



WORLD RABBIT SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (WRSA)

Dear WRSA members

During the Assembly of the 11th World Rabbit Congress (Qingdao, June 17, 2016), the delegates of the different WRSA National branches have elected the new Executive Committee for the next 4 year, from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2020.

After two periods as WRSA President (2009-2012 and 2013-2016) and having coordinated the scientific organization of three World Rabbit Congresses (Verona, Sharm-El-Sheik, Qingdao), I am pleased to pass the torch (see the figure below) to Thierry Gidenne, new President of our association, which will be also in charge of organizing the next 12th World Rabbit Congress in France. Based on his long experience as WRSA Secretary and participant to the scientific organization of the past World Rabbit Congresses, he surely will coordinate the WRSA activities in an excellent way and organize one of our best congresses.

I would like to express my gratitude to WRSA members and National Branches officers for sharing the common effort of increasing the knowledge about rabbit science and the interest for rabbit production. I hope rabbit production will maintain and possibly increase its substantial role in covering the human needs for high quality food and products.

I would like to thank all the members of the executive committees that supported the WRSA activity, especially during the intense periods of the world congress organization. I will not mention them one by one, because all offered their experience and collaboration with enthusiasm and generosity during these years.

Thanks to the National Branches that, at a local level, coordinated the research and the technical development of the rabbit sector and maintained a strict collaboration with the world association. I hope new Branches will join WRSA in the next future and other scientists and technicians all over the world will move their interest and experience to rabbit science and production. A World Association cannot be strong enough without strong and active National Branches.

Best wishes for the activities of World Rabbit Science Association.

Have a prosperous, healthy and peaceful 2017.

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