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2009 FCI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Minutes of the meeting held on October 5-6, 2009
at the SAS Radisson Carlton Hotel in Bratislava, Slovakia*

Members of the General Committee

Mr. H.Müller (CH),	President
Mr. K.Reisinger (A),	Vice-President
Mr. R.de Santiago (PR),	Treasurer
Mr. U.Fischer (D)	
Mr. K.Järvinen (FIN)	
Mr. S.Stefik (SK)	
Mr. J.Hindse (DK),	Delegate of the European Section
Mr. M.A.Martínez (RA),	Delegate of the Americas and Carib Section
Mr. T.Nagamura (J),	Delegate of the Asian and Pacific Section
Mr. Y.De Clercq	Executive Director

Alphabetical list of the members and contract partners attending or being represented

Argentina (full)	N.Frascino
Austria (full)	M. Kreiner F. Tschöp H. Maissen-Jarisch
Belgium (full)	F.Denayer
Belarus (associated)	A.Kisljakov G.Zhuk L.Sergeeva
Brazil (full)	S.Meira Lopes de Castro E.Maria Meira de Vasconsellos Lopes de Castro
Bulgaria (associate)	K.Litov D.Kuzelj V.Grigorova
Chile (full)	Proxy to Costa Rica
China (contract partner)	Mr. Liu Mr.s Zhang

Colombia (full)	Proxy to Brazil
Costa Rica (full)	W.Céspedes W.Rodríguez A.Méndez
Croatia (full)	D.Skok B.Matakovic
Czech Republic (full)	L.Siroky
Denmark (full)	J.Glavind
Ecuador (full)	D. Delos Marquez Mantilla P. Gonzalez Alava
El Salvador (associate)	A.Eugenia Vazquez M.De Mendez
Estonia (full)	M. Lepassar
Finland (full)	H. Suni M.Talvitie
France (full)	G. Arthus JP Petitdidier A.Varlet
Germany (full)	P.Friedrich H.Wiblishauser C.Habig
Greece (full)	I.Galanos S.Makaritis
Guatemala (full)	A.Landarte
Honduras (associate)	F.Marichal R.Arauz
Hungary (full)	A.Korosz T.Jakkel A.Marton
India (full)	C.V.Sudarsan P. John
Ireland (full)	S.Delmar J.Mulholland
Israel (full)	E.Etinger
Italy (full)	J.Vandoni Furiosi B.Zanieri
Japan (full)	I.Awashima Y.Ueda
Latvia (full)	V.Klucniece L.Zake
Lithuania (full)	R.Kazlauskaite N.Nekrosiene
Luxemburg (full)	N.Schwab G.Schwab

Malta (associate)	J.Muscat M.R.Spiteri
Mexico (full)	J.L Payró A. Villalobos
Moldavia (associate)	S.Volinet A.Lupascu M.Lazo
Morocco (full)	A. El Baroudi
Netherlands (full)	G.Jipping
Norway (full)	N-E Haagenrud P.Roenningen E.Eng
Panama (full)	I.Kincaid J.Ronco
Paraguay (full)	Proxy to Uruguay
Peru (full)	Proxy to Argentina
Philippines (full)	A.Benedicto Santos III
Poland (full)	A. Mania E.Zumis
Porto Rico (full)	Proxy to Mexico
Portugal (full)	C.Molinari
Republic of South Korea (full)	Proxy to the Philippines
Romania (full)	P.Muntean Z.Lokodi D.Klein
Russia (full)	Y.Gavrilova
San Marino (associate)	F.Stacchini J.Keukens Stacchini
Serbia (full)	A.Bjelovic M.Urosevic
Slovakia (full)	I.Kocajda J. Jursa O.Fintora
Slovenia (full)	B.Kavcic
South Africa (full)	G.Eva
Spain (full)	J.Hernández Luis
Sweden (full)	U.Uddman N.E.Ähmansson
Switzerland (full)	P.Rub B.Müller
Taiwan (full)	Proxy to Japan
Thailand (full)	Proxy to India

Ukraine (full)	G. Onishchenko I. Onishchenko
Uruguay (full)	J.Nallem
Venezuela (full)	J.L.Martínez

