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Minutes of the International Dobermann Club (IDC) Congress held on Friday, 5th September, 2014 in Hotel Karpatsky dvor, Lozorno, Slovakia.

1.1. Welcoming by the President – Mr. Hans Wiblishauser

Mr. Wiblishauser officially opened the Congress at 09h30 and apologised for Dr. Pezzano not being able to attend. He furthermore welcomed all countries represented. At the same time he expressed his appreciation for the work done and the contribution from his colleagues in the IDC Presidium. He thanked the Dobermann Club of Slovakia and in particular their President, Dr. Gabriele Ridarčikova, and the organisers, Wolfgang & Alica Freyer, for hosting the IDC Congress and the Show, combining hospitality, friendly organisation and competence. In closing he appealed to everybody to jointly work together for a successful future for our Dobermann.

1.2. IDC Office Bearers

President	-	Mr. H. Wiblishauser (Germany)
Vice President	-	Dr. P. Pezzano (Italy) (<i>not present</i>)
Secretary	-	Mr. H. Redtenbacher (South Africa)
Treasurer	-	Mr. R. Beunekens (Belgium)
IDC Breed Warden	-	Mr. N. Daube (Germany)
IDC Working Trials Warden	-	Mr. W. Cohnen (Germany)

2.0. Countries represented and eligible to vote

The following 25 countries were represented:

- Austria - Elisabeth Schmidl & Josef Mühle-Krinninger
- Belgium - Roland Beunekens
- Croatia - Miroslav Bedeković
- Cyprus - Nicola Savvas
- Czech Republic I - Jan Ruzicka
- Denmark - Allan Berling-Christensen & Merete Dalgaard
- Finland - Kristiina Aaltonen
- France - Jean-Paul Godart & Serge Debski
- Germany - Hans Wiblishauser
- Greece - Vassilis Kounelas & Georgia Alachouzou
- Holland - Nadja Timmermans-Kadenko
- Hungary - Tamas Dohoczki & Erika Szokol
- Israel - Joseph Grados
- Japan - Tatsufumi Inoue
- Latvia - Andrejs Petrovskis
- Lithuania - Andrius Cecys & Laura Jazgevičienė
- Macedonia - Zoran Ivanovski
- Norway - Miriam Pedersen & Lisbeth Karlsen
- Portugal - Fernando Magalhaes
- Romania - Csaba Majoros
- Russia -
- Slovakia - Wolfgang Freyer & Gabriele Ridarčikova
- South Africa - Helmut Redtenbacher
- Sweden - Lisa Druse
- UK II - David Anderson

3.0. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following Countries:

- Estonia



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- Montenegro – Miodrag Bubanja
- Spain – Dr. Josep Buló

4.0. Minutes from the 2013 Congress held in Teleki Castle, Romania

The minutes from the previous IDC Congress held on 6th September, 2013 in Romania were made available to all member countries before the Congress and were unanimously adopted.

5.0. Secretarial Office

- 5.1. Email Addresses:** The Secretary re-iterated his previous appeals for informing the Secretarial Office about changes to the email addresses, particularly of persons representing their country in the IDC and especially in view of the above point 4.
- 5.2. Distribution of Minutes:** The minutes were distributed to all Member Countries for which correct email addresses were on record.
- 5.3. Membership Forms:** The appeal for the submission of the annual membership forms by the attending Delegates and countries not represented at the Congress, in many instances falls on deaf ears. The following countries have to date not submitted completed membership renewal forms for 2014/2015 and are requested to do so at their earliest convenience: *Brazil, Czech II (DKSR), Germany, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, USA I (UDC) & USA II (ADA).*

6.0. Finance

The following countries have not yet paid their membership contributions for 2014 – *Iceland & Slovenia.*

All delegates present were reminded that the annual membership fees are due at the latest 1 hour BEFORE the start of the Congress. Countries which have allowed their membership to lapse, will be required to pay a €200.- re-entry fee in addition to their annual membership. Membership submissions must include all bank charges and Member Clubs must pay for a minimum of 50 club members in addition to the basic membership fee of €150.-. Furthermore the Congress decided that countries which are not up to date with their Membership contributions are not entitled to vote.

In closing, Mr. Beunekens stated that the financial records were available for inspection after the Congress.

7.0. IDC Membership

7.1. APPLICATIONS

No new applications were tabled at the 2014 Congress.

7.2. CONVERSION OF “PROVISIONAL” TO “FULL” MEMBERSHIP STATUS

7.2.1. Cyprus (*Application made at 2011 Congress, prov. accepted for 2 years – deferred at 2013 Congress due to no representative present*) – after discussion with the delegate representing Cyprus, Mr. Savvas, it was decided to accept Cyprus as a “full” member of the IDC.

