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President's Piece

This is my final President's Piece as my two-year term of office as ISAE President is due to end at this summer's Annual General Meeting in Tallinn, Estonia. The main theme of my first President's Piece was my desire to make the ISAE more environmentally sustainable, and I challenged our European members attending our 2022 and 2023 congresses to take the train and ferry rather than flying. I took this approach myself last year, and had a very enjoyable 'great railway' (and ferry) journey from the UK to North Macedonia and back. Feedback from some delegates in Ohrid was that they would welcome some help planning long distance rail and ferry journeys, so we have compiled a document giving some advice. The 'ISAE Greener Travel Guide: Tallinn 2023' is available on our website ([click here](#)). As well as covering 'no-fly' options for our European members travelling to Tallinn, the guide also has suggestions for ways to lower the carbon footprint of your journey even if you do have to fly (e.g., for those living outside Europe). I encourage everyone (and whether or not you live in Europe) planning to travel to Estonia for our 2023 International Congress to read the guide and try to arrange your travel in a way that reduces the environmental impact of your journey.

As well as my two-year term as President ending at our 2023 AGM, three other Council Officers are also due to finish their terms this summer. Giuliana Miguel ends her role as Assistant Secretary, and Dana Campbell ends her role as Senior Editor. I would like to thank both of them for all the work they have done for the Society. I would also like to pay gratitude to Susanne Waiblinger, who will be ending her term as Senior Vice President. Susanne started as Junior Vice President in 2017 and then progressed to President in September 2019. A few months later, the COVID19 pandemic impacted all our lives. I believe that Susanne did an excellent job guiding the Society through a difficult and challenging period for us all, and I have also appreciated her wise advice whilst I have been the Society's President. Although I will be finishing my term as President, I'm hoping the Society will vote me in to the role of Senior Vice President at the AGM. We will also hopefully be welcoming a new Junior Vice President, Assistant Secretary and Junior Editor on to the Council. The Council is a great team, with everyone dedicated to serving the interests of the Society and the field of applied ethology. It has been a great honour and a privilege to lead the team for the last two years.

Mark Rutter / *President of the ISAE (2021-2023)*

Behaviour at ISAE Congresses

In the previous ISAE Newsletter, I reported that we had received accounts of inappropriate behaviour by some delegates at our 2022 Congress in Ohrid, North Macedonia. Further evidence emerged after the December 2022 Newsletter was published, and consequently we carried out a formal investigation under our Code of Conduct and related Anti-harassment Policy. As a result of this investigation, two people were deemed to have behaved in ways that contravened the ISAE Code of Conduct and our Anti-harassment Policy. Sanctions have been implemented and these two individuals have received a one year ban on in-person attendance at our next international congress, and they need to complete Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) training before they can attend any of our congresses in the future.

Looking to the future, the ISAE Council are keen to ensure that our international congresses provide a safe and inclusive environment that delegates can enjoy without the risk of harassment or witnessing inappropriate behaviour. With this in mind, we will have a presentation introducing the Society's Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility policy at the start of our next congress in Tallin, Estonia. As I stated in the previous ISAE Newsletter, individuals must use discretion to ensure that their words and actions communicate respect for others when participating in our meetings. The Council are keen to promote a culture within the ISAE where people feel empowered discussing how the actions of others might, at times, make them feel uncomfortable, even when this falls short of sexual harassment (as defined in our Anti-Harassment Policy). If anyone experiences or witnesses any behaviour that they feel is inappropriate, it is important they raise this directly with the person who is behaving in a way they consider inappropriate in order to help the other person understand the inappropriateness of their behaviour. This can be difficult at times, for example if the person exhibiting the unwelcome behaviour is in a more senior position, in which case it is important to raise the issue as soon as possible with an ISAE council member. Contact details for the ISAE council are available on our website ([click here](#)).