1. Opening

At 9.15, Mr. Müller opens the meeting, welcoming the huge number of countries present. He indicates that Mr. de Santiago, FCI Treasurer, could not attend due to health problems. The General Committee and the General Assembly, via Mr. Delmar, wish him a quick and complete recovery. He congratulates the Slovakian Kennel Club (SKJ) on the tremendous amount of entries at the World Dog Show. He reminds about the procedure to call the General Assembly and observes that all the requirements were fulfilled. The General Assembly is therefore legally constituted. Mr. Müller then asks for one minute of silence to pay a tribute to three famous cynological personalities who passed away over the last two years, ie MM Valcargenghi (I), Räber (CH) and Fredricsson (S).

Mr. Stefik, President of SKJ, welcomes the audience and underlines the vast participation in the World Dog Show, with a total entry of 21.021 dogs + another 9.000 dogs entered at national and club shows.

The audience is later shown a beautiful Power Point presentation about the venue where the World Dog Show will take place, the Incheba halls.

2. Roll-call and Proxies

Mr. De Clercq calls the full members. 52 full members are present or represented and allowed to vote. The absolute majority (50%+1) for the decisions on proposals is reached with **27 votes**.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2007 General Assembly held in Acapulco

The delegate of the Malaysian Kennel Union was not mentioned in the minutes. Apart from this observation, no comment and no vote against the minutes which are approved unanimously. Mr. Müller thanks Mr. De Clercq.

4. Report of the General Committee by the President

Mr. Müller reads out the report of the General Committee (see encl.1).

The report is approved unanimously.

5. Report of the Executive Director

Mr. De Clercq reads out his report (see encl.2). Applause from the General Assembly.

Mr. Skok expresses the wish to be regularly informed about the most important news of the FCI; he adds that some kind of "newsletter" would be very useful.

6. Financial Reports 2007 and 2008 – Budgets 2009 and 2010

Mr. de Clercq invites the General Assembly to put any question. Mrs Molinari asks for some clarification on different items of the Balance Sheets. She also advocates the allocation of a budget to the non-mandatory commissions in order to help the national kennel clubs that have to bear all the costs of their delegates in those commissions.

Information are given on the investments which were made, on the expenses for the meetings of the General Committee and for the FCI magazine.

Mrs Kincaid expresses her concern about the high exchange rate of the \$ vs €.

Mr. Delmar is not convinced that the paper version of the FCI Magazine still is necessary and Ms Nekrosiene says that she is not happy with its current lay-out. Mr. Doubosky, on the contrary, truly is in favour of keeping a "traditional paper version". He finds the magazine essential to the FCI.

Mr. Reisinger points out that the magazine is directed mostly to the FCI members and judges, which accounts for the very specific articles that it includes.

Finally, Mrs Kincaid indicates that she would like the budget to be drawn for the three (and not two) years to come in order that we do not have to approve a budget for a year which has already started.

**The 2007 and 2008 Balance Sheets are approved with one abstention.
The 2009 and 2010 Budgets are approved unanimously.**

7. 2009 and 2010 fees

Mr. de Clercq informs that the General Committee proposes not to change the amount of the fees. Mr. De Clercq informs the Assembly of each separate fee. **Unanimous approval.**

Full membership fee	900 €
Associated membership fee	400 €
CACIB fee (per dog)	1.25 €
CACIT, CACIL, CACIOB, CACIAG fee (per event)	15 €
Affix fee (per affix)	6 €
FCI Magazine (per issue)	1 €
Export Pedigree (Contract Partners)	2 €

8. Elections

According to the new Standing Orders, Art.2b, Mr. Müller proposes to have MM Hindse, Martínez and Nagamura (delegates of the FCI Sections in the General Committee who do not stand for the elections) + the Executive Director as the committee running the elections. Approval of the General Assembly.

