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## 2017 FCI GENERAL ASSEMBLY *Minutes of the meeting held on November 6-7, 2017* *Congress Centre, Leipzig, Germany*

### Members of the General Committee

Mr. R.de Santiago (PR),	President
Mr. G. Jipping (NL)	Vice-President
Mrs. C. Molinari (PT)	Treasurer
Mr. T. Jakkell (HU)	
Mr. K. Järvinen (FI)	
Mr. M.A. Martínez (AR)	
Mr. J. Hindse (DK),	Delegate of the Europe Section
Mr. J-L Payró (MX)	Delegate of the Americas and the Caribbean Section
Mr. D. Santos (PH)	Delegate of the Asian and the Pacific Section
Mr. Y. De Clercq (BE)	Executive Director

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

Full members	Associate members	Contract Partners
Argentina	Turkey	Egypt
Austria	Montenegro	Viet Nam
Azerbaijan	Bahrain	Armenia
Belgium	Uzbekistan	Bosnia-Herzegovina
Brazil (+ Honduras)	San Marino	Iran
Bulgaria	Pakistan	Kyrgyzstan
Chile (+ Costa Rica)		
China		
Colombia		
Croatia		
Cyprus		
Czech Republic		
Denmark		
El Salvador		
Estonia		
Finland		
France		
Germany		
Greece		
Guatemala		

Full members	Full members	Full members
Hungary	Moldova	Russia
Iceland	Netherlands	Serbia (+ Macedonia)
India	Nicaragua	Singapore
Indonesia	Norway	Slovak Republic
Ireland	Panama	Slovenia
Israel	Paraguay	South Africa
Italy (+ Monaco)	Peru	Spain
Japan	Philippines (+ Belarus)	Sweden
Latvia	Poland	Switzerland
Lithuania	Porto Rico (+ Dominican Republic)	Taiwan
Luxembourg	Portugal	Thailand
Malaysia	Republic of Korea	Ukraine
Malta	Romania	Uruguay (+ Cuba)
Mexico (+ Ecuador)		

### 1. Opening

At 9.30 am, the VDH President, Dr Pr P. Friedrich opens the meeting by welcoming all the countries to Leipzig. He then provides technical instructions and the programme of the day. He hopes that all members will be cooperative and creative.

The FCI President, R.de Santiago thanks warmly Germany for hosting the General Assembly and the World Dog Show following the withdrawal of Ecuador. He informs that the invitations and the agenda/enclosures were sent in due time by the FCI Office.

### 2. Roll-call and Proxies

A list with all attendees (countries and individuals) is circulated and signed. 68 full members are present or represented with the right to vote.

The absolute majority is reached with 35 votes:  $68/2+1=35$

### 3. Approval of the minutes of the 2015 General Assembly held in Milan

No comment and no vote against the minutes which are **approved unanimously**.

### 4. Report of the General Committee by the President

R.de Santiago reads out the report of the General Committee (see annex 1): approval by show of hands majority.

### 5. Report of the Executive Director

Y. De Clercq makes a presentation of the activities of FCI and its members for 2015 and 2016 (see annex 2): approval by a show of hands majority.

### 6. Financial Reports 2015 and 2016 – Budgets 2018-2019

C. Molinari makes a presentation about the financial reports and profit and loss accounts (see annex 3): approval by show of hands majority – no opposition.



*Mr Jipping* is elected in the second round (4-year mandate)

## **8.2 Election of the President**

**R. de Santiago** is the only candidate. The official support letter of his kennel club was sent to the FCI. JH asks the audience if an election by a show of hands is possible since there is no other candidate. Applause from the General Assembly.

***R. de Santiago is elected President for a 2-year mandate.***

## **8.3 Mandatory Commissions**

### **a) Standards Commission : 3 posts to fill**

Each candidate introduces himself/herself or is introduced by his/her national canine organisation. Every candidate has the official support of his/her national canine organisation.

