



IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*Nuremberg, Germany
November 12, 2018*

AGENDA

1. Opening and quorum of the IHGC delegates
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from July 31, 2018
3. Anti-trust issues in a hop industry
4. Updates for Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) in hops
5. Reporting of alpha-acid contents in hops
6. IHGC activities and future meetings
7. Sundries

Point 1

The Executive Committee meeting took place on [November 12, 2018](#) in the hotel Maritim in Nuremberg, Germany. The IHGC president Leslie Roy opened the regular Executive Committee meeting – after the Economic Committee meeting had been finished. He proposed the agenda – as stated above.

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since on the meeting 22 of 34 (at that time) IHGC member representatives proved their presence ([participants](#)). 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 (11 of 20) and hop industry companies (11 of 14) are listed below:

Australia:	<i>absent</i>	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	<i>Peter Hintermeier</i>
Austria:	<i>Manuel Starlinger</i>	German Hop Ind. Assoc.:	<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>Doug Donelan</i>	Inbarco:	<i>Ivo Bračun</i>
Poland:	<i>absent</i>	Hopsteiner Spain S.A.:	<i>José A. Magadán</i>
PR China:	<i>absent</i>	Charles Faram & Co. ltd:	<i>Paul Corbett</i>
R South Africa:	<i>absent</i>	Assoc. for Dev. of Hop Agr.:	<i>Leslie A. Roy</i>
Romania:	<i>Akatiu E. Mora</i>	Hmezad exim:	<i>Jože Čas</i>
Slovakia:	<i>absent</i>	Brewers Supply Group:	<i>Laura Hansen</i>
Slovenia:	<i>Jernej Ribič</i>	47 Hops:	<i>absent</i>
Spain:	<i>José A. Magadán</i>	Yakima Chief - Hops:	<i>Steve Carpenter</i>
U. K.:	<i>Alison Capper</i>		
Ukraine:	<i>absent</i>		
USA:	<i>Ann George</i>		

Point 2

The [Executive Committee minutes](#) from the meeting in León, Spain on July 31, 2018, had been published together with the usual congress meeting documents on the website www.ihgc.org. In addition, 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 3

Based on the Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR) an initiative appeared for the anti-trust issues in a hop industry to be discussed within the IHGC. Peter Hintermeier expressed his disposition to prepare a draft document on this topic to be disseminated through the secretariat among IHGC delegates for their consideration and comments prior to the next meeting.

Point 4

Otmar Weingarten and Ann George presented ongoing lobbying activities related to pesticides issue in EU - carried out by the international team of experts. Based on the list of "[Pesticides under Registration Review in the EU](#)", they stressed that a quality hop production and modern integrated pest management (IPM) was becoming seriously endangered through the elimination of crop protection products due to the EU's cut-off criteria policy. See more facts in detail within the [Report](#) of the Committee on Regulatory Harmonization. After a discussion, the [IHGC Resolution](#) was adopted. The IHGC was united in requesting the quality of a future global hop production. Furthermore, all country representatives were strongly encouraged - with a help of proposed template letter - to coordinate and report their lobbying activities towards EU offices, EU parliament pest committee members and relevant national offices.

Point 5

To understand better the figures on quality of hops reported by the IHGC member countries, a discussion about reporting on alpha-acid percentage in hops within the IHGC Economic Commission (started on the last meeting) was enriched with a proposal that a special guidance would be drafted by hop merchants. This would be another step in harmonizing the reporting methods at the country level.

Point 6

The following IHGC events were illustrated – also with personal invitations of delegates:

- ✓ Economic and Executive Committee meeting in Freising, Germany – April 26, 2019.
- ✓ Scientific-Technical Committee meeting in Bischensberg, France – July 7-10, 2019.
- ✓ [57th Congress](#) of the IHGC in Ljubljana, Slovenia July 29-August 2, 2019.
- ✓ IHGC Hop tour 2020 is proposed to be organized in Argentina or in Japan.

Point 7

As suggested, the IHGC membership status will be discussed on the next meeting.

IHGC General Secretary
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