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Reunion of the EuDDC delegates

16/05/2025 - Palazzo Del Plenipotenziario, p.zza Sordello 43, Mantova

Start of the meeting: 1.45 pm.

Countries present: Germany, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Spain, Finland, Austria, Ireland, Czech Republic, Poland, Portugal, France, Italy, Hungary, Slovakia.

With 15 countries represented, the absolute majority is 8

1. Welcome message from the office of the president of the SIA:

Welcome to Mantua, a historic setting rich in tourist attractions and equipped with a large exhibition center. Many thanks to the SIA for organizing this event.

Mrs. Vincenza Mangano, president of the SIA, is unfortunately seriously ill and has asked us to convey her greetings and her joy at seeing the EuDDC 2025 come to fruition in Italy thanks to the SIA. 179 dogs are registered for Saturday's show and 206 for Sunday's EuDDC show. She wishes all participants, members, and exhibitors a pleasant and successful time in Mantua and expressly asks that dogs not be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances and that they be treated with the respect and love they deserve.

All delegates thank her with loud applause and wish Vincenza a speedy and full recovery.

2. Ratification of the protocol from last year

It has been sent to all countries. It is possible that some countries that have changed presidency and have not communicated the new contacts did not receive it. Please contact the secretariat, it will be sent to you by e-mail without any problem.

Vote: Adoption of the 2023 protocol: unanimous

3. Report of the president of the EuDDC: Mrs. Vincenza Mangano

See point 1

4. Financial report

Mrs. Monin presents a table of bank movements (incoming and outgoing). The total amount on the EuDDC account on 15.05.2025 is 7391.66 Euro. A number of countries have not yet paid, some pay as every year at the General Assembly.
The countries that have not yet paid will receive a reminder.

5. Auditor's report

The invoices and account management were checked by the SIA, the SIA's representative confirmed the correctness.
The financial report was accepted by all countries present.

6. Report of the breeding and health commission

The revised FCI 235 standard also requires a revision of the Assessment form for admission to EuDDC breeding. Mrs. Daniela Zevens, breeding manager at the DDC, presents the “new” Körform and explains the key changes. In addition to the evaluation of the black-spotted gray color, a detailed selection result is now handed out to the dog owner. The old Körform showed an overall score in points, which did not provide a comprehensible description without a corresponding evaluation key. The new evaluation form continues to award points, but the associated software translates the individual points into a detailed description of the assessed dog in the background. This ensures transparency and clarity.

Mrs. Zevens reviews the Körform in an open discussion and explains the existing definitions and the few changes made point by point. Suggestions and proposals for changes are taken into account and will be discussed at the fall meeting of the EuDDC Health & Breeding Commission.

Mrs. Zevens also proposes incorporating the respective national language into the Körform. Member countries can send their translations to the EuDDC secretariat, which will then forward them to Mrs. Zevens.

The Breeding Commission thanks Mrs. Zevens for this considerable simplification of the assessment process and for the enormous amount of work she has done behind the scenes.

7. Membership fees

In view of the current balance in the EuDDC treasury, the Secretariat proposed that the membership fee be left at 150 euros.

Vote: 15 votes in favor, unanimous

8. Election of the Breeding and Health Committee 2025-2028

Ten candidates are running for the six vacant seats.

In addition to the permanent chairmanship of the DDC, the newly elected members are: Croatia, Finland, France, Spain, Ireland, and the Czech Republic.

All those elected accept their election.

9. Election of the first secretary of the EuDDC 2025-2031

Mrs. Nathalie Monin stood for re-election and was unanimously re-elected to thunderous applause. Mrs. Monin accepted her election with gratitude.

10. Presentation of the EuDDC 2030 organization

Belgium is bidding to host EuDDC 2030 and presents the Belgian Great Dane Club and its highly motivated organization and exhibition team. The two exhibitions (club exhibition and EuDDC exhibition) will not take place as part of a CACIB exhibition, but is organized separately as independent events. Several options are available for the venue, and on-site negotiations will begin once the EuDDC has agreed to Belgium as the host country.

Vote: unanimous in favor of Belgium

11. Amendments to the statutes and registration of judges who are not members of the FCI on the EuDDC list of judges in accordance with Ireland's proposals

John Walsh explains the various proposals for amendments to the statutes and submits each of them for discussion. Each proposal is voted on individually, and the proposals are accepted by a majority vote.

John Walsh also explains the amendment concerning the inclusion of judges who are not members of the FCI on the EuDDC list of judges. These judges must meet a series of conditions and their inclusion on the EuDDC list of judges is subject to the approval of the EuDDC assembly.

This proposal is also accepted by a two-thirds majority vote (4 votes against).

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12. Belgium provides information on new guidelines for breeding. Essentially, the state regulates breeding guidelines on important points according to ideological criteria. No expert opinion has been sought on this subject and no discussions have been held with breed clubs or the umbrella association.

The criterion of “cruel breeding” is applied very broadly and sometimes without scientific evidence. These well-intentioned guidelines go far beyond their objective and are sometimes even counterproductive, as only registered breeders are penalized, instead of preventing uncontrolled dog breeding and illegal trade.

13. DCBG President Houshmand Salmasi announces Bulgaria's candidacy for 2031. In a moving speech, he emphasizes the loyalty and solidarity between the EuDDC and the DCBG during the difficult years Bulgaria has gone through. He looks forward to welcoming EuDDC members to Bulgaria in 2031 and showing them not only the beauty of his country, but also the many mastiffs in the Bulgarian region.

The official bid for 2031 will be submitted and presented in 2026 at the EuDDC in Slovakia.

Ms. Monin requested to inform the EuDDC secretariat of elections and changes among EuDDC members in order to keep contact details up to date.

End of the meeting 5.00 pm.

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