SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOP GROWERS´ CONVENTION

COMMISSION SCIENTIFICO-TECHNIQUE DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL DE LA CULTURE DU HOUBLON

WISSENSCHAFTLICH-TECHNISCHE KOMMISSION DES INTERNATIONALEN HOPFENBAUBÜROS

Administrative Meeting

St. Stefan am Walde/Austria

26 June 2017

16:30 – 17:00 hrs

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Up-dating of the list of hop varieties produced in the IHGC countries
3. Proposals for the award of the Hop Order in 2019
4. Election of the chairperson of the Scientific-Technical Commission (STC)
5. Venue and date of the next meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission
6. Report on the activities of the STC to the IHGC
7. Any other business

Venue:	**Conference room, Hotel Aviva**
Date:	**26 June 2017; 17:30 – 18:00 h**
Participants:	**see list of participants**
Being in the chair:	**E. Seigner**
Minutes:	**taken by E. Seigner and approved by F. Weihrauch**

Ad 1) Opening of the administrative meeting

Dr Elisabeth Seigner, chairperson of the Scientific-Technical Commission (STC), opened the administrative meeting at 17:30 h by greeting Mr. Hermann Bayer (STC vice-chairperson), Dr Florian Weihrauch as convener and all participants of the meeting.

The agenda was accepted as proposed.

Ad 2) Up-dating the list of hop varieties commercially grown and marketed or which are just before release

Dr Seigner set out that starting in 2006 the Scientific Commission of the International Hop Growers Convention (IHGC) in cooperation with the hop breeders, hop research institutes, hop growers, hop growers associations and hop traders had compiled a list of the world hop varieties which were commercially grown and marketed or which were just before release.

This list of hop varieties available on the website of the STC should be updated each year and the next update will be due around October 16th, 2017.

Additions, corrections or comments should be sent to Dr Florian Weihrauch (Florian.Weihrauch@LfL.bayern.de) as new chairperson of the STC. More information including the deadline will be sent in September 2017.

Ad 3) Proposals for the hop order in 2019

Dr Seigner invited all participants to make their proposals for the award of the hop order.
She explained that the Scientific-Technical Commission could nominate every two years – due to biannual congresses - up to two candidates. The nomination for the award of the hop order 2017 had been finished. The honorable persons will be presented with the hop order at the congress in Yakima, USA, in August. Thus, the new proposals can be considered for the nomination in 2019.
Dr Seigner asked to send a short CV (curriculum vitae) along with a short, 1-page appraisal of the specific person whose work was or had been dedicated to the sake of the hop growers or the hop industry. Dr Weihrauch as new chair would forward the proposal to the Secretary General of the IHGC and he would forward the suggestion to the IHGC members to make the decisions.
Prof. Maksym Melnychuk already proposed Dr Elisabeth Seigner for the Order of the Hop 2019 in the Rank of an Officer (II. rank) in acknowledgement of her work for the Scientific-Technical Commission from 1994 onwards. His proposal got full support among the participants.

Ad 4) Election of a chairperson of the STC for the next four years

Before all participants were called to vote the next chairperson of the STC for the next four years Dr Seigner explained that she had already announced her resignation as chairperson of the STC at the last meeting in the Ukraine in 2013. As candidate for position of the next chairperson she proposed Dr Florian Weihrauch. Dr Seigner stated that Dr Weihrauch had already perfectly managed all issues surrounding the STC meeting. She continued that she was fully convinced that Dr Weihrauch would continue the mission of the STC for the sake of all groups involved.

No rival candidate was proposed and Dr Weihrauch was unanimously voted as new chairperson of the STC by all participants of the administrative meeting.

Dr Seigner congratulated Dr Weihrauch on his new position and gave her best wishes for much success.

The host of the next STC meeting in 2021 will be nominated at the next hop meeting in two-years-time – at the business meeting of the STC during the ISHS Humulus Symposium in 2019.

Ad 5) Time and venue of the next STC meeting or next hop meeting

Before talking about the venue of the next STC meeting Dr Seigner explained that based on the decision of having an alternating cycle of hop meetings every two years – one organized by the Scientific-Technical Commission and the other convened by the International Society of Horticultural Science (ISHS) - the next meeting in 2019 would be organized by the ISHS. Venue and date of the Humulus Symposium have not been fixed so far. Additional information with regard to the ISHS Humulus Symposium in 2019 was given be Prof. Dr Anthony Koutoulis afterwards.

Concerning the venue of the next STC meeting in 2021 Dr Weihrauch announced that Dr Javier José Cancela and Dr Xesús Pablo González Vázquez of Spain already declared their willingness to hold the STC meeting in Galicia, Spain.

[*Post-meeting note*: As ISHS so far was not able to locate a venue and a convener for a Humulus Symposium to be held in 2019, the STC would be willing to step in with a meeting to be convened by Mrs Bernadette Laugel in Alsace, France, in 2019 on short notice. This will be decided within the 1st quarter of 2018.]

Ad 6) Information about the activities of the STC to the IHGC and the US Hop Research Council

Dr Seigner explained that the IHGC as the umbrella organisation of the Economic Commission, the Scientific-Technical Commission and the Commission on Regulatory

Harmonization, was very interested in bringing together all groups in order to stimulate discussions and collaboration between these groups.

Dr Seigner set out the various ways of supporting this communication and this exchange of information:

- After the meeting a report on the lectures and posters presented at the meeting would be made available in English on the internet on the STC website.
- posters presented at the meeting will be available in a poster gallery on the website of the STC.
- There would be a summary report of Dr Florian Weihrauch at the I.H.G.C. congress in Yakima, USA, in August (2017). In this way all participants of the IHGC meeting would be informed about the latest activities of the STC.

Dr Seigner said that the STC was greatly interested in reviving the exchange of information with the US Hop Research Council (HRC). Dr Paul Matthews, Hopsteiner, explained that he as HRC representative would inform the HRC about our activities and that he would try to improve this exchange of information.

Ad 7) <u>Any other business</u>

With no other items to be discussed Dr Seigner closed the business meeting at 17:00 h and thanked all participants for their attendance and their contributions. In closing, she officially gave over all tasks and responsibilities to Dr Weihrauch, the new chairman of the STC.

Elisabeth Seigner 28 July 2017