Mark Rutter / *President of the ISAE (2021-2023)*

Remembering Ariel Marcel Tarazona

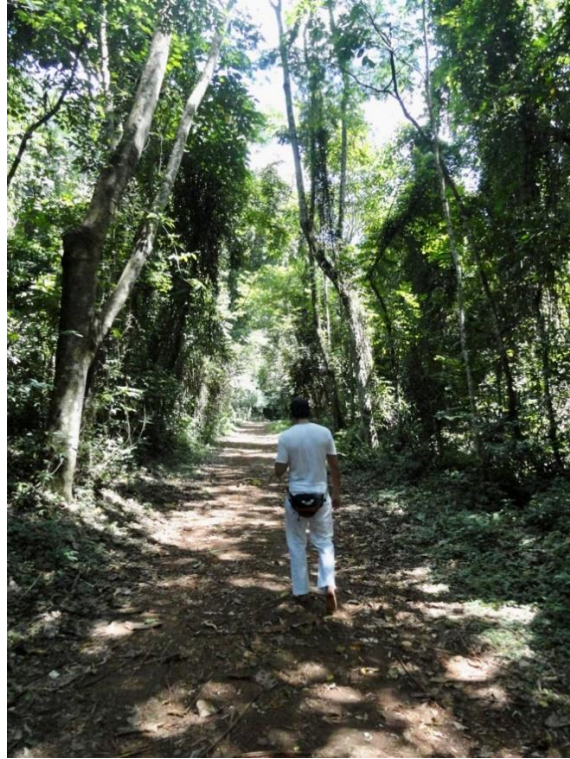
Heaven is celebrating while we experience with great sorrow the unexpected and early passing of our beloved Ariel Marcel Tarazona Morales. He was known for being sensitive, kind, charismatic, humble, loving, dedicated, respectful, responsible, enthusiastic, honest, supportive, empathetic, authentic, patient, gentle, conclusive, generous, detached, and spiritual, among many other qualities that describe a person with unwavering values that are difficult to find in a single human being. All people who had the opportunity to cross paths with him, even just an exchange of smiles, describe him as an enlightened being with incredibly good energy and happiness who could share and trigger that light and happiness in others.



Ariel was not only characterized as an exceptional and wonderful person but also an outstanding professional and maestro. He graduated as an Animal Scientist from the University of Cundinamarca, Colombia, followed by a Masters and PhD in Animal Sciences from the University of Antioquia, Colombia. He served as a professor and researcher at the National University of Colombia, Medellin campus, since 2008. In addition, Ariel was an active member of ISAE, serving as Secretary for the ISAE Latin American region (2019-2022).



Thanks to his critical spirit and concern for improving animals' quality of life, Ariel changed his line of research and teaching from animal reproduction to bioethics and animal welfare at a time when the importance of animal welfare science was not yet broadly recognized in Colombia (~2009). Ariel worked in various research lines, including sustainable animal production systems, animal welfare and behaviour, bioethics, and reproductive physiology. He became a pioneer and leader in the science of Animal Welfare in Colombia. Thanks to his constant efforts to include animal welfare in the scientific and teaching field in Colombia, including the curricula of animal-related careers, the National University of Colombia in Medellín was the first university in the country to include animal welfare and bioethics as a compulsory course for an Animal Science program. Ariel held various critical roles, including Chair in Bioethics of the Colombian Unit of the International Network of UNESCO and founding member of the Colombian and Ibero-American Association for Animal Welfare Science, among many others. The contributions of his knowledge and critical thinking helped advance animal welfare in Colombia and Latin America.



Ariel's constant dedication and enthusiasm to promote and change people's lives and animal welfare was a magnificent and inspiring example to follow in everything we do in our lives. Ariel has physically left us, but his essence and teachings will remain with us forever to put them into practice in pursuing the well-being of all living beings based on generosity, respect, and love.



Maria Camila Ceballos / *Development Officer (2020-2024)*

Updates from your ISAE Council

Council Position Vacancies

Dear ISAE Members,

In 2023, three council positions will be open, including Junior Editor, Assistant Secretary, and Junior Vice President. Please read the descriptions of the positions below and consider submitting an application.

1. **Junior Editor.** The Junior Editor assists the Senior Editor with the annual special issue of *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* and coordinates the Help-with-English scheme. The Junior Editor serves a 2-year term. After 2 years, the Junior Editor will be voted to move up to the role of Senior Editor for a 2-year term.

2. **Assistant Secretary.** The Assistant Secretary coordinates selecting ISAE members to serve on expert committees, collects reports from the experts, and coordinates the Creativity and New Investigator Awards. The Assistant Secretary also assumes the duties of the Secretary if absent or unable to serve. The Assistant Secretary serves a 4-year term.