*68 ballots collected, all valid.*

<b>C. Guintard (FR): 57</b>	P. Heikkinen-Lekhonen (FI): 17
<b>F. Asnaghi (IT): 38</b>	J. Opara (PL): 2
<b>P. Friedrich (DE): 50</b>	W. Eikeseth (NO): 8 votes

***C. Guintard, F. Asnaghi and P. Friedrich*** are elected for a 4-year mandate.

### **b) Scientific Commission : 3 posts to fill**

Each candidate introduces himself/herself or is introduced by his/her national canine organisation. Every candidate has the official support of his/her national canine organisation.

*68 ballots collected, all valid.*

<b>J.A. Villalobos (MX): 61</b>	A. Kazmierski (PL): 28
<b>M. Duran (UY) : 51</b>	
<b>V. Kucerova-Chrpova (CZ): 37</b>	

***J.A. Villalobos, M. Duran and V. Kucerova-Chrpova*** are elected for a 4-year mandate.

## **8.4 Auditor and his/her substitute**

The FCI General Committee suggests the following candidates for a 2-year mandate

**J. Hernandez (ES), Auditor**

**D. Muto (IT), Substitute**

***J. Hernandez and D. Muto are both elected*** by a show of hands majority.

## **9. Candidates for the title of honorary members and honorary president**

No candidate is proposed.

## **10. Representation in the non-compulsory commissions**

YDC explains the system and indicates that the FCI Office will shortly communicate the deadline to inform about the commissions where the FCI members/contract partners want to be represented and the names of their delegates. Without this information, the members/contract partners will not be invited to the commissions meetings.

## **11. Comments on the activity reports of the commissions**

**Mandatory commissions**

*Standards:* no comment.

## **Non-mandatory commissions**

*Breeding*: the delegate of South Africa asks to be consulted whenever questions/issues arise about the Rhodesian Ridgeback, their native breed.

*Continental Pointers, Earth Dogs, Flyball, Herding Dogs, Rescue Dogs, Show Judges, Shows, Sighthound Races, Sledge Dogs, Spaniels, Utility Dogs*: no comment

## **12. Membership applications**

### **1. Applications for full membership**

**Bolivia (KCB) and Sri Lanka (KASL)**: JL Payró, President of the FCI Americas and Caribbean section, and D. Santos, President of the FCI Asia and Pacific section, inform that the representatives of both national organisations cannot attend the meeting. Therefore the items are removed from the agenda.

All the other applying members show a nice and complete presentation.

**Pakistan (KCP)**: D. Santos, President of the FCI Asia and Pacific section, gives a positive report on the Kennel Club of Pakistan. A debate arises regarding the multiple membership of KCP with other clubs (AKC, CKC and KC). The logos of the AKC, KC and CKC and Asia Kennel Union have to be removed from the pedigrees issued by KCP. Different questions are raised about the KCP Office, about dog fights, about the regulations followed by the KCP (KC or FCI). Dog fights are totally and officially prohibited by the government and KCP strongly opposes them by different campaigns. There may be isolated - in some hidden corners - dog fights but it is not a common thing at all. The delegate of Pakistan confirms that his club fully adheres to FCI Rules and Regulations. Concern is raised about a possible existing law regulating the welfare of dogs. There is a specific government department dedicated to the protection of animals (not only dogs though).

*68 ballots collected, 1 missing vote*

**Yes: 37**

No: 30

### ***The Kennel Club of Pakistan is admitted as a full member of FCI.***

During the counting of the votes, the delegate of Ireland makes a formal statement that members interaction within the Sections of FCI and indeed interaction between the 3 FCI Sections is so important. It should be based on mutual respect, communication, consultation and agreed compromise where appropriate.

Politics are a natural part of every aspect of life but when they over ride the core values of an organisation they become toxic.

He hopes all our FCI members try to maintain the highest standards of co-operation going forward.

**San Marino (KCSM)**: report by the President of the FCI European Section, J. Hindse. Positive recommendation from the FCI Board.

**Turkey (KIF)**: report by JH. Positive recommendation from the FCI Board.

**Montenegro (KSCG)**: report by JH. Negative recommendation from the FCI Board.

**Bahrain (BKC)**: report by DS. Positive recommendation from the FCI Board.

No questions are raised before the vote takes place.

