Termination of Membership:
Iran Small Animal Veterinary Association (ISAVA)

Current situation

As of August 2022, the ISAVA have outstanding membership dues for the years 2020, 2021, and 2022 (three years). Multiple attempts have been made by the WSAVA Executive Board and Secretariat to enter a dialogue with the associations. A final notice was issued in February 2022. This advised that if no payment or response was received then the WSAVA would seek to terminate their membership. No response was received.

WSAVA by-laws context

The WSAVA by-laws state the following regarding Termination of Membership (section 3.6):

(i) Membership in the association shall cease:

a) Voluntary Withdrawal –

By voluntary withdrawal delivered in writing and signed by the to the WSAVA Secretariat and accepted in writing by the President of the Corporation within fourteen (14) days of receipt. All Membership benefits will cease on the date of receipt of written notification of withdrawal with final membership termination at end of calendar year. There shall be no reimbursement of dues paid by a Member upon termination of Membership for whatever reason.

b) Majority Decision of Assembly –

By a majority decision of the Assembly citing irreconcilable differences, a proposal for which must be served on Members by the President at least sixty (60) days prior to the Assembly Meeting. Such a decision will be effective immediately, without reimbursement of the paid dues.

(ii) In the case of non-payment of Membership Fees, after service by registered mail three (3) invoices in three-month intervals from the Corporation, the Member shall lose Membership benefits including complimentary registration in Congress and voting rights but shall remain a
Member. Upon payment in full of any outstanding Membership Fees owed to the Corporation, the default in payment of the Membership Fee by a Member which is a Federation in whole or in part, the individual Federation associations which comprise the Federation are encouraged to work cooperatively to re-establish the membership of the Federation.

**Assembly motion**

Currently, in the case of non-payment of fees, the WSAVA by-laws state that the association retains their WSAVA membership but loses their member benefits. However, given the association have failed to respond to repeated correspondence, the Executive Board feel it only fair to all members to propose a termination of ISAVA’s membership. Therefore, a majority decision of the General Assembly is required.

Motion: to terminate ISAVA’s membership of the WSAVA due to non-payment of fees for years 2018 – 2022.