



# Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the IHGC

Kiev, Ukraine  
July 30, 2008

## AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting by the IHGC president
2. Quorum of the IHGC
3. Approval of the meeting minutes from Paris, France on April 25, 2008
4. IHGC future meetings
5. Discussion about IHGC initiatives
6. Sundries

### Point 1

The IHGC President Mr. Bernard Ingwiller opened the meeting in the Radisson SAS hotel in Kiev, Ukraine with his warm greetings to all IHGC delegates, local authorities and guests. The meeting took place just after the Economic Commission meeting with usual hop market discussions on national level as well on a global level. The president summarized briefly a hop market discussion, where he focused himself on a very unusual 2007 market situation with a hop supply shortages and high spot hop price levels.

### Point 2

Since the 17 IHGC member representatives of 32 (10 national associations and 7 hop industry companies) were present at the meeting (thus more than one third of members) the quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted. From among members present, the following IHGC delegates represented their countries or companies. The [list of the participants](#) is published on the web site.

Australia:	absent	South Africa:	absent
Austria:	Hermann Bayer	U. K.:	absent
Belgium:	absent	Ukraine:	Sergii Melnyk
Bulgaria:	absent	USA:	Aaron Gamache
Czech rep.:	Bohumil Pazler		
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:	Pavel Patrovsky
PR China (XinJiang):	Xu Jinhua	Inbarco:	Ivo Bračun
Russia:	Giennadi Gorlanov	Ukrkhmiel:	Jaroslav Alexandrov
Serbia:	absent	Charles Faram & Co Ltd:	absent
Slovakia:	Marian Borovsky	Am. Dwarf Hop Assoc:	Leslie Roy
Slovenia:	Martina Zupančič	SAE Fomento del Lupulo:	absent
Spain:	absent		

### Point 3

The Executive Committee minutes from the meeting in Paris (France) on April 25, 2008 had been published together with other meeting documents on the IHGC web site after the meeting and have thus been available to delegates and other interested hop industry stakeholders. Since no comments or supplementary claims were submitted on the meeting, they were adopted unanimously.

### Point 4

The next IHGC meeting will be held in Nuremberg (Germany) on November 11, 2008 – just before the [BRAU Beviiale 2008](#). More related details concerning this meeting will be available within the usual IHGC newsletters that follow.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> IHGC congress will take place from August 2-4, 2009 in the hop area of France. Brief information about the program events as well as an interesting post congress program was presented to the delegates. A preliminary [1 page program](#) has also been published on the IHGC web site. More details will be available on the next meeting.

Furthermore, a proposal for the hop tour 2010 in Belgium was introduced.

### Point 5

The IHGC president opened an issue linked to the IHGC joint activities and a necessary more stabile budget. The secretary general summarized the results of joint activities referring also to issued IHGC newsletters (EC information management, list of hop varieties, resolution,...). Especially he underlined a successful preparation of the [IHGC resolution 2008](#) related to the EU plant protection legislation policy, where various member countries' contributions were gathered for the sake of common objectives. Additionally, Mr. Weingarten stressed that various activities on this issue are still going on and will continue as well.

Just after that a new membership fee proposal was presented to delegates (after 17 years), where the fixed amount per IHGC member was proposed as 250 EUR and an additional variable amount of 150 EUR per delegate. A number of calculated delegates (D) for national hop associations depends on a hop acreage and bases on Standing orders. It is also explained in biannual [congress reports](#) of the secretary general (1 D if < 500 ha, 2 D if 501 - 1000 ha, 3 D if 1001 - 2000 ha, 3+1 D per additional 2000 ha). Hop companies have a fixed number of fee calculating delegates (D) which is 4. Since no comments or supplementary suggestions were submitted the proposal was adopted unanimously for its formal use starting from the fiscal year 2008/09.

There was another proposal linked to the number of hop order nominees from member countries. It was proposed that members from countries with over 3.000 ha of hop area become a formal right to nominate 5 instead of 3 nominees and members from countries with over 10.000 ha of hop area to nominate 7 instead of 5 – every two years. This proposal will be reissued on next meetings.

### Point 6

The IHGC president underlined that the hop market data and comments on national level within the Economic Commission have always been of a great importance for the IHGC. Thus all contact delegates should take care to fill in and send back the spreadsheet data on time. Otherwise, no complete hop supply summarized material could be prepared prior to the meetings.

At the end Mr. Ingwiller closed the meeting and expressed thanks to all attendants as well to organization group and its technical staff.



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