



INTERNATIONALER DOBERMANN CLUB

Minutes of the International Dobermann Club (IDC) Congress held on Friday, 6th September, 2013 in Teleki Castle, Romania.

1.1. Welcoming by the President – Mr. Hans Wiblishauser

Mr. Wiblishauser officially opened the Congress at 10h10 and welcomed all countries represented. He thanked the Dobermann Club of Romania (DCR) and in particular their President, Mr. Csaba Majoros, for hosting the IDC Congress and the Show, combining hospitality, friendly organisation and competence.

1.2. IDC Office Bearers

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

2.0. Countries represented and eligible to vote

The following 24 countries were represented:

- Belgium - Roland Beunekens
- Brazil - Gris Goncalves
- Croatia - Miroslav Bedeković
- Denmark - Allan Berling-Christensen & Merete Dalgaard
- Estonia - Kaidi Juurik & Mare Meldre
- Finland - Hannu Asumaa
- Germany - Hans Wiblishauser
- Greece - Georgia Alachouzou
- Holland - Nadja Timmermans-Kadenko
- Hungary - Tamas Dohoczki & Erika Szokol
- Iceland - Unnar Mar Magnusson
- Italy - Pierluigi Pezzano & Barbara Brici
- Latvia - Andrejs Petrovskis
- Lithuania - Andrius Cecys & Laura Jazgevičiene
- Macedonia - Jordan Hristovski (*arrived late*)
- Norway - Lisbeth Karlsen & Bente-Line Nordtweit
- Romania - Csaba Majoros
- Russia - Alexander Gorbachov
- Serbia - Jovica Golubovic & Dejan Malbasa
- Slovakia - Wolfgang Freyer & Gabriele Ridarčikova
- Slovenia - Igor Tomašič & Ester Gjorek
- South Africa - Helmut Redtenbacher
- Sweden - Lisa Druse
- UK II - David Anderson

3.0. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

- Mr. Rainer Friedrich – IDC Working Trials Warden
- Austria – Inge Eberstaller
- Cyprus - Mario Antoniou
- France – Serge Debski
- Montenegro – Miodrag Bubanja
- Portugal – Fernando Magalhães
- Spain – Dr. Josep Buló

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4.0. Minutes from the 2012 Congress held in Lago di Tesero, Italy

The minutes from the previous IDC Congress held on 14th September, 2012 in Italy 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 2013/2014 and are requested to do so at their earliest convenience: **Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech I (MDSK), Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA II (ADA).**

6.0. Finance

According to information received from the IDC Treasurer, Mr. Roland Beunekens, as at 30th April, 2013, the following 3 countries had not yet paid their membership contributions for 2012 – **Israel, Mexico I, Mexico II** and they have been notified by email on 24th June, 2013, that their Clubs have been disaffiliated. The following countries have not yet paid their membership contributions for 2013 – **Cyprus, Japan & Montenegro.**

All delegates present were reminded that the annual membership fees are due at the latest on the day of the Congress. 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 2012 Congress.

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

- 7.2.1. **Cyprus** (*Application made at 2011 Congress, prov. accepted for 2 years*) – there being no delegate present from Cyprus, it was decided to defer the conversion of “provisional” to “full” membership to the 2014 Congress.
- 7.2.2. **Latvia** (*Application made at 2011 Congress, prov. accepted for 2 years*) – after discussion with the delegate representing Latvia, Mr. Petrovskis, it was decided to accept Latvia as a “full” member of the IDC.
- 7.2.3. **Macedonia** (*Application made at 2011 Congress, prov. accepted for 2 years*) – there being no delegate present from Macedonia, it was decided to defer the conversion of “provisional” to “full” membership to the 2014 Congress.
- 7.2.4. **Lithuania** (*Application made at 2010 Congress, prov. accepted for 2 years – deferred for 1 year at 2012 Congress*) – after discussion with the delegate representing Lithuania, Mr. Cecys, it was decided to accept Lithuania as a “full” member of the IDC.
- 7.2.5. **Montenegro** (*Application made at 2010 Congress, prov. accepted for 2 years – deferred for 1 year at 2012 Congress*) – there being no delegate present from Montenegro, it was decided to defer the conversion of “provisional” to “full” membership to the 2014 Congress.

7.3. RE-INSTATED MEMBERSHIPS

There were no re-instated memberships.



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7.4. TERMINATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership of Israel, Mexico I and Mexico II has been terminated on account of non payment of membership fees.

7.5. RESIGNATIONS

There were no resignations received.

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

The IDC President, Mr. Wiblishauser, referred in his annual report inter alia to the well organised IDC Congress and Show in Italy and the very successful WM in Hungary. Both these major events were hosted to perfection by AIAD and the Hungarian Dobermann Club respectively. Mr. Wiblishauser furthermore emphasised that in the first instance the IDC is a Breed organisation and that a healthy Dobermann has the highest priority. On many diverse Internet forums, however, the debate concerns only diseases and the impression is created that our Breed stands on its last legs. Breeders are at war with Breeders, exhibitors vilify exhibitors and apart from their own dog, all others are bad. There is little evidence of uniform co-operation, friendship or common hobby. Is an International Union such as the IDC still relevant?

