



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the IHGC

*Prague, Czech Republic
July 29, 2011*

The IHGC president B. Ingwiller opened the meeting in the Hilton Prague Old Town Hotel in Czech Republic with his friendly greetings to all IHGC delegates, guests and hop industry stakeholders. The meeting took place just after the Economic Commission where traditional hop market discussions on a global level took place. Updated hop statistics and a hop merchants' report are available on the IHGC web site. The following agenda was put forward and agreed:

AGENDA

1. Quorum of the IHGC
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from February 14, 2011
3. (Re)election of the president, vice-presidents and a secretary general
4. Discussion on future IHGC meetings
5. Information about the IHGC budget
6. Sundries

Point 1

The 33 delegates from 9 member countries and 7 member companies were present on the meeting. Since 16 of presently 32 IHGC member representatives attended the meeting (thus more than one third as required from the Standing Orders) a necessary quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted. From among members in attendance (see a list of meeting participants), the following IHGC delegates represented their countries or companies:

Australia:	<i>absent</i>	U. K.:	<i>absent</i>
Austria:	<i>Hermann Bayer</i>	Ukraine:	<i>absent</i>
Belgium:	<i>Eric Lagache</i>	USA:	<i>Ann George</i>
Czech rep.:	<i>Michal Kovarik</i>	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	<i>Peter Hintermeier</i>
France:	<i>Bernard Ingwiller</i>	German Hop Ind. Assoc.:	<i>Josef Grauvogl</i>
FR Germany:	<i>Otmar Weingarten</i>	Hop Assoc. of Poland:	<i>absent</i>
New Zealand:	<i>absent</i>	X. Fub. Sapporo Hop:	<i>absent</i>
Poland:	<i>absent</i>	Hopsteiner:	<i>Heinz-Jürgen Cooberg</i>
PR China	<i>absent</i>	CZ Union Hop M&P:	<i>Pavel Šponer</i>
R South Africa:	<i>absent</i>	Inbarco:	<i>Ivo Bračun</i>
Romania:	<i>Akatiu Mora</i>	S.A.E. Fomento d. lupulo:	<i>absent</i>
Russia:	<i>absent</i>	Ukrkhmiel:	<i>absent</i>
Serbia:	<i>absent</i>	Charles Faram & Co. ltd:	<i>absent</i>
Slovakia:	<i>Václav Drabant</i>	Am. Dwarf Hop Assoc.:	<i>Leslie Roy</i>
Slovenia:	<i>Martina Zupančič</i>	Xinjiang Kinner Agric.:	<i>absent</i>
Spain:	<i>absent</i>	Hmezad Export-Import:	<i>Andrej Čas</i>

Point 2

The Executive Committee minutes from the meetings in Hobart, Australia on February 14, 2011 had been published together with other meeting documents on the IHGC web site www.ihgc.org. Delegates of member countries have been informed with the IHGC newsletters after the event and thus meeting materials have openly been available to other delegates and hop industry stakeholders. No comments or supplementary claims were submitted, thus the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Point 3

At this point a discussion linked to the IHGC future objectives, activities, membership obligations and benefits in the hop industry changing situation took place. The vice-president dr. J. Pichlmaier informed the audience that – according to the IHGC initiative - a proposal for the IHGC Standing Orders amendments will be drafted by the German delegates till September 30, 2011 and sent by email to the other IHGC working group members from USA (L. Roy) Czech Republic (Z. Rosa) and the IHGC secretariat (M. Pavlovič). On the next meeting in November the draft proposal will be discussed by the Executive Committee. As a consequence, the election of the key persons as stated in the agenda was thus rescheduled to the time the amendments are approved.

In addition Zdenek Rosa was confirmed as the Chairman of the IHGC Economic Commission.

Point 4

2011: Linked to the professional fair Brau Beviale 2011 (<http://www.brau-beviale.de/en/>) the autumn meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2011 in Nuremberg, Germany.

2012: The spring meeting was agreed to take place in Paris, France on April 20, 2012. In addition, the Hop Tour in Romania is scheduled for July 27-30, 2012. The program proposed was presented by the Romanian delegate and elaborated together with the German travel company Studienreisen Bock.

2013: The Belgian delegates invited again the IHGC for the 54th congress of the IHGC in Poperinge on August 5-8, 2013. No other meeting plans were examined.

Point 5

The IHGC secretary general reported briefly about the current budget situation – linked to the membership fee income, which enables the IHGC planed regular activities and initiatives.

Point 6

The hop trip to the main Czech hop production region in Žatec was planned for the day after. A very interesting program of the hop fields' site tour was presented by M. Kovarik – including stops at the Hop museum, Hop and beer temple and a Hop research station Steknik.

President B. Ingwiller expressed special thanks to Jaroslav Urban (CZ), who stepped down from his activity as a chairman of the Technical Committee (since 2000).

The IHGC information management newsletters with informative contents will also in the future be drafted in the secretariat and emailed to contact member delegates.

Since no other issue was raised, the IHGC president closed the meeting and thanked to all attendants for their contributions.