



IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*Prague, Czech Republic
December 18, 2013*

AGENDA

1. Opening by the IHGC president
2. Quorum of the IHGC delegates
3. Approval of the meeting minutes from August 6, 2013
4. Discussion on future IHGC activities
5. Future IHGC meetings
6. Membership in the IHGC
7. Sundries

Point 1

The meeting took place on December 18, 2013 in the Hilton Prague Old Town hotel in Czech Republic. The IHGC president Mr. L. Roy opened the regular Executive Committee meeting with wishes for good business opportunities in a hop industry. The proposed agenda was adopted.

Point 2

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since on the meeting 16 of 34 (at that time) IHGC member representatives proved their presence. This was more than one third of all the members, as required by the Constitution of the IHGC. The delegates representing the IHGC country member hop associations (8 of 18) and hop industry companies (8 of 16) are listed below:

Australia:	<i>absent</i>	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	<i>Peter Hintermeier</i>
Austria:	<i>Hermann Bayer</i>	German Hop Ind. Ass.:	<i>Josef Grauvogl</i>
Belgium:	<i>absent</i>	Powisle s.j.:	<i>absent</i>
Czech rep.:	<i>Michal Kovařík</i>	X. Fub. Sapporo Hop:	<i>absent</i>
France:	<i>Bernard Ingwiller</i>	Hopsteiner:	<i>Heinz-Jürgen Cooberg</i>
FR Germany:	<i>Otmar Weingarten</i>	CZ Union Hop M&P:	<i>Zdeněk Rosa</i>
New Zealand:	<i>absent</i>	Inbarco:	<i>Ivo Bračun</i>
Poland:	<i>absent</i>	S.A.E. Fomento del Lupulo:	<i>José A. Magadan Marcos</i>
PR China	<i>absent</i>	Ukrkhmiel:	<i>absent</i>
R South Africa:	<i>absent</i>	Charles Faram & Co. ltd:	<i>absent</i>
Romania:	<i>absent</i>	Am. Dwarf Hop Assoc.:	<i>Leslie A. Roy</i>
Russia:	<i>absent</i>	Xinjiang Kinner Agric.:	<i>absent</i>
Slovakia:	<i>Václav Drabant</i>	Hmezad exim:	<i>absent</i>
Slovenia:	<i>Ivo Bračun</i>	Brewers Supply Group:	<i>absent</i>
Spain:	<i>José A. Magadan</i>	Lutega cooperativa Galega:	<i>Belen Matilla Cortes</i>
U. K.:	<i>absent</i>	47 Hops:	<i>absent</i>
Ukraine:	<i>absent</i>		
USA:	<i>Ann George</i>		

Point 3

The Executive Committee minutes from the meeting in Poperinge on August 6, 2013 had been published together with other meeting documents on the IHGC web site www.ihgc.org. Furthermore, contact delegates have been up to date with 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 4

The IHGC president Leslie Roy opened a discussion about future IHGC assignment. He summarized various former comments and his views for the future program within the IHGC. The suggestions were linked (i) with introduction of new IHGC initiatives and tasks to assist growers and merchants in solving global hop export barriers, (ii) with redrafting of the IHGC committees' activities based on chair persons' initiatives in terms of optimal efficiency of outputs for member delegates, (iii) with future frequency of meetings in relation to - saving delegates' time and travel costs, (iv) with new ICT opportunities for the additional or even regular IHGC on line meetings (www.gotomeeting.com, ...), (v) with eventual hiring of relevant experts for specific tasks and consequently finding related funds for such activities and (vi) with a suggestion that also other delegates prepare their additionally proposals. It was agreed on the meeting that all initiatives should be stepwise discussed before their implementation to have an optimal effect on the IHGC members.

Since the IHGC members face various problems linked to global business activities in August 2013 a Committee for regulation of statutory provisions in the field of production and marketing was formally constituted. The committee's important issue will also be a chemical harmonisation. The president Leslie Roy proposed Ms. Ann George as the chair person of this committee. The proposal was approved.

Furthermore, the ongoing IHGC general secretary Dr. Martin Pavlovič was proposed to be approved for the next period of 4 years. The proposal was formally adopted, as well.

Point 5

The following future IHGC reunions were discussed and confirmed:

- The next IHGC meeting is planned for Monday, April 28, 2014 in Paris, France.
- The IHGC hop tour with formal meetings is scheduled for July 28-31, 2014 in Linz, Austria. The Austrian delegate J. Reiter invited IHGC delegates and hop industry stakeholders with his slides - presenting interesting program day to day events and hop tour places to be visited.
- The 55th IHGC congress will be held in July/August 2015 in Germany.
- In addition, there was a proposal for the 56th IHGC congress in 2017 to be organised in the USA.

Point 6

The IHGC members' status was briefly analysed by the general secretary. He stressed that the IHGC always welcomed new interested members having intention for an active mutual involvement. However, the IHGC has also its Constitution rules linked to the membership activities and obligations of the country member organisations or additional hop industry members. Thus, the three members - for the sake of their passive status - had been proposed to be expelled from the IHGC, such as the companies Ukrkhamiel (Ukraine) and Xinjiang Kinner Agr. Co. (PR China) as well as Russia. Their membership termination was confirmed.

Point 7

Since no other issue was raised for a discussion, the meeting was closed.

IHGC General Secretary
Dr. Martin Pavlovič