



ITG

International Takhi-Group
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Minutes of the General Assembly of the ITG for the year 2014

(Tuesday, May 19th 2015 at Hotel Aarauerhof, Aarau, Switzerland)

Invited Thomas Pfisterer, Reinhard Schnidrig, Christian Stauffer, Mirjam Würsch, Rebekka Blumer, Anita Fahrni, Ruth Baumgartner, Sven Hofmann, Jaroslav Simek, Miroslav Bobek, Karin Hindenlang Clerc, Ensaikhan Namtar, S. Grebner (Zoo Salzburg), Beat Kunz (Wildpark Bruderhaus, Winterthur), Tiergarten Nürnberg, Peter Haller Treuhand, Dorothee Stamm

Present Thomas Pfisterer, Reinhard Schnidrig, Christian Stauffer, Mirjam Würsch, Rebekka Blumer, Anita Fahrni, Ruth Baumgartner, Sven Hofmann, Karin Hindenlang Clerc

Excused Jaroslav Simek, Miroslav Bobek, Enksaikhan Namtar

Minutes

1. Granting approval of the minutes of the general assembly of May 13th, 2014

The minutes of the general assembly of May 13th 2014 are granted approval.

2. annual report of the president 2014

The annual report for the year 2014 is granted approval.

Some further remarks of the president Thomas Pfisterer who is going to retire from presidency of ITG:

The project is on the right track for the future – Takhis have gained a foothold in the Dzungarian Gobi after having had a very difficult start even to survive in zoos in the middle of the 20th century. Takhi-reintroduction is an amazing achievement which has been recognised widely as such.

The role of the ITG has changed, compared to the beginning: ITG works mainly as accompanying support and in political mediation. Issues for the future are (a) to get into contact with new parliamentarians (b) to get a good financial basis and (c) it is important for the Mongolians in the Gobi B area to carry on to gradually take over responsibility. Furthermore conflicts in mining and highway constructions will be important topics. In the future there will be small transports mainly from Prague zoo, Hustai and Jimsar; all signatures are done for the transport from Prague to TT in 2015 – many thanks to Miroslav Bobek and Jaroslav Simek.

The expansion is on a good way (parliamentary commission) but has been temporarily stopped due to changes in politics. The vision of the Peace Park is also developing well (many thanks to Reinhard Schnidrig for his work at CMS) and will be of great importance in the future for all involved parties in Mongolia.

3. **annual financial report 2014**

http://www.savethewildhorse.org/de/itg/downloads_itg.php)

- In from ITG-members : CHF 3405.- (resignations of organisations)
- Donations and contributions : > CHF 86'000.-
- Expenses around CHF 92'000.-

It is important to cut down expenses and to try to raise income during the next years. Usually there is a liquidity crisis at the beginning of the year which may be avoided by getting the budget planning done earlier in order to be able to write specific applications to foundations. All members are asked to contact foundations they know.

Information of Christian Stauffer: KFW is going to invest an amount of 18 Million Dollars into protected areas of Mongolia. It is important to keep in contact with them and to apply for specific big projects.

Budget

Revised budget is granted approval.

Prague zoo is able to finance a telescope and new uniforms and will sponsor a student's internship at TT.

4. **Granting discharge to the ITG-Board**

Discharge is granted.

5. **Approval of the activities/research 2015**

Approved, no further discussion

6. **Future Organisation of the ITG**

Will be discussed regularly at the board meeting

7. **Agreement on the annual fee 2015**

Annual fee of CHF 500.-/EUR 500 for ITG members (organizations) is accepted.

8. **Situation at Takhin Tal / in Mongolia / Enlargement of the Great Gobi B SPA**

See reports of Ganbaa; already 12 foals in 2015

9. Elections/Retirements

9.1. Retirement of Thomas Pfisterer from ITG-presidency

Speech of appreciation by Christian Stauffer: Thomas Pfisterer has introduced the term "democracy for nature protection" and has promoted it with much meticulousness, energy and commitment. This led to a paradigm shift in Mongolia. Mongolian people and nomads support the idea of the park-expansion and nature protection with their own commitment. This is one of the many big achievements of Thomas Pfisterer.

C. Stauffer suggests to elect T. Pfisterer as Honorary President of the ITG which is accepted by the assembly with a big applause. R. Schnidrig and C. Stauffer hand over a large photography of the landscape of Gobi B with Takhis taken by J. Widmer (member of the Friends of the Wildhorse).

9.2. Elections of the new president

Reinhard Schnidrig has been proposed by the ITG board and is elected as president at the General Assembly with a big applause. Reinhard Schnidrig accepts his election as president of the International Takhi-Group.

Reinhard Schnidrig thanks go to Thomas Pfisterer for the enormous work he has done for ITG and to the board for the confidence which has been placed in himself. He delineates his goals to continue the direction taken during the last years and to especially introduce political networking in the field of nature protection (CMS) into the work of ITG.

9.3. reelection

All board members are reelected (Reinhard Schnidrig, Christian Stauffer, Mirjam Würsch, Rebekka Blumer, Anita Fahrni, Ruth Baumgartner, Sven Hofmann, Jaroslav Simek, Miroslav Bobek, Karin Hindenlang Clerc). They all accepted their reelection.

10. Applications / requests coming from members

None

11. Varia/agenda

July 17th-23rd 2016 : 70th anniversary of Bugat

For the **ITG (International Takhi-Group)**

Mirjam Würsch (secretary)

Reinhard Schnidrig (president)