

Extracts from the meeting of the Pigeon Branch of the EE

held at Toledo / Spain on 14th May 2010

The chairman Dr. Werner Lüthgen (D) opened the meeting at 8 am. Present were 28 delegates from 19 countries. (Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, France, Great Britain, Croatia, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Hungary as well as from Ireland, which became member of the EE next day. Apologies were received from Norway and Denmark. No response had been received from Macedonia, Russia and Sweden, although the latter had been invited.

The minutes of the meeting in Ovat/ Belgium, published in German on the internet with summaries in English and French, were approved. The delegates were again reminded that as, in future, all papers would only be published on the internet, so that they would all need internet accounts.

The chairman informed the delegates about the meetings of the EE board in Gallbrunn (A) on 06.02.2010 and on 13.05.2010 in Toledo / Spain. The central points of the discussion was the 26. European Show in Nitra /SLO last year, where about 23.000 animals were presented. The positive, but also the negative aspects of the event were noted and the consequences for future European shows were pointed out. The next 27. European show, which will be realized in 2012 in Leipzig / Germany will not bring us many problems, because in 2006 there had been a very successful show.

Some critical remarks were made to the production of the catalogue of the show in Nitra, which was not on the standard of an international great show. In some cases also the nominated judges of some countries were not able to do a sufficient work, because they had not the necessary overview. In future the EE will establish a more severe selection of judges for the European contest, to which belongs also a participation of the yearly training and information of the EE. Experienced judges will bear in future a special badge, which testify these persons as international judges.

A further European show will be prepared in 2015 in Metz/France. Proposals for the 29. European Show comes from Poland , but also from the Scandinavian countries in Herning / Danmark.

In Spain the member of the EE as up to the present was not able to prepare this EE-meeting in Toledo and gave this task to the FESACOCUR. This Association has done the preparations for this meeting and must formal become member of the EE. At the same time the member of the EE as up to present AEAA will be eliminated. Ireland also will become a new member of the EE in the pigeon branch.

In the poultry branch this year Frans van Oers / NL retired and Wilhelm Riebniger/Germany will be the next chairman of this branch. In the next year Dr. Werner Lüthgen / Germany retired as chairman of the pigeon branch. A new chairman must be searched. This untimely change will be necessary, so that the new chairman can be prepared for the duties, which are essential for the realization of the European show in Leipzig / Germany in 2012.

In the meeting on 13.05.2010 in Toledo all necessary questions for the take over of the responsibility for this meeting by the FESACOCUR and their president Teodoro Moreno Rosell considered and this man was thanked for his commitment. Happily the participation of about 150 persons was registered, whereby a great ladies program with visits in Madrid and the historical town of Toledo will be included.

With the international Federation of homing pigeons associations first contacts had been joined, who will become collective member of the EE as a single member. But in this case the regulations of the EE must be changed.

The next general meeting of the EE in 2011 will take place in Hungary at the Balaton. The necessary capacities of hotels and rooms are available. For 2013 a proposal of Switzerland is submitted to take over the general meeting, which will be discussed in the general meeting on the next day.

The preparations for modifications of the reglements of the EE must be put back and should be discussed in the next meeting of the board., so that a finally conclusion could be done in the general meeting of the next year.

Proposals for membership in the EE are submitted from Ireland (pigeons), Romania (poultry and rabbits) and Slovakia (Cavius) . These proposals must be voted by the general meeting.

The presidency wished to take a contribution of money on the occasion of realization of an European show for special breeds. But the members of the pigeon branch had refused this proposal of the presidency.

Actually the internet program of the EE has some problems, and must be replaced by a new program. Therefore on the day of the meeting no changes and supplement could be transmitted. (but now the program is still correct. All informations could be find under www.entente-ee.com).

During the general meeting the president Urs Freiburghaus / CH and the treasurer Willy Littau / DK should be re-elected. The pigeon branch assists the election.

For the coming season 2010/11, as also for the season 2011/12, altogether 29 European exhibitions for special breeds are announced, which all could accepted. Most of these exhibitions will take place in Germany. It was pointed out, that for these shows an information can be given on the website of the EE.

The report on the work of the European Standard Commission for pigeons (ESKT) was given by the chairman of this group Jean-Louis Frindel /F). Some work had been done before this meeting by Hans Schipper (NL), Dr. Werner Lüthgen (D) and Jean-Louis Frindel (F), so that the EE-list of pigeon-breeds could be completed. Some new breeds could be accepted which were shown in Linz / A. or in Nitra / SK. Also two breeds were shown during the great German shows to the German Standard commission (BZA) of the BDRG for approval. The list is now up-to-date and can be find on the website of the EE (date. 01.06.2010) in the English, French and German Language. Also list of names for the breeds in their home country was prepared by Hans Schipper / NL, which will be put on the website of the EE as addendum.

The next refresher course will take place in Ovfat / Belgium on the third weekend of September. Invitations were distributed. At the same date the judges of the poultry-branch will have their meeting in Luxembourg. For the future both groups should come together on the same time and on the same place. For 2011 a meeting will be prepared in the Tschech Republic.

The presentations of the pigeon branch of the EE on the website of the EE sometimes came later, because there must be a discussion with other groups of the EE before. Therefore not all presentations of the pigeon branch are actual, but they are real. A special thank goes to Hans Shipper / NL, who for the first time has prepared a ðbulletin of the Pigeon Branchö.

The addresses of the delegates as also of the associated national groups were updated and distributed to the delegates. All changes and complete listings should be passed on to the chairman of the branch immediately. Previously many details had been collected from national scientific periodicals but, despite reminders to delegates, many details were still missing. These informations should also include details of chairmen of the national union of judges and of national standard committees. These informations should be used for invitations for the meeting in autumn. Internet addresses of the national associations were examined by the chairman of the branch found to be correct. Associations should link their websites to that of the EE.

The number of members of the national associations were compared with a list from the president of the EE. No differences could be found.

The overview on the important national exhibitions in Europe for the coming season was not yet complete. Missing details should be send to the chairman of the pigeon branch immediately and would be put on the internet.

Proposals and informations from the delegates were not given, so that the harmonious and productive meeting could be closed at 12.30 h. The delegates met afterwards for the traditional group photo.

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