

Minutes of the consultation 2017 of the Commission for Animal Health and Animal Protection of the EE in Eger (H)

The meeting of the Commission took place in a very beautiful area in Eger. For all participants everything was perfectly organized. We would like to thank the organizers for a very well-prepared meeting.

1. Greeting, especially Jean de Bruin / NL

The chairman is warmly welcomed to the members at 2 pm. Jean de Bruin from the Netherlands is welcomed for the first time. The invitation with the agenda has all been received. Janny Hermans has apologized for family reasons.

2. Determination of presence

Present: Prof. Dr. Joachim Schille, Dr. Josef Reybellet, Jean de Bruine and Dr. Peter Supuka
Excused: DRS. Janny Hermans

3. Protollant today

The minutes today is according to the turn written by Dr. Peter Supuka, until his arrival the Chairman writes the minutes. The Commission has agreed that the protocol will be drawn up after the termination of the EE. Within 2 months of the committee meeting, it is sent to the President of the Commission for consideration and then translated into the other languages.

4. Confirmation of the last minutes

The minutes of the meeting, written by the chairman, were all received. It is unanimously confirmed.

5. Report of the Chairman and Members

Prof. Schille informs about the committee meetings of the EE.

Dr. Rey-Bellet reported on VHD2 disease in rabbits and the available vaccine Filavac. For this purpose, an information is displayed.

The members of the Commission discussed the health situation in the various areas of small animals. The VHD2 virus causes large losses in rabbit breeding practically all over Europe. The highest incidence is reported by Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland and France. A difficult situation has also arisen in poultry farming due to the appearance of H5N8 in many countries. Exhibitions and exchanges were prohibited. Dr. Supuka has sent a detailed report on the health situation in the breeding of small animals in Central Europe to all members of the Commission.

6. Correspondence and communications

Chairman Prof. Schille has informed about the incoming mail.

7. Personnel Questions of the Advisory Board

Prof. Schille has informed the Commission about the issues to be solved.

8. CITES in the countries

In Europe the registration of selected animal species has been tightened. CITES was also tightened. This creates new tasks for the records.

9. Situation on animal health and animal welfare in the countries

Last year, the worst animal health situation in poultry and rabbits has probably been recorded. Many European countries were affected by bird flu. As a result of the disease many animals were slaughtered in private and commercial enterprises. An analogous situation was also

observed in the rearing of rabbits and in the occurrence of the VHD2 virus in many countries. VHD2, VHD1 and VHD2 vaccines are already commercially available on the market. Jean de Bruine reported on a very interesting conference on bird breeding, which took place in the Netherlands. The message of the conference was that the breeders should go back to the original colors and variants of the bred birds. The present colors and variants consist of many mutations. The original natural colors have almost disappeared.

10. Commission on the Internet

The Internet contacts are ok, but should be extended.

11. Report of the Chairman to the General Meeting

Commission chairman Prof. Schille prepared a report for the Annual General Meeting and sent it to the Commissioners beforehand. The report was approved.

12. Participation in the branch meetings on 26.5.2017

Prof. Schille will attend the meeting of the pigeon and poultry branch, Dr. Joseph Reybellet at the meeting of the rabbit branch, Jean de Bruin at the meeting of the bird branch, Dr. Supuka at the meeting of the Cavia branch.

13. Suggestions and wishes

The Commissioner thanked everyone for their active participation and wished them a successful meeting in committees and a happy homecoming.

End of the meeting at 5 pm.

Dr. Peter Supuka