Meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission, I.H.G.C.
Congress Center ‘Le Bischenberg’, Bischoffsheim, Alsace, France
Administrative Meeting
8 July 2019, 17:15 h – 17:45 h
Participants: See list of participants
In the chair: F. Weihrauch
Minutes: Taken by F. Weihrauch and approved by E. Seigner

AGENDA
1. Opening of the meeting
2. Up-dating the list of hop varieties produced in IHGC countries
3. Proposals for the award of the Hop Order in 2021
4. Venue and date of the next meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission
5. Report on the activities of the STC to the IHGC
6. Any other business

1 Opening of the administrative meeting
Dr Florian Weihrauch, chairman of the Scientific-Technical Commission (STC), opened the administrative meeting at 17:15 h. The agenda was accepted as proposed.

2 Up-dating the list of hop varieties produced in IHGC countries
Dr Weihrauch explained that the Scientific-Technical Commission of the International Hop Growers Convention (IHGC) was responsible for compiling and annually updating the official IHGC list of world hop varieties. In cooperation with the hop breeders, hop research institutes, hop growers, hop growers’ associations and hop merchants, the 2019 list of hop varieties that are commercially grown and marketed or were just before release would be prepared briefly prior to the BRAUBeviale fair in Nuremberg (12-14 November 2019).

Additions, corrections or comments should therefore be sent to Dr Weihrauch as chairman of the STC (Florian.Weihrauch@LfL.bayern.de). An according request will be e-mailed to stakeholders in September 2019.
3 Proposals for the award of the Hop Order in 2021

Dr Weihrauch explained that the Scientific-Technical Commission could nominate every two years – due to biannual congresses – up to two candidates for the award of the Hop Order. The nomination procedure for the Hop Order 2019 was finished and they would be awarded later during the STC meeting [NB: this ceremony then was accomplished during the official Congress Dinner, much to the surprise of the two awardees]. Thus, the new proposals will be considered for the nomination in 2021. Dr Weihrauch asked the attendees for according proposals for the 2021 awards and stated that all proposals would be treated by him absolutely confidential. Proposals should include a short CV (curriculum vitae) along with a short, 1-page appraisal of the specific person whose work was dedicated to the sake of the hop growers or the hop industry. Dr Weihrauch as chair would forward the proposal to the Secretary General of the IHGC, who would forward the suggestions then to the IHGC Board members to make the necessary decisions.

4 Venue and date of the next meeting of the Scientific-Technical Commission

Before talking about the venue of the next STC meeting, Dr Weihrauch explained that the International Society of Horticultural Science (ISHS) had announced to organize the 5th Humulus Symposium in Stuttgart, Germany, at Hohenheim University from 2-6 June 2020, in parallel to the 4th International Symposium on Horticulture in Europe. As representative of the organizing committee, Dr Michael H. Hagemann (Hohenheim University) would invite officially to this Symposium later during the STC meeting.

Concerning the venue of the next STC meeting in 2021, Dr Javier J. Cancela (University of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain) gave a brief presentation where he proposed to convene the 2021 STC meeting in Lugo, Galicia, in north-western Spain. Dr Weihrauch then asked for other options where the 2021 STC meeting could be convened; as there were no alternative proposals from the attendees, he asked for objections or comments to Dr Cancela’s proposal. As there were none, Dr Cancela’s kind invitation to Lugo was unanimously accepted and the 2021 STC meeting will be convened between 20 June and 10 July – the exact dates are to be confirmed soon. Dr Weihrauch thanked him in the name of the IHGC for the willingness to organize the 2021 STC meeting. As host of the forthcoming STC meeting, Dr Cancela will be Vice-Chair of the STC for the next two years.

5 Information about the activities of the STC to the IHGC

Dr Weihrauch stated 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. There are various ways of supporting this exchange of information:
- After the meeting a brief report on the meeting will be made available in both German and English language on the internet, on the STC website.
- Authors of posters presented at the meeting will be informed that the posters should be made available in a poster gallery on the website of the STC.
- A summary report will be presented by Dr Florian Weihrauch at the 57th IHGC congress in Ljubljana, Slovenia, during the General Assembly on 1st August 2019. In this way all participants of the IHGC meeting will be informed about the latest activities of the STC.

6 Any other business

With no other items to be discussed, Dr Weihrauch closed the administrative meeting at 16:45 h and thanked all participants for their attendance.

Florian Weihrauch 16 July 2019