference and GA + decision on Fund for Incentives + decision on the draft agenda for the GA, including membership application of SAUM Moldova and changes in the Board/Presidency)</li> <li>• <b>6th June, 2018, 17 – 18:45 CET in Bucharest</b> and</li> <li>• <b>9<sup>th</sup> of June, after the GA, for 30 minutes</b> to discuss further steps for the new CASEE Board</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7. | <p><b>Any other competent business</b></p>   | <p>→ The Board members are kindly asked <b>to promote the deadline for the CASEE Fund for Incentives (February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018) within their institutions!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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**Minutes for the CASEE Board Videoconference meeting on November 7th, 2017, 11 – 12:30 am**

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| <b>1.</b> | <p><b>Minutes of the CASEE Board VC meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b></p> <p><b>DOC 1:</b> Draft minutes</p>                                                    | Minutes unanimously accepted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>2.</b> | <p><b>CASEE Conference 2018 in Bucharest.</b> “Research based education at life science universities in the Danube region towards a sustainable future”, 6 – 9 June 2018</p> | <p><b>VR Stanica presents the progress for the Conference in Bucharest; including info on planned updates for the website</b> (when will the information on fees, payment and registration regulations, accommodation, scientific committee, etc. be available); is there a chance to put a link to abstract submission on the first page (is currently included in “authors”)</p> <p>Since VR Florin Stanica cannot participate at the Board meeting, Ana Butcaru presents the progress for the</p> |

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**CASEE conference:**

- Soon there will be a login-area included on the website for registration.
  - The costs for the online abstract submission have to be included in the conference fee (see last year's conference fee in Warsaw): approx. € 300,- for the submission tool and € 18,- per abstract – Gudrun Reisinger has already sent it to Florin Stanica.
  - Payment: it should be possible to pay by credit card or by bank transfer (members of the European Union don't have to pay any fees usually); information on payment should be included on the conference website as well; to pay cash at the conference directly could be organized as well (upon request).
  - At the moment we have 1 abstract submitted, therefore it is very important to promote the Call for abstracts and the submission deadline.
  - The organizing committee will reserve one hotel that is located near the conference venue for all CASEE-Board members (approx. 10 persons from the board will participate at the conference); accommodation possibilities are already published on the conference website.
- ➔ USAMV Bucharest will put the Call and the link for abstract submission on the home site of the conference website and highlight the deadline; **all CASEE-members should promote it as well!**

**Decision on the final list of Keynote speakers**

- **Plenary Session 1:**  
Ao.Univ.Prof. Mag. Dr. Barbara Hinterstoisser, BOKU, Austria „Research based education at Life Science Universities in the Danube region for a sustainable future”
- **Plenary Session 2:**  
Doru C. Pamfil, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca, Romania, “New biotechnological methods in plant breeding for climate change”
  - focus on the biotechnological backgroundGina Fintineru (USAMV Bucharest & Gabriele Mack Agroscope, Switzerland: “Impact of the CAP

payments on the vitality of rural areas”

All proposals for keynote speakers are accepted unanimously by the board.

**Decision on the final list of Scientific Committee = session chairs**

**Subtopic a.:** Modern agriculture and rural development (including landscape planning)

Michael Gerzabek + Florin Stanica

**Subtopic b.:** Renewable resources – possibilities and constraints (including forests and biotechnology)

Florian Borlea + Doru Pamfil

**Subtopic c.:** Sustainable food systems and quality

Ewa Rembiałkowska + Teodor Trasca

**Subtopic d.:** Environmental safety and climate change

Elena Mateescu, General Manager of the National Meteorological Agency, Associate professor of USAMV Bucharest

- Michal Lostak will chair this subtopic as 2<sup>nd</sup> chair holder (he does a research on environmental changes right now that fits well into this thematic session)

**Subtopic e.:** Agricultural engineering (ATAE):

Prof. Kovacev (Zagreb) and Prof. Gronauer (BOKU)

**Subtopic f.:** New challenges in animal sciences and veterinary medicine:

Prof. Mariana Ionita, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, USAMV Bucharest

- Prof. Antun Kostelic (Veterinary expert from UNIZG) will chair this subtopic as 2<sup>nd</sup> chair holder.



