

**EGF Business Meeting, Kiel (Germany)
2 September 2010, Audimax, Lecture Hall G**

President *Isselstein* was in the chair

Minutes

1. Opening

The President opened the meeting with a welcome to all participants.

**2. Minutes of the Business Meeting held in Uppsala (Sweden),
12 June 2008**

The minutes of the previous Business Meeting had been on the notice board for everyone to read. There were no comments.

**3. Report from the Executive Committee meetings of
8 September 2009 (Brno) and 1 September 2010 (Kiel)**

The Executive Committee dealt with the following items:

a) Report on the 15th EGF Symposium

The EGF Symposium 2009 on 'Alternative functions of grasslands' held in Brno, Czech Republic, was successful. It was attended by 155 people. The Proceedings appeared as volume 14 in the EGF series 'Grassland Science in Europe'.

b) 16th EGF Symposium 2011

The Committee accepted the proposal for the 16th EGF Symposium on 'Grassland farming and land management systems in mountainous regions' to be held at Gumpenstein in Austria, 2011.

c) Invitation for the 17th EGF Symposium in 2013

Iceland has expressed the willingness to organise the EGF Symposium in 2013. The Executive Committee supported this.

d) Invitation for the 25th EGF General Meeting 2014

The EGF got an official invitation for 2014 by the United Kingdom. The final decision about the venue will be made at the Business Meeting 2012 in Poland.

e) EGF Fund

The balance is CHF 18 720.75 or EUR 12 622.29, respectively (1 EUR = 1.48315 CHF by 31 December 2009). The Fund is in a healthy state, with money coming in from EGF Conferences (10 CHF per paying participant) and from the post-conference sale of Proceedings.

f) Resolution of an EGF Working Group

The working group "Analytical methods for measuring fatty acids in forage" was active since 2006 and can be resoved after reaching all the short-term goals set at the start. Chairperson *Elgersma* was thanked for her work done.

4. Progress Report on the 16th EGF Symposium on 'Grassland farming and land management systems in mountainous regions' to be held in Austria, 2011

Poetsch, the General Secretary of the Organising Committee, gave a short overview of the expected programme. He invited everybody to attend the Symposium at AREC Raumberg-Gumpenstein, Irdning, Austria, 28-31 August 2011, and to send abstracts before 31 October 2010.

5. Arrangements for the 24th EGF General Meeting 2012 proposed to be held in Poland

Kulik presented an introduction to the meeting, to be held 3 to 7 June 2012 in Lublin, Poland. The proposed theme of the meeting is 'Grassland - a European Resource?' *Kulik* drew attention to the information flyer and invited everybody to attend the next EGF General Meeting in Poland. Upon the suggestion of the Executive Committee the Business Meeting accepted with applause the invitation from Poland to host the 24th EGF General Meeting.

6. Elections to the Executive Committee

a) President

The President himself was in the chair during this item. He proposed *Stypinski* as new President for the period 2010-2012, which was met by approval from the audience.

Stypinski thanked for the election and the confidence placed in him and warmly invited all participants to Poland in 2012. The EGF flag was passed on from Germany to Poland. Past President *Isse/stein* continued to chair the Business Meeting.

b) Regional representatives

The following countries were elected in the Executive Committee to represent their region:

Central Europe – Slovakia

Western Europe – United Kingdom

Southern Europe – Spain

The Federation Secretary will ask the national grassland societies from these countries to provide the name of their representative to the Federation Secretary as soon as possible. The President spoke words of thanks to *Nagy* (Hungary), *van den Pol-van Dasselaar* (The Netherlands) and *Farinha* (Portugal) who represented these regions during 2006-2010.

c) Federation Secretary

Kessler was re-elected for a term of two years.

d) Honorary Life President

The Executive Committee proposed a candidate who met the official EGF criteria. The participants of EGF 2010 elected *Parente* (Italy) as a new EGF Honorary Life President during the Conference Dinner at the Kiel Castle on 1 September 2010.

7. Reports

a) Report by the Editor of Grass and Forage Science

GFS is the official journal of EGF and of the BGS. It now has two co-editors: *Dove* and *Hopkins* (previously Chief Editor *Milne* and Deputy Editor *Hopkins*). The number of papers submitted continued to increase. 9 additional associate editors have been appointed this year to bring the total to 18. The impact factor was 1.32 for 2009, when it was ranked 24/61 in the category it is assigned to.

b) Progress report from the EGF Working Groups of 29 August 2010 at Kiel

The 'Grassland re-sowing and arable rotation' and the 'Dairy farming systems' working groups had a joint workshop on 'Green effects of dairy farming'. According to *Aarts* (The Netherlands), 36 scientists attended the workshop.

A second workshop on 'Research methodology of grazing' of the EGF working group on 'Grazing' which was established 2008 in Uppsala had 44 participants from 17 countries. The group chaired by *van den Pol-van Dassel* aims at networking and knowledge exchange on all aspects of grazing.

8. Any other business

Stypinski, the new EGF president, thanked *Isselstein*, *Taube* and the German team for hosting and organising this 23rd EGF General Meeting in Kiel, Germany.

9. Closing

Isselstein thanked all the delegates for coming to Kiel and closed the Business Meeting.

Zurich, 15 November 2010

Willy Kessler
Federation Secretary