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CETAF55

Natural History Museum, University of Oslo

27-28 May 2024

Executive Report

CETAF55 was held at the Natural History Museum, University of Oslo, Oslo (Norway), hosted by Brit Lisa Skjelkvåle, Director, and co-organised with Hugo de Boer, Research Director.

CETAF55 meeting documentation:

Supporting documents and the comprehensive slides deck are available in the [CETAF55 Meeting package](#).

Decisions taken:

Item 1. Approval of the updated Agenda for CETAF55

There were no objections regarding the Agenda or any member who wanted to discuss any other business. Therefore, the Agenda was approved as proposed (27 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention - 27 votes cast).

Item 2. Approval of the Minutes of CETAF54 hosted by Natural History Museum of Vienna, Vienna (Austria) on 28-29 November 2023 (27 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention - 27 votes cast)

Item 4. Approval of the CETAF Annual Accounts 2023 (30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention - 30 votes cast)

Item 5. Approval of the CETAF 1st Quarter 2024 Financial Report (30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention - 30 votes cast)

- Suggestion for having salaries for project/projects expenditures be clearly separated in the account sheets was responded by the Executive Director as already been done (in the Explanatory Notes of the corresponding accounts).

Item 8. CETAF Secretariat report

Following the summary presented by the Executive Director, some generic questions were raised:

- Should CETAF leave "X" (former Twitter) as communication channel? Six members seem to have done that because the X business model is not in line with their values. Further explanations might be sought across membership to inform others and provide good reasoning for taking such decision.



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- Should CETAF share “statements” like the one we sent regarding the National History Museum in Sweden? It was highlighted the importance of showing coherence and cohesiveness among the members as a committed scientific community.

Item 15. Applications of new members to CETAF:

Item 15.1.a. Application presented by University of Lisbon (PT), was approved under Category III (30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention – 30 votes cast)

Item 15.1.b. Application presented by University of Porto (PT), was approved under Category III (30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention - 30 votes cast)

Item 15.1.c. Application presented by University of Coimbra (PT), was approved under Category III (30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention - 30 votes cast)

Item 15.2. Application presented by Centre of Nature Research, Vilnius (LT), was approved under Category IV (30 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention - 30 votes cast)

Actions approved:

Item 11. World Café

In a nutshell, it was considered a good practice to engage the CETAF community. Reports by the WGs coordinators will be provided through the Secretariat.

Item 13. SWOT Analysis

As a summary, a very productive exercise and well implemented with the collaboration of AFF, Nicole Njå. Insights will be collected through the Secretariat to constitute the basis for starting drafting the revised CETAF Strategy 2025-2030.

Outcomes

Item 9. CETAF e-SCoRe award

The award was granted to Nathan Vranken and the new award for 2025 for PhD students launched (VI Edition).

Guest speakers:

Bjarte Rambjør Heide (Norwegian Biodiversity Information Centre), Torbjørn Ekrem, UoO (NTNU University Museum, Department of Natural History) and Ingunn Storrø (Technical Unit for Capacity Building for IPBES), contributed to highlight different approaches and perspectives, collaborations and contributions that can be channelled through CETAF to engage with external stakeholders and main organizations in the biodiversity-related landscape.

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