3. **Junior Vice President.** The Junior Vice President coordinates regional activities including communicating with Regional Secretaries, organizing gatherings at annual congresses, reporting regional activities at Council Meetings, and working with the treasurer to allocate regional funds. The Junior Vice President also assumes the duties of the President if absent or unable to serve. The Junior Vice President serves a 2-year term. After 2 years, the Junior Vice President will be voted to move up to the role of President for 2 years, then Senior Vice President for 2 years.

If you are interested in serving on the ISAE Council, please submit your application materials to Carly (comalley15@gmail.com), including 1) a paragraph outlining your interest in the position and relevant skills, and 2) your 2-page CV to be shared with ISAE Members no later than **Monday, 17 July**.

Carly O'Malley / Secretary of the ISAE (2021-2025)

Communications

ISAE Resources for Researchers. We would love to see the resources page on our [webpage](#) grow – please drop us an email with tools that prove to be helpful to organize your projects, software that you use for data analysis, and Open Science resources that you would like to share. We have now also added information about a variety of important research guidelines, such as ARRIVE, PREPARE and STRANGE. Let us know if you would like to see that list being extended!



Applying Ethology Webinars. We are continuing to maintain the *Applying Ethology Webinars* on the [Animal Welfare Slack Workspace](#). Since our launch in 2020, 59 (most often early career) scientists have shared their research (check out our YouTube channel - link below). If you would like to give a presentation, please fill out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/applyingethologyspeaker>

The [Animal Welfare Slack Workspace](#) has grown to 1000 members! On the workspace you have access to our *Applying Ethology Webinars*, job postings, recent papers, and methodology questions. The Slack space is open to everyone, regardless of ISAE affiliation. Please email Christian Nawroth or Jen-Yun Chou to gain admittance.

Once you join the [Animal Welfare Slack Workspace](#), please join the channels (such as #webinar) you find interesting.

For your convenience:

- Calendar of upcoming talks: <https://tinyurl.com/applyingethologycalendar>
- Speaker list and instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/applyingethologywebinar>
- YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe6fHV211isHwiSgGV50Lgw>

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Follow Us on Social Media! To get the latest ISAE news, please also follow us on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts!

Christian and Maria look forward to interacting with you online and hope to someday see you in person again!

Christian Nawroth / *Communications Officer of the ISAE (2020-2024)*
Maria V. Rørvang / *Assistant Communications Officer of the ISAE (2022-2026)*

Editors

Special issues

The Special Issue for the 2022 conference 'Animal Behaviour and Beyond' being edited by Dr Dana Campbell, Dr Kris Descovich, Professor Vlatko Ilieski, and Assistant Professor Miroslav K Josevski has closed. Most of the manuscripts in the special issue (7 to date) are now published and available online under the [special issue collection](#) with the issue aiming to be finalised before the next special issue (ISAE2023) will open.

Any readers wishing to look through the past ISAE Special Issues can find them located together online where all AABS special issues are listed. <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/applied-animal-behaviour-science/special-issues>

Dr Kris Descovich will be taking over as senior editor for the next two years and thus applications are open for a new Junior Editor to assist in handling manuscripts in the special issue and running the Help with English scheme for a two-year period.

Help with English scheme – submissions welcome!

Did you know that ISAE has an English grammar and language editing service available to help members prepare manuscripts for publication, irrespective of the journal choice? This is a key way that ISAE supports diversity in the field of applied ethology. ISAE members who would like to request editing assistance should send their manuscript to Kris at k.descovich1@uq.edu.au. Your manuscript will be edited by an ISAE member who has volunteered to help you with the English of your paper. The volunteer should be acknowledged in your paper but will not expect to be included as an author. Revisions may take up to 4 weeks as the service is dependent on volunteer time.

Dana Campbell and Kris Descovich / *Senior and Junior Editors of the ISAE (2021-2023)*

Students

Hi there! We are the [ISAE Student Representatives](#)! We represent all ISAE members who are at undergraduate, graduate and PhD level. Saskia Kliphuis is a PhD student at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. She studies the effect of early-life interventions to improve laying hen welfare. Bianca Vandresen is a PhD student at The University of British Columbia, Canada. She studies the social sustainability of animal production systems, with focus on the dairy industry.