Mr. Hindse explains that the voting system will be the same as the one applied two years ago in Acapulco.

a) Voting procedure: should 3 posts have to be filled, then 3 different names maximum can appear on the ballot paper. Ballots with 4 or more names or ballots with no name are not valid and not taken into consideration.

b) Majority: one considers the total number of the names appearing on the ballot papers. This number is then divided into the number of posts to be filled. The result is divided again into two and one is added to the figure obtained so that the majority is determined (e.g.: 3 vacant posts, 150 names in total appearing on the ballot papers. The majority is then: $150:3=50$, $50:2=25$, $25+1=26$)

Approval of the General Assembly with however 3 "noes".

According to the new Statutes, Art.17e, Mr. De Clercq confirms that all the candidates for the elections are officially supported by their respective kennel club.

8.1 General Committee: 3 posts to fill

Candidates: MM Müller (CH), Reisinger (A), Habig (D), Petitdidier (F), Jipping (NL), Payro (MEX), Jakkel (H) and Ms Nekrosiene (LIT)

All the candidates introduce themselves briefly with exception of MM Müller and Payro, presented by their respective kennel club.

Absolute majority : 23

Mr. Müller : 28 votes : elected

Mr. Habig : 25 votes : elected

Mr. Jakkel : 24 votes : elected

Mr. Jipping : 23 votes

Mr. Payro : 14 votes

Mr. Reisinger : 10 votes

Mr. Petitdidier : 5 votes

Ms Nekrosiene : 2 votes

Election of the President

Mr. Rub suggests to elect Hans Müller. No other candidate, **Mr. Müller is elected by applause until the next General Assembly.**

The three elected candidates express their warmest thanks to the General Assembly. Mr. Müller adds that he feels sorry for K.Reisinger with whom he cooperated for more than 20 years on the General Committee.

8.2 Mandatory Commissions

a) Legal Commission : 3 posts to fill

Candidates : MM Frascino (AR), Scheibler (CH), Tauber (A) and Dondina (I)

The candidates are briefly presented.

Absolute majority : 23

Mr. Scheibler : 38 votes, elected

Mr. Tauber : 38 votes, elected

Mr. Frascino : 37 votes, elected

Mr. Dondina : 23 votes

b) Standards Commission : 3 posts to fill

Candidates: MM Payro (MEX), Wiblishauser (D), Eva (ZA) and Mr.s Mulholland (IRL)

The candidates are briefly presented. Mr. Eva introduces himself.

Absolute majority : 25

Mr. Payro : 44 votes, elected

Mrs Mulholland : 42 votes, elected

Mr. Wiblishauser : 37 votes, elected

Mr. Eva : 20 votes

c) Scientific Commission : 3 posts to fill

Candidates: MM Hedhammar (S), Villalobos (MEX) and Mrs Duran (UY)

The three outgoing candidates stand for election. No other candidate is proposed.

Mr. Hedhammar (S), Mr. Villalobos (MEX) and Mrs Duran (UY) are all elected by a unanimous applause.

8.3 Auditor and his/her substitute

Mr. Müller explains that according to the new Statutes, Art.23, the General Assembly has to elect an auditor and a substitute.

Mr. Haagenrud suggests to have Mr. Ahmansson as auditor and Mr. Skok as substitute. No other candidate.

Mr. Ahmansson is elected auditor of the FCI accountancy and Mr. Skok, his substitute, by a unanimous applause.

9. Candidates for the title of honorary members

Mr. Müller explains that according to the new Statutes, Art.29, the General Committee has the right to propose that some prominent people be bestowed with the title of honorary members or president.

On behalf of the General Committee, Mr. Müller proposes Mr. Uwe Fischer (D), who retired today from the General Committee, Mr. Ermanno Maniero (PE) and Mr. Reisinger (A).

Unanimous applause from the General Assembly.

MM Fischer, Maniero and Reisinger are bestowed with the title of FCI Honorary Members.

MM Reisinger and Fischer ask, successively, for the floor. Both thank their colleagues in the Committee as well as the General Assembly. They insist on the very good moments they spent, the results achieved, etc. They assured the audience that they remain at the disposal of the FCI.

Mr. Müller thanks the two gentlemen, emphasizes their loyalty, their impressive work and their competence.

The General Assembly applauds once again MM Reisinger and Fischer.

