



IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*Paris, France
April 26, 2013*

The first IHGC meeting in 2013 took place on April 26, 2013 - again in the building of the "Federation Nationale du Credit Agricole" in Paris, France. After a welcome lunch and the standard meeting of the Economic Commission, the IHGC president Mr. B. Ingwiller summarised briefly the market situation. More is available in other meeting documents. The president opened the regular Executive Committee meeting with wishes for good business opportunities in a hop industry. The following agenda was adopted:

AGENDA

1. Quorum of the IHGC
2. Minutes approval of the meeting in Nuremberg on Nov. 12, 2012
3. Information about the IHGC congress 2013 in Belgium
4. Future IHGC meetings
5. Proposals for the Orders of the Hop 2013 nominees
6. Discussion on amendments of the IHGC Standing orders
7. Membership in the IHGC
8. Sundries

Point 1

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since on the meeting, 16 of 33 (at that time) IHGC member representatives proved their presence, which was more than one third of all the members, as required by the Standing Orders. The delegates representing the IHGC country member hop associations (9 of 19) and hop industry companies (7 of 14) are listed below:

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

Point 2

The Executive Committee minutes from the meeting in Nuremberg on November 12, 2012 had been published together with other meeting documents on the IHGC web site www.ihgc.org. Furthermore, delegates of member countries have been informed about the documents within the IHGC newsletters. In this way the meeting materials have openly been available also to hop industry stakeholders. No comments or supplementary claims were submitted, thus the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Point 3

The 54th IHGC congress in Poperinge, Belgium is scheduled for August 5-8, 2013. The delegates were advised again to take care themselves for the registration and room reservations on time (by fax or on web site). Necessary details are available on <http://www.belgischehop.be/>. For additional assistance all interested may contact Ms. Sofie Lefere for a hotel reservation and transport in Poperinge (tel. +32 57 33 34 80, e-mail info@suffis.be) as well as Mr. Luc Dewulf for the congress program (tel. +32 57 34 66 71, e-mail Luc.Dewulf@poperinge.be). Again, the promotion hard copies were offered.

Point 4

Related to other future activities, again the following meetings were named:

- The meeting of the Scientific Commission on June 4-9, 2013 in Kiev, Ukraine.
- The IHGC hop tour with usual formal meetings in July/August 2014 in Austria.
- The 55th IHGC congress in July/August 2015 in Germany.

For the autumn meeting of the Economic Commission and Executive Committee there were several proposals for the date and the place of the meeting. However, since no common solution was found, no formal decision was made. The time and place of this meeting will be defined later during the congress.

Point 5

For a conferment of **Hop orders 2013**, nominations from various member countries such as USA, Germany, Czech Republic, UK, New Zealand and Slovenia as well as from the Scientific and Economic Commissions of the IHGC have been sent to the secretariat prior to the meeting. The final deadline for eventually additional decoration proposals from other member countries (according to the Standing Orders) was strictly fixed (!) for May 15, 2013.

Point 6

The Standing orders (in English) with proposed amendments had again been discussed within a working group prior to the meeting. The working group made a review of the draft version clarity - focusing itself to number of delegates and the function of the General meeting, number of member seats in the Executive committee, origin of key persons such as president, vice presidents and general secretary, solution of disagreements... These issues were briefly presented on the meeting. However, it was stated that few details still had to be fine-tuned, before sending the version to the delegates.

Point 7

Between the two meetings new membership applications had been sent in a written form to the IHGC secretariat: (1) "*Lutega cooperativa Galega*" from Spain proposed by Belen Matilla and (2) "*47 Hops*" – the US trading company proposed by Douglas MacKinnon. After a brief discussion, the membership of these two companies was approved.

In a further discussion the activity of other members was analysed. It was stressed again, that the membership in the IHGC should base only on active (!) participation. Thus, the general secretary was asked to communicate directly all passive members. In a case of no further interest within the IHGC, the Executive committee will discuss on the next meeting about exclusion of certain members.

Point 8

Since there were no other issues for a discussion, the IHGC president closed the meeting and thanked to delegates for their participation.

IHGC General Secretary
Dr. Martin Pavlovič