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Dear Dr Roel Mulder,

As the Head Director of SYSAAF, I have learnt with a great interest that there is a French bid to organise the World Poultry Congress in 2020, in Paris.

SYSAAF (SYndicat des Sélectionneurs Avicoles et Aquacoles Français) stands for "French Federation of Poultry, Fish and shellfish Breeders". SYSAAF is a non-profit private organisation, acting as a Research and Development Organization devoted to French avian, fish and shellfish breeding companies. At present, 40 breeding companies join SYSAAF. They range from large ones, to small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) or federations. Among those last, some of them have non-profit status and are devoted to restocking or species preservation (local poultry strains, wild species). Through its technical services range of activities, SYSAAF contribute to set up company's selection programs and genetic diversity preservation, to provide technical support on day-to-day breeding activities, as well as to implement innovative technologies in response to our members' needs. SYSAAF have developed wide expertise and computing tools allowing an optimized management of brood stocks. In this context, SYSAAF' staff performs yearly genetic evaluation for more than 120 lines of 22 species altogether, of which 10 poultry species. It's know-how in reproduction biotechnology and semen cryopreservation also allowed the development of the French avian and fish cryobanks, providing the professionals a way to secure their brood stocks. Innovation implementation is achieved by careful thinking and management of its research and development projects, in synergy with the research activities of scientists from national and international research organisations; mainly INRA and IFREMER, but also CNRS, CEMAGREF or university laboratories. Our collaborations also imply other actors of the research and development sector for specific services, in the first such as GIE LABOGENA for genotyping. By working within the framework of a collective approach, SYSAAF thus plays a key role within the French poultry and aquaculture sectors. We especially contribute to the French diversity in terms of species, breeds and products.

Members of SYSAAF regularly attend WPSA meetings and we strongly support the French bid for 2020. Furthermore, I also support it from a personal point of view as a senior scientist and French representative in Group 9 of the European Branch of the WPSA. The organisation of the World Poultry Congress in Paris represents a great opportunity for all the stakeholders of the poultry sector in France, which remains until now among the first in Europe.

Sincerely Yours

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