



Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of the IHGC

Nuremberg, Germany - Nov. 09, 2004

I. AGENDA

1. Appointment of the IHGC Executive Committee Members
2. Adoption of minutes of the meeting on July 30, 2004 in Lublin
3. Discussion on national hop production reports of member countries
4. IHGC membership
5. IHGC meetings in the future
6. Sundries

II. ATTENDANCE

The 15 IHGC delegations were represented during the meeting. At the same time there were also some guests who attended the meeting. See please the attendance list.

Point 1

The IHGC President Mr. Bernard Ingwiller opened the meeting in the ATRIUM HOTEL, in Nuremberg 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 15 IHGC representatives of 25 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:

Australia:	absent	Slovenia:	Martina Zupančič
Belgium:	Eric Lagache	Spain:	absent
Bulgaria:	Vladimir Ivanov	South Africa:	absent
Czech rep.:	Zdeňek Rosa	U. K.:	Thomas Hawkins
France:	Bernard Ingwiller	Ukraine:	absent
FR Germany:	Otmar Weingarten	USA:	Douglas MacKinnon
New Zealand:	Norman Phillips	Serbia & M.:	absent
Poland:	Krzysztof Kargul	Joh.Barth&Sohn:	Thomas Raiser
Portugal:	absent	German H.I.A.:	Josef Grauvogl
PR China (Gansu):	absent	Hop Assoc. Poland:	absent
PR China (XinJiang):	absent	X.Fub.Sapporo Hop:	Hiro Hasebe
Russia:	absent	Hopsteiner:	Heinz Jürgen Cooberg
Slovakia:	Marián Borovský		

Point 2

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting in Lublin, Poland from July 30, 2004 had been sent by mail to all the representatives of the IHGC members. At the same time documents have also been published on the IHGC web site. Since no comments or supplementary claims were submitted, they were adopted unanimously.

Point 3

Again the discussion touched the methodology of hop supply data exchange. The EC chairman Doug MacKinnon had done the work of data collecting for the common brochure publication and stressed that the future IHGC hop data should be collected predominantly through internet. (A) Delegates insisted that all data, which are supposed to be included within national hop reports, have to be provided by on time, properly and completely. (B) They agreed again that for the future hop supply data for (a) contract and (b) unsold hop situation of member countries ought to be divided to aroma and alpha hops. Additionally, data for national areas with a wirework (hop trellis) but no hop plants should be stated, too. Concerning the data for the sold hops, it would be more useful if also stated to whom the hops had been sold (to hop merchants or to brewers). (C) Since the IHGC has its members from hop merchants it was repeated that at least detailed hop merchants' reports ought to be prepared for the meeting. Further more, growers' representatives are invited to make suggestions to the IHGC secretariat for details on this issue.

Apart from that also some of the topics discussed already within the Economic Commission on that day were summarized. The most important are included within the attached documents: (a) EC table with the hop supply data and (b) IHGC hop market information.

Point 4

The 2 proposals for a membership had been received in the secretariat. The secretary general presented the proposals of (1) the Union of hop merchants and hop processors of the Czech republic in chair with Josef Ondracek and (2) the hop merchants company Inbarco from Slovenia in chair with Ivo Bračun. After a formal confirmation, the IHGC enlarged its membership to 27. The president did congratulate the new members.

Point 5

The IHGC Scientific Commission has its meeting from 20.-25. February 2005 in George, R South Africa.

The next IHGC Executive Committee and Economic Commission meeting are planed for the April 15, 2005 in France. The French delegates will inform the IHGC secretariat with location details on time.

The 50th IHGC congress was planed for July 25-31, 2005 in the Gansu province of the PR China. Since its delegate Mr. Luo could not attend the meeting - the delegates expressed their serious worries in the success of the congress. After a short debate he was asked to inform the secretariat till the end of November 2004 about their activities preparing detailed written congress information. In a case this would not be done, the Executive Committee should think of optional congress organization - with a help of the US delegates.

Point 6

The IHGC had been informed that the EU representative Ms. Micheline Wauters-Vaes, who has been involved in the IHGC for about 12 years, stopped her European Commission' activities. The secretary general expressed his great thanks for all her informative contributions. Afterwards he did introduce and welcome her successor Ms. Liesbet Dewolf.

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



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