IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Freising, Germany
April 26, 2019

AGENDA

1. Opening and quorum of the IHGC delegates
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from November 12, 2018
3. Nomination of a new IHGC vice-president
4. Updates for Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) in hops
5. Anti-trust issues in a hop industry
6. Reporting of alpha-acid contents in hops
7. Membership updates
8. IHGC activities and future meetings
9. Proposals for the Orders of the Hop 2019 nominees
10. Sundries

Point 1

The Executive Committee meeting took place on April 26, 2019 in the Munich Airport Marriott hotel in Freising, 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 13 of 34 (at that time) IHGC member representatives proved their presence on the meeting (see 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 (6 of 20) and hop industry companies (7 of 14) are listed below:

Argentina: absent                        Joh. Barth & Sohn: Peter Hintermeier
Australia: absent                       Hopsteiner: Pascal Piroué
Austria: absent                         German Hop Ind. Assoc.: Korbinian Meier
Belgium: absent                         CZ Union Hop M&P: Josef Patzak
Canada: absent                          Hopsteiner Spain S.A.: Jose A. Magadán
Czech rep.: Michal Kovařík            Yakima Chief - Hops: abs
France: Francis Heitz                   Assoc. for Dev. of Hop Agr.: Leslie A. Roy
FR Germany: Otmar Weingarten          Brewers Supply Group: abs
New Zealand: absent                    Charles Faram & Co. Ltd: abs
Poland: absent                         Powisle s.j.: abs
PR China: absent                       Inbarco: abs
R South Africa: absent                 Hmezad exim: abs
Romania: absent                        47 Hops: abs
Russia: absent                         Xinjiang Sapporo Hop: abs
Slovakia: absent                       abs
Slovenia: Jernej Ribič                 abs
Spain: Jose A. Magadán                 abs
U. K.: absent                          abs
Ukraine: absent                        abs
USA: Rachel Becker                     abs
Point 2

The Executive Committee minutes from the meeting in Nuremberg, Germany on November 12, 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

The IHGC vice-president dr. Johann Pichlmaier had informed the secretariat to terminate his honorary duty within the organization. According to the IHGC Constitution § 11/2 - the Executive Committee nominated a candidate Adi Schapfi – the new president of the German Hop growers - to be elected as the new vice-president on the next Ordinary General Assembly on August 1, 2019 (IHGC Constitution § 8/5e).

Point 4

In addition to the Regulatory Harmonization Commission Report from Ann George (page 1), where ongoing lobbying activities related to pesticides issue in a hop industry were summarized, the global comparison of MRLs may be found at https://www.usahops.org/growers/plant-protection.html by clicking the link to the Hop MRL Tracking Chart (monthly updated) near the bottom of the page.

Furthermore, Otmar Weingarten presented initiative of the German hop growers’ association to organize the International Conference and Parliamentary Evening in Brussels – on November 18, 2019 (page 2). This idea was supported by various agribusiness organizations, where the IHGC would act also as the formal partner of that event. Main points will include the introduction of new methods for more efficient, adequate irrigation, fertilization, plant breeding and the necessary reorientation of pest and disease control, which has been endangered through the elimination of crop protection products due to the EU’s cut-off criteria policy (see also the IHGC Resolution).

Point 5

A draft proposal of the Compliance rules for the IHGC had been sent to the secretariat prior to the meeting. The rules represent the guidelines of the IHGC for the association's activities as a precaution against the allegation of anticompetitive behavior. The guidelines contain the key principles of antitrust behavior. General objective is to protect members of the IHGC and their representatives and staff. Feedback and a discussion resulted in a positive value of the document, so that the draft guidelines were approved at the meeting. Furthermore, some minor clarifications may be included. Thus, Korbinian Meier, together with the IHGC president and secretary general will work on this issue with intention to adopt the document on the next meetings.
Point 6

A debate on reporting country hop statistics for the Economic Committee resulted in a proposal that the alpha-acids should be analyzed according to the updated *Analytica-EBC Method 7.4 “Lead Conductance Value of Hops, Powers and Pellets”*. In addition, the discussion in the meeting was, if alpha-acid should be reported as alpha-acid at the time of harvest or alpha-acid at the time after processing. Whereas the country reports will furthermore use time of harvest (ToH) an agreement regarding the merchant report could not be reached. It is an ongoing discussion. But there is a general agreement that a uniform reporting is preferable. What matters is that the alpha-acid value in use is marked and explained sufficiently.

Point 7

The following formal membership changes were noted.

✓ The new IHGC membership interest was expressed by dr. Johann Pichlmaier for the HVG Germany. The proposal was adopted.
✓ After a written resignation – the IHGC membership of the 47Hops company terminated.

In addition, the country member organizations that have not responded to the secretariat for more than 2 years are reminded formally to respect the IHGC Constitution rules – related to the membership.

Point 8

The following future IHGC events were briefly discussed:

✓ Scientific-Technical Committee meeting in Bischenberg, France – July 7-10, 2019 ([website](#)).
✓ 57th Congress of the IHGC in Ljubljana, Slovenia July 29-August 2, 2019 ([website](#)).
✓ IHGC Economic and Executive Committees in Nuremberg, Germany – Nov. 11, 2019.
✓ IHGC Hop tour 2020 in Argentina ([draft proposal](#)).

Point 9

Based on the *Charter for Award of the Order of the Hop* and formal announcements of the IHGC secretariat for candidates in 2019, 28 proposals with CVs were recommended in a written form, the 2 of them for the 2nd level. Proposals came from the USA, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, France, Russia and Slovenia – together with those by the IHGC Committees. The Executive Committee approved the list of candidates.

Point 10

The IHGC president Leslie Roy opened a discussion linked to the presence on the meetings. The meetings of the Executive and Economic Committees are treated as closed meetings, where - apart from IHGC members - only invited persons could attend.

No other issues were discussed.

IHGC General Secretary
Dr. Martin Pavlovič