



Icelandic Sheepdog International Cooperation

8th of May 2015

Minutes

The 19th International seminar for the Icelandic Sheepdog , Väddö, Sweden 24th – 26th of October 2014

Participants:

Club representatives:

DÍF, Iceland	Guðríður Valgeirsdóttir Helga Andrésdóttir
ISAA, USA	B. M. "Spike" Williamson, Jr. Peg Johnson
Islanninkoirat, Finland	Katariina Jarkko Anne Vaskio
NIHK, Norway	Geir Steinar Henriksen Eli («Tulla») Schmedling
SIFK, Sweden	Ingbritt Sannel May-Britt Sannerholt
IF-DK, Denmark	Jørgen Metzdorff Else Westermann
DCNH, Germany	Susanne Schütte
VdIL, Netherlands	Natasja Hagemeyer Helma van Rijswijk
Switzerland	Pia Stämpfli

ISIC/Executive committee

ISIC/exec, Chairman	Guðrún Ragnars Guðjohnsen
ISIC/exec, Treasurer	Wilfred Olsen
ISIC/exec, Secretary	Svend Brandt Jensen
ISIC/exec, member	Katariina Jarkko



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Guest lecturer: Brenda Bonnet

Guests SIFK: Marie Lindström
Johanna Beijer
Elisabet Idefelt

Saturday 25th of October 2014: Ingbritt Sannel, on behalf of SIFK, welcomed all participants to the 19th ISIC seminar and then gave the word to Gudrun R. Guðjohnsen, ISIC/Exec who formally declared the seminar open.

Hans Åke Sperne was announced Chairman and Ingbritt Sannel the Secretary for the seminar. The seminar started with a lecture by Brenda Bonnet "International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) and DogWellNet and an interactive workshop on developing international breed-specific collaborations." Pekka Olson should also have been there but was unfortunately ill. So Brenda was the one informing us about the organization and their rolls in IPFD and the web platform DogWellNet. This lecture will be published on the ISIC webpage.

Brenda talked about Agria Breed Statistics with updates 1995-2006 and 2006-2011

She started by showing us a comparison between our breed and all breeds and the conclusion was that our breed is an overall relatively healthy breed. Most of the problems related to our breed are accidents like being hit by a car or bit by snake

Brenda reminded us that it could be a good idea not to exclude C dogs from breeding because we then lose too much genetic diversity.

She then informed about the International partnership for dogs IPFD, where countries come together in caring for dog health, a cooperation that started in Stockholm and will have a meeting in Dortmund in February and then DogWellNet will be launched on the internet for us all to use. Brenda invited us to be on the website as ISIC and our international and she also invited us to form a small group within our ISIC group that she can co-operate with.

After lunch

Report from the ISIC executive committee:

Svend Brandt Jensen informed about their work in general and will give more information in the chairmen group. "Preparing the meeting takes a lot of time even if it can seem like no work when we meet here" he explained.

Jørgen Metzdorff introduced the ISIC database, everyday use and possibilities and informed that there is an error in the program

Gudrun asked all participants to consider the dewclaws: "Let us take this seriously and discuss. We need to write down in the standard, why is it a serious problem, if it is a serious problem. But we cannot say that "no dewclaws" is a health problem. Should we really exclude a dog with no dewclaws if everything else is excellent? We need to think about the genetic diversity!"



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We talked about the need for more persons to work with the data base and other questions concerning the web page etc.

Spike made us all aware that he returned videos on herding that had been missing. After this we slit up the group into the Chairman Group and the Breeding Group

Minutes from the Chairman Group

- ROP- Rules of procedures: We agreed to publish on the website, the newsletters presented from ISIC/Exec as well as the activity reports and minutes from the meeting
- Appointment of a person to be one out of three members of ISIC/Exec for three years. Wilfred and Gudrun are leaving the committee work and Ingbritt Sannel has been asked to join. She was unanimously elected.

It was decided that the members of ISIC/ Exec share the work as follows: Chairman Svend Brandt Jensen, treasurer Katariina Jarko and secretary Ingbritt Sannel

- Economic report. Annual report 2013
- Auditor's report 2013
- The main purpose of ISIC fund
- Financial report 2014
- ISIC – Contribution decision
- This year we have Jan Eriksson as auditor, new election 2015
- Short information about FCI from Wilfred. A lot of new countries are members, there are now 41 members in the European group and this can cause problems when not all countries share the same values concerning dogs and issues concerning them.
- The Web based database in the future: Offer from the Danish club to host the ISIC web side. Where it is finally placed is to be decided in the committee after discussions with those responsible for it now.

There has been a lack of communication as to what is expected from the different clubs. Katariina Jarkko suggests that the committee take direct contact with Gudni Águstsson about the base. Jørgen asks, is this what we wanted, how do we get it working in the future? Every country has to take responsibility now for the database. Gudrun suggests that we create a small group to help him. We need the members to help us find the missing dogs and small mistakes.

- We decided to create a data- group, 3 people suggested as members, Jørgen M, Gudni Águstsson and Hans Thollef Bergan. Jørgen accepted and will also contact the other two suggested members. Secondly Jørgen will translate the article he wrote and published in the Danish club magazine and send it to the ISIC committee to be presented in the different countries.
- Lathunden in the future? It has not been updated. We could use ISIC base to feed it into Lathunden. We give this job to the group as well. They should also make a plan for how



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we handle it in the future. Information should be sent not only to the breeding responsible persons but also to ISIC/Exec and the chairmen in each country. Ingbritt and May Britt will find out more from Svenska Brukshundsklubben on how to update Lathunden in the future.