ISAE International Congress 2023

From July 31st to August 5th, the ISAE International Congress 2023 will take place in Tallinn, Estonia! In addition to the Congress programme, we have organized 4 events for students throughout the conference (see below).

2023 ISAE congress events hosted by the student representatives				
Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.
	Student lunch <i>lunch time</i>	Eating with Ethologists <i>lunch time</i>	Table Topics <i>lunch time</i>	
	Meet & Greet <i>evening</i>			
	All students welcome!	Advance sign-up required	All are welcome!	

To find more information on the student activities, take a look at [this Congress web page](#).

To help us make this an amazing experience for all, please answer [this short survey \(± 2 minutes\)](#) by [June 11th](#) if you haven't done so already.

Eating with Ethologists registration is open for faculty!

On Wednesday (August 2nd), students, faculty and scientists who pre-registered for **Eating with Ethologists** will be matched based on similar interests for an informal, small group networking lunch. During lunch, you are welcome to discuss scientific topics, research plans, career goals, position openings, etc. You will be able to choose the researchers you might want to chat with over lunch when you pre-register for the event.

Registration for this event is open for Faculty/scientists registered for congress! Please fill out this form if you'd like to participate in Eating with Ethologists.

NOTE: don't fill this in when you're a student! Students registered for congress will receive a sign-up email around June 20th.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUkkvUMPWsVIEIWZ7ysHkgKy12s_YqcE9U8kHBVNEpihEhLg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Applying Ethology Monday Webinar

Looking to practice your presentation skills and add something new to your CV? The Applying Ethology Monday Webinars is the perfect opportunity! These webinars have been running for three years now, and it helps make research more accessible and provide additional resources for people in our field who do not always get to go to in-person meetings. However, it is getting more difficult to have a constant flow of speakers especially after the pandemic time. We would like to encourage all ISAE students to enroll to be speakers as this is a great opportunity to share our research in animal behavior/welfare with a wider audience. All PhD/master's students are welcome! Application is open year-round. To apply, simply fill in this [form](#). You can check some previous presentations here: <https://www.youtube.com/@animalwelfareslack7959>

Education and Resources on ISAE website

Consider checking out the [Education and Resources section on the ISAE website!](#) We have updated the 'Graduate Study' section end of 2022 with feedback from the student membership. This space holds information about webinars, graduate study, time management, teaching, and more.

See you soon!

Saskia Kliphuis and Bianca Vandresen / *Student Representatives of the ISAE (2021-2023; 2022-2024)*

ISAE web services upgrades

We are in the process working with Intergage (our web services provider) to make some substantial upgrades to our web pages and related services. As well as automating some of the tasks of our council officers, this will provide members with a more convenient way to check their membership status and make membership subscription and other payments. This work has been ongoing for nearly a year, with input from Gemma Charlton (the previous Membership Secretary), Christian Nawroth (Communications Officer) and me (the President). I'm grateful for Gemma continuing to assist us as we need her experience to help make some of the changes. Initially I was hoping the new system would be operational by the end of 2022, so I suggested delaying the full handover of Membership Secretary duties from Gemma to Kareem (our new Membership Secretary) until the new system was working. Unfortunately, the upgrades are still not complete, and we are now into our new membership year. The situation wasn't helped when the membership secretary email account was hacked. We quickly secured control, and have implemented improvements in security to help avoid this happening again. So please bear with us whilst we get the new system operational, and please accept my apologies for any delays processing your membership applications and queries. Note that anyone that had a membership application that was pending and had registered for the Tallinn Congress prior to 1st June will still be able to benefit from the ISAE member early bird rate.

Mark Rutter / President of the ISAE (2021-2023)

Membership

My four-year term as the new Membership Secretary started in November. I am very glad to serve the ISAE as Membership Secretary, I am really enjoying this position. At present, we have 542 members of which 244 are up-to-date with their subscriptions while 298 members have yet to renew their membership subscription. Based on the previous newsletter, this is a slight decrease compared with previous years. However, there are 32 new ISAE applicants whose applications have been approved by the council and I will communicate with now that the ISAE email is secure. We value our members above all else and hope they will renew their membership as soon as possible to remain in the ISAE community. If you are faced with any problems, please get in touch (isaemembership@hotmail.co.uk). If you pay via bank transfer, please remember to label the payment with your name so we know who the payment is from. On behalf of the ISAE, I would like to express my appreciation to the 21 honorary members whom have served and contributed significantly to the ISAE community.

