



ICELANDIC SHEEPDOG INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ISIC SEMINAR

UTRECHT, NETHERLANDS 28th – 30th October 2011

Present at the seminar

Executive committee members

Guðrún R. Guðjohnsen, Chairman, Iceland

Hans-Åke Sperne, Secretary, Sweden

Wilfred Olsen, Treasurer, Denmark

Participants

1. Sabine Apoloner, Austria
2. Susanne Götzing, Austria
3. Svend Brandt Jensen, Denmark
4. Else Westermann, Denmark
5. Katariina Jarkko, Finland
6. Anne Vaskio, Finland
7. Susanne Schütte, Germany
8. Elke Landrock-Bill, Germany
9. Ágúst Ágústsson, Iceland
10. Helga Andressdóttir, Iceland
11. Bernard Vortman, Netherlands
12. Árni Th. Eymundsson, Netherlands
13. Wilma Roem, Netherlands
14. Lia Visser, Netherlands
15. Sylvia Engelbregt, Netherlands
16. Helma van Rijswijk, Netherlands
17. Natasja Hagemeyer, Netherlands
18. Liv Sydhagen, Norway
19. Lil-Hege Nygaard, Norway
20. May Britt Sannerholt, Sweden
21. Spike Williamson, USA
22. Terry R. Warnock, USA



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MINUTES OF THE SEMINAR MEETING OF ICELANDIC SHEEPDOG INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, ISIC

Friday 28th October 2011

**3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Lathunden Workshop
8 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. Lecture by Wilma
Roem**

Saturday 29th October 2011 9.00 a.m. – 18.00 p.m.

The organizing country's representative, Árni Th. Eymundsson welcomed the seminar participants to Netherlands. This seminar is the second ISIC seminar held in Netherlands.

01. Opening of the 16th ISIC seminar

ISIC executive committee chairman Guðrún R. Guðjohnsen opened the 16th seminar.

Mr Gerard Jipping, the President of the Dutch Kennel club gave a warm welcome speech. In his speech he emphasized how extraordinary this kind of international cooperation among one single breed is and how important it is to maintain and improve it.

02. Announcement of a chairman and a secretary for the seminar

Spike Williamson, the president of the Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America (ISAA) was announced as chairman and Katariina Jarkko from Islanninkoirat, Finland, was invited to keep the minutes.

03. ISIC executive committee report by secretary Hans-Åke Sperne

Hans-Åke presented ISIC executive committee's report (enclosed as appendix). In short, the committee will continue developing international cooperation between ISIC countries. Hans-Åke noted that the ISIC seminar invitations and all other communication from ISIC/Exec. to the clubs are sent to breed club chairmen only. This is because the chairmen can then forward the information and the decision of the delegates is made by the people involved. For this, any change of the club chairmen's contact information should be informed to ISIC to make sure the invitation reaches the right person. The updating of contact information is sometimes slow and difficult, so all the ISIC countries should pay special attention to giving the necessary information without delay.

04. ISIC finances by treasurer Wilfred Olsen

Treasurer Wilfred Olsen presented the financial situation of ISIC. The finance statement was accepted as presented (see appendix 1)

05. ISIC fund

ISIC fund financial situation was presented by Wilfred Olsen and accepted as presented. (see appendix 2)



06. Topics that have been presented to ISIC seminar by member countries

All the topics below were presented to all seminar participants. The topics were given to Chairman group or Breeding group first to be discussed and then to be presented in the common meeting on Sunday.

The division of the large seminar meeting into Chairman group meeting and Breeding group meeting is done because the time is limited in a seminar. In this way it will be possible to discuss more issues, come up with proposals and reach solutions during a relatively short time.

Topics that were discussed in the common meeting on Saturday:

a) Austria is a new participating breed club in ISIC. Austrian representatives Sabine Apoloner and Susanne Götzinger got a warm welcome to the ISIC international cooperation.

b) Herding instinct test and herding in ISIC countries

Katariina Jarkko from Finland made a short power point-presentation on the herding instinct test that they have had in Finland since 2006. The topic arouse a lot of discussion. It was decided that a herding committee will be formed before next year's seminar. The purpose of the herding committee is to gather information on herding in ISIC countries for the seminar in 2012. The names of the volunteers to join the committee need to be sent to the Chairman of the Dutch Icelandic dog club (Vereniging de Ijslandsehond in Nederland, VIJHN), Bernard Vortman, fraisafold@upcmail.nl , preferably by the end of January 2012. Also if there is any video clip of herding and / or herding test by Icelandic sheepdogs, it can be sent to Bernard.

Iceland's Helga Andressdóttir will start to gather information of herding in Iceland (literature, working dogs at the moment etc.).

Topics to be prepared in Chairman group for Sunday's common meeting:

b) Home page policy (ISIC Exec. suggestion for a home page policy

The ISIC chairman group discusses the homepage policy (ref. Letter to the chairmen on the 4th of March 2011)

c) ISIC Database ownership

d) ISIC Logo policy

The policy for the use of the ISIC logo has to be discussed.

e) How to act towards the new, second breed club in the Netherlands from the ISIC point of view?

f) National rules and regulations concerning quality demands for the breeders to follow or the dogs to achieve on

a) national breed club level

b) national kennel club level

g) Criteria for registration in the kennel club / in the breed club in each ISIC country



Topics to be prepared in Breeding group for Sunday's common meeting:

h) Colours in the Icelandic sheepdogs

07. Club updates and information

Breed clubs from each member country had sent their annual reports beforehand to be read by the seminar participants.

