



Icelandic Sheepdog International Cooperation

24th ISIC seminar **Skálholt, Iceland** **Friday 25th – Sunday 27th of October 2019**

Opening of the 24th ISIC seminar

The meeting started with a traditional toast to our cooperation and ISIC Executive committee chairman Svend Brandt Jensen wished us all welcome to the meeting. Svend introduced Hundaræktarfélag Íslands HRFÍ chairman Herdís Hallmarsdóttir to be the chairman for the seminar during the weekend. Herdís was honored to approve the task and said that this kind of active international cooperation within a dog breed is quite rare and hoped that it will continue successfully. Katariina Jarkko was appointed secretary for the seminar.

Svend Brandt Jensen gave a short report of what the ISIC/Executive committee have been doing since last time. They had a face to face meeting in Finland in Katariina's home. The executive committee has also used Skype and Messenger to communicate as well as for quick decisions and information.

There had been active fundraising by Guðríður Þorbjörg Valgeirsdóttir to cover the costs for having Dr. Pieter Oliehoek to give a lecture in the seminar. Being present Lilja Dóra Halldórsdóttir frá Lykill fjármögnun hf. was thanked for her generous contribution.

Some time was spent on highlighting some of the most important things from the club's annual reports. The reports had been sent beforehand to all clubs. To sum up, the clubs' situation is very much the same as the previous year. However, the activity in herding in many countries has increased and the number of members in some countries has been on the increase. More can be read in the clubs' reports in the ISIC website www.icelanddog.org and from the breeding group notes.

09.30 – 12.00

Lecture by Dr. Pieter Oliehoek: Mean Kinship and genetic diversity. *See the added slides.*

The lecture was open to everyone and we were happy to see quite many dog owners and breeders from Iceland in the audience.

Chairmen meeting

1. Approval of the register of participants

1. Herdís Hallmarsdóttir	Chairman for the meeting
2. Svend Brandt Jensen	ISIC exec.
3. Guðríður Þorbjörg Valgeirsdóttir	ISIC exec.
4. Katariina Jarkko	ISIC exec.
5. Louise Roer	Chairman Denmark
6. Stefanía Sigurðardóttir	Chairman Iceland
7. Natasja Hagemer	Chairman Netherlands
8. Maria Hübinette	Chairman Sweden
9. Linn Langset	Chairman Norway
10. Jimmy Brastad	ISIC Datagroup member Norway
11. Tina Carney	Chairman USA

2. Presentation of ISIC/exec's activity report including balance sheet and profit and loss account for the previous year

Katariina Jarkko presented the activity report. To make a note, 15 March is the date that should be met next year.

3. Presentation of the auditor's report

Katariina Jarkko presented the auditor's report.

4. Adoption of the documents mentioned in item 2 and 3 in this list, as well as actions of ISIC and ISIC/Executive committee are not subject to personal liability.

The documents mentioned in item 2 and 3 were unanimously agreed without comments.

5. Decision upon the contributions to be paid the following year

Contribution will be the previous year's membership fee with slight changes. Fee for clubs with 50-500 members will be 1,2 eur per member + 50 eur basic fee. Smaller clubs pay 50 eur basic fee. For clubs more than 500 members, the membership fee exceeding 500 members will be 2,4 eur per member.

6. Presentation of an updated profit and loss account for the current year

Treasurer Katariina Jarkko presented profit and loss account for the current year. The numbers will be changing some, since there will be expenses still to be paid and some contributions still remain to be paid this year.

7. Presentation of ISIC/exec planned activities for the next year and a cost estimate for these activities

ISIC/exec. planned activities were presented, they include the payments for Dogs Global (total 396e for breeding plans for ISIC countries altogether), meeting and seminar costs for ISIC exec.

8. The web page and suggestions for a new webmaster

Swedish club Svenska Isländsk Fårhund Klubben (SIFK) member Pia Eildalen will start the work.

9. Future collaboration with Dogs Global and the web-based database in the future

Pieter has so far worked to get the Icelandic sheepdog data online, but the decision has to be made if the work continues. Naturally Pieter needs to charge for the work so any *additional* work to be done is 80eur/hour. Each club needs to have one person responsible for filling in the data. There could be one admin per member country or there could be a couple of main admins and a few sub-admins. Even if ISIC wanted to end cooperation with DogsGlobal, the data on the dogs will not disappear. Each club gets a package to start working with DogsGlobal if ISIC countries start the cooperation. Pieter has to go through the possible errors.

