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Respected Professor Borghese,

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the International Buffalo Federation (IBF) and its role in promoting the research and development of buffalo around the globe. As you are aware that Pakistan is not only buffalo loving country but has contributed ever since World Buffalo Congress's (WBC) first meeting that was held in Egypt in 1985. I may further emphasize that in 2009, we successfully organized the 6th Asian Buffalo Congress in Lahore. Furthermore, International Buffalo Congress was hosted in 2019, where more than 60 international delegates participated and were highly rated in content, participation, and organization.

I may also recall that back in 2016, we submitted a proposal for the 12th WBC, and however, it went in Turkey's favor. We have never been awarded the opportunity to hold WBC. We are excited, confident, and fully prepared to submit the subject mentioned proposal for the 13th WBC in Lahore, Pakistan.

I am taking the privilege of attaching the dossier that contains the formal request and supporting letters from the buffalo stakeholders to hold 13th WBC in Lahore. Furthermore, the minutes of the meeting of local stakeholders for the WBC program dates and the nomination of the undersigned for the President of IBF are attached herewith for the consideration of the IBF upcoming meeting.

Warm Regards



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Subject: **Letter of Support to hold 13th World Buffalo Congress, 29 – 31st October 2023, Lahore, Pakistan.**

Respected Professor Borghese,

I am taking this opportunity to appreciate International Buffalo Federation (IBF) for promoting global buffalo research and development. Being involved with buffalo research as nutritionist for over 42 years, I have a passion for buffalo promotion. In past, we have organized mega international events related to buffalo, like the 6th Asian Buffalo Congress in 2009, the International Symposium on Dairy Animal Reproduction in 2015, and recently International Buffalo Congress in 2019.

Pakistan is the 2nd largest country in terms of buffalo heads and its production. It is utmost important to hold gathering of people from the globe related to buffalo for the awareness and sharing the advancement in scientific knowledge among stakeholders. Despite the fact, we submitted a proposal for the 12th WBC, and however, it went in Turkey's favor. We have never been awarded the responsibility to hold WBC.

I am pleased to know that UVAS is submitting the proposal to hold 13th WBC in Lahore. Therefore, I as a buffalo scientist, member of IBF, and organizer of previous Asian and International Buffalo congresses in Pakistan, strongly endorse the submission of UVAS. I am excited and fully support the 13th WBC in Lahore.

With kind regards.

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SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL REPRODUCTION OF PAKISTAN

Patron-in-Chief: Prof. Dr. Manzoor Ahmad
President: Prof. Dr. Amjad Riaz
Secretary: Dr. M. Zubair Bari

Ref. No. 432

Date: 05-10-2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: **Letter of recommendation for holding 13th World Buffalo Congress 29 – 31st October 2023 in Lahore, Pakistan.**

Society of Animal Reproduction in Pakistan (SARP), is more than two decades old, has life members of over 300, and is mandated to gather and disseminate the latest information on the subject among all the stakeholders for breed improvement. The SARP has organized several national and international symposiums on dairy animal reproduction (ISDAR 2015).

Undoubtedly, buffalo occupy a significant economic share in the livestock sectors of many Asian countries where most of the buffalo population exists. To create awareness among buffalo farmers and the need to transform this industry on modern technological advances in breeding, feeding, and management, it is of utmost importance to hold a mega gathering of all stakeholders for the benefit of all.

Pakistan is blessed to have the second largest buffalo population and its milk production. Pakistan has a history of holding mega international buffalo events like the 6th Asian Buffalo Congress in 2009, the International Symposium on Dairy Animal Reproduction in 2015, and International Buffalo Congress in 2019. However, we have never hosted World Buffalo Congress. I am pleased to know that UVAS, Lahore, is proposing to hold the next World Buffalo Congress in Lahore in 2023.

As President SARP, we fully support this proposed 13th WBC, 29 – 31st October 2023, in Lahore, Pakistan. We are fully committed to providing technical and scientific help in organizing the mega event.

Prof. Dr. Amjad Riaz
President SARP

BUFFALO BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (PUNAJB) PAKISTAN®



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Subject: Letter of Support to hold 13th World Buffalo Congress, 29 – 31st October 2023, Lahore, Pakistan.