Details of members in each region and membership type can be found below:

Region	Members
Australasia/Africa	46
Benelux	40
Canada	65
East Asia	20
East Central	
Europe	11
Latin America	25
Mediterranean	28
Nordic	61
UK/Ireland	82
USA	114
West Central	
Europe	50
TOTAL	542

Abdelkareem Abdallah / Membership Secretary of the ISAE (2022-2026)

Finances

Treasurer's Mid of Year Report

The report contains the mid-annual summary for the period **January 1st to June 1st 2023**. The table breaks down revenue and expenses in our GBP and Euro accounts. Any discrepancies seen in the amounts being transferred in and out reflect adjustments for exchange rate differences.

The accounts are healthy. Our income from membership subscriptions is very modest so far this year but is likely to increase nearer the time of the Congress. The main revenue is from Scholarship funds from sponsors (£27,533 and €6,454). This comprises the Purina award (£11,710) as well as funds transferred from our US region from the OPP (£15,823). The OPP award scholarship funds for applicants from developing countries to attend the annual conference (DCCAF award). The HSI scholarship is €6,454. All these funds are transient and we have already reimbursed some DCCAF and HSI awardees for their travel to attend ISAE2023. These reimbursements account for our major expenditure (£24,978 and €1902). Our bank charges are significant this year and that is because of the transfer fees we incur for paying and receiving money overseas. Other expenditure includes the usual payments to Intergage and Opayo for membership services and payment services respectively, as well as reimbursement to council members for costs incurred for paying for web-hosting programmes requiring credit card payments.

Our accounts will be inspected before September in preparation for our submission to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). We intend to secure the services of a new Independent Examiner via an accountancy firm based in Scotland. We are also investigating options for accounting software to reduce the significant administrative burden of managing the ISAE accounts.

ISAE Accounts for period Jan 1st to May 31st 2023

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

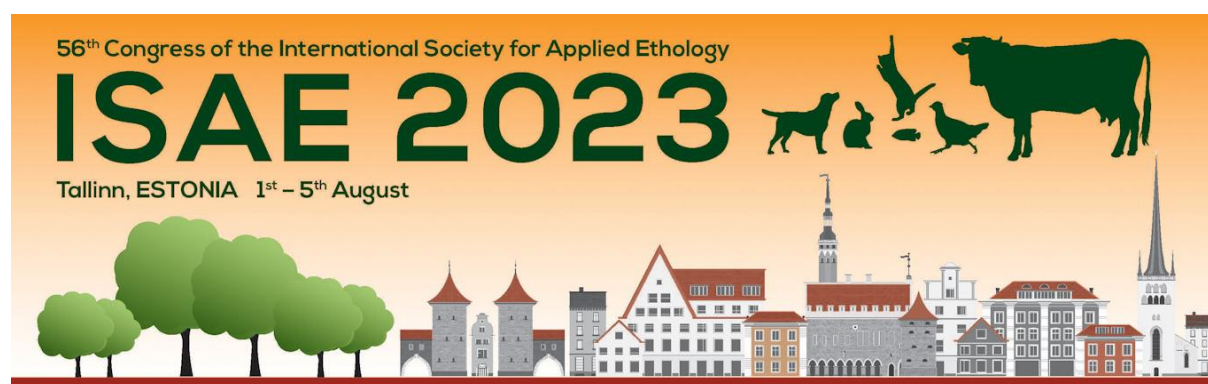
Revenue:	GBP accounts	Euro account
Congress Income (ISAE2022)	0.00	0.00
Membership subs	670.0	0.00
Net Interest	306.9	0.00
Payment returns	0.0	0.00
Returns from regions	0.0	0.00
Scholarship funds from sponsors	27,532.9	6453.5
Other	0.0	0.00
Transfers in	8,500.0	0.00
Total Revenue	£ 37,009.8	€6453.5
Expenses:		
Bank Charges	773.0	47.0
Conference Attendance Award	0.00	0.00
Conference Attendance Fund	0.00	0.00
Council Member Costs	117.3	0.00
Elsevier AABS	0.00	0.00
ExOrdo (Conference services)	0.00	0.00
Membership services - Intergage	804.0	0.00
OPAYO (previously SAGEPay)	192.0	0.00
Regional Payments	0.00	0.00
Scholarship funds awarded	24,977.8	1901.7
Subs returns	0.0	0.00
Wageningen Press	0.0	0.00
Other	0.0	0.00
Transfers out	8,500.0	0.00
Total Expenses	£35,364.1	€1,948.7
Excess of Revenue over expenses	£1645.8	€4,504.8
Beg Fund Balances	£69,886.4	€4,045.6
End Fund Balances	£71,532.2	€8,550.4