68 ballots collected, all valid

**San Marino: 56 Yes**

**Turkey: 64 yes**

**Bahrain: 37 Yes**

Montenegro: 25 Yes

***The Kennel Club of San Marino, the Köpek Irklari ve Kinoloji Federasyonu and the Bahrain Kennel Club are admitted as full members.***

6.30 pm: end of the first day

9.30 am: the meeting resumes on the second day.

**Call of the members:** YDC calls out the full members, following the same procedure as the day before, in presence of a German notary. The point about applications for associate membership will be discussed after the debates on the proposals of new Statutes and Standing Orders.

68 full members are present or represented with the right of vote. The absolute majority is reached with 35 votes.

### **13. Proposals of the General Committee**

#### **13.1 - 13.2 FCI Statutes and FCI Standing Orders**

Special majority for Statutes and Standing orders,  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the cast votes:  $\frac{68}{3}=23*2=46$ .

Special majority for the aims and objectives (in the Statutes),  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the cast votes:  $\frac{68}{4}=17*3=51$ .

At the request of the delegate of Malaysia, it is made clear that abstentions are not taken into consideration. The above figures are those that will apply in case there are no abstentions.

The FCI legal counsel explains the formalities to have the amendments approved by the Belgian authorities. A first resolution has to be approved before the debates can start. A vote by a show of hands takes place.

**Resolution:** *Recognition of the proposal of the new version of the statutes elaborated by the General Committee of the association*

Votes cast: 68

**Votes in favour: 67**

Votes against: 0

Abstentions: 1

A discussion starts about a proposal made by the Italian delegate regarding the Statutes, Art 3.1. The debate takes a couple of hours. 3 (counter)-proposals are made and since it turns out impossible to reach an agreement, the delegate of Romania proposes to hold an extraordinary General Assembly. RS agrees and suggests to suspend the discussions about the FCI Statutes and FCI Standing Orders and celebrate an extraordinary General Assembly for that purpose only. The proposal is backed by the General Committee.

**53 members are in favour** to change the Statutes and Standing Orders

**64 members are in favour** to hold an extraordinary General Assembly.

***The extraordinary General Assembly will be held in Brussels in 2018 at a date to be determined.***

In addition to points 13.1 and 13.2 of the today's agenda, other points will be included: 15.3, 15.7, 15.8, 15.9 as they are related to points 13.1 and 13.2.

*The German notary leaves after those debates.*

## **12.2 Applications for associate membership**

All applying contract partners present a short PowerPoint presentation and say a few words about their own national kennel club.

**Armenia (ADLA):** JH reports and informs about the positive recommendation of the FCI Board.

The Azerbaijan delegate reports on the critical political situation. JH and RS insist that the FCI will never interfere in political matters. TJ comments that the request of Azerbaijan that Armenia should not organise CACIB shows in the occupied territories of Karabakh could be considered.

**Bosnia-Herzegovina (KSuBiH):** JH reports and gives a positive recommendation. Panama investigates about the ratio « number of judges/number of shows ». The representative from Bosnia and Herzegovina explains that many of these judges were already appointed under the Yugoslavian period. In addition many of them are working trials judges.

**Kyrgyzstan (UCKR):** JH reports. The GC's opinion is positive.

**Viet Nam (VKA):** DS reports. The GC's opinion is positive.

No questions are raised before the elections take place.

*67 ballots collected, 1 invalid.*

**Armenia: 48 yes**

**Bosnia-Herzegovina: 50 yes**

**Kyrgyzstan: 54 yes**

**Viet Nam: 48 yes**

***The Armenian Dog Lovers Association, the Kinološki Savez u Bosni i Hercegovini, the Union of Cynologists of Kyrgyz Republic and the Vietnam Kennel Association are adopted as associate members.***

*After lunch, new call for the majority: Estonia and Greece left. With a total of 66 members, the absolute majority is reached with 34 votes.*

## **14. Proposals of the mandatory commissions (standards and scientific) and the General Committee: definitive recognition of 4 breeds**

**Russkiy Toy (Russian Toy) (352):** positive recommendation from the Board, following the opinions communicated by KJ and MAM. Vote by a show of hands: **67 yes. Breed recognised on a definitive basis.**

