

# Minutes of the General Assembly 2023

The SIPA General Assembly took place virtually on Zoom at 14.00h on Monday 17th July 2023.

## Agenda SIPA General Assembly

1. Approval of the 2022 annual accounts, and request that directors are discharged from liability
2. Approval of the 2023 budget. Membership fees for 2023.
3. Membership of the Board: to note the Board of Directors as consisting of:
4. SIPA activities in 2022
5. Current and future work
6. Other business

### Present:

Ivan Bartolo – Seafish  
Anna Boulova – Frucom  
Olivier Hottlet – Hottlet FF  
Volker Loock – DSV  
Klaas-Jan Mazereeuw – Seafood Connection  
Iain Shone – Global Seafood Alliance  
Mike Turenhout – VIV  
Constance Radke – Escal  
Marianne van den Broek - Interseafish

Darren Jordan (Landauer Seafood), Jan Kwakman (Mooijer Volendam) and Poul Melgaard Jensen (DSA) were represented by Ivan Bartolo

Ivan Bartolo welcomed all SIPA members to the General Assembly.

Ad 1 The annual accounts 2022 were approved unanimously. A copy is attached below. The Board was released from all liability for the 2022 financial year.

Ad 2 The 2023 Budget was discussed. The Board had suggested that the SIPA reserve in the Savings Account was excessive and not in proportion with the size of SIPA or of the work being carried out. As a first step to correct this, the Board recommended that membership fees were reduced to €100 for businesses and €200 for associations, from 2023 onwards. The 2023 budget, together with the new membership fees, was approved unanimously. A copy is attached below.

Ad 3 Members were asked to note the current SIPA Board of Directors:

- Ivan Bartolo (President)

- Olivier Hottlet (Secretary General and Treasurer)
- Gustaaf Pastoor
- Johannes Kwakman
- Constance Tourres
- Darren Jordan
- Volker Loock
- Poul Melgaard Jensen
- Iain Shone

Ad 4 Ivan Bartolo provided a summary of the SIPA activities in 2022:

The Short Weights Project was carried out in 2021/2022 and ended March 2022. The report and summary have been placed on the SIPA website.

At the 2022 GA it was agreed that SIPA should look into pesticide residues in fish. The study brief was prepared in 2022 and Queens University Belfast was identified as the project partner. The study into pesticide residues in fish is currently underway.

At the 2022 GA it was also agreed that SIPA should consider carrying out studies into Vibrio in imported fish, carbonates as illegal additives, and norovirus. On Vibrio, SIPA had hoped to collect data from businesses in order to build a Vibrio risk profile. However, the seafood businesses that were contacted do not collect data that is sufficiently specific in terms of strain pathogenicity. Any work on carbonates is hampered by the absence of a reliable test method. Research into norovirus in imports is similarly hampered by the absence of a reliable method that can identify viable pathogenic virus. Information on norovirus was posted on the SIPA website. The Board will continue to monitor developments in these areas.

The Board has also identified perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and inorganic arsenic as contaminants of imported seafood that may warrant future studies.

Participants expressed concern that several member states are stopping raw shrimp at the border because of the presence of Vibrio. This is causing significant problems to importers, especially if the RASFF notification triggers intensified controls at the border.

Planned SIPA activities in 2022/23

- Completion of the work that Queens University Belfast is carrying out on pesticide residues in fish. The Board will evaluate whether further work in this area is necessary.
- The outputs of the pesticide residues project will be made available to members.

Ad 5 There was no other business.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance. The meeting closed at 14.26h.



Ivan Bartolo  
President  
28 July 2023

Attachments:  
Accounts 2022  
Budget 2023

Accounts 2022

<b><u>BANK current account 1/1/2022</u></b>	€ 18,115.69		
<b><u>savings account 1/1/2022</u></b>	€ 220,000.00		
<b><u>IN</u></b>			
membership fees 2022	€ 21,000.00		
associated fee Frucom	€ 1,000.00		
transfer saving account	€ 10,000.00		
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>€ 32,000.00</u></b>		
<b><u>OUT</u></b>			<b><u>Budget 2022</u></b>
Costs Boardmeetings SIPA	€ 1,080.00		€ 3200
Costs General Assembly SIPA	€ 9,542.00		€ 2850
Legal costs	€ 1,726.40		€ 140.24
Maintenance Website	€ 1,452.00		€ 1,452.00
New Website			
Visit International conferences			
Newsmedia			
Scientific researches	€ 2,440.45		€ 7000
Various bankcharges	€ 87.82		
Faib 2022 + Frucom 2022	€ 6,220.00		€ 6,220.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>€ 22,548.67</u></b>		<b><u>€ 20,862.24</u></b>
<b><u>BANK current account 31/12/2022</u></b>	€ 27,567.02		
<b><u>savings account 31/12/2022</u></b>	€ 210,000.00		

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Budget 2023

<u>Proposed Budget 2023</u>			
<u>Activity</u>		<u>Income</u>	
<u>Costs Boardmeeting</u>	<u>€ 1,080.00</u>		
<u>Costs General Assembly</u>	<u>€ 0.00</u>		
<u>Frucom / Faib</u>	<u>€ 7,240.00</u>	<u>associated fee Frucom</u>	<u>€ 1,000.00</u>
<u>Legal costs</u>	<u>€ 1,500.00</u>		
<u>Maintenance website</u>	<u>€ 1,452.00</u>		
<u>Visits International Conferences</u>	<u>€ 0.00</u>		
<u>Public/Private Partnerships</u>	<u>€ 0.00</u>	<u>current account</u>	<u>€ 27,567.02</u>
<u>Newsmedia</u>	<u>€ 0.00</u>	<u>savings account</u>	<u>€ 210,000.00</u>
<u>Scientific research</u>	<u>€ 6,000.00</u>	<u>membership fees</u>	<u>€ 2,400.00</u>
	<u>€ 17,272.00</u>		<u>€ 240,967.02</u>
		<u>Balance</u>	<u>€ 223,695.02</u>

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