Dear Professor Borghese,

Pakistan is blessed to have the second largest buffalo population and its milk production. We have a history of holding mega international events related to buffalo, like the Asian Buffalo Congress in 2009, the International Symposium on Dairy Animal Reproduction in 2015, and more recently International Buffalo Congress in 2019. Buffalo Breeders Association, Punjab, has been on the ground over the last decade and working very closely with Buffalo Research Institute, Pattoki, for breed improvement. It has more than 300 active members. We have had always supported the holding of such events beneficial to the Buffalo Breeders. However, Pakistan has never hosted World Buffalo Congress. I am pleased to know that UVAS, Lahore, is proposing to hold the next World Buffalo Congress in Lahore in 2023. As President, Buffalo Breeders Association, Punjab, we fully support the proposal of holding the 13th WBC, 29 – 31st October 2023, Lahore, and the National Buffalo Show at Buffalo Research Institute, Pattoki.

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Hello Dr. Borghese,

Al-Haiwan Group, Sahiwal, is a livestock enterprise related to buffalo and cattle breeding with a history of over three decades. We deal with the production and marketing of semen and embryos. We have always supported the holding of such events that provided the opportunity for networking and dissemination of the latest information among buffalo stakeholders, including industry, academia, and producers.

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I am pleased to know that UVAS, Lahore, is proposing to hold the next World Buffalo Congress in Lahore in 2023. As a Chief Executive Officer, Al-Haiwan Group Sahiwal, we fully support the proposal of holding the 13th WBC, 29 - 31st October 2023, Lahore.


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Subject: **LETTER OF SUPPORT TO HOLD 13th WORLD BUFFALO CONGRESS, 29 – 31st OCTOBER 2023, LAHORE, PAKISTAN.**

Respected Professor Borghese,

Buffalo Research Institute (BRI), Pattoki, located 75 km south of Lahore and comprised of experimental buffalo farms and research laboratories related to genetics, nutrition, breeding, and management. The BRI leads the buffalo progeny testing program for genetic improvement by involving the buffalo breeders, farmers, semen production units, and experimental buffalo farms of the livestock department of Punjab. We have always supported the holding of such events beneficial to the buffalo farmers and related stakeholders.

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Unfortunately, Pakistan has never been awarded to host the World Buffalo Congress. I am delighted to know that UVAS, Lahore, is proposing to hold the next World Buffalo Congress in Lahore in 2023. As a Chief Research Officer, BRI, we fully support the proposal of holding the 13th WBC, 29 – 31st October 2023, Lahore, and the National Buffalo Show at Buffalo Research Institute, Pattoki.


CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER

Subject: MINUTES OF THE CONSULTATIVE MEETING TO HOST 13TH WORLD BUFFALO CONGRESS (WBC 2023), LAHORE PAKISTAN

A consultative meeting was held in the Syndicate Room, UVAS, on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 11:00 am. The following members attended the meeting.

1. Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad, VC UVAS, Lahore
2. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajjad Khan, VC CUVAS, Bahawalpur
3. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Farooque Hassan, VC SBBUVAS, Sakrand
4. Dr. Ijaz Mehmood Gorski, CRO, BRI, Pattoki
5. Dr. Muhammad Nasir, FrieslandCampina, Engro Pakistan Ltd
6. Dr. Muhammad Farooq, CEO Al-Haiwan Group, Sahiwal
7. Engr. Mian Sami Ullah, General Secretary, Buffalo Breeders Association
8. Prof. Dr. Kamran Ashraf, FVS, UVAS, Lahore
9. Prof. Dr. Habib ur Rehman, FBS, UVAS, Lahore
10. Prof. Dr. Saima, FAPT, UVAS, Lahore
11. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Azam, FLSBM, UVAS, Lahore
12. Dr. Muhammad Avais, DVM, UVAS, Lahore
13. Dr. Muhammad Hayat Jaspal, MS&T, UVAS, Lahore
14. Dr. Muhammad Zahid Tahir, Theriogenology, UVAS, Lahore

The meeting was started with the name of Allah Almighty. Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad chaired the meeting and welcomed the in-person and online participants to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Official proposal of WBC 2023 from Pakistan
2. Nomination of a candidate for IBF President
3. Interaction with other member countries
4. Enhancement of national membership drive

Agenda No. 1 Official proposal of WBC 2023 from Pakistan: Prof. Dr. Nasim gave a power-point presentation regarding the official proposal for the upcoming WBC 2023. The presentation included the introduction of the International Buffalo Federation (IBF), a list of international buffalo events organized by IBF, a list of the international event hosted by UVAS, and proposed scientific activities of the congress and the national livestock show. The participants appreciated the official proposal and applauded the efforts of UVAS for showcasing our indigenous buffalo at an international forum.