**Cimarrón Uruguayo (353):** a short movie is projected. Positive report from TJ, backed by CM. Vote by a show of hands: **66 yes. Breed recognised on a definitive basis.**

**Gończy Polski (Polish Hunting Dog) (354):** a short movie is projected. Positive report from TJ. Vote by a show of hands: **67 yes. Breed recognised on a definitive basis.**

**Tornjak (Bosnian and Herzegovinian - Croatian shepherd dog) (355):** a short movie is projected. Positive report from JH, backed by CM. Vote by a show of hands: **66 Yes. Breed recognised on a definitive basis.**

***The four breeds will be eligible for the CACIB at the 2017 International and the World Dog Show in Leipzig following huge approval by the General Assembly (65 in favour).***

## 15. Proposals of the members

### 15.1 **Germany: creation of a new FCI commission for Canicross and Turnierhundsport**

The German representative explains: 10 years ago, only Austria and Germany conducted that kind of competitions. It is a sportive discipline, where both dog and man have to exercise together. The sport has gained popularity and the opinion of the German delegate is that this discipline should have its own commission (and not be under the FCI commission for Utility Dogs). The German delegate gives more information about what Canicross and Turnierhundsport are about. Canicross: about 40 countries, Turnierhundsport: 3 countries (DE, AT and LU) are currently practising those sports.

Vote by a show of hands

**Yes: 61**

No: 0

***The non-mandatory commission is officially created.***

### 15.2 **Mexico**

#### **1. Definitive cancellation of the agreement between the FCI-VDH-SV-WUSV**

The Mexican representative informs that according to their information, the convention has caused troubles in a high number of countries. RS reports on the meeting held between the FCI official delegates and the WUSV. The FCI gave a draft of new contract and asked for counter-proposals before the General Assembly. Nothing was sent by WUSV. GJ informs that he is not in favour of a contract. It is made clear that there is a 6-month termination notice in the convention, which means that if the GA votes for the cancellation, the contract will remain valid another 6 months. Discussions take place with different countries intervening: Chile, Germany, Ireland, Spain and South Africa. MAM and CM also confirm their support to the proposal.

Vote by a show of hands

Yes: **60**

No: **0**

Following the vote, the Romanian delegate asks that the agreements with the World Breed Club Associations (not only WUSV) be a matter for the General Assembly.

#### **2. Application of the penalties for FCI judges who are judging at events not recognised by the FCI**

The FCI now has to wait for the 6-month termination notice. However, it is clear that it is against EU laws to prohibit a judge from officiating at dissident events. So, the proposal cannot apply to EU countries. Spain experienced the opposite situation and all the cases related to that issue were won by RSCE. Since point 1 was voted, in 6 months, the countries where the application of penalties is possible will be able to implement them. The countries in the EU zone should not, in principle, be able to implement them. No vote is taken.

### 15.3 **Mexico: health, welfare and protection for dogs worldwide**

Mexico proposes the creation of a mandatory commission in charge of health, welfare and protection for dogs worldwide. Chile is in favour of the proposal. The commission would issue regulations to be followed by NCO, breeders, exhibitors. The proposal will be studied in the frame of the extraordinary General Assembly.

### 15.4 **Finland: creation of a new FCI commission for Rally Obedience**

The sport is getting very popular in Finland and in many countries. The Obedience commission stated that they could not be held responsible for the management of the sport. **58 countries are in favour. The creation of the non-mandatory commission is approved** and Finland will take care of the organisation of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.



### **15.5 Finland: yearly number of international dog shows per national canine organisation**

The proposal is removed.

### **15.6 Latvia-Moldova: clarification of the membership status of Hong Kong Kennel club**

RS suggests to drop the point as HKKC is not present. However, it is commented that HKKC has chosen not to come, on their own will, being aware that the point was on the agenda. The matter cannot be postponed until HKKC finally accepts to attend a General Assembly.

