



IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*Video call by the IHGC President
August 12, 2020*

AGENDA

1. Opening and delegates' quorum
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from previous video-calls,
3. Comments on IHGC Committees' activities
 - ✓ Committee on Regulatory Harmonization (MRL harmonization for hops)
 - ✓ Scientific-Technical Committee (Growing Area Codes discussion...)
4. Future activities and meetings
5. Sundries

Point 1

The Executive Committee meeting had been initiated by the IHGC president and vice-presidents the 3rd time in 2020 as a video-call on August 12, 2020. President Leslie Roy proposed the agenda, which was adopted and delegates were reminded to respect the Compliance rules.

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since 21 of 34 (at that time) IHGC member representatives proved their active (audio/video) or passive (audio) presence on the meeting (see Participants). Delegates representing the IHGC country member hop associations (10 of 20) and hop industry companies (11 of 14) are listed below:

Argentina (AR):	<i>Andrés S. Leibrecht</i>		
Australia (AU):	<i>absent</i>		
Austria (AT):	<i>absent</i>	Joh. Barth & Sohn:	<i>Peter Hintermeier</i>
Belgium (BE):	<i>Joris Cambie</i>	Hopsteiner:	<i>Pascal Piroué</i>
Canada (CA):	<i>absent</i>	German Hop Ind. Assoc.:	<i>Korbinian Meier</i>
Czech rep. (CZ):	<i>Michal Kovařík</i>	CZ Union Hop M&P:	<i>Zdeněk Rosa</i>
France (FR):	<i>absent</i>	Hopsteiner Spain S.A.:	<i>José A. Magadán</i>
FR Germany (DE):	<i>Otmar Weingarten</i>	Yakima Chief - Hops:	<i>Missy Raver</i>
New Zealand (NZ):	<i>Craig Orr</i>	Assoc. for Dev. of Hop Agr.:	<i>Leslie A. Roy</i>
Poland (PL):	<i>Jan Szalas</i>	Brewers Supply Group:	<i>Laura Hansen</i>
PR China (CN):	<i>absent</i>	Charles Faram & Co. ltd:	<i>Paul Corbett</i>
R South Africa (ZA):	<i>absent</i>	Powisle s.j.:	<i>absent</i>
Romania (RO):	<i>absent</i>	Inbarco:	<i>absent</i>
Russia (RU):	<i>absent</i>	Hmezad exim:	<i>Mihael Vitko</i>
Slovakia (SK):	<i>absent</i>	HVG Germany:	<i>Dr. Johann Pichlmaier</i>
Slovenia (SI):	<i>Jernej Ribič</i>	Xinjiang Sapporo Hop:	<i>absent</i>
Spain (ES):	<i>José A. Magadán</i>		
U. K. (GB):	<i>Alison Capper</i>		
Ukraine (UA):	<i>absent</i>		
USA (US):	<i>Ann E. George</i>		

Point 2

The Executive Committee minutes from previous video-calls ([March 30, 2020](#) & [May 26, 2020](#)) had been published on the website. Meeting materials have thus been available to members and stakeholders. No comments or supplementary claims had been submitted, so the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Point 3

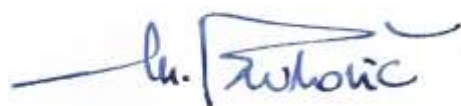
Economic Committee: Chaired by Zdeněk Rosa hop statistics and market situation had been discussed prior to the meeting (see [report](#)). Furthermore, country situation info (CZ/DE/ES/FR/NZ/SI/US) were sent on time to the secretariat to be posted. At the moment selling/buying contracts within hop and brewing industries are still supposed to be honored globally, which enables growers to expect planned incomes. Additional market information from brewers' side would be of use. It was debated again about eventual damages that hop industry might face.

Committee on Regulatory Harmonization: An updated global list of hop industry pesticide MRLs had been posted on the website and put available to delegates. Concerns linked to a planned reduction of plant protection products in EU (issue of the "[Global Hop Summit](#)" in Brussels, November 2019) were discussed again. In addition, Ann George and Otmar Weingarten presented a draft letter - to express our collective concern over the European Union's current pesticide policy and its potential impact on our industry. The letter content - available to delegates prior to the meeting - was **adopted** with no objections. Furthermore, it was **decided** to send it signed by the IHGC president to relevant EU key persons requesting them to bring our message into the appropriate political channels in Brussels.

Scientific-Technical Committee: International hop trade uses very often different codes for growing areas. To avoid confusion and uncertainty among hop customers - the IHGC **adopted** the proposed [draft 4](#) of the origin codes. Activity had been coordinated by the IHGC STC chairman Dr. Florian Weihrauch. IHGC delegates were encouraged to inform national institutions involved in the value chain about this decision.

Point 4

In a discussion about future IHGC activities 2020 delegates preferred to keep on with future video-calls. To focus more on issue details, both usual meetings could also be organized on separate dates.



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