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Finally a real 'Europe Standard' for poultry!

In the latest edition of our newsletter from last month it was still a question that remained to be answered. Now we are very proud to use the same title but this time with an exclamation mark.

The ESC-P had launched a proposal for the realization of a real 'Europe Standard'. This proposal was to be voted on during the poultry section assembly at the annual EE-meeting. And Friday May 30th 2014 became a historical meeting since the proposal was unanimously accepted without even any modification!

Historical is not an exaggeration since the EE already exists for 76 years and several attempts before to create a Europe standard failed. Since 1997 we got stuck in the situation that we have a 'Standard for Europe' which is binding only for Europe-shows and they only happen once every three years.

What was decided now goes much further because we are not talking anymore about a standard for Europe-shows only but one and only that will be used on every little show in the

furthest corners of Europe, regardless if there are 100 entries or 100.000. By deciding this the poultry section made a huge commitment and goes many steps further than the other EE-sections towards a common future for breeders in Europe.

Of course the decision is only the first step and an enormous amount of work still needs to be done but the ESC-P is very motivated to start. We already made plans on how to start and a substantial part of the job should already be finished by the next Europe-show in November 2015 in Metz (France).

We do realize that not every country was present and that maybe for some countries the transition to this Europe standard would be very complex. Therefore every country will be offered the free choice next year to join the project. Those who want in have to sign an agreement and commit themselves to go along all the way. The rest can join later at their own pace but we sincerely hope that one day everyone will have joined the project.

The new EE-standard will not be printed as one

piece in German, French or English. It will be an electronic database that contains all the official texts in at least two official EE-languages. Every time a standard for a breed is ready, it will be added. At the beginning there will only be a small number of EE-standards but their number will steadily increase.

Every country can take those standards of the breeds it accepts in its national standard and publish them in its own language. The participating countries have to commit themselves to replace the national standards by the European ones already available at every possible occasion or at latest after 5 years.

The ESC-P will from now on work intensively together with the national standard commissions to establish the EE-standards for all our national breeds as soon as possible. The non-European breeds will follow in a later stage.

We thank the EE-members for their approval of the proposal and for their trust.

The ESC-P team