



Annual Report of the Secretary General, May 2019 - Sept 2021

It feels like forever since I wrote the last annual report and we have seen each other in person. Due to the corona pandemic, the 2020 conference and most of the events and shows had to be cancelled. Most of our lives have changed - in some cases negatively, but there have also been positive changes. Now to my review from May 2019 onwards.

European conference May 29th - June 2nd 2019 in Trogir / HR

It was a beautiful, well-organized conference with a varied program. A big thank you to the Croatian hosts with the main organizer Vladimir Pavin for the successful event. I would also like to thank the approximately 140 delegates from 30 countries who showed their interest in our EE with their participation, which I was very happy about.

The agendas in the sections as well as at the general assembly could be carried out quickly and properly. 116 people were present at the general assembly.

Lena Tysk took over the Cavies section ad interim after Evelyne van Vliet resigned in December 2018. In the elections, Jan Schop was elected as the new section chairman. Klaas Snjider was elected to succeed Klaus Weber in the birds sections. All other section chairmen were unanimously confirmed. Lena Tysk, Evelyne van Vliet and Klaus Weber received a warm thank you for their good cooperation.

Hans Ove Christiansen from Denmark was made a deserving honorary member.

The following members were admitted in the EE :

- Portugal in the pigeon section
- Lithuania in the rabbit section
- Rumania with its new 'umbrella' association «FNCPAM» in the pigeon, poultry, rabbit and bird section

Gion Gross and Willy Littau gave a positive, humorous review of the 2018 Europe show in Herning / DK.

In addition to intensive work, we enjoyed the social get-together with interesting conversations - even if you sometimes had to communicate with your hands and feet. On Saturday, visits to the cities of Split and Trogir were on the program. The festive evening was cheerful and lasted for a long time for some ...

Jean-Louis Frindel and Urs Lochmann again did the simultaneous translations. The written translations were done by Michel Bovet and Andy Verelst. I would like to thank you all very much.



Exhibition visits

In the 2019/2020 exhibition season I visited the following shows:

- Swiss pigeon show, Langenthal / CH
- Federal rabbit show, Karlsruhe / DE
- Bird exhibition, Zwolle / NL
- Noordshow, Assen / NL
- Breed-specific Europe show for Swiss pigeons, Kembs / FR

They were all very nice shows. Congratulations to the organizers and the warm hospitality. Photos from the shows are posted on the homepage.

Meetings, conference 2020

In February 2020 a meeting of the presidium took place in the Hotel Duo in Prague / CZ. Actually, the EE conference should have taken place there in May. Everything was prepared and the invitations were sent. Unfortunately, the conference had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Nevertheless, a huge thank you to Peter Zuffa and his team for the great cooperation and organization. Who would have thought that the February meeting would be the last face-to-face meeting with my colleagues for a long time? From June 2020 to September 2021 we had six online presidium meetings. Online sessions were a novelty in the history of EE. A thank you to Andy Verelst, who made the program available. Like that we were able to do our 'business' and deal with additional tasks such as adapting the regulations for European shows. In addition to the meetings, there were, as always, many exchanges via email and phone calls.

Europe show 2021/2022

The disappointment was great when Austria announced in June 2020 that it did not want to hold the European Show 2021 in Tulln. We are happy that Poland stepped in. The show will now take place from November 11th to 13th, 2022 in Kielce / PL.

Member administration

Until 2015, every country and section had to fill out a document with the officials every year. Since then, the data can be entered in the electronic member administration. It would now only have to be adjusted if officials change. One thing to all delegates and presidents: Please check the addresses and bring them up to date, thank you very much! This is how you can get our invitations as well as information from EE and the sections.

Website, Facebook

I try to keep our website up to date and to improve it. Denis Pasques from France always helps me with technical questions. He also works on a voluntary basis. Thank you very much for the pleasant, friendly cooperation! Our Facebook page is used a lot. I am pleased that this and the website are so often visited by people from all over the world.



Conference 2021

In April 2021, Austria informed us that they would not be able to hold the 2021 conference because they had not found a conference hotel and the pandemic situation was too uncertain for them. Our treasurer Willy Littau then agreed to hold the conference in Denmark. Thank you Willy that we can be here in Billund.

Thanks and goodbye

A good eight years ago, as a career changer, I was elected Secretary General in the EE. I've been member in a breeders' association since I was ten years old. Until then, I knew the EE "only" in connection with Europe shows. I didn't think that my office would be so time-consuming. But I've never regretted accepting it. There was a lot of fun. I also learned a lot about association life throughout Europe, but also when setting up the new website and introducing electronic membership management. The best moments for me were always the meetings and correspondence with people from all over Europe. Nice and valuable friendships have emerged for me, thank you very much!

About a year ago I decided that I would give up my position this year to use my free time for other purposes. I would like to thank all colleagues from the Presidium - including those who are no longer there - with all my heart for the great time. We were a good team. A special thank you goes to my President Gion Gross, who supported me at all times and was at my side with words and deeds.

Even if I no longer act as Secretary General, I will continue to breed rabbits and, if possible, participate in shows and Europe shows.

I wish everyone a good health, companionship and continued joy in breeding small animals.

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