7.2.2. Macedonia (*Application made at 2011 Congress, prov. accepted for 2 years – deferred at 2013 Congress due to no representative present*) – after discussion with the delegate representing Macedonia, Mr. Ivanovski, it was decided to accept Macedonia as a “full” member of the IDC.

7.3. RE-INSTATED MEMBERSHIPS

7.3.1. Israel is re-instated to Full Membership.

7.4. TERMINATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

7.4.1. Serbia – according to information received The Dobermann Club of Serbia no longer exists and consequently their membership has been terminated.

7.5. RESIGNATIONS

7.5.1. Montenegro resigned their membership of the IDC.



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8.0. Annual Report by the IDC President – Mr. Hans Wiblishauser

Ladies and Gentlemen, honoured Delegates,

The year under review brought us, apart from the unforgettable IDC Event in Romania, also a successful WM in Hungary, both major events perfectly executed. Once again I would like to thank especially the responsible Presidents, Mr. Csaba Majoros for his first IDC and Mr. Tamas Dohoczki for WM 2013 as well as the input of their respective support teams. The entry numbers at the IDC Show were recognition of the organisational capability and confirmed the high image of this event. Only the unfair and unsporting behaviour and the lack of respect for judges and winners of some of the exhibitors was regrettable.

As I am always emphasising, our annual IDC Congress should highlight Breed Specific developments and find and implement adequate solutions. Furthermore, we strive for an exchange of information and experience to secure a positive future for our dogs. Proposals and suggestions should be discussed which, however, in their content should comply with the framework of the Co-operation Agreement between the FCI and the IDC. May I remind you at this point once again of the most important extracts from this agreement:

1. The implementation and maintenance of the worldwide sphere of validity for the FCI Standards for the Breeds fostered by this World Association in compliance with the standard requirements of the country of origin of the Breed.
2. Worldwide guarantees for the maintenance of the character and working attributes as demanded in the Breed Standards.
3. Worldwide maintenance of the working ability.
4. Worldwide guarantees for the maintenance of the health aspects of the Breed.
5. Co-operation in fundamental cynological issues, particularly in those which are of national or international political importance.
6. If necessary, to formulate the aforementioned aims in an additional Breed Specific agreement with detailed regulations.

In addition the statutes of the IDC need to be complied with.

In particular ZTP Assessments have become in most member countries an established part of the annual events calendar. It is therefore for me inexplicable that in particular a member country like Austria has eliminated the ZTP from its Breed Regulations. What advantage should this bring for the Dobermann? Such measures weaken our common aims to create internationally equal prerequisites for a healthy and strong Breed.

In isolated instances, certain Breeders infringe on FCI Regulations by making use of more than one kennel affix and they do not breed at their place of residence but in various countries where then registration of the litters takes place. Within the framework of a proper Breed control, this practice cannot be tolerated. Germany will withhold ZTP participation if apparent irregularities cannot be clarified without doubt by the Breeder, and furthermore refuses a transfer into the German Breed Register of dogs which are not born in the country where they are registered.

In conclusion, I thank the members of my Presidium for the work and support afforded during the whole year because they are a valuable constituent of this International Dobermann Club. I wish you successful and friendly IDC days 2014.

9.0. Report by the IDC Vice President – Dr. Pierluigi Pezzano

Dobermann's Genetic Management

In Dr. Pezzano's absence, his report was presented to the Congress nonetheless.

The honourable President and members of the Presidium, honourable delegates to the Congress. Following the decisions taken at the Congress in 2013, I have waited for the pedigrees of the IDC Member Countries. Cut-off date for these submissions was 30th November, 2013. In addition to the data received in previous years which are out of date in the meantime, I have received in January, 2014, the data from South Africa and France and furthermore in June, 2014, data from Russia, partly in hard copy and partly in digital format. I have also tried to find a new sponsor but without success unfortunately. The failure of the original project and the insufficient data played a big part in this respect. Also the University of Barcelona is no longer interested in our project, after the contract

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expired. To me it is clear that under these circumstances there is no way in which we can continue with this project. I am very sorry but at present I see no possible solution.

10.0. Annual Report by the IDC Breed Warden – Mr. Norbert Daube

The following Breed information constitutes the main points of Mr. Daube's annual report:

At first I would like to commend the President of the Romanian Dobermann Club, Mr. Csaba Majoros, and his team for the well organised IDC Congress and World Sieger Show held from 7-8 September, 2013. At the same time I thank the 6 officiating judges from 5 different countries who skillfully judged some 550 entered Dobermanns in front of a very large public gallery. The "Sieger Dogs" have been widely published.

In 2013, 30 foreign sires were used in Germany, resulting in 48 litters with 252 puppies. This corresponds to an average litter size of 5 puppies.

