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Meeting of delegates

The 9th WAFDAL (former ECDC) event was held in Oslo/Norway and took place on 14 and 15 August 2009. The Norwegian Dalmatian club and its chairman Arild Harjén gave us a warm welcome and were excellent hosts for all delegates and commission members. The meeting was attended by the delegates of 12 member-clubs and 1 new candidate club. The meeting was held on August 14th followed by the WAFDAL show on the next day.

The new candidate club was the Serbian Dalmatian Club 'Naissa' with Nenad Devic as chairman and for this occasion represented by Zeljko Radic from Croatia. On the ground of the information received, the meeting decided to accept the club as a new WAFDAL-member. This brings the number of member-clubs to 19 clubs from 16 countries and 2 observer-clubs.

The official recognition of the WAFDAL by the FCI has been a very long and slow process, but we are very happy to inform you that at the end of 2010 the contract with the FCI had been signed by the FCI and the Croatian kennel Club, by which the WAFDAL organisation finally reached its official status.

Committee and subcommittees

Committee:

Frans De Ridder and Annemiek Morgans were re-elected as resp. chairman and secretary. As new treasurer Agnes Klein (German Dalmatian Club DDC) was chosen. As the Dutch Dalmatian Club was host for the next WAFDAL event in 2011, Erna Kuipers was added to the committee as a member. Herbert Nagel was re-elected as auditor.

Health/breeding committee

Prof. dr. Tyge Greibrokk (chairman), Rhys Morgans, dr. Dominique Vincent, Lena Erlandsson and Sally Ann Clegg were re-elected. Charlotte Jenvall from Denmark was chosen as a new member.

Judging committee

Åke Cronander had decided to resign his position. Liliane de Ridder-Onghena was chosen as the new chairman, Aase Jakobsen was re-elected and Ivana Bakal from Croatia (Dalmatian Club 'Atila Dubac') accepted the invitation to become a member.

Webmaster

Rhys Morgans resigned as webmaster and Elke Langanke from Germany (DDC) was proposed to take over his position, which she later on accepted.

Congress

In the afternoon a very interesting lecture followed about Normal Uric Acid (NUA) Dalmatians and the Backcross Project, presented by Dr. Danika Bannasch from the USA. The second lecture was: 'How can breeding indices assist us in choosing the best combinations of breeding dogs' by Dr. Björg Heringstad.

Wafdal Show

The show was held on August 15th near Oslo. There was an entry of 84 Dalmatians for judges Aase Jakobsen from Norway (dogs) and Rune Johansen from Sweden (bitches). Best Bitch

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was Perdita's Addicted To Love, owned by Kirsten Ravndal. Best Dog + BIS was N Ch. Dalmings Hocus Pocus, bred and owned by Trine Senderud from Norway. The rain was pouring down most of the day but in spite the weather conditions the atmosphere was excellent. A very big 'Thank You' to the Norwegian Dalmatian Club for their hospitality and effort to make this event a success.

Due to internal problems in 2010 the Dutch Dalmatian Club was not able to organise the WAFDAL event in 2011, so a new candidate had to be found very quickly. Happily the Austrian Dalmatian Club with Ursula Voitle and Tryn Borckenstein as committee members offered to take over the organisation and in no time they came with a program, show and accommodation. I think, the WAFDAL owes them a lot for the fact they took over at such short notice.

In the past 2 years there was very little activity in the WAFDAL. Except for the recognition of the WAFDAL by the FCI, very little has happened. Salzburg is 'the place to be' in 2011 and I really hope for a successful, positive and inspiring WAFDAL event among many Dalmatian friends.

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