Emma Baxter / Treasurer of the ISAE (2017-2024)

Congress News

56th Congress – Tallin, Estonia

We can soon meet at the 56th Congress of the ISAE, that will take place in **Tallin, Estonia**, from **1st – 5th August 2023**, organized by the Estonian University of Life Sciences. The theme of the congress is *'One Ethology, understanding animal behaviour to improve the lives of animals, humans and society'*. There will be a fantastic program both scientifically, with more than 200 presentations from scientists around the world, and socially, where participants can get to know Tallinn, Estonian food and Estonian's nature and landscape. All presentations will be given in person, but there is an option for online participation as well. For more information and registration please visit the website <http://isae2023.ee>. I hope to meet many of you in Tallinn!



Future Congresses – 2024 and beyond

After two years in Europe, we get back to alternating between European and non-European locations.

2024 - 57th Congress, 22nd – 26th July 2024 in Curitiba, Brazil

2025 – Europe – details will be announced at the AGM in Tallinn

2026 – outside Europe – may be announced at the AGM in Tallinn

2027 – Europe

If you might be interested to host an ISAE congress in the future, please contact the Senior vice president, that's me until the next AGM (Susanne.Waiblinger@vetmeduni.ac.at), then Mark Rutter (smrutter@harper-adams.ac.uk). We can provide you with further information.

Susanne Waiblinger / Senior Vice President of the ISAE (2021-2023)

EDIA Committee Update

The EDIA Committee are pleased to confirm that the EDIA Guidelines have been finalised and we look forward to sharing these with you during the Congress in Estonia before they become available via the ISAE website. With thanks to all those who took the time to engage with the members survey, we are busy analysing the results to understand and address the needs of society members. Part of the committees remit is to signpost society members and Council towards useful resources and educational materials, and we recently came across a plethora of information developed by the Royal Society of Chemistry – [here is the link](#).

Linda Greening / Chair of ISAE EDI Committee (2021-2027)

Regional News and Development

Development

Our fifth Developing Countries Congress Attendance Fellowship (DCCAF) will occur again this year at the 2023 ISAE Tallinn Congress. We received 48 applications, and they were evaluated by 13 reviewers. This year 12 successful candidates were selected for the DCCAF award, and we are also delighted that the two awardees from last year from Ethiopia will be able to join us so that we will have 14 DCCAF delegates in total this year. The fellowship includes travel costs, accommodation in Tallinn, visa costs, all meals and incidental expenses during their travel period for the Congress. This year's awardees are from Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Colombia, Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nepal, and Nigeria. We are excited to welcome them to Tallinn in August and look forward to many discussions and exchanges!

As last year, the one-day pre-congress workshop and other social activities will be held for our DCCAF awardees. The talks will cover topics from the introduction to animal welfare; understanding applied animal behaviour science and its relevance to animal welfare; the relationship between animal welfare and sustainability, to ethics in animal behaviour and welfare research. We are delighted to have the participation of various experienced international speakers, including Dr. Birte Nielsen (UFAW, UK), Dr. María José Hotzel (Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil), Dr. Donald Broom (Cambridge University, UK), and Dr. Jeremy Marchant (USDA/Purdue University, US). Farm visits and other activities will also be organized for our awardees.