10. Representation in the non-compulsory commissions

Mr. De Clercq informs that some countries have not yet filled in and returned the appropriate form sent to all the countries in May this year. The members which do not return the document will not be allowed to have representatives in the commissions. No exception will be granted.

11. Comments on the commissions reports

Report of the standards commission

Mrs. Kincaid asks if there is any chance that all the breed standards be properly illustrated. Mr. De Clercq informs that the countries of origin have already been contacted twice in this respect without any result. The FCI Office will turn again to the members concerned. The General Committee has decided that the standards had to be illustrated by two (head and body) photos or drawings provided for by the countries of origin.

Report of the scientific commission

No comment.

Report of the legal commission

No comment.

Report of the show judges commission

Mr. Jakkel indicates that it is a very active commission and he looks forward to more support.

Report of the hounds commission

No comment

Report of the retrievers commission

No comment

Report of the breeding commission

No comment

Report of the continental pointers commission

No comment

Report of the British pointers commission

No comment

Report of the spaniels commission

No comment

Report of the utility dogs commission

No comment

Report of the agility commission

No comment

Report of the earth dogs commission

No comment

Report of the sighthounds races commission

No comment

Report of the rescue dogs commission

No comment

Report of the herding dogs commission

No comment

Report of the sledge dogs commission

No comment

12. a) Applications for full membership

Malta (Malta Kennel Club – MKC)

A long debate takes place during which the members express their approval or disapproval. The relations between MKC and the other club in Malta, the possibility to get two different pedigrees in the country, the fact to allow the exhibitors to officiate in either club, the size of the country and of the kennel club, etc. raise lots of comments.

44 votes in favour, 3 against, 5 abstentions : MKC is accepted as an FCI full member.

Bulgaria (Bulgarian Republican Federation of Cynology - BRFC)

Another long debate takes place with lots of comments in favour and against the application of this club. The judges education system is questioned by several members.

46 votes in favour, 1 against, 5 abstentions : BRFC is accepted as an FCI full member.

El Salvador (Asociación Canófila Salvadoreña - ACANSAL)

50 votes in favour, 2 abstentions : ACANSAL is accepted as an FCI full member.

Honduras (Asociación Canófila de Honduras)

51 votes in favour, 1 abstention : Asociación Canófila de Honduras is accepted as an FCI full member.

Belarus (Belorussian Cynological Union : BCU)

50 votes in favour, 2 abstentions : BCU is accepted as an FCI full member.

b) Application for associated membership

Uzbekistan (Cynological Federation of Uzbekistan – CFU)

Mr. De Clercq informs that this club is not updated with FCI payments. No delegate of the club attends the meeting.

The point is withdrawn from the agenda.

At 5.30 pm, Mr. Müller closes the first part of the General Assembly.

At 10.00 am, Mr. Müller opens the second day of the General Assembly.

Mr. De Clercq calls out the full members; the majority, as yesterday, is reached with 27 votes.

Mr. Müller informs that he got information from the FCI Office that the Cynological Federation of Uzbekistan had in the meantime paid their debts. However, 49 members abstain from voting on resuming the discussions about this club's membership application.

13. Proposals of the General Committee

a) Amendments to the Statutes and Standing Orders (encl.27 of the agenda)

A short debate takes place about the amendments. The main amendment, following a proposal from the legal commission, concerns the change of the concept of "usual residence" into "legal residence".

Another important point is to deal with the "kennel name co-ownership by owners living in different countries". The last part of the proposal (Art.8, studbooks) is withdrawn by the General Committee. These amendments require in order to be passed a 2/3 majority vote, ie 35 votes.

Yes : 40, No : 2, Abstentions : 10

The motion is passed.

b) Amendments to the Standing Orders (encl.28 of the agenda)

These amendments require in order to be passed a 2/3 majority vote, i.e. 35 votes. It is made clear that in case the owner of the dog is a club or a legal entity, then the person responsible for breeding is the legal representative of the club or the entity.

Yes : 49

The motion is passed.

It is agreed that both proposals (encl.27 and 28) will become effective from January 1st, 2010.