HD Assessments:

444 HD Assessments by Dr. Nele Ondreka (this includes German as well as foreign Dobermann) produced the following results: HD-1 (A) = 364; HD-2 (B) = 44; HD-3 (C) = 25; HD-4 (D) = 11. Gratifying also the many foreign dogs which are assessed by the German Institute.

Since 1997, an eye examination for dogs entered in the Körung, has been compulsory. In 2013 voluntary eye assessments were also free of any eye diseases. Only vets which have been qualified by or belong to the DOK-circle may carry out this examination.

ZTP Assessments: 31 ZTP Assessments were carried out in Germany and in foreign countries. Total submitted dogs = 276, thereof 36 with Starter ZTP, with the following results:

Conformation Gradings	-	119 Excellent / 121 Very Good / 6 Good
Temperament Gradings	-	169 1A / 77 1B
Deferred	-	25
Unfit for breeding	-	5
Successful	-	246

Regarding the modified ZTP regulations, Mr. Daube drew attention to the addendum applicable to ZTP tests in foreign countries and reiterated particularly the necessary time frame for the application for a ZTP Licence: *"the ZTP licence must be granted at least 3 months before the event and a judge's acceptance of the appointment does not replace the licence."* All Dobermanns from foreign countries have to be assessed as to whether they qualify for a ZTP.

Pertaining to the above, I again would like to refer to the HD x-rays which are forwarded to me either on film or CD, as we keep on receiving telephonic enquiries as to the progress in the assessment of these x-rays. Thereto the following comments:

1. Some of the veterinarians only forward the x-rays to me after weeks or months
2. For approximately 2 years, we have published in the UD and other foreign magazines that CDs can no longer be assessed at the normal cost because they are often very difficult to open and require a longer time input. Please do not submit x-rays on CDs any longer.
3. Since 2014, the assessment authority has established a portal in Hanover where HD x-ray images can be uploaded directly by the veterinarian. The relevant email address has been published in the UD March, 2014 issue. Countries were also informed individually. Please inform your veterinarians accordingly.

I hope that I presented you herewith with the relevant Breed information and test results.

In conclusion Mr. Daube once again confirmed those countries for which HD and ED assessments are recognised: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Holland, Italy (for ENCI pedigreed dogs only), Norway, South Africa, Sweden, and Switzerland; and thanked all present for their attention and for placing their trust in him.

11.0. Annual Report by the IDC Working Trials Warden – Mr. Willi Cohnen

The following information constitutes the main points of Mr. Cohnen's annual report:

In 2014 Slovakia hosted the IDC WM for the 4th time. Under the leadership of Wolfgang & Alicia Freyer the members of the Slovakian Dobermann Club provided optimal conditions for this top event.

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For reasons of health, our IDC President, Mr. Wiblishauser, could not attend and had to cancel his attendance at short notice. In his place Mr. Beunekens attended as member of the Presidium and acquitted himself very well. After the Friday afternoon training sessions, the official opening of the IDC WM took place with the entry procession of all the participating teams. The extreme weather conditions with excessive rain made the tracking grounds difficult because the grass was 60cm long in some places. 41 teams from 16 nations were present and provided over two days a high level of dog sport and an exciting competition. Judges were: A – Simon Kwak (NL); B – Tamas Doh (HU) & C – Vons van den Bosch (BE). All three judges were convincing with their assessments. The best performance was produced by last year's World Champion, Jürgen Gutbrod with Atarix Big Ben who was justifiably rewarded with 97% in discipline A. From the German team Claudia Fuhrmann with Lucia von der Burgstätte also achieved 97% in discipline A. In total on the track, the grading EX was awarded twice, VG awarded 4 times, G 9 times and S 7 times. Thus 22 participants completed the track successfully.

In discipline B participants also produced excellent performance. Especially the performance of Ludik Silhavy with Harlequin Gumby deserves mention with an achievement of 98%. In total 3 x EX, 11 x VG, 23 x G and 7 x S. In discipline C much was demanded of the dogs and the event remained exciting until the very last minute. Altogether very satisfactory performance. The following assessments and gradings were awarded – 1 x EX, 11 x VG, 17 x G, 5 x S and 7 x IS. A great compliment and thank you to both assailants who performed outstandingly on both days and were consistent from the first to the last dog. Thus, it was obvious that the title of Individual World Champion goes to Slovakia to Ludik Silhavy with Harlequin Gumby – 92 – 98 – 91 Total: 281. The competition in the team event was also exciting and four nations took part. The title of Team World Champions went to Germany, who achieved a total of 800 points. Vice World Champions the team from Czech Republic with 794 points, 3rd place to Italy with 762 points and 4th place to Sweden with 753 points.

An enjoyable gala evening and awards ceremony concluded the event.

