



# IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*Paris, France  
April 28, 2014*

The first IHGC meeting in 2014 took place on April 28, 2014 - again in the building of the "Federation Nationale du Credit Agricole" in Paris, France. After a welcome lunch the formal 2 meetings took place. At the beginning the IHGC president Mr. Leslie Roy asked the delegates for moments of silence – dedicated to Mr. Bohumil Pazler from Czech Republic, the former IHGC vice president and to Mr. Thomas Hawkins, the UK hop grower and merchant who passed away in 2014. After that the standard meeting of the Economic Commission was carried out with usual comments of the country reports. This document together with the hop merchants' report is among others available on the IHGC web site.

The president opened the regular Executive Committee meeting with the following agenda:

## **AGENDA**

1. Quorum of the IHGC delegates
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from December 18, 2013
3. Discussion on future IHGC activities
4. Future IHGC meetings
5. Sundries

## **Point 1**

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since on the meeting 14 of 32 (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 (6 of 17) and hop industry companies (8 of 15) 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>Pavel Šponer</i>
New Zealand:	<i>absent</i>	Inbarco:	<i>absent</i>
Poland:	<i>absent</i>	S.A.E. Fomento del Lupulo:	<i>absent</i>
PR China:	<i>absent</i>	Charles Faram & Co. ltd:	<i>absent</i>
R South Africa:	<i>absent</i>	Am. Dwarf Hop Assoc.:	<i>Leslie A. Roy</i>
Romania:	<i>absent</i>	Xinjiang Kinner Agric.:	<i>absent</i>
Slovakia:	<i>absent</i>	Hmezad exim:	<i>Jože Čas</i>
Slovenia:	<i>Jože Čas</i>	Brewers Supply Group:	<i>absent</i>
Spain:	<i>absent</i>	Lutega cooperativa Galega:	<i>Belen Matilla Cortes</i>
U. K.:	<i>absent</i>	47 Hops:	<i>Douglas MacKinnon</i>
Ukraine:	<i>absent</i>		
USA:	<i>Ann George</i>		

## **Point 2**

The Executive Committee minutes from the meeting in Prague on December 18, 2013 had been published together with other meeting documents on the IHGC web site [www.ihgc.org](http://www.ihgc.org). Furthermore, contact delegates have been briefed 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 3**

Ms. Ann George as the chair person of the new IHGC committee, which will be named as the Committee on Regulatory Harmonization (CRH) offered briefly her initial report to the IHGC. She pointed out clearly efforts that were currently underway to address regulatory harmonization issues that impacted the international trade of hops, particularly in the area of chemical (pesticide) residue tolerances i.e. pesticide maximum residue levels (MRLs). The CRH activities will contribute as a bridge between the two already existing relevant hop industry organizations such as the US Hop Industry Plant Protection Committee formed in 1988 and the European Union Commodity Expert Group for Hops. For more details see the CRH report – also published on the IHGC meeting web site.

The IHGC president Leslie Roy reported about first informal small group IHGC meetings (video-conferences) based on the ICT software [www.gotomeeting.com](http://www.gotomeeting.com). Such meetings might become a practice for future additional contact conventions.

## **Point 4**

The following future IHGC reunions were discussed:

- The IHGC hop tour with formal meetings is scheduled for July 28-31, 2014 in Linz, Austria. The Austrian delegate Mr. Hermann Bayer summarized the program and invited again all interested in hop issues to register on time and join the hop tour. The program with all details had been published.
- Furthermore, there is planned another IHGC meeting in 2014 - in Nuremberg, Germany - on November 10.
- The 55<sup>th</sup> IHGC congress will be held in July 2015 in Germany. Mr. Otmar Weingarten invited IHGC delegates and hop industry stakeholders to visit Germany in 2015 – presenting the picturesque congress place near the river Danube.
- No proposal for the meeting place of the next Technical-Scientific committee was discussed. In addition, for 2016 no offer for the summer hop tour was raised.
- The US delegates opened a discussion on towns and hop areas to be visited during the 56<sup>th</sup> IHGC congress in July 2017 in the USA. Furthermore, they plan to combine the congress organization with the meeting of the Technical-Scientific committee.

## **Point 5**

In a discussion it was suggested for the Economic committee country reports to include naming of more hop varieties produced in member countries. If possible, for a specification of flavour hops in these reports, a kind of solution would be appreciated.

The company Xinjiang Kinner Agr. Co. (China) had taken care for the required fee obligation before the end of the fiscal year 2013/14, which enabled it keeping its membership.

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

IHGC General Secretary  
Dr. Martin Pavlovič