

**CASEE - the ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe**  
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**INVITED PARTICIPANTS**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Martin Gerzabek, CASEE President (BOKU)  
 Florian Borlea (USAMVBT Timisoara, Vice-Rector)  
 Marek Szyndel (WULS)  
 Florin Stanica, Vice-Rector (USAMV, Bucharest organizing committee 2018)  
 Istvan Szabo, CASEE Treasurer (Szent István University, Vice-Rector)

Gudrun Reisinger (BOKU, CASEE Executive Secretary)

**GUESTS:**

Ana Butcaru USAMV Bucharest (CASEE conference Organizing Committee)  
 Michal Lostak CULS (Vice-Rector)  
 Zsuzsanna Tarr (SZIU)

**Excused:**

**CASEE Secretariat:**

Margarita Calderón-Peter (BOKU, CASEE Secretary General)

**Draft Minutes for the CASEE Board Videoconference meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 9 – 10:30 am**

		<b>Comments:</b>
1.	<b>Minutes of the CASEE Board VC meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018</b> DOC 1: Draft minutes	Ad) Update ICA-activities: Marek Szyndel reported about the ICA Rectors and Deans Forum (not the DRC) => minutes are corrected.
2.	<b>9<sup>th</sup> 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  DOC 2: Abstract table DOC 3: Draft Agenda for GA	<b>Update on progress for the Conference in Bucharest (by VR Stanica)</b> Approx. 120 abstracts were submitted; good progress: the quality of the abstracts is improving in the last years. Florin Stanica updates the CASEE Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- USAMV is working on the procedure for the submission of the final papers according to the time schedule; the publication of the papers in the USAMV journals will be administrated by USAMV/Faculty of Agriculture: a submission area will be created online, guidelines will be published on the website. USAMV will collect all papers and decide where to publish them; only papers for the journal “Die Bodenkultur” have to be submitted directly to the journal (link will be provided on the website).</li> <li>- Full paper submission deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> of April</li> <li>- USAMV will add more information about the hotel bookings online and provide forms for booking; there is an accommodation possibility at the campus as well; the hotel booking deadline should be forwarded to</li> </ul>

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the end of April (special rates!)

- As agreed CASEE Board members should book at the Pullman Hotel (31<sup>st</sup> of March is reservation deadline but USAMV will try to forward it)
- USAMV will organize a pick-up service from the airport for all participants (specify arrival/departure times)
- ➔ USAMV sends the link with guidelines for the full paper submission to the CASEE Secretary until 19<sup>th</sup> of March and we will include it in the notification e-mails for the presenters.

**Questions to be discussed:**

- **Decision on the final list of oral and poster presenters, including the decision on the 20 PhD students exempted from registration fee**
- 2 abstract submissions from Pakistan and Nigeria will be excluded (no CASEE member universities; furthermore participants would need an invitation letter from the organizers that could cause complications due to the needed official legal permissions)
- Ad) session 1: all the 8 oral presenters will be accepted; one abstract (with the score 4) needs to be revised because there is a title missing and there should be added 1-2 sentences concerning the results
- Ad) session 2: all abstracts are accepted, the posters with high scores will be asked to give oral presentations (presenters have to give feedback quickly!)
- Ad) session 3: all abstracts are accepted – since there are 15 oral presentations, time slots should be well organized
- Ad) session 4: all four poster submissions with high scores (7, 7.5 and 8) will be asked to deliver an oral presentation during the conference. If this doesn't work out, topic 3 and 4 could be combined and we will guarantee two sessions
- Ad) session 5: there will be 4 oral presentations added, so we will have 7 oral presentations in total for this session – the abstracts will be submitted as agreed in the last meeting.
- Ad) session 6: this will be the largest session, 18 oral presentations from CASEE member universities

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		<p>have been submitted, therefore the Board decides to cut off the abstracts with lower scores than 7; the abstracts submitted for oral presentations with the scores lower than 6.5 will be turned into poster presentations</p> <p>What about the abstracts scored with 0 points by one reviewer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The abstract in session 4 with the total score 3 will be excluded due to plagiarism</li><li>- The other two will be included because one reviewer evaluated them with a high score (posters only)</li></ul> <p>➔ Notifications will be sent in the week of March 19 (a few abstracts have to be requested); the CASEE Secretariat will prepare the notifications in collaboration with the Organizing Committee (due to the guidelines, full paper submission instructions, etc.).</p> <p><b>Ad) PhDs exemption list:</b> If poster submissions will be changed into oral presentations, the authors will get the exemption of the conference fee. There will be two changes in the list of exemptions (instead of Ms. Bujdei -&gt; Ileana Rindasu, instead of Mrs. Dicianu -&gt; Lavinia Iliescu).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Decision on Draft Agenda for the GA</b></li></ul> <p><b>Ad) Draft agenda GA:</b> Due to the rector's change at SAUM Moldova, Florin Stanica will inform the colleagues from SAUM that CASEE needs to know urgently who will join the GA at the CASEE conference in June; SAUM has already taken the decision to become a CASEE member.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>CASEE-Board questions</b>	<p><b>1. Decisions concerning presidency and board constituency have to be taken:</b></p> <p>Current nominations: Vice-rector Istvan Szábo, Rector Hubert Hasenauer, Vice-Rector Michal Lostak</p>