Prof. Dr. Sajjad acknowledged that buffalo proved its worth in the ongoing lumpy skin disease outbreak. Prof. Dr. Farooque extended his support as and when required. Dr. Ijaz ensured an

unconditional support of BRI to propagate the image of buffalo at such a prestigious international forum. Dr. Nasir said it would be a privilege to host the 13th WBC for the first time in Pakistan after its 1st congress in 1985. He extended support to the industry in the organization of this mega event. Dr. Farooq congratulated Prof. Dr. Nasim for bringing worldwide recognition of buffalo. He stressed upon enhancing the techniques related to buffalo semen and embryo and showcasing the buffalo product, by-products, and value-added products. Engr. Sami Ullah appreciated the initiative and announced full cooperation on behalf of the buffalo breeders association. The participants from UVAS endorsed the proposal for the upcoming WBC and regarded it as a national cause. Prof. Nasim mentioned that based upon ABC held in 2009 and IBC in 2019, an amount of Rs. 50 million as a supplement grant has to be requested to hold the WBC 2023 in a befitting manner, along with the national buffalo show to the Govt. of Punjab through Livestock Department.

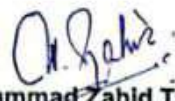
Agenda No. 2 Nomination of a candidate for IBF President: The house unanimously elected Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad as the President of IBF.

Agenda No. 3 Interaction with other member countries: Prof. Dr. Nasim shared a list of IBF members worldwide and called upon the participants to strengthen their interaction with other member countries. Dr. Hayat was nominated as a focal person for external linkages.

Agenda No. 4 Enhancement of national membership drive: Prof. Dr. Nasim shared the list of Pakistani members of IBF and called upon the participants to actively register with IBF with a particular reference to membership from all stakeholders, including academia, industry, breeders' association, and L&DD Department.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad.