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|   |                              | <p><b>Further steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Each CASEE-member promotes the Call for abstracts and the submission deadline!</li> <li>○ Discussion of the results (submitted abstracts) will be added on the agenda of the Board Meeting on 22 January 2018.</li> <li>○ Decision for oral and poster presentations has to be taken then, including the decision for PhD students.</li> </ul> <p><b>For the GA: Moldova CASEE-membership application</b><br/> The State Agrarian University of Moldova (SAUM) would like to become CASEE member at the CASEE-conference in Bucharest (application submitted); the presentation of the candidature will be done at the GA 2018; for the CASEE network Moldova would be an important new member and also for SAUM CASEE is an important network.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3 | <b>CASEE-Board questions</b> | <p>1. Decisions concerning presidency and board constituency have to be taken:<br/> The <b>presidency</b> of Rector Gerzabek will end in June 2018 – <b>decision on successor and time-schedule for handing over the secretariat has to be taken</b>; Prof. Istvan Szabo would be prepared to take over the presidency.</p> <p><b>Decision on successors in the CASEE board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) President Gerzabek talked with Hubert Hasenauer (Prof. of Silviculture at BOKU) – he will be the new rector of BOKU from February 2018 onwards; Prof. Hasenauer was attending CASEE as a Keynote speaker in Zagreb and would be available to join the CASEE-Board.</li> <li>b) Further candidates for the Board: problem with CASEE statutes that only allow Rectors/Vice-Rectors or Deans as Board members</li> </ul> <p>Istvan Szabo will take over the CASEE presidency; Hubert Hasenauer (follower of President Gerzabek) is willing to become a CASEE-Board member; that means that BOKU will support the network further on; Hubert</p> |

Hasenauer will also join the CASEE-conference at Bucharest.

**Further candidates:**

- Florin Stanica
- Teodor Trasca

The problem are the CASEE-statutes at the moment as we can't accept Vice-Deans, only Rectors/Vice-Rectors/Deans; CASEE-Board members should think about possible solutions.

There are still **too few candidates** for future CASEE-Board members, we would need:

- a CASEE-treasurer
- a vice-president
- and other board members

President Gerzabek would also welcome **female candidates** as future CASEE- board members since the proportion of women is very low/is lacking at the moment. The term of office for CASEE-Board member is 3 years (see CASEE statutes).

**Feedback from SZIU:**

Istvan Szabo cannot personally join the CASEE-Board meeting; Zsuzsanna Tarr represents him and proposes that the secretary remains at BOKU during the next presidency because of its expertise; president Gerzabek emphasizes that it's good to have the secretary at SZIU because of the easier communication and exchange regarding important organizational issues; President Gerzabek guarantees the support from the current secretary at BOKU for the transitional period but would not recommend to maintain the secretary at BOKU.

- SZIU suggests Hubert Hasenauer for the position as CASEE treasurer and would propose to maintain the bank account in Austria during the next presidency; this has to be confirmed but could be possible.