12.0. Proposals & Topics

- 12.1. GERMANY:**
- i) **Modification to Breed Standard** – Mr. Wiblishauser informed the Congress that the modifications have been submitted to the FCI. These modifications describe the uncropped ear and the undocked tail. The ear should lie close and be set high and the undocked tail is preferred as a normal arc (sabre tail – not coiled). Furthermore Mr. Wiblishauser also reminded that the Dobermann is a medium sized working dog.
 - ii) **Transgression of FCI Rules** – Breeders breeding under numerous kennel affixes in different countries where they are not resident.
 - iii) **Breed Registers** – Mr. Wiblishauser reminded all delegates that all KC's are obliged to make available their Breed Registers on request.
 - iv) **Submission of WM & Show results** – all host Clubs of the annual IDC WM and Show are obliged to submit, in Excel format, immediately upon conclusion, at the latest within 3 days, the results of these events by email to info@dobermann.de.
 - v) **IDC Congress & Show 2016** – after discussion the Congress and Show was awarded to Italy for 2016.
- 12.2. AUSTRIA:**
- i) **Health – DCM** – Austria requests the implementation of new Breed Regulations to contain this disease in the Dobermann. During the discussion about DCM, the delegate from Holland referred to a new development in humans which can also be adapted to animals in order to test for DCM.
 - ii) **FCI Pedigrees** – Austria requests support in order to prevent the procurement of FCI documentation for uncontrolled litters. Under this point Mr. Wiblishauser informed the Congress that Germany will not recognise any pedigrees of dogs where the origin and the related documentation are not clearly and demonstrably evident.



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- iii) **Official Assessments for private shows** - Requests support of the DV and the IDC to refrain from official assessments at private events/shows in order to prevent binding usage of such assessments.
- 12.3. **PORTUGAL:** **HD Assessments** - Portugal once again submitted a request for the acceptance of HD assessments from Portugal and an indication of a possible way forward in order to achieve this.
- 12.4. **GREECE:** **STARTER-ZTP** – request permission to hold 1 more Starter-ZTP event in Greece before the end of 2014 – permission granted.
- 12.5. **ROMANIA**
- i) **Evaluation time for HD Assessments** – owners need more information regarding the delay in the HD-assessments. In response, Mr. Daube once again explained the procedure of submission in order to speed up the process and also referred to this issue in his annual report.
- ii) **STARTER ZTP** – request an extension of Starter-ZTPs. The sudden stop of the Starter-ZTP will eliminate dogs from breeding or from possible IDC Sieger Titles. Any possible further Starter-ZTPs will be dealt with on an individual basis by the DV e.V. who will decide each case on its merits.
- iii) **Croatian KC** is disregarding FCI regulations by not judging colours separately (black & brown) and not awarding CAC's to each colour. This is apparently the case when fewer than 25 dogs are present.

13.0. Venues for future IDC Events

The following venues have been approved by the Congress and where indicated dates are also confirmed:

- IDC World Championships 2015 – Dobermann Club of Sweden **22-24 May, 2015**
- IDC Congress & Show 2015 – Dobermann Club of Finland **28-30 August, 2015**
- IDC World Championships 2016 – Dobermann Club of Hungary (HDK)
- IDC Congress & Show 2016 – Dobermann Club of Italy (AIAD)
- IDC World Championships 2017 – Dobermann Club of Italy (AIAD)
- IDC Congress & Show 2017 – Dobermann Club of Hungary (HDK)
- IDC World Championships 2018 - **Application received from Holland (DVIN)**
- IDC Congress & Show 2018 - **Application received from Slovakia (SDK)**

14.0. General

In order to ensure suitable tracking facilities on the day, the IDC Working Trials Warden, Mr. Cohnen, requested an inspection of the grounds by a local IPO Judge for 4-6 weeks prior to the WM events. There would then be enough time to look for alternate grounds in case of unacceptable conditions.

15.0. Closing address by The President

In his closing address, Mr. Wiblishauser once again thanked all delegates for their constructive co-operation and participation in the discussions and wished everybody two pleasant days at the Show and in Slovakia.

The meeting closed at 13h20.

Minutes prepared by
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H. Redtenbacher

1st President of the IDC
H. Wiblishauser



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2014 IDC SIEGER DOGS:

- Black Sieger – *Pocho di Prisconte*
- Black Siegerin – *Pride of Russia Barbarossa*
- Brown Sieger – *DragonDonner von Hohenzollern*
- Brown Siegerin – *Mocca von Bavaria*
- Black Junior Sieger – *Thor del Nasi*
- Black Junior Siegerin – *Pride of Russia Ruslana*
- Brown Junior Sieger – *Dobergaarden Forever Orlando*
- Brown Junior Siegerin – *Giulia dei Borboni*



Pocho di Prisconte



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Mocca von Bavaria



Thor del Nasi



Pride of Russia Ruslana



Dobergaarden Forever Orlando



Giulia dei Borboni