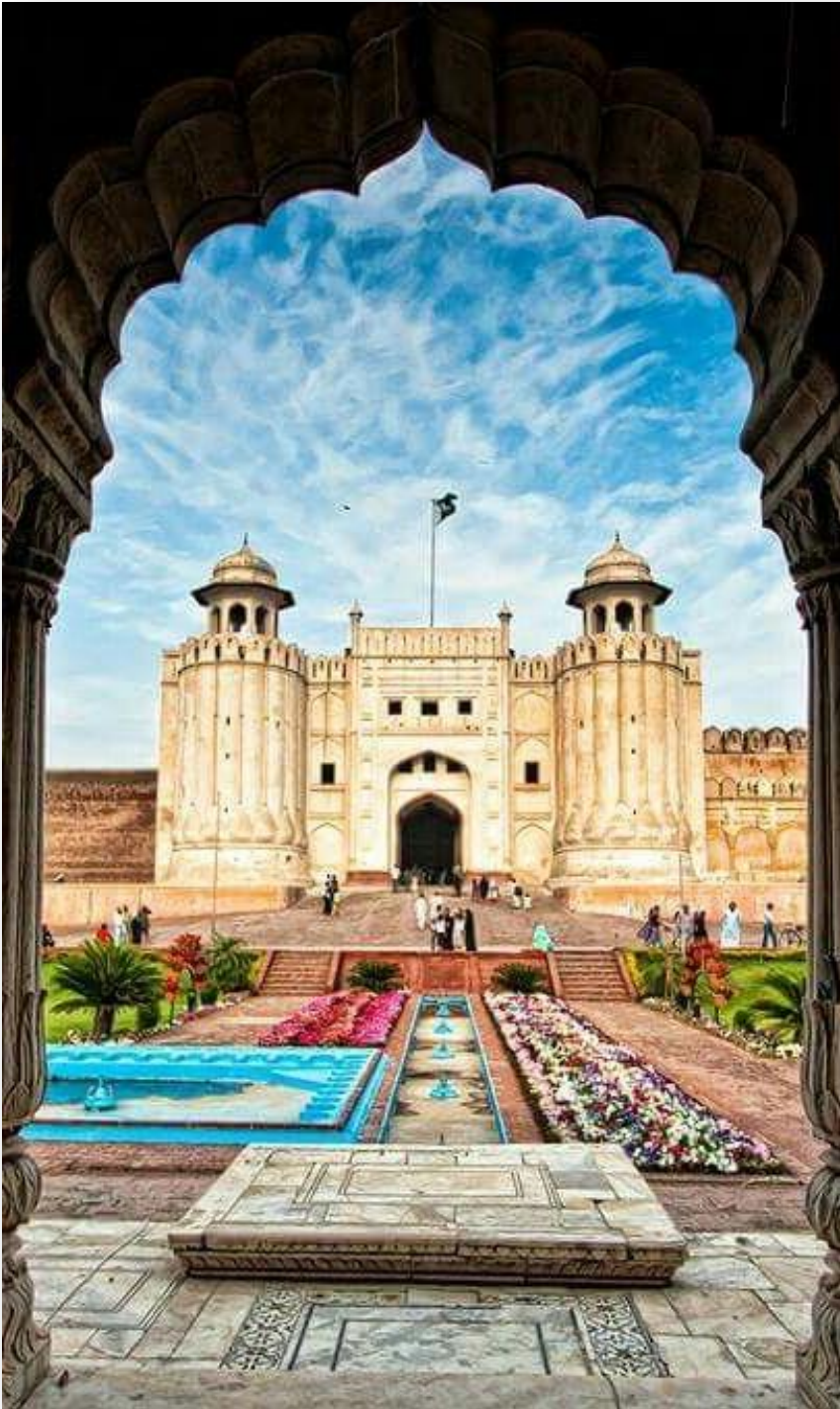
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(Dr. Muhammad Zahid Tahir)
Tenured Associate Professor

Approved by:


Worthy Vice Chancellor, please.





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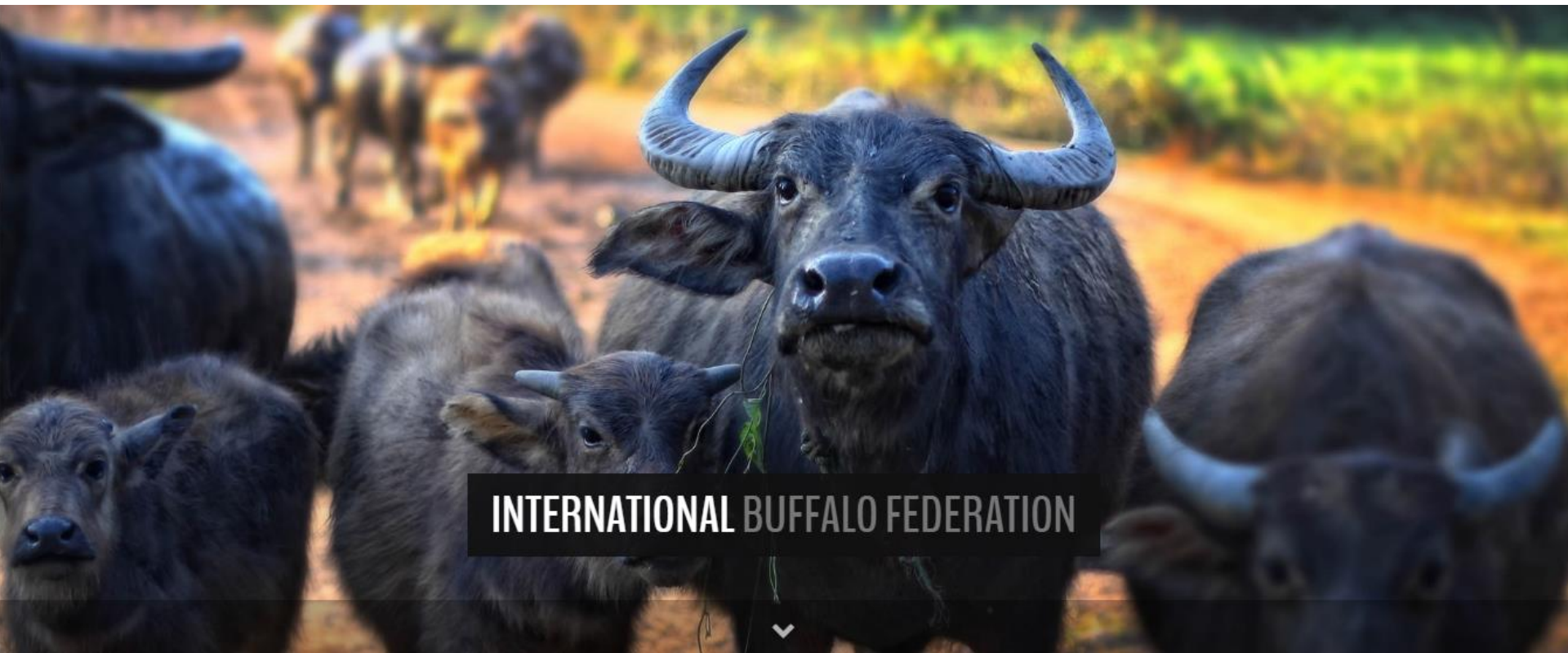


