



IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*León, Spain
July 31, 2018*

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Quorum of the IHGC delegates
3. Approval of the meeting minutes from May 18, 2018
4. IHGC activities and future meetings
5. Sundries

Point 1

The Executive Committee meeting took place on July 31, 2018 in the hotel [Conde Luna](#) - in León, Spain. The IHGC president Leslie A. Roy opened the regular Executive Committee meeting – just after the Economic Committee meeting had been concluded. Special thanks were expressed to the IHGC hop tour organizing team of the companies the Lúpulos de León and the Hopsteiner Espana. Afterwards, the agenda – as stated above – was proposed and adopted.

Point 2

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since on the meeting 14 of 34 (at that time) IHGC member representatives proved their presence. That 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 20) and hop industry companies (6 of 14) are listed below. In addition, the meeting [participants](#) are listed in a separate document:

Australia:	<i>absent</i>	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	<i>Peter Hintermeier</i>
Austria:	<i>absent</i>	German Hop Ind. Ass.:	<i>Korbinian Meier</i>
Belgium:	<i>Joris Cambie</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>Pascal Piroué</i>
FR Germany:	<i>Otmar Weingarten</i>	CZ Union Hop M&P:	<i>Zdenek Rosa</i>
New Zealand:	<i>absent</i>	Inbarco:	<i>absent</i>
Poland:	<i>absent</i>	Hopsteiner Spain S.A.:	<i>José A. Magadan</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>Akatiu E. Mora</i>	Hmezad exim:	<i>absent</i>
Slovakia:	<i>absent</i>	Brewers Supply Group:	<i>absent</i>
Slovenia:	<i>Martin Pavlovič</i>	47 Hops:	<i>absent</i>
Spain:	<i>Isidoro Alonso Fernandez</i>	YCH HOPS:	<i>absent</i>
U. K.:	<i>absent</i>		
Ukraine:	<i>absent</i>		
USA:	<i>Ann George</i>		

Point 3

The [Executive Committee minutes](#) from the meeting in Paris, France on May 18, 2018, had been published together with the usual congress meeting documents on the website www.ihgc.org. Furthermore, contact delegates have been updated with meeting contents within the IHGC newsletter documents' links. Thus, the meeting materials have openly been available also to hop industry stakeholders. No comments or supplementary claims had been submitted, so the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Point 4

The following IHGC events were planned:

- ✓ Economic and Executive Committee meetings in Nürnberg, Germany - November 12, 2018.
- ✓ Scientific-Technical Committee meeting in Bischenberg, France – July 7-10, 2019.
- ✓ 57th Congress of the IHGC in Ljubljana, Slovenia July 29-August 2, 2019. Informative printed copies were distributed to participants. In addition, the preliminary [website invitation](#) has also been posted.

Point 5

Johann Pichlmaier informed about an agreement between the German hop growing industry (i.e. German Hop Growers 'Association and German Hop Merchants 'Association) and the Bryant Christie Inc., which represents German and/or European interests regarding the regulation of [Maximum Residue Levels](#) (MRLs) in different export countries. [Bryant Christie](#) has been working successfully with the US hop industry for many years; the benefits of these achievements have been shared in all European hop growing countries. Thus, the EU hop industry would like to express its special gratitude to Ann George. The agreement complements all existing activities of the US hop industry and gives the project termed „harmonisation of MRL's in hops“ a worldwide basis and a fair distribution of financial means. The responsible persons for the project are Ann George, Matt Lantz, Otmar Weingarten and Reinhold Kugel.

A discussion was had about the various ways that the individual countries and the merchants report alpha-acid percentage in the hops. According to Johann Pichlmaier, there are debates in Germany on whether a harmonisation of analysis methods (by conversion, if applicable) can increase the transparency of alpha-acid data. Pascal Piroué and Joachim Gehde pointed out that when stating alpha-acid balance and/or quantity, deterioration had to be taken into account, too. It was decided that the IHGC Executive Committee would work on some proposals, so that we could harmonize the individual country reporting. This would be a good step in harmonizing the reporting methods at the country level.

It was reported that the EU proposal to allow Organic Beer to have non organic hops as not moved forward into EU legislation. President Leslie Roy said he wanted to thank all those who had written letters in response to this [EU Proposal](#). It was mentioned that the many letters from the USA and EU brewers, growers and merchants (IHGC archive) helped realize that this proposal was not keeping with the organic label and decided not to go forward with the change.

Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

IHGC General Secretary
Dr. Martin Pavlovič