



## General Secretary's Annual Report 2013

It was a year ago that I became the General Secretary of the EE. Although I have been involved in small animal breeding since childhood, the activities in this committee were all new to me. It was a very exciting and informative year, and a lot has already happened during this period.

### Reflexions on the European Meeting 2013 in Berne

It was a nice, very well organised meeting. A big thank-you goes to the head of the organising committee, Urs Freiburghaus.

The general meeting proceeded positively. The issues were all dealt with without long discussions, the elections were beyond controversy and Urs Freiburghaus was worthily honoured.

The brochure for the 75 years anniversary of the EE that was made mainly by Urs Freiburghaus and Prof. Dr. Joachim Schille was presented. Thank you very much!

### Günther Huber leaving / Klaus Weber taking over

Günther Huber resigned from his position as chairman of the cage birds with immediate effect. Vice president Klaus Weber took over the position on an interim basis and is officially applying to become chairman here in Sarajevo.

### Activities and conclusions of the Committee Meeting 08.02.2014

- The committee created new Business Regulations and Compensation Guidelines.
- There are various regulations about the breed specific European shows. The sections would like to harmonize the certificates for champions and championships.
- To get a better summary over the finances, a cash budget was created.
- Jaroslav Kratochvil announced that he will not stand as vice president anymore. Istvan Rohringer would like to take over this position.
- We are proposing to postpone the elections for chairmen for a year so that they will not be in the year preceding the European show.
- There is still a payment outstanding from the European show in Leipzig. A letter has been sent to the show organisers. They have reassured us that the missing sum of over EUR 24'000.00 will be paid after matters with the tax office have been finalised.
- The contracts with the organisation for the European show in Metz and the regulations for the 4<sup>th</sup> Youth European Show were approved.
- Gion Gross provided us with a Corporate Design Manual on a disk so the correspondence will now look standardized. Thank you very much!

## **New Members**

- The application for admission of the Ukrainian pigeon association was not accepted as it is not clear whether this is the only association in the country. We didn't get the information about this even though we asked for clarification.
- We had received three applications for admission from two different associations in Romania and they therefore could not affiliate in February this year. We are glad the two associations have come to an arrangement in the meantime.
- The other applications (cage birds France and poultry Bulgaria) were accepted by the Executive.

## **Latvia**

Various associations from Latvia would like to take part in the European show in Metz. The affiliated association was not ready to found an umbrella organisation, but will make arrangements to cooperate for the show. We are happy the associations decided to find a solution.

## **Serbia**

Serbia's membership was submitted because there were new associations and several people pretended to be the legal president. After some discussions the associations agreed to meet on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and Gion Gross, Urs Freiburghaus and Milan Brkic took part. At the beginning of May we received the message that the three associations are arranging to integrate.

## **Members List**

All members receive important information by email. Unfortunately we have several addresses that are not correct or are not for the people in charge. The Executive wants to update the list and asks all the affiliated countries to let us know the actual data. All cavy sections have already filled in and returned the form, thank you!

We can only make sure you get the information if we have an accurate members list.

## **Thank you**

Thank you to everybody who supported me. A big thank you to Robert Boechat and Evelyne van Vliet who translated the documents, and to Hans Zürcher who keeps our website up to date.

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