



IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*Paris, France
May 18, 2018*

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Quorum of the IHGC delegates
3. Approval of the meeting minutes from November 10, 2017
4. List of international hop varieties
5. IHGC activities and future meetings
6. Sundries

Point 1

The Executive Committee meeting took place on May 18, 2018 in the building of the [FNCA](#) in Paris. The IHGC president Leslie A. Roy opened the regular Executive Committee meeting – after the Economic Committee meeting had been concluded. Special greetings were offered to the Kirin brewery representative from Japan Tetsu Sugimura and the EU farmers' (COPA) and EU cooperatives' (COGECA) hop representative Francesco Mirizzi. Afterwards, the agenda – as stated above – was proposed.

Point 2

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since on the meeting 15 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 20) and hop industry companies (7 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>Hermann Bayer</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>Francis Heitz</i>	Hopsteiner:	<i>Pascal Piroué</i>
FR Germany:	<i>Otmar Weingarten</i>	CZ Union Hop M&P:	<i>Pavel Šponer</i>
New Zealand:	<i>absent</i>	Inbarco:	<i>Ivo Bračun</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>absent</i>	Hmezad exim:	<i>absent</i>
Slovakia:	<i>absent</i>	Brewers Supply Group:	<i>absent</i>
Slovenia:	<i>Janez Oset</i>	47 Hops:	<i>absent</i>
Spain:	<i>José A. Magadan</i>	YCH HOPS:	<i>absent</i>
U. K.:	<i>absent</i>		
Ukraine:	<i>absent</i>		
USA:	<i>Rachel Becker</i>		

Point 3

The [Executive Committee minutes](#) from the meeting in Prague, Czech Republic on November 10, 2017, 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 STC-chairperson Dr. Florian Weihrauch summarized the activities of drafting the IHGC hop variety list. After a brief discussion, the variety list draft proposal was confirmed and ready to be disseminated.

Point 5

The following future IHGC events were discussed:

- The [IHGC hop tour](#) with usual meetings will take place 2 days in León, Spain – starting on July 31, 2018 at approx. 1 PM – followed by an interesting local program. All interested were encouraged again by organizers to register in June and join the hop tour.
- The autumn IHGC meeting will be held in Nürnberg, Germany on November 12, 2018 – a day before the [BrauBeviale](#) fair opens its doors.
- The meeting of the Scientific-Technical Committee is planned for July 2019 in Alsace, France.
- The next 2 summer congresses will be organized in Slovenia (2019) and in Czech Republic (2021).

Point 6

The COPA/COGECA representative Francesco Mirizzi illustrated the issue – related to use of hops in organic beers. Early in 2018 they found out that some EU countries had tried to include hops within the EU list of non-organic agricultural ingredients that may be used in organic processing. This inclusion would allow brewers to make organic beer without (!) organic hops. They decided to write a letter to DG AGRI (i.e. the EU Ministry for agriculture) urging that hops should not be included on such a list. After a brief discussion, the IHGC delegates agreed to support the COPA/COGECA initiative within the IHGC and to send a separate [letter of support](#) to the DG AGRI in Brussels, as well. Furthermore, hop growers were encouraged by the IHGC president to support this idea also individually.

Since no other issue was raised, the IHGC president Leslie Roy thanked to participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

IHGC General Secretary
Dr. Martin Pavlovič