The form of the report has been changed and clarified so that Svend Brandt Jensen has made (as voluntary work) a special form for the reports and sent it to each ISIC breed club. The similar form helps to compare and combine the countries' reports. Therefore it is essential that each country uses the specific form when making the report. The breeding group will discuss any additions or changes to the form. The reports were discussed and filled if necessary.

Inbreeding was discussed in general. With imported dogs it was pointed out that the problem is that they may not always have the necessary information. Inbreeding will be discussed in breeding group in more detail.

Each breed club was given a chance to add to their reports (activities, special events etc.).

ISAA from USA had Wilma Roem and Hans-Åke Sperne to give lectures and special presentations about the breed.

VIJHN from Netherlands have made plans to make a questionnaire to find out more about the allergies in the breed.

Germany has Icelandic sheepdog breed representation in Deutscher Club für Nordische Hunde

Islanninkoirat ry from Finland had an excellent participation in special dog show, 92 dogs in June 2011.

Austria has Icelandic sheepdog breed representation in the board of Österreichischen Klub für Spitze und Spitzarten.

Deild íslenska fjárhundsins from Iceland noted that in 2012 no breed club can have a special dog show in Iceland. The meeting decided that ISIC Exec. will write a letter to the Icelandic Kennel Club about getting permission for a special show.

Islandsk Fårehundeklub from Denmark has been changing the emphasis from rules and regulations to more positive approach towards breeding and other things.

Svenska Isländsk Fårhund Klubben from Sweden noted that the low breeding figures in their report are because e.g. the HD x-rays are done at the age of 20-24 months and the figures can be picked only from the year the x-rays are done. The update of figures should be done more frequently to get them all to the report.

Split up in ISIC chairman group and ISIC breeding group

08. Chairman group matters (see appendix 3)

09. Breeding group matters (see appendix 4)



Each group appointed a chairman and a secretary who took notes for information and for further discussions/decisions at the common meeting.

4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. Lecture by Pieter Oliehoek from Wageningen University, Centre for Genetic Research

Sunday 30th October 2011 8.30 a.m. – 15.00 p.m.

Common meeting based on the decisions and proposals from the chairman group and breeding group

At the beginning of the meeting **ISIC Executive committee Chairman Guðrún R. Guðjohnsen** was given an honorary award from the Swedish Kennel Club. The criteria was Guðrún's longlasting work among the Nordic cooperation. "Guðrún has wise opinions and a warm attitude towards the people which makes the people willingly listen to her". Hans-Åke Sperne gave the award on behalf of the Swedish Kennel Club.

Chairman group matters (08.) and breeding group matters (09.) were discussed. The matters can be read in the notes (appendixes 3 and 4).

10. Breeding group

For the near future the ideal solution for Lathunden database would be to have Lathunden online and give access to it through the ISIC website within a year's time. At the same time ISIC as a whole needs to think about the development or purchase of a system that is more permanent and will erase all problems that are currently there.

The database is quite unique (in Europe) and when in need of funding it could be an idea to get financial help from e.g. the Nordic Kennel Union. If we develop a system for our breed, it might also be used for other breeds.

Since the database already exists, we only need to find a person / persons to put the database to the website and update it. Wilma Roem volunteered to get information on how this could be done and she will also ask if Gudni Ágústsson and Pieter Oliehoek are able to help.

11. Chairman group

The National rules and regulations concerning quality demands for the breeders to follow or the dogs to achieve on a) national breed club level and b) national kennel club level and criteria for registration in the kennel club / in the breed club in each ISIC country should be sent (as summary) to ISIC Exec. (isic@icelanddog.org) preferably by the end of January 2012.

12. Announcement of an ISIC Treasurer for three years

Wilfred Olsen was unanimously re-elected as treasurer for ISIC.

13. The next ISIC seminar

The seminar in 2012 will take place in Norway 26th – 28th October 2012, in Hurdalsjøen Hotel, Hurdal. The hotel is located by Lake Hurdalssjøen, just 25 km



from Oslo Airport Gardermoen. It offers sauna and pool access as well as traditional Norwegian food.

The estimated cost for participants will be 155-165€ / day (incl. accommodation and meals). The 2013 seminar will be Sweden, after that perhaps in Denmark. ISAA arranges the ISIC seminar in the USA in their anniversary in 2017.

14. Other matters

The Icelandic Sheepdog Club in Canada has still no contact with ISIC or other breed clubs. Canadian breed representatives had yet participated in the seminar which was held in USA. It was agreed that Helga Andressdóttir tries to find out more about the matter and then informs ISIC Exec. about it.

There are Icelandic sheepdogs also e.g. in Poland, Italy and France. Those countries could write to ISIC about the situation of the breed in those countries.

Gudni Águstsson offers help for use of Lathunden. There will be a Lathunden workshop in ISIC seminar in Norway in 2012 if there is a new English version of Lathunden before that.

15. End of seminar

Guðrún R. Guðjohnsen thanked all participants and especially the organizing country. The atmosphere had been good and constructive during the whole seminar.