



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the IHGC

Paris, France – April 16, 2004

I. AGENDA

1. Appointment of the IHGC Executive Committee Members
2. Adoption of minutes of the meeting on November 11, 2003 in Nuremberg-Germany
3. Discussion on national hop production reports of member countries
4. IHGC meetings in the future
5. IHGC membership
6. Sundries

II. ATTENDANCE

The 12 IHGC delegations were represented during the meeting. At the same time there were also some guests who attended the meeting. See the list of presence that is attached.

Point 1

The IHGC President Mr. Bernard Ingwiller opened the meeting in the building of " FEDERATION NATIONALE DU CREDIT AGRICOLE ", in Paris with greetings to all who attended it. He proposed the submitted agenda of the meeting, which was after that adopted unanimously.

Since 12 IHGC representatives were present (thus more than one third - according to the modified Standing Orders of Canterbury 2001), the quorum was constituted. From among members present, the following IHGC representatives were nominated:

Australia:	absent	Slovakia:	absent
Belgium:	Eric Lagache	Slovenia:	Martina Zupančič
Bulgaria:	Vladimir Ivanov	Spain:	absent
Czech rep.:	Bohumil Pazler	South Africa:	absent
France:	Bernard Ingwiller	U. K.:	Martin Jolly
FR Germany:	Otmar Weingarten	Ukraine:	absent
New Zealand:	absent	USA:	Douglas MacKinnon
Poland:	Krzysztof Kargul	Serbia & M.:	absent
Portugal:	absent		
PR China:	Luo Xinchao	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	Peter Hintermeier
Russia:	absent	German H.I.A.:	Josef Grauvogl

Point 2

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting in Nuremberg, Germany from November 11, 2003 had been sent to all the representatives of the IHGC member countries. Since no comments or supplementary claims were submitted, they were adopted unanimously.

Point 3

The discussion touched mostly the methodology of hop supply data exchange within the brochure prepared for the future Economic commission meetings.

It was stated by the German delegation that the quality of information that is sent within the EC table should be improved. The missing or non-realistic data of national hop industries of member countries should be strictly avoided, because such contributions decrease very much the whole IHGC information as well as a motivation of those countries that provide complete and precise data.

Within the US delegation it was discussed again about the hop data transfer with a help of the web site questionnaire input mask. With such a way of data exchange the mistakes of retyping are avoided as well as a time period of data collection could be much shorter (about 7 days before the EC meetings). This possibility is being planned for the next meeting as an additional way of data exchange and is being developed by Doug MacKinnon. He is also willing to collect any comments to improve this way of a hop data transfer.

Since some mistakes as well as additional corrections of hop data appeared in the EC table from the brochure the summaries information will be sent as an added material to the delegates.

Point 4

The chairman invited the Polish delegate Mr. Kargul to present the plans for the Hop tour 2004. Beside the explanation also a brochure with all necessary information was delivered during the meeting. The hop tour will take place from July 29-31, 2004 in Lublin, Poland. There are no limits for the number of participants. All necessary information connected to this meeting is available by email: a.gutkowska@chmielpolski.pl

After that the delegate from the PR China Mr. Luo delivered a hard copy of the plan – proposed by the organising committee of the 50th IHGC Congress in China. The program seemed to be interesting with lots of countryside transfers included. The delegate from China was advised by various delegates in a discussion to check again the program together with the professional and international experienced travel agency. It was stressed that a hop industry program (visits of hop fields and breweries...) should be included sufficiently. His next presentation will take place during future meetings.

Point 5

The 3 proposals of hop merchants companies for new IHGC members had been received in the secretariat. The secretary general presented the proposals. After voting, the 3 companies were accepted as additional members of the IHGC. These companies are:

- ❑ **Xinjiang Green & Fine Hop Co.**, ShangHai Rd. Econ. & Technol. Zone, Urumqi, XinJiang, China
- ❑ **Xinjiang Fubei Sapporo Hop Corporation**, No. 1 Dongfeng Rd. Beiting, Fukang, XinJiang, China
- ❑ **Polish hop producers' organisation**, Kolejowa 20, 64-300 Nowy Tomysl, Poland

It was agreed that the represented company from China (Gansu) is responsible for the national hop industry reports. After the meeting the number of IHGC members is 24.

Point 6

It was proposed that new IHGC member countries from hop merchants' organisations should contribute for the hop data exchange also formally - through special prepared market report questionnaires. Delegates were asked to submit by email their ideas and proposals to the secretary general.

US delegation raised a question about formal election of the new Economic Commission chairman. The president Ingwiller explained, that the EC chairman's activities had been done in the past by the French team and that they will continue at least - till next IHGC elections in spring 2005.

No more items have been discussed. After that the IHGC president Ingwiller closed the meeting and thanked to all attendants, interpreters and organisers for a well-performed work.

The next formal meeting of the IHGC will take place in Lublin, Poland on July 30, 2004.