

**Report of the international judges seminar  
at September 15 – 17 2017 in Doorn / Netherlands**

The seminar is organized by the both Dutch Associations for poultry and pigeon breeders in the comfortable conference center Zonheuvel in Doorn / NL.

This seminar is attended by 76 participants in the EE Section Pigeons from 17 European countries: A, B, BIH, CH, CZ, D, DK, F, H, HR, IT, LIT, N, NL, PL, SK and SRB.

At the arrival desk all participants receive a map and a USB stick containing the given presentations in their preferred language Dutch, English, French or German.

Welcome

The president of the EE section Pigeons, Mr. August Heftberger, welcomes the many, some of them prominent, participants. Thanks to the organizers of this event, to Mr. Thom Laming, president of the Dutch Pigeon breeders Association (NBS) and his crew.

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Mr. Laming welcomes the participants in German language. The presents can follow the presentations by reading these in the map in D, E, F or NL, make notices and ask questions during the session at the next day.

Mr. Laming explains the pigeon fancy in the Netherlands, number of breeders of racing pigeons, show pigeons and flying pigeons, the recognized show breeds in NL and national races, the history of the NBS and the decline of the number of breeders.

Hans Schipper gives a Power Point presentation about the Judge at European Shows. The basis for this presentation are the EE-Regulation for European Shows and the EE Guidelines for Pigeon Judges.

It is expected that the judge knows these regulations.

Issues: announcement by his association, specialism, information to and from the show organizer, selection for all for lingual ability in D, E or F, skill, specialism, EE badge, contracts, obligations before and during the show, superior judge, judging documents, judging process, awarding prizes, championships, checking of right awarding, etc.

Judgment will be done in accordance with the EE-judging system: European Standards, EE comment card, respect of animal welfare, what to do in cases of manipulations, disqualifying faults etc. EE ratings.

Linked up participant judges proposed by their Association are distinguished by Mr. Heftberger with the EE judges badge. They also receive a charter.

Next issue is the presentation of 8 Dutch national breeds by Dutch specialist judges in German language.

The breeds: Old Dutch Capuchin, Holle Cropper, Voorburg Schield cropper, Dutch beauty Homer, Old Dutch Frill, Amsterdam Beard Tumbler, Dutch Highflyer and Old Dutch Tumbler, followed by a short presentation of the other 10 Dutch breeds.

Due to the smooth presentations before, the for the next day planned presentation for foot feather structures, is executed connected.

Sunday September 17 Around the table are about 50 persons

Report of the European Standard Committee for Pigeons (ESCP)

A pressing request from Mr. Jean Louis Frindel for update / input for the EE-Internet site!!. This request is repeated by Mr. Heftberger, supported by Mr. Thom Laming. Last had severe communication problems with associations during organizing this congress by lack of clear contact points.

Today inside the EE all correspondence takes place by e-mail. So please!!

For issues and discussions during the ESCP-meeting at September 15 see the minutes of that meeting..

Futural judges seminars.

Mr. Heftberger continues this issue at the EE-Congress in Eger / Hungary last May.

It could be cheaper and more effective when judges seminar would take place at a regional location, with a more regional character participated by judges from surrounding countries.

The idea is in the two years between a European Show. In the year of that show the general EE judges seminar will take place in the organizing country as preparation for this show.

Intention of local seminars is improvement of knowledge by judges about the EE-judging system and ability for judging at international shows. Besides to speed up the introduction of the EE-system into the EE-member countries who handle their own system.

Reaction: it will not be easy and take time to change the judging system in many countries due to culture.

Mr. Heftberger emphasizes that it is no main purpose to exchange judging systems.

Positive response from the audience.

Before the EE congress In May 2018 in Denmark all member countries of the EE Section Pigeons (EESP) will receive a worked out proposal that will be discussed and voted there.

Questions:

Belgium: what to do when transport of pigeons is forbidden? Answer: is a national problem.

Italy: When 90 points? Answer: in case of big faults (but no disqualifying fault see EE-List.)

In case of a wish 95 points are possible, very small wish even 96.

No further questions.

Session closed.

President EEST  
Mr. August Heftberger

President ESCP  
Mr. Jean Louis Frindel

Secretary EEST and ESCP  
Mr. Hans Schipper