Mr. Wiblishauser furthermore emphasised the necessity of internationally uniform criteria for the healthy Dobermann. Inseparable from that are the required Breed controls and the uniform appraisal of documentation and assessments. Only in this way can a healthy Dobermann be assured in the long term. In this regard the ZTP tests have established themselves as precursors and in many IDC member countries they already constitute a fixed component of Dobermann breeding. For this reason as from 01.01.2014, the Starter ZTP will only find application in countries which have joined the IDC recently and then only for a limited period. In particular, the discussions regarding heart disease in the Dobermann lack general participation and the support for the scientific research is disappointing. Heart disease in the Dobermann can only be addressed through positive cooperation with scientists on an international level and with corresponding responsibility by Breeders.

With regard to the now long announced and coming Breed Standard modification for uncropped ears and undocked tails, Mr. Wiblishauser informed the Congress that the Dobermann Breed Standard will be changed accordingly as from 01.01.2015. This will affect thereafter also exhibitions with corresponding national requirements. However, for dogs already docked and cropped before this date, an interim arrangement will be possible.

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

Dobermann's Genetic Management

In his report concerning the current state of Dobermann's Genetic Management, Dr. Pezzano could not deliver positive news. Despite repeated requests for the provision of the required data, only 9 member countries responded at all. Of that, 3 countries informed that their relevant umbrella bodies, for various reasons, could not supply the requested information. Only 5 countries supplied the required data. According to Dr. Pezzano under such conditions this project is not feasible and in the meantime the contract with the University of Barcelona has expired. Dr. Pezzano, however, has agreed to continue his efforts but only when the necessary data is at his disposal, at the latest 31.01.2014 (name, date of birth, registration number, father & mother are required). If a new sponsor can again be found for this project is, however, debatable. In this context, Mr. Wiblishauser informed that the Breed Register of every member and contract partner of the FCI must be made available to FCI recognised organisations and the general participation on this research project leaves a lot to be desired.

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 Italian Dobermann Club, Dr. Pierluigi Pezzano, and his team for the well organised IDC Congress and World Sieger Show held from 14-16 September, 2012. At the same time I thank the 6 officiating judges from 4 different countries who skillfully judged some 600 entered Dobermanns in front of a very large public gallery. The "Sieger Dogs" have been widely published.

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In 2012, 29 foreign sires were used in Germany, resulting in 53 litters with 319 puppies, almost identical to the previous year.

HD Assessments:

528 HD Assessments by Dr. Tellhelm (this includes German as well as foreign Dobermann) produced the following results: HD-1 (A) = 437; HD-2 (B) = 54; HD-3 (C) = 30; HD-4 (D) = 7. 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 2012 none of the submitted dogs had any eye diseases. Only vets which have been qualified by or belong to the DOK-circle may carry out this examination.

ZTP Assessments: 45 ZTP Assessments were carried out in Germany and in foreign countries. Total submitted dogs = 407, thereof 47 with Starter ZTP, with the following results:

Conformation Gradings	-	221 Excellent / 115 Very Good / 7 Good
Temperament Gradings	-	246 1A / 109 1B
Deferred	-	49
Unfit for breeding	-	3
Successful	-	355

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 Starter ZTP or a full ZTP. The introduction of the Starter ZTP has also established itself very well as an assessment modus for foreign dogs. 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. Rainer Friedrich

Due to the absence of the IDC Working Trials Warden, Mr. Friedrich, there was no report presented.

12.0. Proposals & Topics

12.1. GREECE: ZTP – Request permission to participate in ZTP tests with certified Copy of HD assessment from Kennel Club of Greece. As the original HD assessments are returned to the Greek KC, an officially certified copy will be accepted for the ZTP.

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 2014 – Dobermann Club of Slovakia (SDK) - **23-25 May**
- IDC Congress & Show 2014 – Dobermann Club of Slovakia (SDK) - **5-7 September**
- IDC World Championships 2015 – Dobermann Club of Sweden
- IDC Congress & Show 2015 – Dobermann Club of Finland
- IDC World Championships 2016 – Dobermann Club of Hungary (HDK)
- IDC Congress & Show 2016 – Dobermann Club of Slovenia
- IDC World Championships 2017 – Dobermann Club of Italy (AIAD)
- IDC Congress & Show 2017 – Dobermann Club of Hungary (HDK)

14.0. General

The Serbian Delegate, Mr. Malbasa, asked questions regarding Standard modification, vWD and ZTP requirements for the IDC WM Sieger. Holland informed about the inadequate English translations for some of the topics discussed at the Congresses.

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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 Romania.

After a half hour Lunch-break, the meeting closed at 13h30.

Minutes prepared by
IDC Secretary
H. Redtenbacher

1st President of the IDC
H. Wiblishauser

2013 IDC SIEGER DOGS:

- Black Sieger – *Orson von Nemesis (Germany)*
- Black Siegerin – *Wita del Monte Aspro (Italy)*
- Brown Sieger – *Grand Mollis Armani (Russia)*
- Brown Siegerin – *Havana dei Due Intenti (Italy)*
- Black Junior Sieger – *Toscano del Diamante Nero (Italy)*
- Black Junior Siegerin – *J'Adore Gucci v Nobel Line (Sweden)*
- Brown Junior Sieger – *Aguirre vom Westwall (Germany)*
- Brown Junior Siegerin – *Dorothea vom Nibelungenring (Germany)*



Orson von Nemesis



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