



IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina
February 27, 2020*

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and delegates' quorum
2. Approval of the meeting minutes from November 11, 2019
3. Comments on IHGC Committees' activities in 2019
4. Future activities and meetings
5. Sundries

Point 1

The Executive Committee meeting took place during the IHGC Hop tour in Argentina - on February 27, 2020 at the Hotel NH Bariloche Edelweiss in San Carlos de Bariloche. The IHGC vice-president Zdeňek Rosa opened the Executive Committee meeting – after the Economic Committee meeting had been finished. He proposed the agenda, which was adopted. Furthermore, delegates were reminded to respect the [Compliance rules](#).

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since 12 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 (6 of 14) are listed below:

Argentina:	<i>Andrés S. Leibrecht</i>	Joh. Barth & Sohn:	<i>absent</i>
Australia:	<i>absent</i>	Hopsteiner:	<i>Andreas Waldinger</i>
Austria:	<i>absent</i>	German Hop Ind. Assoc.:	<i>Korbinian Meier</i>
Belgium:	<i>Joris Cambie</i>	CZ Union Hop M&P:	<i>Milan Maršiček</i>
Canada:	<i>absent</i>	Hopsteiner Spain S.A.:	<i>Andreas Waldinger</i>
Czech rep.:	<i>Michal Kovařík</i>	Yakima Chief - Hops:	<i>absent</i>
France:	<i>absent</i>	Assoc. for Dev. of Hop Agr.:	<i>absent</i>
FR Germany:	<i>Otmar Weingarten</i>	Brewers Supply Group:	<i>absent</i>
New Zealand:	<i>absent</i>	Charles Faram & Co. Ltd:	<i>absent</i>
Poland:	<i>Paweł Piłat</i>	Powisle s.j.:	<i>absent</i>
PR China	<i>absent</i>	Inbarco:	<i>Andreas Waldinger</i>
R South Africa:	<i>absent</i>	Hmezad exim:	<i>absent</i>
Romania:	<i>absent</i>	HVG Germany:	<i>Johann Pichlmaier</i>
Russia:	<i>absent</i>	Xinjiang Sapporo Hop:	<i>absent</i>
Slovakia:	<i>absent</i>		
Slovenia:	<i>Martin Pavlovič</i>		
Spain:	<i>absent</i>		
U. K.:	<i>absent</i>		
Ukraine:	<i>absent</i>		
USA:	<i>absent</i>		

Point 2

The [Executive Committee minutes](#) from the meeting in Nuremberg, Germany on November 11, 2019, had been published on the website www.ihgc.org. Contact delegates have been updated with meeting contents within the IHGC newsletter documents' links and meeting materials have thus been available to stakeholders. No comments or supplementary claims had been submitted, so the minutes were adopted unanimously.

Point 3

Andrés Leibrecht from El Bolsón, Rio Negro, Argentina welcomed all the hop tour participants and illustrated briefly the [hop industry in Argentina](#) (link). The 5 farms produced in 2019 on 164 ha of hop fields 250 tons of quality hops - mostly varieties Cascade (55%) and Nugget (18%). He promised an interesting field trip with a visit of a hop harvest 2020, which started in that week. Some growers have their own processing facilities and they did the switch to craft market.

Otmar Weingarten a co-chairman of the Committee on Regulatory Harmonization and the IHGC official voice for pesticide issues at EU level illustrated the feedback of technical and political issues discussed on the [Global Hop Summit \(GHS\)](#) on from November 18th 2019 in Brussels. Based on the [IHGC Resolution](#) and with a motto "Best Hops for best Beer" an additional formal alliance was introduced also with the global brewing sector, EU administration and EU parliament. Copies from the magazine "Brauwelt International" with [a Global Hop Summit Report](#) were available, as well. He reported also about some recent activities on EC level – as follows from his *written information* to the secretariat included (a-c) within the minutes:

- a) *"Clarification of the procedure for the **Profler / Fluopicolide MRL reduction from 0.7 to 0.15 ppm** in direct contact with the Commission. The corresponding regulation will only take effect in November 2021, so that use at the previous level is possible until then. Whether we will have a trade channel problem afterwards depends on whether there are health concerns, which we currently do not expect. Profler is more about persistence in the soil. We will learn more about this from the Commission.*
- b) *According to Francesco Mirizzi's (Copa) Info the **resolution about withdrawal of list of Ais including Fluazinam and Pyraclostrobin** unfortunately passed the EP (link to the [EU Parliament Resolution](#)). Meanwhile I could clear directly with the Commission that this resolution was passed by the European Parliament but was judged by the lawyers of the commission as illegal and void. In particular, the so-called ENVI Committee of the European Parliament repeatedly tries to prevent extensions of crop protection agents by EFSA.*
- c) ***Global Hop Summit 1st Follow Up Meeting** in Brussels on February 18th 2020: (link to the [Invitation and participants list "Hop Breakfast"](#)). MEPs Norbert Lins and Ulrike Müller invited us to a high-level hop breakfast at the Bavarian Mission together with some of their colleagues from EP. The open discussion with Klaus Berend (DG Santé) and Bernhard Url (Executive Director of EFSA) was particularly valuable and interesting. As a result, both offered their willingness to assist the hop and brewing industry with open questions and problems. This was surely an important step forward with our efforts in Brussels. Afterwards we had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the European Parliament's Agriculture Committee under the direction of Norbert Lins. Bernhard Url reported on current developments at EFSA and answered questions from MEPs."*

Korbinian Meier (DHWV) reported about the discussion on the 2020 American Hop Convention in Portland, OR – where US growers got important EU fresh updates and a thoughtful awareness of global plant protection issues linked to the EU legislation cut off criteria as well as possible consequences that may appear within the global hop industry.

Walter König confirmed that the Society of Hop research (GfH) together with the Brewers of Europe were strongly aware of the existing problems in a world hop industry and that both organizations support strongly activities of the IHGC.

Furthermore, the international MRLs conference in San Francisco, CA will take place in May.

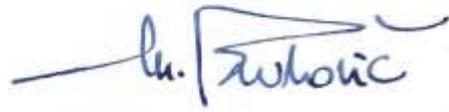
Point 4

The following future IHGC events were again briefly discussed:

- ✓ IHGC Economic and Executive Committees in Freising, Germany – Aug. 7, 2020 (afternoon);
- ✓ IHGC Economic and Executive Committees in Nuremberg, Germany – Nov. 9, 2020;
- ✓ 58th IHGC Congress in Czech Republic in 2021.

Since no more proposals came into a debate, delegates were encouraged to suggest plans for the IHGC Hop tour in 2022 as well as well for the next 59th IHGC Congress in 2023 till the next meeting.

No other issues were discussed.



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