



ACTIVITIES REPORT 2017

During the first eight months of 2017, the activities of the Association Veterinários sem Fronteiras – Portugal, VSF-Portugal, were still under the administration of the previous Directive Board and heavily limited due to the difficulties that emerged from the unexpected demise of the respective President, Dr. Manuel Malta.

The most relevant topic to emphasize was the inevitability of paying a fine to the Portuguese Tax Authority, Autoridade Tributária e Aduaneira (AT), due to a failure to comply the obligation of tax information which is owed by the non-profit organizations.

Election of New Corporate Bodies

On 7th September 2017, new corporate bodies of the VSF-Portugal were elected for the period of 2017-2019. The election program of the single list of candidates running for the election essentially aimed for the revival of the VSF-Portugal through the accomplishment of several actions, among which the following may be highlighted:

- Restoration of the connections with the associates and friends of the VSF-Portugal;
- Enlargement of the sphere of influence of the VSF-Portugal, namely through the addition of new associates, new values and new projects;
- Identification of specialized collaborations with potential to reinforce the intervention capacity of the VSF-Portugal;
- Maintenance of the well succeeded projects with which the VSF-Portugal has been collaborating;
- Reinforcement of the connection with the VSF-International.

Annual General Meeting of VSF-International hosted in Lisbon

On 7th October 2017, the Annual General Meeting of the VSF-International was held in Lisbon, hosted by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FMV), University of Lisbon, Portugal, where the head office of the VSF-Portugal is also situated. Almost all members of the organisation attended the event. The present delegates of the different associations were as follows:

- Alessandro Broglia (VSF-Italy)
- Chris Braeuel (VSF-Canada)
- Carline Mainenti (VSF-International)
- Constanze Bönig (VSF-Germany)



participate in projects which are compatible with the capacities of the VSF-Portugal and which may be of interest to the other associations.

A Physical Head Office

Thanks to the generous kindness of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FMV), University of Lisbon, Portugal, through its President, Prof. Luís Tavares, the VSF-Portugal was able to use the room C3.66, on the level 3 of the C building of the faculty campus, as the respective association head office. And also thanks to the generous courtesy of Prof. Fernando Ferreira, President of the Portuguese Society of Veterinary Sciences (Sociedade Portuguesa de Ciências Veterinárias), who was already utilizing the referred room, we were able to finally accommodate the documents and “assets” of the VSF-Portugal in a central office.

The reactivation of the VSF-Portugal website

The website www.vsfportugal.pt was reactivated thanks to the valuable help of our recent associate member Fábio Abade Santos. Our aim was to tailor the website with features which both enabled it as a foreground presentation of the Association to the public as well as a virtual place to reflect our activities. We are endeavoring efforts to bring both Portuguese and English languages to the website, having in consideration our desired reinforcement of the Association’s international activities.

Rectification of the contributory situation of the VSF-Portugal

The new corporate bodies of VSF-Portugal were registered in the Portuguese Tax Authority (AT) against payment of a small fine due to the failure of having registered the previous corporate bodies of the association.

Contacts with international partners

The contacts with the Association Bons Amigos, in Cabo Verde, were maintained, and the VSF-Portugal participated in the preparation of a project for submission to the Portuguese Embassy in Cabo Verde, through a Small Projects Fund. The project title is “INTERVENÇÃO – CONTROLE DA POPULAÇÃO DE CÃES ERRANTES / CIDADE DA PRAIA” (“INTERVENTION – POPULATION CONTROL OF STRAY DOGS/ CITY OF PRAIA”), with the VSF-Portugal as partners.

We reestablished contacts with the Association SIMABO, also in Cabo Verde, by seizing the opportunity of the visit to Mindelo, S. Vicente, in December, by the first secretary of the General Assembly, Manuela Oliveira. During this trip, Manuela Oliveira was given the occasion, by the lead of the SIMABO head, Sílvia Punzo, to get to know the project, the work developed, the assets both in infrastructures and human resources, and the difficulties which unavoidably strike this kind of initiative. This visit was the inception of the establishment of a protocol of collaboration between the VSF-Portugal and the SIMABO to be developed during 2018.

New associate members

The Annual General Meeting of the VSF-Portugal was held in December 2017, during which six new associate members were accepted.