



# Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the IHGC

Lublin, Poland - July 30, 2004

## I. AGENDA

1. Appointment of the IHGC Executive Committee Members
2. Adoption of minutes of the meeting on April 16, 2004 in Paris
3. Discussion on national hop production reports of member countries
4. IHGC membership
5. IHGC meetings in the future
6. Sundries

## II. ATTENDANCE

The 16 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 congress centre in the Lublinianka hotel in Lublin with greetings to delegates and guests of the hop tour 2004. He proposed the submitted agenda of the meeting, which was after that adopted unanimously.

Since 16 IHGC representatives were present at the meeting - thus more than one third (> 8/24) - the quorum for formal IHGC decisions was constituted. From among members present, the following IHGC delegates represented their countries or companies:

Australia:	absent	Slovenia:	Martina Zupančič
Belgium:	Eric Lagache	Spain:	absent
Bulgaria:	absent	South Africa:	absent
Czech rep.:	Zdenek Rosa	U. K.:	Martin Jolly
France:	Bernard Ingwiller	Ukraine:	Volodym Romanchuk
FR Germany:	Werner Brunner	USA:	Douglas MacKinnon
New Zealand:	absent	Serbia & M.:	Jan Kišgeci
Poland:	Krzysztof Kargul		
Portugal:	absent		
PR China (Gansu):	Luo Xinchao	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	Thomas Kastner
PR China (XinJiang):	Su Ping	German H.I.A.:	Josef Grauvogl
Russia:	absent	Hop Assoc.Poland:	Tadeusz Plenzler
Slovakia:	Marian Borovsky	X.Fub.Sapporo Hop:	absent

## Point 2

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting in Paris, France from April 16, 2004 had been mailed to all the representatives of the IHGC member countries. At the same time they have also been published on the IHGC web site. Since no comments or supplementary claims were submitted, they were adopted unanimously.

## Point 3

The discussion touched the methodology of hop supply data exchange within the brochure prepared for the future Economic commission meetings. (I) Delegates proposed for the future to prepare additional separate hop supply data such as (a) contract and (b) unsold hop situation of member countries for aroma and alpha hops. (II) It was agreed again that the future IHGC hop data should be collected predominantly through an internet service - as already mentioned within the minutes from the Paris meeting. (III) Since IHGC has their new members from hop merchants it was adopted that hop merchants' companies should participate formally to the usual Economic Commission growers' report with their written contribution before the meetings. Details will remain for next discussions. (IV) The non-realistic or missing data of national hop industries ought to be avoided. In a case that a country report is missing, data from previous reports are to be included and marked with a footnote.

Apart from that also some of the topics discussed already within the Economic Commission on that day were summarized. Since a hop supply in 2004 is supposed to be higher than a demand on a side of breweries, a low price level is expected - especially for the alpha hops. Growers should therefore pay attention to their production costs. See also attached documents: (a) EC hop supply data and (b) IHGC hop market information.

## Point 4

Another proposal of hop merchants' company had been received in the secretariat. The secretary general presented the proposals of the company Hopsteiner. After voting, the IHGC enlarged its membership to 25. The president Mr. Ingwiller did congratulate a new member, while Mr. Cooberg expressed his personal thanks and a company's motivation for a further cooperation.

## Point 5

Autumn meetings are traditionally connected to the Brau fair (<http://www.brau-beviale.de>). Since it opens on 10. Nov., the next meeting was planned for the 9. Nov. 2004. Details will be sent within the usual invitation letter.

After that the chairman invited the Chinese delegate to present the plans for the next IHGC Congress in 2005. The 4-page material prepared for this meeting was distributed and delegates received information. The congress is planned for July 25-31, 2005 in Gansu province of the PR China. Mr. Luo delivered preliminary copies of his plan for the 50<sup>th</sup> IHGC Congress in China. The program seemed to be interesting with lots of countryside transfers. In a discussion he was advised again to check well the program together with the international experienced travel agency. Per his request the secretary general prepared information for the Ministry of Agriculture in China to support the IHGC congress. All necessary written details for the congress will be presented during the meeting in November.

## Point 6

It was proposed that new IHGC member countries from hop merchants' organizations 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.

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

IHGC Secretary General  
Dr. Martin Pavlovič