14. Proposals of the countries

Norway and Sweden : To encourage democratic procedures within the FCI

Mr. Ahmansson regrets that the new statutes approved in Acapulco, aiming at making the FCI even more democratic, are sometimes not observed by the General Committee which took some decisions without consulting the members. He asks the General Committee to listen to the FCI members and to communicate more intensively with them.

Mr. Müller asks for a vote on the letter : 41 yes, 0 no, 11 absentions. The General Committee takes note of the letter.

MM. Denayer and Varlet believe that the creation of the CIE is against the FCI Statutes, Art.2. In addition, they regret that two different titles, CIE and CIB, depending on the section where the dog is registered, can be obtained with the same requirements. Mr. Denayer suggests to re-name the title CIE into "FCI Breed Standard Champion".

Mr. Skok understands this position; however he insists that we cannot remain blind and have to open our eyes to what actually happens in our society and the wish from many breeders to get the CIE without any hunting/working test.

The General Committee takes note of the above information.

15. World Dog Shows

2013 World Dog Show + General Assembly : Poland and Hungary

The delegates of Hungary and Poland show very well illustrated Power Point presentations about the venues and the cities which candidate to host the world dog show and the general assembly.

Hungary : 32 votes

Poland : 19 votes

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The MEOE will host the 2013 world dog show and general assembly.

2014 World Dog Show : Finland

The Finnish Kennel Club is the only candidate and makes a brief presentation.

The Finnish Kennel Club, by unanimous vote, will organise the 2014 world dog show.

16. Any Other Business

Mexico : FCI judges officiating in dissident clubs

Mr. Payró puts forward this matter to the General Assembly and suggests that any judge officiating at a show (national or international, all-breed or specialty) should be reported to and punished by the FCI according to the following procedure :

1st unauthorised judging : 1-year suspension

2nd unauthorised judging : 5-year suspension

3rd unauthorised judging : definitive suspension

There is a consensus that the FCI CANNOT suspend judges as they are under the responsibility of their national kennel clubs.

Mr. Delmar indicates that it is legally prohibited in Ireland to suspend a judge. Mr. Martinez does not agree : when you become a member of a private club, you have to accept its internal rules as you represent this club.

Mr. Meira informs that the situation in Brazil is similar to that of Mexico where two German Shepherd Clubs exist and where the WUSV recognises only the breed club which is not affiliated to the FCI member is this country.

Mr. Eva informs about the same problem in his country.

Mr. Payró also points out that he was informed of a recent decision made by the WUSV : the members of WUSV are allowed to accept any pedigree provided that it carries the WUSV logo. The condition to have the FCI logo is not required any more.

Mr. Delos Marquez Mantillas fully supports the position of the Federación Canófila de Mexico.

Ms Galanos thinks that an important question is : why did we reach a situation where in so many countries, we have two clubs representing the breed, one within the national kennel club, the other out of it.

A long debate goes on with different opinions from Romania, Ireland, Hungary, Panama, etc.

Mr. De Clercq indicates that the reality is such that in many countries, there exist two breed clubs for the German Shepherd and that all the members, the FCI and WUSV have to put up with this situation.

Finally, Mr. Friedrich commits himself to start a constructive dialogue with the heads of the SV-WUSV in order to find an acceptable solution. The General Assembly agrees.

Philippines : FCI and Eukanuba

Mr. Benedicto Santos points out that in some Asian countries, Eukanuba puts some requirements (free ads in the national magazine, etc) in order for their dogs to be allowed to take part in the Eukanuba World Challenge.

He puts a number of questions regarding the contract between the FCI and Eukanuba.

Mr. Reisinger gives clear answers to the questions and gives indications as to the “history” of the contacts between the FCI and Eukanuba. He insists that each member is “free” to negotiate with any commercial partner and that no clause in the contract indicates that the members MUST deal with Eukanuba.

All the members agree that Eukanuba CANNOT put requirements as explained by Mr. Santos. This will be communicated to Eukanuba.

At 1.00 pm, Mr. Müller closes the meeting, thanks the interpreters, the SKJ and the audience. He wishes all the members a good stay in Bratislava for the World Dog Show.



H.W.Müller
President



Y.De Clercq
Executive Director