



Annual report – General secretary, May 2015 - April 2016

Since the last general assembly, in May 2015 in Metz, a lot of things happened – some good but unfortunately also some bad. It was for me – like for a lot of other people – an extremely intense year. I'd like to look back with you on some activities.

Europe meeting: May 13th – 17th in Metz

The organisation, the Société Centrale d'Aviculture de France, invited us to Metz / FR. The meeting was mostly very well organised and we were treated to culinary delights. A big THANK YOU!

At the general assembly there were 157 delegates with 86 voting cards, which was very gratifying.

Rudi Möckel from Germany was nominated honorary member for his outstanding contribution to the EE. Unfortunately he couldn't attend the meeting because of health issues.

Bosnia and Herzegovina applied for the organisation of the annual meeting of the EE in 2022, since the organisation celebrates his 50 years anniversary in 2021. After the successful meeting of last year, this proposal was gladly accepted and approved off with a big applause from the attendants.

It was our pleasure to admit 4 new members to the EE : Lithuania (pigeons), Denmark (birds), Belgium (birds) and Finland (poultry).

Ukraine (pigeons), San Marino (cavies) and Lithuania (poultry) also applied for membership but were not accepted because they were not present at the meeting or because there were two federations in the country.

The new founded roof association from Serbia was accepted with some restrictions.

The show director, Gaston Harter, informed us about the Europe Show 2015 in Metz/F.

Meeting of October 2th and 3th in Fey / FR to prepare the Europe Show.

The goal of these two days was to organise the judges panel for the poultry, pigeon and rabbit sections. Because the organisation committee didn't prepare the meeting as agreed, the attendants had to put in a huge extra effort.

Besides this there was also a meeting with the board of the EE and the organisation committee of the show. Urs Freiburghaus had prepared the meeting and all the important aspect were gone over once again to make sure nothing would be forgotten.



EE – Europe show : November 13th – 15th in Metz / FR

Before, during and after the show one sometimes got the impression that everything was negative. It is correct that several agreements by contract were not respected. In the poultry section most things were bad, from the catalogue to the housing. If Andy Verelst wouldn't have helped the organisation committee, they wouldn't even have been able to determine the champions. A big thank you to Andy! In the cavy section there were language problems and the exhibition rules were not understood. Furthermore there were mistakes on the animal welfare level in spite of the warnings from the Welfare commission to the organisation committee.

But not everything was bad! In the pigeon section, for example, a lot of things were positive. This was mainly due to the commitment of the French pigeon federation SNC and Jean-Louis Frindel. The housing of the animals was OK, the judging worked well and there were enough volunteers to help. In the rabbit section everything was OK regarding the judging and the catalogue.

The care of the volunteers, judges, etc was catastrophic. Therefore it was not astonishing that a lot of them didn't show up again, e.g. for feeding the rabbits on Saturday night. A few countries then spontaneously helped to feed them, which I personally thought was wonderful. A very big and warm thank you to everyone who helped! The atmosphere and the collaboration within the presidium but also between the countries was very positive in spite of the rather chaotic circumstances. The number of visitors was impressive and shows us that our hobby has the interest of a lot of people from different countries.

Information from the Presidium meeting from 05.02.2016

The meeting took place at the Eventhotel Pyramide in Vösendorf / Vienna. This way everything could be cleared and the last questions could be answered by the organisation and the hotel.

The presidium decided a year ago to suspend the membership of Latvia. Fortunately the two federations got together so that they could participate at the Europe Show. So now the presidium decided to officially put an end to the suspension.

The accounts and the liquidity plan were discussed. The expenses could be greatly reduced in the last few years so that the liquidity plan now looks much better than at the beginning.

The proposition to finance the EE with the rings was discussed and basically approved off. It will be further developed so that we can decide on the next steps at the next meeting.

Urs Freiburghaus informed us that he is negotiating with several possible sponsors and that he will work on a sponsoring concept for the next meeting.

Together we looked back on the Europe Show in Metz. More about this in the separate part.

Willy Littau informed us about the preparations for the Europe Show in Herning, DK, which are already being organised. At the moment the contracts are being prepared.



What is often a taboo topic in many organisations was openly discussed. Every member of the presidium declared how much longer he/she wants to continue so that the succession can be planned well in advance.

The agenda of the 2016 meeting was discussed and also the countries which applied for membership. Serbia seems not to have respected the decisions of the general assembly of 2015. The different federations are notified again that if the situation is not cleared by the general meeting 2016, membership will be suspended again. We will not recommend the general assembly to accept the proposal of the BDRG but we will try to draw up a new proposal.

Several reports of visits to Germany, Poland, Slovakia and Rumania were exchanged.

I informed about the situation of the new website and how it is planned to evolve. The goal is to present the website at the meeting and to make it official from then on.

The new electronic membership administration was introduced a year ago but it is disappointing that only a few countries added their data. A mail will be sent to all countries to remember them to still carry out the administration.

Website

A year ago, the development of the new website was accorded to Denis Pasques / FR. Hans Zürcher, whom managed the „old“ website, will also manage the new one. In uncountable hours we built the new website together. A big thank you for Denis and Hans for their outstanding collaboration and team work.

Thoughts and thanks

Whom of us wants to have a hobby in which people ridicule and curse? I think not a lot of us. That's why I hope we will not elaborate on the negative sides but instead positively approach each other und cherish our hobby and the friendships it brings.

I'd like to thank, in this place, all the functionaries who carry out our meaningful hobby and work to ensure it.

Another big thank you goes to my Presidium colleagues and all the translators for their support and the wonderful collaboration.

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