



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the IHGC

Cheboksary, Russia – Aug. 03, 2006

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting by the IHGC president
2. Quorum of the IHGC
3. Approval of the meeting minutes from Paris on April 21, 2006
4. Hop market discussion
5. IHGC future meetings
6. Sundries

Point 1

The IHGC President Mr. Bernard Ingwiller opened the meeting in the congress centre in Cheboksary (Shupashkar) which is the capital of the Russian republic Chuvashia. He did express warm greetings to local representatives, IHGC delegates and to all other who attended the meeting.

Point 2

Since 13 IHGC representatives of 27 (8 national associations and 5 companies) were present at the meeting (thus more than one third) the quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted. There were also various Russian governmental, local and hop industry representatives who attended the meeting. From among members present, the following IHGC delegates represented their countries or companies (see also the list of participants that is a part of the web information):

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| Australia: | absent | South Africa: | absent |
| Belgium: | absent | U. K.: | absent |
| Bulgaria: | absent | Ukraine: | absent |
| Czech rep.: | Zdeňek Rosa | USA: | Aaron Gamache |
| France: | Bernard Ingwiller | Serbia: | absent |
| FR Germany: | Otmar Weingarten | Joh.Barth&Sohn: | Peter Hintermeier |
| New Zealand: | absent | German Hop I. Assoc.: | Peter Hintermeier |
| Poland: | absent | Hop Assoc. of Poland: | absent |
| Portugal: | absent | X. Fub. Sapporo Hop: | absent |
| PR China (Gansu): | absent | Hopsteiner: | Heinz-Jürgen Cooberg |
| PR China (XinJiang): | Xu Yandong | CZ Union Hop M&P: | Pavel Patrovsky |
| Russia: | Gennady S. Gorlanov | Inbarco: | Ivo Bračun |
| Slovakia: | Marian Borovsky | | |
| Slovenia: | Jože Čas | | |
| Spain: | absent | | |

Point 3

The [Executive Committee minutes](#) from the meeting in Paris on April 21, 2006 had been published on the web site just after the meeting and have thus been available to delegates and other interested hop industry stakeholders. Since no comments or supplementary claims were submitted, they were adopted unanimously.

Point 4

The Executive Committee meeting took place just after the Economic Commission meeting (the EC table with figures is on the IHGC web site). Some additional comments related to the previous meeting were added. As the biggest beer producing country PR China plays an important role in a global hop industry. On their request Mr. Xu Yandong made a brief slide presentation for the delegates about a development of their hop and brewing industry in figures. A copy (ppt) is available for delegates per request in the IHGC secretariat. Since there are only estimations for China an intensive debate was opened among delegates. It was brought up that the Chinese delegates should pay in future attention in preparing reliable estimations of their hop business reports for the whole country.

The EC chairman and the secretary general stressed again the importance of preparing on time all required statistic information about hop supply on national levels according to instructions on the Economic Commission table questionnaire. National hop data should be filled up completely and separately for aroma and alpha varieties by all the responsible delegates.

Other hop market comments presented by Mr. Hintermeier and Mr. Cooberg are summarized in the special hop merchants' report, which is also available on the web site.

Since there were some changes reported in the crop estimation compared with the data in the table Mr. MacKinnon as the Economic commission chairman takes care to update the IHGC EC table information from Aug 3, 2006 with various on the meeting cited modifications.

Point 5

After the hop tour in Russia, the next meeting will be on November 14, 2006 in Nuremberg, Germany (one day before the BRAU Beviale). The "Arabella Sheraton Hotel Carlton" - Eilgutstrasse 15, D-90443, Nuremberg, Tel.: +49 911/2003-0 Fax.+49 911/2003-111 is cited also on the IHGC web site. As usual, delegates should take care by themselves for their accommodation in Nuremberg.

For the meeting in April 2007 no details were agreed.

The 51st IHGC Congress will take place in August 2007 in Yakima, WA – USA. A preliminary schedule has been presented by Mr. Gamache during the meeting (see on the IHGC web site). Further details with possible modifications for this congress will be presented during the meeting in November.

Point 6

Even though all member delegates are invited to the IHGC meetings there are still some of them who are predominantly absent. Dr. Pichlmaier stressed that there should be clear rules in future -connected with all benefits and obligations for the IHGC members and that delegates should respect them. With an intention to obtain still better global hop data (for the sake of missing delegates) various additional information management methods – such as video conference connection, etc. with those who can not attend meetings - were mentioned. All delegates are thus encouraged to present their concrete proposals on this issue on next meetings.

At the end the IHGC president Mr. Ingwiller closed the meeting and thanked to all attendants as well as interpreters and organizers for their assistance.