Business meeting of the Working group of the Cold Chain In Warm Countries.

Tuesday 18/8 2015 17:30 – 18:30

16 participants attended representing international organizations (IIR, UNEP, and ASHRAE), universities, research centers and refrigeration associations.

The meeting was translated from French to English by Ina Colombo from the IIR.

Minutes

1. Halima, the new president introduce herself and the objective of this working group from new Terms of References amended and developed by Halima was described.
2. The participants provided some comments on the TR as follow:
   - The terms Warm Countries should be clarified as warm countries include Mediterranean counties such Italy and Spain. The WG should considered the terms: high ambient temperatures, hot climate, warm climate.
   - Instead to say “food safety”, the terms “food security” should be used.
   - The focus should be on developing countries
   - 2 types of Cold Chain should be dissociated: Product side (food, biological etc.....) and Equipment (technology, components etc.....)
   - Social, economic, technical and environmental aspects should be adapted for warm climate countries.
   - It was suggested that a FRISBEE sub-group within this WG should be formed. As the Frisbee database included some developing countries.
   - The WG should defined the limit of investigation of food supply for local use or for exportation.
   - A mapping exercise should be considerate.
3. Next step:
   - The IIR office should update the list WG members from the expertise of Cold Chain and delegate of warm countries. Add the members who attendees the meeting.
   - A questionnaire should be send to members requesting to specify their expertise field, state the different obstacles of the cold chain development in hot climate countries and provide return some information of particular case studies.
4. Upcoming business meeting: Halima suggested that the next meeting could take place in Tunisia next year. Participants are interested.
5. It was suggested that Ina Colombo become the secretary of this WG. The vice president will be announced late coming.

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Delegate of Tunisia and President of Working Group of the Cold Chain In Warm Countries