



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the IHGC

Paris, France – Apr. 25, 2008

AGENDA

1. Opening by the IHGC president
2. Quorum of the IHGC
3. Approval of minutes of the meeting in Nuremberg on Nov. 13, 2007
4. IHGC hop tour 2008 in Ukraine (information)
5. Congress 2009 in France (information)
6. Discussion about IHGC common activities (EU plant protection legislation, hop variety list, Economic Commission)
7. Sundries

Point 1

The IHGC President Mr. Bernard Ingwiller opened the meeting in the building of the "FEDERATION NATIONALE DU CREDIT AGRICOLE" in Paris with greetings to all who attended it. Just after he did pay attention to the memory of Mr. Georg Seebacher (former IHGC president and vice-president from Germany) and Ms. Majda Virant (brewing industry expert from Slovenia), who both passed away in 2008. All in room did express a silent respect to their memory.

Point 2

Since 15 IHGC representatives of 30 were present at the meeting (thus more than one third) the quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted. There were also new guests from Austria and Ukraine who attended the meeting as well. From among members present, the following IHGC delegates represented their countries or companies:

Australia:	absent	U. K.:	Martin Jolly
Belgium:	Eric Lagache	Ukraine:	Mykola Mykhaylov
Bulgaria:	Vladimir Ivanov	USA:	Aaron Gamache
Czech rep.:	Zdeňek Rosa	Serbia:	absent
France:	Bernard Ingwiller	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	Peter Hintermeier
FR Germany:	Otmar Weingarten	German Hop I. Assoc.:	Josef Grauvogl
New Zealand:	absent	Hop Assoc. of Poland:	absent
Poland:	absent	X. Fub. Sapporo Hop:	absent
Portugal:	absent	Hopsteiner:	Heinz-Jürgen Cooberg
PR China (Gansu):	absent	CZ Union Hop M&P:	Jiri Vent
PR China (XinJiang):	absent	Inbarco:	Ivo Bračun
Russia:	absent	S.A.E. Fomento d. lupulo:	absent
Slovakia:	absent	Charles Faram & Co. ltd:	absent
Slovenia:	Ivo Bračun	Am. Dwarf Hop Assoc.:	Leslie Roy
Spain:	absent		
South Africa:	absent		

Point 3

The Executive Committee minutes from the meeting in Nuremberg on Nov. 13, 2007 have been published on the web site after the meeting and thus available to delegates and other interested hop industry stakeholders. Since no comments or supplementary claims were submitted, they were adopted unanimously.

Point 4

The secretary general and Mr. Otmar Weingarten reported about the preparation activities connected to the IHGC hop tour 2008 in Ukraine. A detailed program that takes place from 29 July till 1 August 2008 had been outlined and put available also on the IHGC web site – together with registration forms. The program includes the formal meetings and visits of hop areas. Between the two meetings, several related information for the contact delegates were provided within the IHGC e-newsletters as well. All additionally interested were advised to make a direct contact with the German company “Studienreisen Bock” (see program details). Delegates from Ukraine did welcome again all hop tour participants.

Point 5

The 52nd IHGC congress in 2009 will be organized in France. The French delegates Ms. Dorette Tuchscherer and Mr. Bernard Ingwiller invited all interested to attend the congress and a preliminary 1 page program was delivered. The formal congress program - scheduled for 2 – 4 August, 2009 will be combined with an interesting post-congress tour. More details will be available during next meetings.

Point 6

EU hop growers have nowadays significantly smaller assortment of plant protection products as in the past. Mr. Weingarten informed delegates about EU legislation activities in a field of plant protection. He did summarize some of the results from the meeting recently held in Brussels, where again the topic linked to restrictions in a future use of new plant protection products in agriculture had been discussed. IHGC did consider that restrictions with “cut off criteria” within the proposal for EU registration process of new plant protection means will reduce a number of pesticides products for hop growers and bring them in a less competitive position. Thus the German and Czech delegates together with the secretary general will prepare a formal resolution and inform the relevant decision making structures about the hop industry stakeholders’ opinion.

The list with summarized main hop variety characteristics has been drafted to serve IHGC members as well as national authorities in a certification process and transaction activities. Its first version that was published after the meeting in November 2006 will be updated within the IHGC Scientific Commission also in the future. All national delegates are thus encouraged to take care for bringing it up to date.

There were comments related to the Economic Commission meeting. The secretary general will take care for future EC data compilation. He stressed again the importance of preparing all required statistic information about hop supply and national hop industries on time - with intention to enrich a discussion and make better hop supply predictions. The summarized data and the hop merchants’ report are available on the web site. Additionally, a discussion was opened – related to estimation of hop quantities by merchants and especially by breweries. The USDA model with questionnaire may serve as a starting point.

Point 7

Two applications for a formal IHGC membership had been sent to the secretariat. The Executive Committee did confirm the new members. Mr. Hermann Bayer presented the intention of Austrian hop growers. Furthermore, for Ukraine that has two members - the Ukrainian hop growers’ association was represented by Mr. Mykola Mykhaylov.

Mr. Leslie Roy as the IHGC vice president closed the meeting and expressed thanks to attendants.



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