The Latvian delegate reports on the situation. Hong Kong is an official part of China, with however a huge level of autonomy. However this does not give them the right to remain on the list of the FCI full members. According to the contract signed in 2011 by the FCI/CKU/JKC and the Asia and Pacific section, CKU should be the only representative of China. The point is not to exclude Hong Kong but to withdraw their membership. The Spanish delegate reminds about the matter of Gibraltar. The Chinese delegate understands that Hong Kong has a special status and it is understandable that HKKC would like to remain in the FCI family. China Kennel Union will accept the decision of the General Assembly. MAM's position is as follows: only CKU is allowed to vote and HKKC can cooperate with CKU if they so wish.

TJ asks what to do with pedigrees, the control of the litters, the management of kennel names, etc. already issued/registered by HKKC.

CKU informs that discussions need to take place between them and HKKC about the above matters. It is made clear that the members of HKKC have to be protected.

TJ indicates that if the decision of 2011 is implemented, an appendix to the Agreement has to be created in order to protect the rights of exhibitors and breeders. It is suggested to give a 6-month/1-year transitional period to implement the agreement. CKU takes note that they will have the support of the FCI in this procedure. The Romanian delegate indicates that HKKC is a limited company. The assistance of the FCI legal counsel may be necessary as it is against the FCI statutes. The FCI legal counsel supports the proposal of Latvia.

The Irish delegate proposes to task the General Committee to have a clear proposal to be discussed at the extraordinary General Assembly. The FCI Board is against and wants an immediate implementation of the agreement with a transition period. The transition period would last until Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

The French delegate asks the different Section representatives if all the FCI members really are non-profit making organisations.

A vote by a show of hands is conducted regarding the removal of HKKC from the list of FCI members.

**Yes: 51**

No: 0

The FCI will officially notify the HKKC of the above decision.

### **15.7 Latvia: amendments to the FCI Statutes in force**

Postponed to the extraordinary General Assembly.

### **15.8 Lithuania: amendments to the proposal of revised FCI Statutes (several articles)**

Postponed to the extraordinary General Assembly.

### **15.9 Lithuania: amendments to the proposal of revised FCI Standing Orders (Art.8.1):**

Postponed to the extraordinary General Assembly.

**15.10 Gibraltar: basic moral and ethical principles for breeders:** point is removed from the Agenda as there is no delegate from Gibraltar.

**15.11 Philippines and Malaysia: creation of a new FCI Grooming commission.** The delegate from Malaysia delegate reports on the proposal. A short debate takes place.

**Yes: 36. *The creation of a new non-mandatory commission is officially approved.***

**15.12 Malaysia: Creation of an independent arbitration panel for FCI judges:** the Malaysian delegate reports on the reasons for this proposal. A debate takes place. It is considered that the proposal would result in loss of sovereignty for the national kennel clubs.

**Yes: 6**

**No: 38.**

***The motion is turned down***

**16. Unique Code Project**

YDC explains the main lines of the project: creation of a huge and secured database including essential information from all the pedigrees. It would not be necessary anymore to enter the names of dogs when preparing catalogues, when doing the lists of results, etc. The information would be retrieved from the database, making it sure that the information about the dogs would be clean and that with time, the database of all national kennel clubs would be totally accurate. YDC does not ask for a formal approval but a principle agreement that the FCI Office can go on with the project, for which a pilot experience will now start with a couple of countries.

**Yes: 54**

**17. 2021-2022 World Dog Shows applications**

The 3 applying members make a presentation of their project.

**2021 (with General Assembly) (Czech Republic and Ireland)**

**Czech Republic: 36**

Ireland: 27

***The 2021 General Assembly will take place in Prague (CZ) and the WDS in Brno (CZ).***

**2022 (without General Assembly) (Czech Republic and Brazil)**

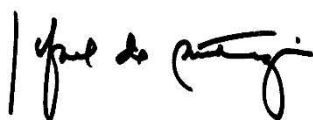
Brazil being the only candidate left, it is elected by an overwhelming show of hands.

***The 2022 WDS will take place in Sao Paulo (BR)***

**18. Any Other Business**

None

At 18h45, RS thanks all the delegates for a productive General Assembly and wishes all the participants a nice stay in Leipzig and a very good World Dog Show.



Rafael de Santiago  
FCI President



Yves De Clercq  
FCI Executive Director