

Protocol of the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare of EE, 14th of May 2015 in Metz / France

1. The Chairman Prof. Dr. Schille welcomes all participants and guests at 8.00 a.m. warmly.
2. Present are the board members Dr. Hermans / NL and Dr. Rey-Bellet / CH. Absent with valid excuse are Dr. Supuka / SK and Jan de Bruine / NL. At the consultation participate as guests: Pierre Chanroy / F, Christoph Günzel / D and Klaas Snjider / NL.
3. As scheduled Prof. Schille takes the minutes.
4. The last protocol was approved and the Recording Secretary Dr. Hermans thanked, as well as Dr. Rey-Bellet for translation into French.
5. The Chairman informs the members about the conferences of the Bureau of the EE, with the show organizers and with the veterinarian of the Department in Metz. In those countries there are still very different requirements for preventive vaccinations.
6. About the correspondences will be informed on the report to the General Assembly.
7. Breed related European shows were not visited last year.
8. Regarding the situation on animal health and animal welfare in the countries Dr. Rey-Bellet gave a detailed report on the new Animal Welfare Ordinance in Switzerland. He brought a copy for each participant. These were discussed at length. Prof. Schille pointed to the differences from the corresponding regulation in Germany, but it was obviously used as a template. The actions of the organization in Switzerland was discussed contrarily, but the board members are hoping for a success. The Switzerland goes its own way when it comes to animal health and animal welfare. This is to accept. In Europe there can only be a basic consensus that allows the member countries particularity. This has to be valid for all countries. Additional contents of the discussion were regulations on cage sizes for exhibitions, amendments to standards and non-recognition of breeds with loss mutations. The Council welcomes the procedure of the Poultry section no new races with such mutations as Seidenfiedrigkeit (Silky Fowls) or Nackthalsigkeit (Naked Necks) to be included in the European standard. The Council recommends to the divisions to consider the animal protection relevance in standard texts.
9. About the Advisory Board has been regularly reported on the web site of EE in the three EE-languages. In future Dr. Hermans will provide the new web site of EE with information from the Advisory Board.
10. The Report of the Chairman of the General Assembly was mailed to the board members 14 days before the consultation. There were no change requests.
11. Participation in the section meetings has been set. Because of the absence of two members, the divisions Cavia and birds could not be visited.
12. The Chairman informs the Council members about the use of the available money provided by the EE. The report and the previous practice is approved.
13. 12:00 a.m. closes the chairman the consultation with many thanks to the participants and their work.