

**Extracts from the meeting of the Pigeon Branch of the EE held at Ovifat-Waimes /
Belgium on 22nd May 2009**

The vice-chairman Jean-Louis Frindel (F) opened the meeting at 8.00 hrs, because the chairman Dr. Werner Lüthgen (D) was excused due illness. Present were delegates from 21 countries (Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Danmark, France, Germany Great Britain, Croatia, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Czechia, Hungary).

Excused were Norway and Sweden. No information was available from Macedonia.

The minutes from Pula/Croatia , published in German in the internet, with summaries in English and French, were approved. All changes should be transmitted to the chairman in time.

The vice-chairman informed the branch about the meetings of the board of the EE in Nitra/Slovakia on 14th Feb. 2009 and also on 21st May 2009 in Ovifat-Waimes/ Belgium.

In Nitra the halls for the 26. European Show were visited. We may use 40.000 sq m for our show. The show is well prepared by the Slovakian friends, only the veterinary instructions are not clear till the day.

All judges must have an admission by their home country. If they lost this admission, he is not permitted to judge in another country. Judges, who visit the yearly training meeting, should be allowed, to wear a label for international training.

The 27. European Show will take place in Leipzig / Germany on 7th – 12th. Dec. 2012. The following European show will be 2015 in France. The next general meeting of the EE will be 2010 in Toledo/Spain, 2011 in Hungary and 2012 in Altötting/Germany. For 2013 the meeting may be in Switzerland with the celebration of 75 years EE (founded in 1938).

The former chairman of the rabbit branch of the EE Jo Vanhommerig (NL) died last winter.

All rings for poultry and pigeons are signed since 2009 with the logo “EE”. Since this year all birds must wear this ring. Only elder birds may wear a ring without the logo “EE”.

The regulations for a special show for a single breed or breed-group should be revised in order that all the regulations from the different branches of the EE should be identical. The announcement of such a show must be made a year in advance, so that the branch could approve this show more than a year before.

Representatives of the EE and the BDRG (Germany) had visited the Friedrich-Loeffler-Institute on the isle of Riems in March, to discuss problems with infections of poultry and pigeons with avian influenza and the official regulations to eliminate this animal epidemic.

The board propose a changing of the regulations of the EE in order to make it possible, to accept a second association of a country, if it is impossible, that these two associations come together.

At the end of October there will be a further meeting of the board in order to organize the judging of the animals of the 26. EE-show and also to organize the decorations of those animals, which get the title “Europameister” or “Europachampion”.

The election of the board of the pigeon-branch was conducted by Prof. Dr. Schille of the EE-board. Dr. Werner Lüthgen (D) was re-elected as chairman, Jean-Louis Frindel (F) as vice-chairman and August Heftberger (A) as new secretary.

For the ESKT two candidates were present, Reiner Wolf (D) and André Legrand (B). In a secret election Reiner Wolf (D) was the new member of the ESKT. He takes over the place from Alois Kirchhofer (CH).

In a retrospective view on the European exhibitions for special breeds in the last season 2008/09 it was noted, that all these events were realized with success. Unfortunately detailed comments from all shows were not sent to the chairman in time. But at this meeting more information could be presented (see the German minutes). For the season 2009/10 no European shows for special breeds could be accepted by reason of the great 26. European show in Nitra.

For the season 2010/11 fifteen European exhibitions for special breeds or breed-groups are announced, which could be all accepted. Further information may be found in the German minutes.

All necessary information about the 26. European Show in Nitra will be given on the general meeting of the EE on the following day. It is essential for the management of the show to know the names of the contact persons of each country, because all information about the show will be given in German, French and English to these persons. Last day for nomination of animals will be the 10th Sept. 2009 to the show management, therefore all information/entries from the exhibitors must reach the contact person before this date.

Jozef Demeter (SLO) presented the chairman of the European exhibition in Nitra Ing. Jaroslav Matyasch. The judges will get a compensation, which may differ from the compensation in their home country.

It is necessary, that all judges participate in a meeting on Tuesday of the show week in Nitra, where all papers will be distributed. Further information will be presented during the refresher course in Linz (A) on Sept. 2009.

The international jury will be Dr. Werner Lüthgen (D), Jean-Louis Frindel (F) and Istvan Rohringer (H).

The report on the work of the European standard commission for pigeons (ESKT) from the day before was given by the chairman of this group Jean-Louis Frindel (F). In the weeks before the breed-list of the EE was revised. Some new breeds could be accepted by the German BZA and put on the list (see the web-side of the EE)

Some regulations for the pigeon branch could be revised during the last months and should be acknowledged by the pigeon branch. Especially the list of disqualification of pigeons on European shows. These can be found on the web-side of the EE.

For some American breeds the standards should be adapted with the German standards (i.e. King, Giant Homer, Show Racer) till 2011.

Some Romanian breeds were shown in Dortmund (D) during the German National pigeon Show, but they should be presented again in Linz (A), so that all members of the ESKT could see them.

Some further discussion are necessary about homer-breeds; also about Slovakian and Tschech breeds.

The last refresher course in chambéry (F) was very good and well prepared. Members from 17 countries took part. Thanks to Jean-Louis Frindel (F) and his friends.

The next refresher course will be in Linz (A) together with the poultry branch of the EE on 19./20. Sept. 2009 A main-point will be the preparation of the great European show in Nitra.

In 2010 the refresher course will be in Belgium near the border to Luxembourg. For further refresher courses in 2011 und 2012 organizers will be wanted. The Tschech Republik is willing, to take over one event.

The breed list of the EE may be found on the website of the EE. New breeds are the Old Oriental Owl (Nr. 726) and the Shortbeaked Armavir Tumbler (Nr. 841). Further breeds from Austria will be put into the breed list during the meeting in Linz; some other breeds should be presented during the European show in Nitra.

The address list of the delegates and also a list of the presidents and the treasurers of the associated countries were updated and will be found on the website of the EE. Unfortunately some translations in French and English were missed. All changes should be passed on to the chairman of the branch. Unfortunately not all questionnaires were send back to the chairman.

No changes were noted in the national standard commissions.

Some information about national exhibitions in the season 2009/10 were also missed. Meanwhile reminder letters are being written.

A question about the use of inter-national rings from Great Britain is a special problem, which should be regulated by the authorities in that country. Each breeder should only use rings from the country where he is a member.

Some regulations are revised by the ESKT, especially the regulations for disqualification of birds on show. The content is not changed, but the sequence is. Also the number of birds within a voliere may differ according to the rules of that country, where the exhibition takes place. Also the regulation for European shows of single breeds had been adopted to the rules of the other branches of the EE. In the catalogue of European Shows the names of winners should be presented on a special page. The proposal of the board of the EE, that between the

great European Shows only one European show for special breed should be approved, should not be accepted by the pigeon branch. But if in two years a European show for the same special breed should be projected, these shows should be held in different countries.

Within the scope of presentation of the national associations the president of Bosnia-Herzegovina gave a presentation of his country in English. For all participants of the meeting papers were issued, presenting all relevant information.

Also the two representatives from Bulgaria were very well prepared and issued papers to all participants of the meeting with giving good information about the pigeon scene in their country.

For further information about other countries at the meeting of next year volunteers should be found during the refresher course in Linz.

Christoph Günzel (D) informed the judges, that the junior members of Germany will use pink-coloured bands. These birds must be judged according the normal rules.

During a break the traditional group-photo was done. The harmonious and productive meeting was closed at 16,00h.

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