



Annual report – General secretary, May 2016 - April 2017

The year gone by was probably a little less intense for most of us as the one before with the Europe Show. But I doubt it has been boring for anyone. It is my pleasure to give you an overview of how I experienced the last 12 months.

EE meeting May 4 – 8th 2016 in Vösendorf / Vienna

The Austrian Federation of Small Animal Breeders RÖK presided by Günther Wimmer organised an impeccable EE meeting for us. The hospitality of our Austrian friends was very obliging and very warm. We were able to experience a varied program and were spoiled on the culinary level. A very big thank you to Günther Wimmer and his team for such a successful and unforgettable meeting.

At the general assembly there were 129 delegates with 88 voting cards present.

In the poultry section Andy Verelst was elected as successor of Wilhelm Riebinger. In the other sections, the presidents were all re-elected.

For their big merits Rainer Wolf and Wilhelm Riebinger from Germany were appointed as honorary members with a big applause.

The German Poultry and Pigeon Breeders federation (BDRG) made a proposal to modify the membership fee but the proposal was disapproved of by a big majority.

Germany withdrew its proposal to organise the EE Show in 2021 because lack of staff. The RÖK, which would normally organise the EE Show in 2024, was prepared to take over the 2021 edition.

The following countries were accepted as new EE-members: Finland in the rabbit section and Lithuania in the poultry section.

The reflection on the Europe Show 2015 in Metz/F was very factual and direct. The show director Gaston Harter excused himself with everyone who participated and was disappointed. He emphasized that the reason for this was exclusively due to the organisation committee and not presidium. He specifically thanked Urs Freiburghaus, the ZDRK (rabbit section), Andy Verelst (poultry section) and the pigeon section for their collaboration.

I was able to present the new website at the general assembly which was finally ready after two years of intensive preparations.

International judges meeting, September 16 – 18th 2016

The international judges meeting for poultry and pigeons was held in Sursee in Switzerland. Since I don't live far from this town, I didn't want to miss the opportunity to visit and say hello. It was exciting to see which topics were treated and besides this I was able to have a few very interesting conversations.



For me it was the first time at such a judges meeting and it was impressive to see how people work towards a common goal.

Presidium meeting of February 4th 2017

The meeting took place in Hotel Eger and Park in Eger / Hungary where we now have our EE meeting. That way we were able to inspect all the meeting rooms and clear all the last questions with the organisation and the hotel.

Andy Verelst participated for the first time at a presidium meeting as the new poultry section president.

Animal diseases in Europe and cancelled shows were of course a very important topic at this presidium meeting. Our Prof. Dr. Schille was in contact with Brussels and has tried to advise our member countries as much as possible.

The finances and sponsoring were discussed. The expenses could be strongly reduced in the last few years.

Unfortunately the Europe Show in Metz from November 2015 was again on the agenda because there was no compensation for the stolen animals as was announced before. The presidium decided on how to proceed in this matter.

The next Europe Show will take place in Denmark from November 9 – 11th 2018 in Herning. Willy Littau, our treasurer, who will also be the show director explained to us how the preparations are going. The draft of the contract with the organisation was discussed.

For the next EE-meeting the registration forms and the different agendas were discussed. Furthermore the applications for membership and the actual situation in different countries were treated.

Some visiting reports were exchanged but of course there weren't as many because some shows had to be cancelled.

I reported on the state of the website and the electronic membership administration system.

Website

The new website was only put online in May 2016 but we are continuously working on maintaining it and trying to make it more attractive. Our site is so popular that suddenly several strange ads appeared. I hope you didn't buy too much Viagra Since we installed newer and better antiviral software, you will have to start looking elsewhere now for this kind of products.



Membership administration

At the 2015 meeting I could present a new electronic membership administration system for the EE. The aim is to get all the people into this system which should get invitations or information from the EE and its sections.

Since this system was installed a lot of countries have entered the data of their functionaries. Unfortunately a lot of them are still missing. Therefore another appeal to all those responsible to help and get the system running. Thanks.

Thank you

We only had one presidium meeting besides the general EE meeting but that doesn't mean we worked less. It is just a way to keep travel expenses low. We communicate a lot per mail, phone, Skype etc. This works very well. Within the presidium we work together in a pleasant and friendly atmosphere. Thanks to all of you my colleagues, it is nice working together with you as a team and towards the same goals!

A special thank you goes to Hans Zürcher from Switzerland and Denis Pasques from France. Together we try to keep the website up to date and to make it more attractive. This is an enormous job. There are a lot of organisations, also in small animal breeding, that pay a lot of money to external companies to maintain their websites. My dear helpers do the job for free.

A very big thank you goes to all the translators. It is nice to know that I can again count on your support. Unfortunately Robert Boechat, our honorary member and translator for many years has passed away in February 2017 after a short but very serious illness. We pass again our condolences to his family. Michel Bovet has spontaneously offered to take over the translations of written texts in the future – many thanks!

Every one of you in this room and your people in your organisations do a tremendous job or small animal breeding wouldn't be where it is today. Thank you very much for this and please forwards this thanks to your people at home.

For the next year I wish you all a good health, a lot of friendship and a lot of joy in our hobby.

Eger / Hungary, Mai 27th 2017

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