

17.03.2019 meeting of the FCI veterinary and science commission (Elisabeth Peus)

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1) DNA Certification:

Specialist is Pascal Lanneau

- To do now:

- o Presentation in the Directors' Conference
- o The documents from Pascal Lanneau and Ruben Lanckriet must be prepared for publication. (certification: for one/two year, rules in annex...)
- o The publication takes place on the FCI homepage
- o In accordance with the ISAG specifications, a list of dna testing companies/ organisations are created. (the exact procedure depends on the legal assessment)
- o www.isag.us

- possibilities in future:

- o Accreditation or registration (procedure depends on legal assessment) of the dna testing organisations:
 - organisation must pay to the FCI
 - organisation get an certification
 - global data list
 - fancier must pay little money for access to the data list
 - etc.

2) AIV – possibilities for Europe:

We have agreed that we will continue to collect material intensively. Dennis Rubbenstroth is a virologist and has made some very good arguments. Leo van der Waart and Fadiel Hendricks have sent after the meeting new avian influenza virus literature. David Madeira drew attention to USA import regulations. The pigeons are considered harmless with regard to the AIV since 2012.

www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/import-live-animals/sa_avian/ct_live_poultry

Because we have the additional findings, **the AIV statement of 11.03.2019 must be revised and extended before further use.** Therefore it must be clarified which authorities are responsible in Europe.

Geronimo Branescu was in the CVO formal meeting of the EU, he is listed as a member of the EFSA: His synopse for the EU legislation is in the annex. **He will try to put it on the EU agenda again for June.**

Henk de Weerd will contact Prof. Osterhaus for help at EU level.

Every European member country has to develop its own country synopsis and contact the authorities. (German example in the annex).

FCI has to go -too- the technical EU way now, we have to go together. We need the large number of all members, that's the only way to mobilize EU authorities.

3) FCI veterinary conference, conclusions:

The congress was well received by the participants. Many veterinarians have heard something about carrier pigeons for the first time. Many veterinarians have deepened their knowledge of carrier pigeons. Many veterinarians are looking forward to Warsaw. For 55 € can be purchased from other interested veterinarians the conference book. (program overview in annex)

Participants of the FCI in Gelsenkirchen were (except me): Pascal Lanneau, David Madeira, Piotr Szeleszczuk, Richard Groß, Fadiel Hendricks, Taras Vira

Prof. Piotr Szeleszczuk introduced the IVPA, pointing out the need to train young veterinarians. At the university much too little is taught about pigeons, especially carrier pigeons. We all agree that about every 2 years (not every year!) a Veterinary Congress should be organized. This should be done in close cooperation between FCI and IVPA. **The next Veterinary Congress is 05.-07. March 2020 in Warsaw.** IVPA should have national branches with >5 columbopathologists and they should have one meeting per year.

The building of working groups has nothing to do with IVPA. The goal of "working groups" is not education. The employees of the "working groups" have to be experts. They have to act fast and competent in crises. (An example was the spontaneous group 08.-11.03.)

Henk De Weerd invited us for a next meeting.