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INVITED PARTICIPANTS

BOARD MEMBERS:

Martin Gerzabek, CASEE President (BOKU)
 Jiri Balik, CASEE Vice-President (CULS)
 Florian Borlea (USAMVBT Timisoara)
 Marek Szyndel (WULS)
 Doru Pamfil, (USAMV Cluj-Napoca)
 Sasa Orlovic (UNS Novi Sad)
 Zoran Grgić (Uni Zagreb)

CASEE Secretariat:

Margarita Calderón-Peter (BOKU, CASEE Secretary General)
 Gudrun Reisinger (BOKU, CASEE Executive Secretary)

GUESTS:

Florin Stanica, Vice-Rector (USAMV, Bucharest organizing committee 2018)
 Ana Butcaru USAMV Bucharest (CASEE conference Organizing Committee)
 Michal Lostak CULS (Vice-Rector, nominated for election to the Board)
 Lukas Posposil CULS (Internationalization Manager)
 Zsuzsanna Tarr (SZIU, Head of the IRO)
 Andreas Gronauer and Igor Kovacev (ATAE representatives; invited for TOP 3-1)
 Prof. Blesic and Zlatan Sarić, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, University of Sarajevo, ->CASEE conference organizers 2019
 Branko Cupina (UNS)

Excused:

Istvan Szabo, CASEE Treasurer (Szent István University)

Minutes for the CASEE Board Meeting at USAMV Bucharest on June 6th, 2018, 17 – 18:45 local time

		Comments:
1.	<p>Minutes of the CASEE Board VC meeting on March 13th, 2018 DOC 1: Draft minutes</p>	Unanimously accepted.
2.	<p>9th CASEE Conference 2018 in Bucharest. "Research based education at life science universities in the Danube region towards a sustainable future", 6 – 9 June 2018 DOC 2: mail from CASEE Lawyers DOC 3: Draft change in Statutes</p>	<p>Update on progress for the Conference in Bucharest (by VR Stanica) See CASEE conference programme details in the Book of Abstracts; the registration has already started, the conference bag includes a map of the USAMV Bucharest campus; the conference is organized together with the Agriculture4Life, Life4Agriculture conference and both conferences will be opened together on June 7 (keynote speeches from Barbara Hinterstoisser, Doru Pamfil and a colleague from Agro Switzerland). Organizational issues: the group picture will be made in front of the A Building; all the coffee breaks are in the A Building; the poster display will be in the corridors of the A Building close to the senate hall; the Gala Dinner takes</p>



[DOC 4: Final GA-Agenda](#)

place in a restaurant at the Campus; Florin thanks all the CASEE team and the Conference organizing team for their hard work.

Update on Final Agenda for the GA (DOC 4); particularly on nominations received for the CASEE Board AND THE RESULTING NEED FOR CHANGE OF CASEE STATUTES (see explanatory e-mail from the CASEE Lawyers, DOC 2 and draft change in Statutes, DOC 3)

- a) VR Michal Lostak from CULS – as CASEE president
- b) Vice-rector Istvan Szabo from SZIU - as CASEE treasurer
- c) Prof. Hubert Hasenauer, new BOKU rector – as CASEE vice-president

-> suggested date for Video-GA to approve statutory changes: in the week of July 9th, 2018

The proposal to amend the CASEE statutes based on which the President can be also a Vice-Rector or Dean, and not “only” a Rector will be discussed in the GA; basically article 17 of the CASEE statutes should be simply adapted in a way that the CASEE president or vice-presidents do not need to be “only” a rector but that also vice-rectors and deans can be elected as president. Therefore, and according to the statutes, the following sentence will be added in the attendance list of the GA which has to be signed by all members “*With my signature, I waive the right to lodge a claim for annulment based on the breach of the statutes*”. In order to fulfil all legal requirements a new, brief GA has to be held in the week of July 9 where all members could join via video-conference and elect the board/adopt the Board elected on June 8 officially.

President Gerzabek suggests September 1 as new starting date for the new Board since the new Board should be strongly involved in the planning of the next year’s conference.

Ad) Suggested nominations:

Hubert Hasenauer, Rector of BOKU, apologizes that he cannot joint the conference today but he will come to the GA on Friday; Istvan Szabo confirmed his position as CASEE treasurer although we do not know the results of the elections of SZIU yet; all the other board members have not finished their term of office yet - the next election will be held in 2019.