- Global Dog Pedigree Project: We looked at the webpage and found no activity from recent years so we left that subject.
- ISIC festival was discussed and we decided to launch the ISIC festival day for the first time during the Swedish meeting 2016, the 20th anniversary of ISIC. We also decided make sure we promote ISIC on all our meetings in different countries.

SUNDAY

The whole group together addressed the first points on the agenda-Club reports and special matters.

One such special matter was that Spike made the raffle for support of those visiting the USA 2017 and Norway won this year. Spike also announced that there will be another chairman in the US next year but he is looking forward to see us in the US 2017.

We went through the club reports and each country could highlight some things in their reports. Norway talks about the average size of the litters and bitches are having problems giving birth. Could we perhaps have a new entry "empty litter" in the club reports? No decision was made but every club will keep a keen eye on this.

Denmark mentions how many caesareans and inseminations there are in the report. Else brought this up last year and now we can see it in the Danish report. She also highlighted the results from their mental descriptions.

Iceland did not get the facts about 54 male puppies /7 chryptorchism into their report but we get these facts now.

Sweden emphasises the need for continued cooperation and that there are some things we do not have in the reports such as good figures concerning inbreeding, 4,2 Iceland and 2,2 Sweden inbreeding over 10 years. But still we use too few males. 39 males but 62 females for instance. We need to see the populations in different countries as one population. We need to inform over and over again.

Finland has had a few dogs with overbite and they also discuss epilepsy in two dogs. The club is very active but herding is one thing that needs to be developed. The Netherlands highlights the distichiasis rule and how they work to get this rule of not breeding with such a dog to be changed.

Germany brought up the "Breeding permission" they need in Germany and how it is limiting the possibility to breed. It is important what is written in the standard and how it is written in order to keep the genetic variation and the preservation of the breed.

Switzerland is still very small and they have the same problem with the Zulassung, that is Breeding permission, as Germany.



We then split up in the two groups again.

Chairman group

- Lectures at ordinary ISIC seminars were discussed. It is hard to make them public because of economic reasons mostly, but we can use an ISIC festival day during club meetings. We decided to make public lectures then but not at the seminars. There we should have only shorter expert lectures and plenty of time for discussions. At the festival ISIC can concentrate on cooperation. Maybe ISIC should be the center of information for all clubs?
- We decided that clubs can send suggestions to ISIC/Exec on what topics they would like for the seminars and the future “Festival”
- We also talked about closer cooperation on a day-to day basis. How do we keep up the work we start here at the seminars? Maybe discussion-groups on our homepage for chairmen and breed responsible persons can be started? We must not forget that we are all allowed to use articles from each other’s magazines. Maybe we should write about the other countries every time in our club magazines?
- We decided to use the Facebook group more and we refer to the data group how we can use the homepage in the future.
- We then addressed the fact that many clubs have very few members and Wilfred asked us: Why should I be a member in your club?
- Below you find some of our answers:
 - Get restricted information, USA
 - We facilitate contacts, activities and information, Netherlands
 - We give members an opportunity to meet other owners to learn about the breed, to enjoy your Icelandic Sheepdog, to get information etc. Denmark
 - We will help you to live well with your dog. The Viking group! Iceland.
 - To be a part of a big family!
- We should continue this discussion in the chairmen group.
- Svend then reminded us to read the rules of procedures often and before the ISIC meetings. He also told us the history of the ISIC logo. It was originally made for the Danish club by Sten Georg and then it was bought by ISIC so it is owned by ISIC and it will be put in the rules of procedures that all countries can use the logo for international cooperation. It must not be used by others except for promoting ISIC.
- ISIC and the computer group will look in to the rules of how names can be used in the database.



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- Brenda Bonnet's invitation will be handled by ISIC/Exec and they will come up with a suggestion.
- Hans Åke will write to SKK and thank them for their help with our seminar.
- ISICExec will make guidelines for the ISIC festival.

Discussions from the breeding group

- How to get the data into the database. Every club should enter their data before april
- The updates should be entered before May1st the year after the dogs are born.
- Mistakes have to be corrected. Suggested and decided that the representatives could be given the right to improve and correct data in the database.
- 5 generations in the calculations of inbreeding in the database is a goal for the future and for the data group to think about.
- The future of the data base. Only official data and in which country. Lathunden in the future- to be able to use it we need data without mistakes and new data every year. Can it be possible to send data on an excel sheet to all clubs? We decided to hand this over to the data group.
- Global Dog Pedigree
- White in dogs was discussed and how it is described in the standard. The group decided to send this question with Helga to the Icelandic standard committee.
- The group has asked the DIF standard committee to remove the writing about no dewclaws being a serious fault.
- Ditiachis will probably be changed as something that exclude dogs from breeding in the Netherlands
- ISIC can perhaps create special groups on herding and mentality.
- The breeding committee will write an article in English for all clubs to use in their magazines. May Britt and Wilma will do this.
- The idea of a web seminar with a lecture followed by discussions for all countries is something we should try.

Joint meeting to end the seminar

An announcement was made that Ingbritt Sannel will be the new member of the ISIC/Exec. And that the members of ISIC/ Exec share the work as follows: Chairman Svend Brandt Jensen, Treasurer Katariina Jarko and Secretary Ingbritt Sannel.

We appointed our breeding committee as our representatives to work with Brenda Bonnet The host for the seminar 2016 was discussed and in the end Sweden offered to host a "small" seminar in connection with the ISIC festival and celebrating 20th anniversary of ISIC and 25th



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anniversary of the Swedish club. This is done to save clubs money so they can then afford to go to the seminar in the US 2017. Next year, 2015, we meet in Iceland.

Svend and Katarina made talks for Gudrun and Wilfred as they now leave after many long years of work for our breed and handed over gifts. There were also gifts for Hans-Åke, Jan, Pieter and Arni Eymundsson.

Notes taken by Ingbritt Sannel



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