On January 28th of 2023, the "2nd ISAE Workshop on Animal Welfare Progress in India" took place in person at CSIR-IGIB, New Delhi. The event was organized by our regional secretary Dr. Vijay Pal Singh. The workshop had more than 260 registrations and 94 attendees in person. Many participants also attended the event virtually through YouTube Live (<https://youtube.com/@IGIBSocial>). In total, 11 speakers from different institutes gave talks about

different topics related to animal welfare. Two speakers (Dr. Maria Camila Ceballos and Dr. Anindita Bhadra) connected virtually. The topics covered initiatives of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) for promoting animal welfare, animal welfare education in open and distance learning, social living in cattle and buffaloes and its implications for welfare and production, role and contribution of NGOs in promoting animal welfare in India, the behaviour of native cattle and strategies to improve their welfare, one health, welfare assessment of sheep in India, etc.



Source: Dr. Vijay Pal Singh's workshop report

In the second half of this year, different events are currently under planning, including the “ISAE African Workshop” with the theme of “Bringing Animal Welfare to the SADC (Southern African Development Community) Region”, planned to be held in Pretoria, South Africa; the “Sixth ISAE Latin American Regional Congress” planned to take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and a second ISAE animal welfare workshop in Bangladesh.

We thank all reviewers for their kind and prompt assistance in evaluating the DCCAF applications this year: Ariel Tarazona (recently passed away), Bas Rodenburg, Emma Fabrega, Heleen van de Weerd, Jeremy Marchant, Meagan King, Michiru Fukasawa, Moira Harris, Rebecca Sommerville, Sumita Sugnaseelan and Vijay Pal Singh.

Maria Camila Ceballos / Development Officer of the ISAE (2020-2024)
Jen-Yun Chou / Assistant Development Officer of the ISAE (2020-2023)

Benelux

We are pleased to announce that the next conference of the Benelux region of the International Society for Applied Ethology will be held at the Epic Alpaca Farm in Minderhout (Hoogstraten), Belgium, on the 12th of October 2023.

More information about the Benelux ISAE conference 2023 will soon be made available at <http://www.applied-ethology.org/benelux.html>. For more information about the ISAE, please visit the website <http://www.applied-ethology.org>.

You can also follow us on Twitter: @BeneluxIsae

We hope to see you all!

Maëva Manet and Liesbeth Van Damme/ *Regional Secretaries for Benelux*

East Asia

The annual meeting of The Japanese Society for Animal Behavior and Management (JSABM) will be held at Rakuno Gakuen University, Hokkaido on September 14-16. This year's meeting will be held face-to-face. For details, please see the following URL (in Japanese only).

We are looking forward to seeing you in Hokkaido!

<http://jsabm.org/conference/>

Michiru Fukasawa / *Regional Secretary for East Asia*

Oceania

The online webinar by Eduardo Fernandez on "Training as enrichment" in November went well and the recording can be watched here <https://youtu.be/x5oPZq889VQ>

A regional meeting is being planned for the 13th and 14th of November in Adelaide, South Australia. Abstract Submissions are currently open.

I will be looking for someone to take over as regional secretary as this is my third year.

NEWS

Join the 2023 Regional Meeting

Preparations for the 2023 ISAE Oceania regional meeting are underway. To be held in Adelaide Australia. Mark the 13th and 14th of November in your calendars!

Danila Marini / *Regional Secretary for Oceania*

Southwest Europe

A new regional meeting is being considered for 2024, and Portugal has offered to organise it. The two regional secretaries would like to carry out elections at that regional meeting. Therefore, all interested people in becoming ISAE regional secretary, please let us know.

Emma Fàbrega and Daniela Alberghina / *Regional Secretaries for Southwest Europe*

UK and Ireland

This year we hosted our first in-person meeting post-COVID and the first conference that Keelin O'Driscoll (ISAE Ireland Rep) and Ellen Williams (ISAE UK Rep) had co-coordinated. It was really great to bring everyone together and there was lots of positive feedback from the delegates. It was hosted at Harper Adams University and in total 40 delegates attended. We had a ram packed scheduled with a mixture of full length and speed talks. The day was started with a keynote talk from Professor Francoise Wemelsfelder, from SRUC. Francoise delivered a really inspirational talk on animal sentience and highlighted the need for positive animal welfare to be included in welfare assessments. She then went on to talk about how she worked with retailer Waitrose to