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[OCTOBER 30-31, 2023]

IBF: INTERNATIONAL BUFFALO FEDERATION

The IBF is a scientific association born in 1985 that has members engaged in buffalo research, including breeding, feeding, reproduction, breed selection, animal health, dairy and meat production, extension and training. The IBF is the only organization in the world with the purposes of buffalo development, in order to increase the social and economic benefits, the availability and the quality of buffalo products.



INTERNATIONAL BUFFALO FEDERATION

IBF: STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President: Yang Liguo

Secretary: Antonio Borghese

Asia: Inderjeet Singh

America: Joao Almeida

Europe: Luigi Zicarelli

Africa: Gamal Hussein Zaza

Australia: Joanna Miller

Pakistan:

Talat Naseer Pasha

Saeed Hassan Hotiana

Muhammad Hayat Jaspal

Muhammad Hassan Saleem

Muhammad Asif Yaseen

Sami Ullah

Maqsood Akhtar

Esan Ullah

Usman Ayaz

STANDING COMMITTEE

Argentina: 4

Armenia: 1

Australia: 1

Bolivia: 1

Brazil: 5

Bangladesh: 1

Bulgaria: 1

Canada: 1

China: 10

Colombia: 2

Costa Rica: 4

Cuba: 2

Egypt: 4

Germany: 3

Greece: 2

Hungary: 1

India: 4

Indonesia: 6

Iraq: 2

Ireland: 1

Italy: 25

Mexico: 2

Nepal: 2

Pakistan: 9

Panama: 1

Paraguay: 1

Philippines: 1

Romania: 2

Spain: 2

Thailand: 4

Turkey: 2

U.K: 2

USA: 4

Venezuela: 3

Vietnam: 2

WBC: LIST OF HOST COUNTRIES

1985 Egypt

1988 India

1991 Bulgaria

1994 Brazil

1997 Italy

2001 Venezuela

2004 Philippines

2007 Italy

2010 Argentina

2013 Thailand

2016 Colombia

2019 Turkey

2022 China

2023 Pakistan ?

UVAS: LIST OF HOSTED EVENTS



2009

**Asian
Buffalo
Congress**



2014

**International
Livestock
Nutrition
Conference**



2015

**International
Symposium on
Dairy Animal
Reproduction**



2017

**International
Livestock
Nutrition
Summit**



2019

**International
Buffalo
Congress**



2023

**World
Buffalo
Congress**

WBC 2023: PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS



FIELD VISITS



BUFFALO SHOW



Colors of Pakistan: Seeing is Believing



WBC 2023: AGENDA ITEMS OF MEETING

1. **Official Proposal**
2. **IBF President**
3. **Vote from other delegations (China, India, Nepal, Turkey, Egypt etc)**
4. **Vote from Pakistani delegation (membership drive)**