**INVITED PARTICIPANTS**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Martin Gerzabek, CASEE President (BOKU, Rector)

Jiri Balik, CASEE Vice-President (CULS, Rector)

Istvan Szabo, CASEE Treasurer (Szent István University, Vice-Rector)

Florian Borlea (USAMVBT Timisoara, Vice-Rector)

Doru Pamfil (USAMV Cluj-Napoca, Rector)

Sasa Orlovic (UNS, Vice-Rector)Marek Szyndel (WULS)

Zoran Grgic (Uni Zagreb, Dean)

**GUESTS:**

Florin Stanica, Vice-Rector (USAMV, Bucharest organizing committee 2018)

Ana Butcaru (USAMV, Bucharest organizing committee 2018)

**CASEE Secretariat:**

Margarita Calderón-Peter (BOKU, CASEE Secretary General)

Gudrun Reisinger (BOKU, CASEE Executive Secretary)

**Excused:**

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

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|  |  | **Comments:** |
| **1.** | **Minutes of the CASEE Board VC meeting on September 20th, 2017** **DOC 1:** Draft minutes |  |
| **2.** | **CASEE Conference 2018 in Bucharest.** “Research based education at life science universities in the Danube region towards a sustainable future”, 6 – 9 June 2018 | 1. **VR Stanica presents the progress for the Conference in Bucharest; including info on planned updates for the website (**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”)
2. **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 biotech methods in plant breeding for climate change”
* Gina Fintineru (USAMV Bucharest & Gabriele Mack Agroscope, Switzerland: “Impact of the CAP payments on the vitality of rural areas”
1. **Decision on the final list of Scientific Committee = session chairs – still required for parts marked in yellow:**
* 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 qualityEwa Rembiałkowska + Teodor Trasca
* Subtopic d.: environmental safety and climate changeElena Mateescu, General Manager of the National Meteorological Agency, Asssociate professor of USAMV Bucharest + Michal Lostak will also ask for a nomination (Walter Wenzel will not be able to join)
* 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 +Zoran Grgic will send a nomination for a Scientific Committee member* Michal Lostak offers to check socio-economic topics of all subtopics (horizontal review)
* Discussion of the evaluation results at the Board Meeting in the 2nd half of January

**Next steps:** |
| **3** | **CASEE-Board questions** | 1. Decisions concerning presidency and board constituency have to be taken:

The **presidency** of Rector Gerzabek will end in June 2018 – **decision on successor and time-schedule for handing over the secretariat has to be taken**; Prof. Istvan Szabo would be prepared to take over the presidency.**Decision on successors in the CASEE board:**1. 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 board of CASEE.
2. Further candidates for the Board: Florin Stanica (VR USAMV Bucharest); Teodor Trasca (Vice-Dean USAMVBT Timisoara – problem with our statutes who only allow for Rectors/Vice-Rectors or Deans as Board members)
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| **4.** | **CASEE Fund for Incentives** **DOC 2:** Draft for the new call**DOC 3:** report from the CASEE DAFM Summer School in Novi Sad, funded in 2017 | 1. **Decision on the new call for FfI** has to be taken
2. **Report from Novi Sad on the summer school has to be accepted by the Board**, to be presented for approval by the GA in June 2018
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| **5.** | **CASEE Co-operation with ICA and other networks**  | 1. Co-operation option with **ACADEMIA DANUBIANA** (Prof. Stöglehner)

up to now there was no contact from CASEE network1. Update on **ICA**-activities (by Marek Szyndel)
2. **Co-operation with ATAE** : Question from ATAE concerning CASEE session during ATAE Conference in Opatija from February 27th to March 2nd, 2018.
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| **6.** | **Overview on other CASEE projects ongoing / planned** | 1. **Update on IMPULSE Program: CASEE-In project** (by Margarita Calderón-Peter)

Final conference took place in Chisinau, October 4 – 6th, to finalize the draft manual for internationalization of the universities; future projects were discussed and might be applied for within the CASEE network.1. **EMJMD**-Re- Application of the **DAFM** Master (Update by Zsuzsanna Tarr)
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| **7.** | **CASEE involvement in working groups of EUSDR priority areas** |  |
| **8.** | **Next CASEE Board meeting dates** | * **22 January 2018, 14.00-15.30 CET** (instead of 19 January 2018; decision on speakers)
* **13 March 2018, 09.00-10.30 CET** (Finalizations for annual conference and GA)
* **6th June, 2018, 17 – 18:45 CET in Bucharest**
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| **9.** | **Any other competent business** | -  |