

Report of the Executive to the Members of WCC

The last year has been a busy one with the Royal Canin Encyclopaedia project occupying most of the Secretary's time. We are really looking forward to June when we shall all see the finished product as well as having the opportunity to meet the staff at the Royal Canin Campus.

The web site has been another matter to occupy us. The design is all the work of our Webmaster, Bob Schwartz and it has taken longer than normal in that he is doing it so that it will be readable on tablets and telephones. This has been a little complicated in that our tables have to be fitted in.

In going through all the WCC Minutes of the meetings since its inception quite a few things have come to light. One thing stands out and that is that we would like our web site to be a centre where people can gain information and be given links to where to get more details on a particular subject. Various items have been discussed at different times and these are mainly, health matters including genetic conditions, links to government agencies for importing and exporting cats to individual countries, and descriptions of how different organisations run their shows. We would like to incorporate these things on the new site but we do need the co-operation of all the Members, as the Secretary cannot do everything on her own.

We feel we are at a turning point where the World Cat Congress is becoming better known world-wide and we need to encourage this if we are to take our aims seriously. We look forward to having an open and constructive discussion on this subject at our meeting.

Whilst most of you delegates know each other from previous years, we shall also be welcoming a few new faces at our meeting this year. There has been a lot of interest in this year's meeting and CFA have done a fantastic job with their arrangements, we feel sure that this return to the United States will be memorable.

As well as the usual Agendas and financial documents, you are being supplied with a lot of material this year, there are quite a few proposals and a lot of matters for discussion, so we anticipate a very lively meeting that will almost certainly require the full day.

In order to make life easier for you, we are also sending out the agreed Minutes from 2016 and the current version of the Constitution, as you will need to refer to these documents. You are also receiving the document of items agreed over the years, which was suggested last year. There is also a slightly revised list of attending delegates and advisers.

The President is up for election this year and Eric Reijers is willing to stand again, however, you can also nominate somebody else if you wish either before the meeting or at the time.

We wish you all a safe journey and look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas.

Eric Reijers - Cheryle U'Ren - Penny Bydlinski

23rd March, 2017