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

**MINUTES OF THE
55th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE 60th COUNCIL MEETING**

hold on Thursday, 18th June 2026, in the Aonang Villa Resort, Krabi, Thailand

Present:

Mr L. Bura (secretary)
Ms E. Devaney
Ms D. Julinková
Ms H. Karasali (chair)
Ms V. Kmečl
Ms F. Mathieu

Mr Y. Ohshima
Mr B. Patrian
Mr A. Plumb
Mr P. Prachathipat
Ms J. Rolnik
Ms C. Vinke

Invited participants:

Mr Yonghui Zhao (ICAMA),

Mr Guibiao Ye (FAO)

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: Ms M.C. Cardeal de Oliveira, Mr C. Czerwenka, Mr J. Garvey, Mr R. Hänel, Mr B.E. Hocken (treasurer), Mrs O. Novaková, Mr O. Pigeon, Ms A. Santilio and Mr Shahabuddin.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (CM/283)

As there were no corrections, the Minutes of the 54th Meeting (2025) 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/286)

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 nine full scale collaborative studies were initiated. The results were planned to be presented on the technical meeting in Krabi.

Reports of six full scale collaborative trials, two small scale trials, one method extension, a revision of MT method and the draft CIPAC guideline were presented.

The status of ten provisional methods was changed to full CIPAC method. Eight methods were accepted as provisional CIPAC methods.

Four colleagues were elected as correspondent members and one colleague as full CIPAC member. One colleague was elected as honorary life member after his resignation from the membership.

No comments were received from the meeting.

5. Treasurer's report (CM/285)

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

Sales of Handbooks, CD ROMS and publications increased 242% to £47,216 reflecting the stabilising of sales during the transition to the new Fulfilment House BCQ Buckingham from CIPAC's previous Fulfilment House Marston Books that went into Administration in July 2024.

BCQ Buckingham took over as a webshop in January 2025 following many discussions with Bruno Patrian our Communications Officer. The restocking of the BCQ webshop involved purchases of £30,344 showing a net Gross surplus of 42% to £22,155 that included Sponsorship income of £5,045.

Administrative expenses decreased slightly to £33,669. The Galway Conference costs were higher than in the previous year, reflecting additional room costs and premier position of the Hotel. Accountancy costs reflected additional costs associated with the transfer to BCQ. The bad debt figure of £4,585 was an overthrow of the Marston Book Administration

Overall CIPAC showed an Operating Deficit of £11,514. However, Money Market deposit interest of £11,906 although lower than in 2024 has resulted in a small surplus in the year of £392.

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

Operations under BCQ are continuing to stabilise and hopefully will result in a further upturn in sales during 2026.

6. Publications

6.1 Future CIPAC publications

The next handbook (Handbook R) might be published next year, pending on the number of methods available as full CIPAC methods.

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.

6.2 Form of publications

We moved from the CD ROMs to the webshop.

6.3 Review of CIPAC handbooks

The Chinese PAC volunteered to do the next review of the handbooks. The last reviewed handbook was Handbook K, the next will be Handbook L.

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.

6.5 Increase in pricing from BCQ

Mr Hocken proposed to increase the price of handbooks, while Mr Patrian proposed to keep the price as

it is at the moment because it was already increased when changing the publisher. Ms Vinke agreed to keep the price at the moment.

7. Future CIPAC meetings

7.1 Meeting in the year 2027

The 71st CIPAC meeting will be in Xi'an, China. The members thanked Mr Zhao for the offer to host the meeting in China.

7.2 Proposal for the 2028 meeting

Three countries were approached for the possibility to host the meeting, this time in Europe. 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

There weren't any resignations from the membership.

10. Withdrawal of membership

The membership of Mr Jinlong Wu (China) was withdrawn as he is no longer working in the field of pesticide analytics. Mr Bura proposed to withdraw the membership of Mr V.D. Chmil (Ukraine) considering his difficulties to participate to the meetings and releasing in this way the possibility to elect somebody from Ukraine taking part to the meetings. The proposals were seconded by Mrs. Karasali and agreed by the Meeting.

11. Elections

11.1 Election of correspondents

Ms J. Rolnik proposed Mr Tomasz Stobiecki from Poland, Mr A. Plumb proposed Ms Sarah Wiggins from the UK to be elected as correspondent members, seconded by Mr Bura and Mrs Karasali. Mr Tomasz Stobiecki and Ms Sarah Wiggins were unanimously elected as correspondent CIPAC members.

11.2 Election of members

Mr Bura proposed Mr Yonghui Zhao from China to be elected as a full member, Mrs Karasali seconded. Mr Zhao was unanimously elected as CIPAC member. Mr Bura proposed Mr Denis Viquez Murillo from Costa Rica to be elected as a full member. Mrs Karasali seconded. Mr Murillo was unanimously elected as CIPAC member. Mr Bura proposed Mr Volodymyr Mykhaylov (Ukraine) to be elected as full member, Mrs Karasali seconded. Mr Mykhaylov was unanimously elected as CIPAC member.

11.3 Election of the treasurer

Mr Hocken is still planning to serve as treasurer in 2026, and for a smooth transition, last year 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.

Mr Bura proposed to elect Mr Paul Maberly as the CIPAC treasurer taking office from 1st January 2027. Mrs Karasali seconded and Mr Maberly was unanimously elected as CIPAC treasurer.

11.4 Election of the assistant secretary

Mr Bura proposed Mr Andrew Plumb from the UK to be elected as CIPAC assistant secretary, Mrs Karasali seconded. Mr Plumb was unanimously elected as CIPAC assistant secretary.

11.5 Election of the secretary

Mrs Karasali proposed Mr László Bura from Hungary to be elected as CIPAC secretary, Ms Vinke seconded. Mr Bura was unanimously elected as CIPAC secretary.

11.6 Election of the chair

Mr Bura proposed Mrs Helen Karasali from Greece to be re-elected as the chair of CIPAC. Ms Vinke seconded. The Meeting unanimously elected Mrs Karasali as the chair of CIPAC.

11.7 Any other elections

There weren't any other proposals for election.

12. Any other business

12.1 Management of the CIPAC website

Ms Netty Hoefakker will finish the work for the technical support of the CIPAC webpage and there is an urgent need to substitute her. Mr Patrian is managing continuously the content of the webpage but not providing the technical support. There is a need for a person familiar with "Joomla", a content management system (CMS), which enables to build web sites and powerful online applications. The participants of the meeting were asked to distribute this information. Ms Mathieu volunteered to ask her colleagues for any candidate.

12.2 Methods for co-formulants as CIPAC methods

It was raised the possibility to include methods for the determination of co-formulants (to identify possible falsifications) as it was done for the methods for relevant impurities. Mr Bura mentioned that even if that would be the case, these methods would not have the status of CIPAC methods, but might be published on the website as it is done in the case of some methods for relevant impurities undergoing peer validation through CIPAC. Mrs Karasali mentioned that preferably a small scale trial would be needed for these methods. Mrs Julinková mentioned that this approach might cause problems for laboratories having accreditation for methods. Ms Vinke volunteered to discuss this issue with DAPA and ESPAC and will come back next year with proposals for criteria for validating small scale trials. These methods might be published similarly as the "multi-analyte" method (MAM)

12.3 Future development of the CIPAC guideline

The CIPAC guideline prepared by DAPA is on the webpage since one year, it is a living document. The last three guidelines don't need to be incorporated, but others maybe yes. (for example extension of the scope of a method). There might be also a need to update the guideline, however there aren't volunteers. Ms Vinke will discuss this with DAPF and will come next year with a proposal.

13. Closure

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

László Bura
Secretary
July 2026