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		<p>Update from Istvan Szábo: There will be new elections of rectors at SZIU in April; Istvan Szabo will be still vice rector at SZIU until December 2018 for sure – that means he is eligible as CASEE Board member in June. However, since there should be no risk to change the CASEE presidency after this year, Istvan Szábo stays preferably as treasurer in the CASE Board (regardless of the vice-rector position this will be possible for the whole term of office). For the CASEE presidency the position as vice-rector should be guaranteed for the whole period; so Michal Lostak could be proposed as new CASEE president with the CASEE Secretariat at CULS, Hubert Hasenauer as vice-president for the whole term of office.</p> <p>Proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) VR Michal Lostak from CULS – as CASEE president → Michal Lostak should get a consent by his rector first, then he will let the CASEE Board members know about further steps</li> <li>b) Vice-rector Istvan Szabo from SZIU - as CASEE treasurer</li> <li>c) Prof. Hubert Hasenauer, new BOKU rector – as CASEE vice-president</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>CASEE Co-operation with ICA and other networks, as well as working groups of the EUSDR Priority areas</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1) Co-operation option with <b>ACADEMIA DANUBIANA</b></b> - will be presented at the CASEE GA by Prof. Stöglehner. There are no results on the Interreg project yet but Prof. Stöglehner will probably present further details at the GA.</li> <li><b>2) Update on ICA-activities (by Marek Szyndel)</b> At the moment there are no news – the next Rector and Deans Forum will be held in Wageningen together with ICA's anniversary.</li> <li><b>3) Co-operation with ATAE:</b> Report from VR Szabo about the ATAE Conference in Opatija and discussions on how CASEE could be integrated in that conference in the future as well as the survey project idea of ATAE Prof. Gronauer has already informed that 4 presenters from Opatija will participate as oral presenters at the CASEE conference in Bucharest; On behalf of CASEE Istvan Szábo has welcomed the conference and he invited all participants to the 9<sup>th</sup> CASEE conference in June; the ATAE conference was organized</li> </ul>

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		<p>very well; digitalization was a main topic and ATAE and CASEE should be linked in future on this very important issue.</p>
5.	<p><b>Overview on other CASEE projects ongoing / planned</b></p> <p><b>DOC 4:</b> Applications for Ffl received</p>	<p><b>1) Decision on Ffl-Applications is required</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application 1: CASEE Intensive Summer course: “Sustainable Food Production Chain” (project coordinator: Ewa Rembialkowska + Renata Kazimierczak) Coordinated by WULS with partners BOKU, UNS, CULS, UNIZG, SZIU, USAMVBT, SUA; an intensive summer course is planned that provides an introduction to DAFM and should also help to gain future students; there is already a well elaborated programme for this summer school.</li> <li>Application 2: EFNet staff training: Set up and management of field trials to determine ecosystem services (project coordinator: Pia Euteneuer, BOKU) Coordinated by BOKU with partners from CULS, UNS, UNIZG, AUT. CASEE had already supported activities to link the research farms of all members some years ago; within this project a first staff training should be organized at the research farm Gross Enzersdorf near Vienna in October 2018.</li> </ul> <p>Both projects ask for € 8.000 funding (€ 8.000 each). There are no objections from CASEE members, so the CASEE Board approves both projects. According to the submitted proposals, these projects are also an added value for the CASEE network.</p> <p><b>2) Update on IMPULSE Program: CASEE-In project</b> (by Margarita Calderón-Peter) Final project report was submitted on March 1<sup>st</sup>; CASEE-In project guidelines for internationalization will be presented during the CASEE Conference.</p>
6.	<b>Next CASEE Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>6th June, 2018, 17 – 18:45 EET in Bucharest – <u>local time!</u></b> (Prof. Blesic from University of Sarajevo is</li> </ul>

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	<b>meeting dates</b>	invited to present the preparations for CASEE Conference 2019) <b>and</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>8<sup>th</sup> of June, 15:30 – 16:00 EET – <u>local time!</u>, after the GA 30 minutes</b> to discuss further steps for the new CASEE Board (for handing over to the new Board)</li><li>• Other Board Meetings will be fixed on June 8<sup>th</sup>; president Gerzabek suggests to talk about possible dates before informally (e.g. the ICA Rectors and Deans Forum could provide some informal exchange opportunities)</li></ul>
7.	<b>Any other competent business</b>	none