



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the IHGC

Nuremberg, Germany – Nov. 14, 2006

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting by the IHGC president
2. Quorum of the IHGC
3. Approval of the meeting minutes from Cheboksary, Russia on August 3, 2006
4. IHGC future meetings
5. Scientific Commission of the IHGC
6. Technical Commission of the IHGC
7. IHGC membership (fee debts, web site)
8. Sundries

Point 1

The IHGC President Mr. Bernard Ingwiller opened the meeting in the Arabella Sheraton Hotel Carlton (Orangerie hall). He expressed warm greetings to IHGC delegates and a wish for good meeting results. After opening the meeting the president invited the delegates to express honour with a minute of silence to Dr. Bernhard Locher from Tettngang (Germany) who passed away in October 2006.

Point 2

Since 15 IHGC representatives of 27 (10 national associations and 5 hop industry companies) were present at the meeting (thus more than one third) the quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted. 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):

Australia:	absent	Spain:	absent
Belgium:	Eric Lagache	South Africa:	absent
Bulgaria:	Vladimir Ivanov	U. K.:	Thomas Hawkins
Czech rep.:	Zdeňek Rosa	Ukraine:	absent
France:	Bernard Ingwiller	USA:	Aaron Gamache
FR Germany:	Otmar Weingarten	Serbia:	absent
New Zealand:	Doug Donelan	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	Peter Hintermeier
Poland:	absent	German Hop I. Assoc.:	Josef Grauvogl
Portugal:	absent	Hop Assoc. of Poland:	absent
PR China (Gansu):	absent	X. Fub. Sapporo Hop:	absent
PR China (XinJiang):	absent	Hopsteiner:	Heinz-Jürgen Cooberg
Russia:	absent	CZ Union Hop M&P:	Jiri Vent
Slovakia:	Marian Borovsky	Inbarco:	Ivo Bračun
Slovenia:	Jože Čas		

Point 3

The [Executive Committee minutes](#) from the meeting in Cheboksary, Russia on August 03, 2006 had been published together with other meeting documents on the IHGC 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 51st IHGC Congress will take place from 31st July till Aug 03rd 2007 in Yakima, WA – USA. Preliminary schedule information had already been published on the IHGC web site. Congress activities are going on. Delegates will receive further details during next months. Mr. Gamache invited again all delegates and hop industry stakeholders to come to Yakima.

The secretary general informed the delegates about the 2 nominations for the Order of the Hop – that had been emailed to the secretariat. They were from Germany and USA. All further proposals – according to the IHGC Standing Orders - are expected to be received till the end of April 2007.

It was agreed that the next meeting will take place in Paris on April 23, 2007 (finally changed to **April 27, 2007**).

Point 5

The chairman of the Scientific Commission Mr. Engelhard updated the audience that the next meeting of the Scientific Commission will happen in Tettngang, Germany from June 24-27, 2007. On the preliminary participant list there had been already 37 hop researchers from 12 countries with 15 papers and 10 posters. He pointed out also a very attractive and interesting post program and invited hop experts to join the tour.

Point 6

The chairman of the Technical Commission Mr. Urban informed the delegates that during the congress 2007 in the USA 4 papers with hop industry technology and quality topics are planed to be presented.

Point 7

A brief financial report was presented by the secretary general. Because of a delay in fee paying - only 60% of the 2006/07 fiscal year fee budget has been received on the IHGC account. There are even some members that have not covered their fees for 3 or more years (Belgium, Bulgaria, Portugal, China, Russia, Ukraine), where strict future measures should be taken.

To ameliorate info service of the IHGC a new concept of the web site information will be prepared.

Point 8

Mr. Weingarten and Mr. Wilms presented a background of a new initiative - where the IHGC (instead of the European Commission) would take care for updating of a list of world hop varieties. Such a list with main hop variety characteristics has been prepared by the scientific commission and is attached to the web info. More details will be prepared in a separate document and sent to delegates for a further discussion.

There was additional hop merchants' market clarification, which is embedded within various web documents. Furthermore Mr. Vent asked delegates for more precise market information and expressed that growers should come out jointly with their variety price proposals.

Mr. Rosa made comments on his recent open letter about the EC chairman's future position. It was mentioned in a discussion that such a position needs an expert who is devoted to the work for the IHGC as well as a support of delegates.

At the end the IHGC president Mr. Ingwiller closed the meeting and thanked to all attendants as well as interpreter Ms. Berner for her assistance.