**Feedback from CULS:**





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|    |                                                                                                                          | <p>The new rector will start in February 2018 – he will take decision on this issue in February; president Gerzabek will come to CULS in the end of January and he will contact the new rector on this matter.</p> <p><b>Question from BUSAMV Bucharest:</b><br/>         How many members should come from each country? Usually there is one CASEE-Board member from each university; in general the structure of the CASEE-Board should try to cover the regions and the universities of CASEE; it's recommended to have candidates and board members from different parts of the network; of course it's possible to build working groups for special CASEE issues at each universities, but the university should be represented by 1 board member.</p> <p><b>Feedback from UNIZG:</b><br/>         Zoran Grigic agrees with the explanations of president Gerzabek.</p> <p><b>Suggestion of president Gerzabek:</b> every CASEE member should think about candidates, especially about <b>female candidates</b> for the CASEE-Board (increasing the female proportion within the network would be a good sign); a call for candidature will also be presented in the next CASEE Newsletter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">➔ Please send <b>suggestions for Board candidates until 10 January</b> to the CASEE-Secretariat, so that we can discuss them at the Board meeting.</p> |
| 4. | <p><b>CASEE Fund for Incentives</b></p> <p><b>DOC 2:</b> Draft for the new call</p> <p><b>DOC 3:</b> report from the</p> | <p>1) <b>Decision on the new call for Ffl</b> has to be taken</p> <p>Every board member received the draft for the new call for the Fund for Incentives. This year's suggestion is to open the call with a total funding amount of € 16.000; this would give the possibility to finance two projects; CASEE network funds 50% of the total costs of projects; maybe there will be more proposals submitted if the total funding amount is communicated. The aim of the Fund for Incentives is to support activities of CASEE-members (focus on educational and joint research projects). All the other points in the draft are the same as last year; the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|           | <p>CASEE DAFM Summer School in Novi Sad, funded in 2017</p>  | <p>mentioned topics are quite important for CASEE (although other topics should not be excluded for proposals); There is not much bureaucracy necessary but the purpose and the expected results, etc. should be explained by the applicants in the application form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deadline for proposals: 11 February (→ decision has to be taken at the March-meeting).</li> <li>○ The presentation of the project should be during the GA in Bucharest.</li> </ul> <p>All board members accept this proposal.</p> <p>→ The call for the <b>Fund for Incentives</b> will be published in the next CASEE Newsletter. The Board members are kindly asked <b>to promote it as well!</b></p> <p>2) <b>Report from Novi Sad on the summer school has to be accepted by the Board</b>, to be presented for approval by the GA in June 2018</p> <p>The report (incl. financial report) that has been sent out with the agenda has to be accepted by the board first; then it has to be approved by the GA 2018. All members accept the report.</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p><b>CASEE Co-operation with ICA and other networks</b></p> | <p>3) Co-operation option with <b>ACADEMIA DANUBIANA</b> (Prof. Stöglehner)</p> <p>Up to now there was no contact from CASEE network. There have been several attempts to foster this cooperation; the CASEE Secretariat also mentioned it in the newsletter; still there hasn't been any contact by CASEE members.</p> <p>→ Please <b>contact responsible persons for LLL</b> at your universities as there are a lot of assets in the region for LLL; Academia Danubiana could be a good platform for cooperation.</p> <p>4) Update on <b>ICA</b>-activities (by Marek Szyndel) cancelled; Marek Szyndel sent his apologies.</p> <p>5) <b>Co-operation with ATAE</b>: Question from ATAE concerning CASEE session during ATAE Conference in</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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|    |                                                                    | <p>Opatija from February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.</p> <p>ATAE will have a session at the CASEE conference in Bucharest. CASEE was asked to hold a session at the ATAE Conference; this issue is quite urgent now; the session should be related to agricultural engineering; it seems that it's too late now to organize it.</p> <p>SZIU will discuss with ATAE further steps and the future planning on sessions at the conference (if there should be a session provided by CASEE every year at the ATAE conference, the organization should start earlier).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 6. | <b>Overview on other CASEE projects ongoing / planned</b>          | <p>1) <b>Update on IMPULSE Program: CASEE-In project</b> (by Margarita Calderón-Peter)<br/> CASEE-In project: a well-organized CASEE-In closing conference was held in Chisinau (4-6 October 2017) to finalize the draft manual for internationalization of the universities; the project team is lacking a bit motivation at the moment; results from the CASEE-in project should be presented at the CASEE conference in Bucharest; Future projects were also discussed there.</p> <p>2) <b>EMJMD-Re- Application of the DAFM Master</b> (Update by Zsuzsanna Tarr)<br/> The application for the EMJMD will be submitted again. Zsuzsanna Tassy came to Vienna for a training workshop and she met other project coordinators.<br/> The new call was published on 3 November with some changes, e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The fund will increase a bit and 45 projects will be approved (last year: 38 projects)</li> <li>o The max. number will be 20 students, 4 intakes instead of 3 will be possible.</li> </ul> Application deadline: 15 February</p> |
| 7. | <b>CASEE involvement in working groups of EUSDR priority areas</b> | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 8. | <b>Next CASEE Board</b>                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>22 January 2018, 14.00-15.30 CET</b> (instead of 19 January 2018; decision on speakers)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|                  | <p><b>meeting dates</b></p>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>13 March 2018, 09.00-10.30 CET</b> (finalizations for annual conference and GA + decision on Fund for Incentives)</li> <li>• <b>6th June, 2018, 17 – 18:45 CET in Bucharest</b><br/> President Gerzabek suggests a short Board-meeting (1/2 hour after the new Board election at the GA) to discuss further steps at the CASEE conference; he could chair this meeting as well.</li> </ul>                                |
| <p><b>9.</b></p> | <p><b>Any other competent business</b></p> | <p>Finally USAMVBT Timisoara could connect with the Board-meeting (technical problems):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For Teodor Trasca the nomination will not be possible.</li> <li>○ Feedback from USAMVBT: they agree with all the nominations for keynote speakers, the new board members, the next steps regarding the conference and the calls.</li> <li>○ USAMVBT will try as well to promote abstracts and proposals for projects.</li> </ul> |