include animals' emotional well-being in its supply chain standards of animal welfare. It was amazing to see the application of this research so successfully in industry. Talks from other delegates covered a range of disciplines, considering all aspects of applied animal behaviour, from animal learning theory, to conservation and in improvement of welfare. As with other regions, the ISAE regional conference prides itself on supporting students, and this year was no exception. Thanks to support from the ISAE council we were able to financially support some student attendees with small bursaries, and we had prizes for the best student talk. The calibre of student talks was so high that we had to award a joint first place prize. We were delighted to award Holly Vickery (Reading University) and Louise Evans (Nottingham Trent University) with the prize of entrance to the next ISAE international congress. Holly presented her work on feeding behaviour of dairy goat kids and Louise talked about learning in horses.

This year we teamed up with the Animal Welfare Research Network to host the ISAE UK & Ireland regional conference with them, this allowed us to help delegates maximise the benefit to travel and in doing so, reduce carbon footprint on a per conference basis. For similar reasons, we are hopeful to continue our relationship with the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) where possible in future too. We are very excited to be taking our next regional conference, in 2025, back to Ireland, where it will be the ten-year anniversary of the first conference there. Again, we will be looking to collaborate with another organisation if possible, as that was really successful this year. Watch this space!

Keelin O'Driscoll and Ellen Williams / *Regional Secretaries for UK and Ireland*

USA and Canada

After 3 years of service, it is time for Tina Horback to hand over the reins of regional secretary duties in the United States to new members. We are seeking nominations (including self-nominations) of current ISAE members living in the US to take on the role. Given the large number of members in our US region, we will try to recruit two secretaries to share the role. Please email your nominations to Tina Horback (kmhorback@ucdavis.edu) and ISAE Junior Vice-President, Janice Siegford (siegford@msu.edu). We will review the list and ask if nominees are interested in the position during the summer. All US members will then be asked to vote on the final nominees after reviewing their applications.

The next regional meeting is being planned for 2025 at the University of Guelph. More details will be shared as the date gets closer.

Kristina Horback / *Regional Secretary for USA*
Meagan King and Clover Bench / *Regional Secretary for Canada*

Other News

Animal Welfare Judging and Assessment Contest

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) held its first ever spring virtual Animal Welfare Judging and Assessment Contest (AWJAC) on April 22nd and 23rd. The virtual contest aims to provide additional opportunities for participation in the contest, especially for international participants. People joined in from North America, South America, and Europe. The species assessed included broiler breeder chickens and potbellied pigs. There were divisions for undergraduates, graduate students, veterinary students, AVMA member veterinarians, and postgraduates.

To see the list of winners, visit the [AWJAC press release](#).

To learn more about the Animal Welfare Assessment Contest, visit [AWJAC.org](#).

Carly O'Malley / Secretary of the ISAE (2021-2025)

Elsevier Free Subscription Awards for AABS – Call for Applications

To support access to our Society's journal *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* (AABS) by ISAE **members** that do not **otherwise** have access to AABS, Elsevier is offering up to **ten free online subscriptions to AABS** for one year. The free subscriptions are awarded by the ISAE council, **with a focus on** members in low to middle income countries. If you are interested in receiving a free one-year subscription to AABS, please send a short application (including your name, address, the year you became a member and a short statement of why you should be awarded) to info@applied.ethology.org or your regional secretary.

Susanne Waiblinger / Senior Vice President of the ISAE (2021-2023)

Employment and Education Opportunities

Some current [employment and education opportunities](#) related to applied ethology include:

- Postdoctoral Researcher, Austria (deadline July 2)
- Assistant Professor, USA (deadline July 10)
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Canada
- Postdoctoral Researcher, USA
- Welfare Manager, India
- Professor, Denmark
- PhD position, Canada

- MSc/PhD position, Canada
- MSc position, USA
- MSc position, USA

For details on how to apply and for the most up-to-date information on employment and education opportunities, visit the [ISAE website](http://www.isae.org) and follow us on social media:

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/appliedethology
- **Twitter:** [@appliedethology](https://twitter.com/appliedethology)

To advertise a position: send the job title, location, contact email address, application deadline, and a URL and/or a pdf flyer to info@applied-ethology.org. Listings are updated biweekly and will be removed 3 months after the posting date if no closing date is given.

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