



# IHGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*Video call by the IHGC President  
Nov 4, 2022*

## **AGENDA**

1. Opening and delegates' quorum
2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting on July 28, 2022
3. IHGC Committees' updates
  - a. Signed letter on EU pesticide policy
  - b. Approval of the Hop variety list 2022
  - c. Update on MRL Harmonization Situation for Hops
4. Future activities and meetings
5. Sundries

### **Point 1**

The Executive Committee meeting had been initiated by the IHGC president Leslie A. Roy as a video-call on November 4, 2022 (PST-9:00; CEST-17:00). It followed the Economic Committee meeting in chair with Zdeněk Rosa debating the country reports by member delegates and illustrating the market situation by Pascal Piroué, DHWV. IHGC president proposed the agenda, which was adopted and as for the meeting delegates were reminded again to respect the Compliance rules ([link #1](#)). It was determined that we were in compliance.

A quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted, since 19 of 35 (at that time) IHGC member representatives proved their active presence on the meeting. Hop associations from the named countries (9 of 21) and hop merchants' companies (10 of 14) as listed: BE, BR, CZ, DE, ES, GB, PL, SI, US; Assoc. Dev. Hop Agr., BarthHaas, Brewers Supply Group, CZ Union Hop Merchants & Proc., German Hop Ind. Assoc., Hmezad exim, Hopsteiner, Hopsteiner Spain, HVG Germany, Yakima Chief Hops.

### **Point 2**

The Executive Committee minutes from the previous meeting ([link #2](#), code: 2022-07-28), had been published on the website. Meeting materials have thus been available to members, while other stakeholders have availability to IHGC deliverables. No comments or supplementary claims had been submitted, so the minutes were adopted unanimously.

### **Point 3**

IHGC President had drafted already for the congress a letter with a name "Application of EU health and environmental standards to agricultural and agrifood products." Its content had been slightly amended during the correspondence among the German and the U.S. growers' associations (VDH, HGA). Before the meeting, the final version was signed on September 20, 2022 by the IHGC

president, posted on the meeting website and put available for further use. After the letter was approved ([link #3](#)), delegates are encouraged to send it to their relevant country governmental offices to illustrate the EU plant protection issue and to soften its political measures in a hop industry.

The STC chairman Dr. Florian Weihrauch had taken care to update the hop variety list 2022. From his summary: (i) The list included 308 actual cultivars. (ii) New entries to the list were: Patagonia H-OPI, Patagonia Passion (AR), Ceres, Eris, Juno, Jupiter, Most, Pluto, Saturn (CZ), Amira, Lilly (DE), Helios, Vista (US). (iii) Deleted from the list were Bouclier (FR) and Cerera (SI) as there was no more business use of the them. (iv) Pahto® Brand should be referred to as ‚HBC 682‘ in the future, but the variety code PAH remains (request by Hop Breeding Company and John I. Haas).

Chairpersons of the IHGC Committee on Regulatory Harmonization Maggie Elliot and dr. Erich Lehmail prepared prior to the meeting an update on MRL Harmonization Situation for Hops ([link #4](#)). The document was discussed to be put for a use in a hop industry.

#### **Point 4**

Based on previous proposals and discussions of member countries – we reiterated and confirmed dates and places of future IHGC events:

- IHGC Congresses in Poland (2024), in Tettngang, Germany (2026) and in the U.S. (2028);
- IHGC Hop tour in Belgium linked to its nearby hop region in France (2025). At the meeting time a GB hop tour organization (2023) was still in a BHA discussion. They plan to inform the secretariat till the end of November.
- IHGC Scientific-Technical Committee conference in Slovenia (06/2023);
- IHGC Economic and Executive Committee meetings on April 12, 2023 in Madrid, Spain and on November 27, 2023 in Nuremberg, Germany.

#### **Point 5**

To keep certain website contents available only to its members - from June 2021 on - main IHGC documents are coded. Documents from the one meeting possess the same code that relates to the meeting date (for the congress documents the code is 2022-07-28). A discussion about keeping or removing document codes in the future was initiated and will be repeated on the next meeting.

IHGC newsletters are regularly being emailed to contact member representatives as well as to some additional email addresses which member representatives had sent to the secretariat. Based on previous discussions and a decision to keep covered email addresses of IHGC newsletter recipients, this issue may be re-discussed for our future use.

IHGC fellows are encouraged to share their opinion on relevant issues and to post initiatives to the secretariat within four weeks.

IHGC General Secretary

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