Basically if the cooperation continues, everyone gets in the DogsGlobal database. Breeding plan is the only thing that is charged separately (max. 36 eur).

Jimmy Braastad Norway suggested that if clubs fill in the information to ISIC database, the datagroup could export the data on to Pieter/DogsGlobal. Norway pointed out here is a risk that a breeder buys a breeding plan even if he/she is not a member of the breed club. That is something that cannot be controlled.

Tina Carney USA pointed out that DogsGlobal would be an awesome tool for breeders and for the breeding committee in ISAA.

Denmark, USA, Netherlands, Sweden, and Denmark have already said yes to filling in the data to the DogsGlobal. Finland, after getting confirmation about the relatively low cost, was also convinced and happy to have a new tool for breeding. Norway and Iceland had previously expressed their hesitation about joining the DogsGlobal. However, financial issues that had previously been unclear were clarified in the meeting. The other matters to be included contract were discussed in the chairman group.

A real commissioning of Dogs Global - that everyone gets access to data and thus information - was agreed to take place after a six-month trial period (until end of June 2020) on a proposal from DÍF. It also allows clubs to inform their members about what the program can be used for - and to inform at all of the importance of thinking genetics into breeding.

Svend (ISIC exec.), Jimmy (datagroup) and Stefanía (DÍF) got a mandate from the chairman group to make a proper contract with Pieter Oliehoek / DogsGlobal. Herdis, having the legal expertise, was asked to work in the group, as help for the legal side of the text.

The contract with DogsGlobal Pieter Oliehoek was concluded before the chairmen meeting was over. The contract will be sent to all the clubs together with the notes.

10. Seminars 2020 (Finland) and 2021 (Norway)

Seminar in Finland 23.10.-25.10.2020

Seminar in Norway 29.10.-31.10.2021

11. Overhaul of the ISIC RoP (ISIC exec.)

Svend announced that since there will probably be changes next year in RoP, this matter will be postponed until seminar 2020.

12. Iceland Sheepdogs in the UK, inquiry from an English breeder to HRFI

DÍF has got contact with an UK Icelandic sheepdog breeder and tries to help the breed getting recognized in the country. Knowledge of the dogs that are now in the UK is relevant at this point. Exchange of information between the clubs is essential.

13. Appointment of a person to be one out of three members of ISIC/exec. for three years

Katariina Jarkko announced at the meeting that she will step down from ISIC executive committee. The chairman meeting thanks her for her extensive and hard work over the years. The meeting decided not to have an election this year, as there are already three members in the committee (Svend Brandt Jensen, Ingbritt Sannel and Guðríður Þorbjörg Valgeirsdóttir), which is in accordance with the Rules of Procedures. However, Katariina will have a mandate from the chairman meeting to continue to manage the ISIC account until next seminar 2020.

Before the decision was taken not to have an election this year, Iceland suggested Helga Andrésdóttir as a member of the ISIC exec. committee.

14. Appointment of an auditor for three years every third year when applicable

Joint meeting to end the seminar

After the breeding group and chairman group meeting there was a short discussion where the participants were able to share thoughts and comments.

The contract with DogsGlobal will be sent to clubs together with the seminar notes.

Svend reminded the clubs that the content for the ISIC Newsletters come from the ISIC countries and encouraged everyone to send information etc. to ISIC Executive committee. Also the club magazines should be sent to clubs and ISIC Exec. committee. The clubs are allowed, as usual, to use each other's articles from club magazines etc.

Svend thanked all for a productive and well organized seminar and gave special thanks to Herdís Hallmarsdóttir for doing such a good work with us. Herdís ended the seminar and thanked for the possibility to participate as a chairman.

Stefanía Sigurðardóttir thanked all and informed all about the coming afternoon bus trip and dinner.

We all said thanks to Iceland for a very well hosted meeting and said goodbye until 2020 when we meet in Finland.

ISIC/Executive Committee – 25-27th of October 2019

Katariina Jarkko, Guðríður Þorbjörg Valgeirsdóttir, Svend Brandt Jensen and Ingbritt Sannel (not present at the seminar)