		<p>UNS submitted a nomination for a Board member after the deadline which is problematic since the statutes have to be respected and all members should be treated equally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➔ Solution: the nominated board member from UNS, dean Prof. Dr. Nedeljko Tica, and will be invited as guest to all CASEE Board meetings by the next CASEE president (see article 20.1.5 of the CASEE statutes). At the next official elections in 2019, Prof. Tica can be nominated as Board member and be elected officially. ➔ Next GA (video-meeting): July 9 from 2pm-2.30pm; CULS will host the video-conference as usual (max. duration: 30 minutes)
3	<p>CASEE Co-operation with ATAE, Academia Danubiana, ICA and other networks, as well as working groups of the EUSDR Priority areas DOC 5: ATAE presentation</p>	<p>1) Co-operation with ATAE: ATAE strongly suggests improvements in the co-operation of both networks:</p> <p>1.1. CASEE conference:</p> <p>1.1.1 The ATAE session during the CASEE conference should be opened up to a general session on Agricultural Engineering to which all interested staff members of CASEE and ATAE universities can submit an abstract;</p> <p>1.1.2. The ATAE session shouldn't be linked to the presenters at the ATAE conference in Opatija any longer.</p> <p>1.1.3. ATAE representatives would still be willing to act as session chairs.</p> <p>1.1.4. One of the ATAE representatives could give a presentation of the results of the previous ATAE conference at the beginning of the session.</p> <p>1.2. ATAE -symposium:</p> <p>1.2.1. CASEE should be more actively involved in the ATAE conference in Opatija;</p> <p>1.2.2. Therefore, CASEE members should inform/motivate their departments/institutes for Agricultural/Biosystem Engineering to present in Opatija.</p> <p>1.2.3. after opening session of ATAE-symposium one of the CASEE representatives should give a presentation of the results of the previous CASEE conference</p> <p>Short presentation from Andreas Gronauer of ATAE to the CASEE Board (see DOC 5): Since there appeared some problems with the coordination between the ATAE symposium and the CASEE conference (e.g. low participation at the CASEE conference in Warsaw 2017), ATAE was looking for possible solutions to improve our collaboration:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- CASEE will attend in a two-year interval the symposium instead of every year and “vice versa”, ATAE will attend the CASEE conference in a two-year interval- This alternating concept should help to increase the motivation of partner universities to participate, to reach more attractiveness and benefits for both networks and to have more submitted abstracts- At the ATAE Symposium and the CASEE conference the contents of the previous ATAE symposium/CASEE conference will be presented <p>The CASEE Board agrees with this new framework and CASEE will follow this concept from next year on.</p> <p>2) Co-operation option with ACADEMIA DANUBIANA - will be presented at the CASEE GA in the presidential report</p> <p>3) Update on ICA-activities (by Marek Szyndel) - will be presented at the CASEE GA The celebration of the 30th Anniversary of ICA will take place on October 25, all CASEE Board members are invited to join the celebration.</p>
4.	<p>Overview on other CASEE projects ongoing / planned DOC 6: UNSA presentation</p>	<p>→ Update on IMPULSE Program: CASEE-In project (by Margarita Calderón-Peter) The final project report was submitted on March 1st; CASEE-In project guidelines for internationalization will be presented during the CASEE Conference; an E-Learning course and CASEE-In Guidelines have been established; the national agency OeAD in Austria has published an article about the project in their journal; the CASEE-In manuals will be handed-out during the GA.</p> <p>→ CASEE Fund for Incentive projects 2018 The projects will be presented at the GA.</p> <p>→ EMJMD application of the CASEE Danube AgriFood master programme: The EMJMD application will be mentioned in the presidential report. Zsuzsanna Tarr informs that 111 proposals have been submitted to Brussels, 54 will be selected; from Hungary 2 proposals were submitted (45 FRA, 30 ITA, 7 Belgium); a slight modification in the budget was suggested by Brussels (the</p>

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		<p>programme members' travel and installation costs have been increased); the results should be published a bit earlier than usually this year.</p> <p>→ 10th CASEE conference 2019 at the University of Sarajevo Presentation of the next year's conference venue and ideas for the conference topic from colleagues from UNSA (see DOC 6); The Rector of UNSA has already given his consent for hosting the next conference; the proposed date is June 5 to 8 2019 but has still to be defined at the GA since the IROICA conference usually takes place at the beginning of June; Organizing the conference in May in Sarajevo is not recommended by UNSA since the Ramadan will take place during May 2019; The thematic sessions will be planned without ATAE 2019 according to the suggestion from ATAE.</p> <p>→ The CASEE Board agrees on the following topic proposal: <i>"The role of Life Science Universities in redirecting land use from threat to guardian of ecosystems"</i> The thematic focus on land use will open topics to forestry and agriculture and could also be connected with the SDGs; Regarding the number of thematic sessions the Board suggests to keep the topics as usual; if there are too less abstracts submitted then of course two sessions can be merged; Zsuzsanna Tarr will ask for the dates of the IROICA conference 2019 to avoid conflicting schedules.</p>
5.	Next CASEE Board meeting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th of June, 15:30 – 16:00 EET – local time!, after the GA 30 minutes to discuss further steps for the new CASEE Board (for handing over to the new Board) • Other Board Meetings have to be fixed; president Gerzabek suggests to talk about possible dates before informally.
6.	Any other competent business DOC 7 letter from UNIZG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request form UNIZG: UNIZG asked CASEE to support an international symposium on agriculture in Zagreb in February 2019 as co-organizer (see letter attached); the CASEE Board has already agreed several times to be co-partner at this symposium; a Scientific Board member can be nominated by CASEE; → possible nominations for the Scientific Board have to be discussed in further meetings. • GDPR: According to the new GDP Regulation all data processed within the CASEE network have to be collected and

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		some adjustments have to be made on the CASEE Website; a newsletter regarding this issue was already sent out -> please do not forget to confirm that you still want to receive content from the CASEE network!
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