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Dear Delegates, Functionaries and Members of the section pigeons in the EE,

first of all, I would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and happy Christmas, as well as health and success in the New Year 2022.

My wish is, that due to the difficult circumstances, the pigeon breeding will not be given up.

Unfortunately, our expectations from the last Christmas letter were only partially fulfilled.

In the name of the division pigeon, I would also like to thank the organizer of the European meeting in Billund, Willy Littau, who was taken over at short notice. The meeting was excellently organized and very well attended in the pigeon division, with 18 nations and 23 participants.

San Marino was accepted as an association in the EE.

In the ESCP all applications and requests that were received from the nations were processed very positively. The minutes and the bulletin are still being prepared and translated. As soon as they are ready, they will be posted on the EE website.

The exhibition with an early date in some national associations could be carried out with the corresponding of health and veterinary technical requirements.

The large national and international exhibitions (including Breed Specific European Shows) were often victims of the strict requirements imposed by the authorities.

It hits all of us (all of Europe's small animal breeding) very hard, many exhibition directors have put enormous amounts of energy, power and financial resources into the preparations. Those who were lucky enough to be able to take part in early exhibitions during this difficult time noticed how longingly the breeders were finally able to present their animals in the competition.

The year 2020, as well as the year 2021, was for the whole small animal breeding of enormous damage in the breeding and especially because of the numerous exhibition bans, as well as the missing contacts among the breeders and members.

It seems that this pandemic will keep us busy for a longer period of time due to new mutations.

Of course, the whole matter is a major blow to the entire EE community, even worldwide. Despite everything, you shouldn't bury your head in the sand because of this. We from the division management and the ESCP request that the planning for a successful pigeon breeding 2022 be set in mind now.

I only wish all of us together that the whole situation will develop positively in the foreseeable future and that we will be able to refrain from personal contacts.

I would like to thank those show directors, organizers and brave breeders who carried out their planned shows despite the high demands of the authorities.

This also includes Breed Specific European Shows.

Unfortunately, the exchange of high-class animals was only possible to a very limited extent and therefore many high-quality fancy pigeons were victims of the pandemic.

The EE presidium meeting is planned for February 5th, 2022. If you have any requests, please send them to me by January 15th.

The EE meeting is planned for May 26th-29th in Bosnia-Herzegovina. More details will be published on the EE website.

With the cancellation of the international judges meeting 2021 in Austria, the international judges meeting of the pigeon division will take place from 16th -18th September 2022 in Austria, (Pyramiede Vösendorf).

The exhibition contract for the 30th European Show in Kielce (Poland) from November 11th to 13th, 2022 has been signed with the Polish representative and the EE President.

Let's hope that our plans can also be turned into reality.

The revised EU regulation EU688 will pose a major problem for international exhibitions (Quarantine and traces certificate).

Dear officials, please remain confident in spite of all the current setbacks. The beautiful hobby of breeding pigeons connects us in Europe and beyond.

I wish everyone a virus-free time and remain with best regards,  
your President August Heftberger