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Dear Rottweiler Friends,

Allow me a quick overview of our working agenda and our progress on it.

- A booklet (brochure) is being prepared on basic genetics and on genetic diseases.

It will be checked / supervised by the scientists that we are in contact with. It will not be meant to be a complete or academic publication but a basic introduction to genetics that is comprehensible for all. It should be a help for our worldwide breeders to gain more knowledge on genetics and strengthen our fight against genetic diseases.

Our intention is to publish it (hard copy and/or digital) in English and Spanish, possibly in other languages too.

We want to present it at the very latest to the Meeting of Breed Wardens (04.05.2017) and Delegates (05.05.2017).

- We did not receive an entry by all Memberclubs on our Questionnaire. The Memberclubs who have not yet completed it, are urgently requested to still do so ¹ [Please here click to do so.](#)

We can and will however not wait any longer ! These issues are too important and touch the core of the IFR !

We have started to analyse the information that we received or will still receive and will prepare a summary and report on those issues for the Meeting of Breed Wardens and Delegates in may 2017 :

- existing regulations / tests for conformation
- existing tests on mental conformation
- existing tests on health (physical and genetic)
- the need for more homogeneity
- the need for publication /communication of results.

¹ **Have not yet sent us the requested information** : Czech Republik, Egypt (prov. member), Estonia, France, Hungaria, Indonesia, Russia, Serbia, Thailand, Venezuela, Italy, Austria.

You will shortly receive a detailed invitation for the Meeting with the request to send it to your Breed Warden (= person responsible for breeding matters in your Memberclub).

If your club has topics that you want to present or to have discussed at the Meeting, please let us know in time so we can prepare this.

We sincerely regret that the Memberclubs who do not answer, will have to be considered :

- to have no breeding regulations and/or breed suitability tests.
- not to be interested in a cooperation concerning the issues that the IFR is working on : conformation, mentality, physical and genetic health.

We must remind all Memberclubs that having breeding regulations and a breed suitability test (concerning conformation / mentality + the health of all dogs) is indeed obligatory by the IFR-Constitution.

This was decided by the Meeting of Delegates in 2011 (Moscow) and in 2013 we said that all Memberclubs were to be given the time until 2015 to comply. We are now 2017.

- Several countries said to be interested in a homogeneous test of social behavior.

The concept and regulation of such a test has been drafted in the IFR-Board for discussion.

That draft, together with the routines from a Swiss and Belgian test of Social Behaviour will be laid before the Meeting of Breed Wardens and then discussed. We hope that this will lead to a concrete program.

We remind all Memberclubs that the organization of such tests is made obligatory by the IFR-Constitution ².

- Two drafts to change the regulations on the IFR-Show and IPO World Championship have already been distributed to all Delegates. We did not receive any remarks so we will now have the English text translated into Spanish to present the final drafts to the Meeting of Delegates for final approval.

As we received no remarks and dare presume that all Delegates agree with the proposed adaptations, we strongly recommend the Serbian club to put the new regulations into practice at the IFR- World Show 2017, in particular concerning the manner of assignment to the judges of the classes they will judge.

- The IFR-Magazine "The Rottweiler in the World" is brought back to live.

All Delegates have received the last edition.

² Cfr. article 2.1 of the IFR-Constitution.

This edition will shortly also be available in digital form (to be downloaded) !

Such digital edition will afterwards be evaluated on its success. Its lower cost than a printed version may open more opportunities.

All judges on the IFR-list are invited to send articles and photos of events they judged and/or their views on interesting topics that concern the breed.

All Delegates are asked to make the magazine better known to your members and to make them aware of the possibility to make publicity in it. We will send you a separate e-mail on the issue.

- A new website for the IFR is in the make. We hope to have it online within a few weeks already.

Feasible ideas / suggestions for the website are welcome ! Your input will be asked for to complete the information on the site.

- Information has been won and a draft concerning the (at least recommended) minimum age of breeding dogs has been distributed to all Delegates. It will be part of the agenda of the Breed Warden's Meeting.
- The judges on the IFR-list will shortly receive :
 - o an invitation for the IFR-judge's Meeting (05.05.2017).
 - o a request to send information about their experiences during judging and the topics that they think need more attention.

Those topics will then be on the agenda of the Meeting and will again be prepared with a power point presentation for discussion.

Again, all FCI-judges who are licenced to judge the Rottweiler will be welcome to attend and/or to send us the information or questions.

- A budget has been considered and discussed and a proposal for lower Membership fee(s) to allow smaller clubs Membership of the IFR will be discussed at the Meeting of Delegates.
- There is a contact with several clubs concerning Membership of the IFR. However, no provisional acceptances will be considered without complete conformation with the demands of the IFR-Constitution (art.)
- The list of judges on the IFR-website is being checked on completeness and correctness. Where opportune, we will make contacts for further information.

But please do not wait for this : check and complete the information already yourself please.

Etc.

The above mentioned invitations will be sent as soon as our Friends from the Serbian Rottweilerclub will have given us the concrete information about the available location and all other usefull details (hotels, etc. ...).

The dates however are known and were communicated before :

- 04.05.2017 (13.00 h) : Meeting of Breed Wardens.
- 05.05.2017 : Meeting of Delegates, followed by the Meeting of Judges.
- 06/07.05.2017 : IFR World Show.

Concerning the topics that will be prepared for the Meeting of Delegates 2017, it may be clear that this preparation is but a first step and that the discussions and conclusions to follow will only be a further step in the proces that we have started and that will ask for lots of further efforts.

In view of the importance of these topics and the short term for this IFR-Board to prepare and for the Delegates to discuss, it cannot be excluded that the Meetings might place themselves in continuation to a further date in 2017.

You find us at your disposal for further information and discussion,

On behalf of the Board,

D. Vandecasteele
President.