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It leads to more effort and costs for the exhibitors at European shows, so that the willingness to exhibit there decreases. That is definitely against the European idea of cooperation. Due to the residence requirements, it is contrary to animal welfare and requires the state veterinary authorities to do additional extra work, depending on the territory.

What do the EE associations have to do about it?

They have to protest in writing in Brussels against the relevant paragraphs of the regulation and also ask their veterinary authorities to protest.

The protest addresses will be published by the advisory board shortly.

The advisory board, in cooperation with the previous officer in charge, Dr. Füssel and Dr. Pittman never experienced it. In working with the above, we have achieved a lot for ourselves:

Two European shows in Leipzig carried out under HPAI conditions.

Corrected the excessive veterinary conditions for Nitra.

With the EC, the "Working Document for the Participation of Birds in International Exhibitions in the EU" was created, which all EU member states have agreed to. With this document, which is activated by the EK and the EE, we were able to carry out European shows in both forms more easily and mostly help with border crossings.

All consultation requirements brought to us are complied with in accordance with the statutes.

We have not achieved the participation of poultry from Switzerland in European shows and those member associations which, in the opinion of the EC, do not ensure the traceability principle of disease control. These problems can only be solved in the respective countries.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the cooperation in the advisory board, the presidium and the divisions, and especially to Dr. Rey-Bellet, who has taken over all francophone work in all years.

He and I are not saying goodbye to EE, we are quietly saying goodbye.

We wish our successors every success!

On behalf of the EE Presidium, I will present my successor to you for election by the General Assembly. It's Dr. Erik Apperlo from the Netherlands. He is a

veterinarian and has been a member of the advisory board for three years. He raises rabbits and keeps Barnevelder chickens.

Prof. Dr. Hans-Joachim Schille