



Icelandic Sheepdog International Cooperation

**Notes from the 27th ISIC seminar
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Agenda

1. Opening of the 27th ISIC seminar
2. Announcement of a Chairman and Secretary for the seminar
3. Report of the ISIC/Executive committee
4. Club annual reports – special matters
5. Lecture on dog behaviour from the scientific point of view (Katriina Tiira PhD Helsinki University)
6. Herding workshop
7. Split up in Chairman Group and Breeding Group
8. Reconvene for Large Group Meeting:
9. Decisions from the Chairman meeting
10. Decisions suggested by the Breeding Group

1. Opening the 27th seminar.

ISIC Executive committee chairman Svend Brandt Jensen wished all welcome and thanked the Finnish club Islanninkoirat for the organization of the seminar.

Guðríður Þ. Valgeirsdóttir brought greetings from the Icelandic Guðrún R. Guðjohnsen, who is very well-known by several from the seminar group. A traditional toast of Gammeldansk was drunk to Guðrún's health and the seminar.

2. Announcement of the chairman and secretary for the seminar.

Chairman for the seminar Ingbritt Sannel (ISIC Exec.) and secretary Katariina Jarkko (Finland)

3. Report of the ISIC executive committee

The ISIC executive committee did not have face-to-face meetings in 2021. Instead they met several times via the internet. The main things were struggling with the bank matters, the laws and regulations in banking being now more strict than before in the EU. The bank where ISIC account is, is in Denmark and only Svend has access to it. Cashier Helga Andrésdóttir has not had direct access to the account, which has done her work as cashier more complicated.

Traditionally ISIC executive committee has sent a couple of newsletters to clubs, and it is hoped that clubs provide material and matters to be published in it. Any articles, news etc are welcomed.

There was a question if the ISIC executive committee could send their own yearly report to all clubs.

A written report from ISIC exec. committee was asked for. The committee has had several short meetings over the internet but no notes are written about them. The meetings have normally been about a short, pressing matters (bank account etc.).

4. Reports from the countries, Club annual reports, special matters

Almost all countries have sent their reports.

Sweden Inbreeding dogs global 23,59 there were quite many yellow dogs in Sweden and they are a bit too closely related. The Swedish club representative emphasized that the Icelandic sheepdog breed needs to stay healthy Swedish report has written a very thorough appendix where important information about health issues are described.

In Finland average inbreeding lower than 1 percent, amount of litters was very big. There were nine puppies imported (from Sweden and Denmark). There was no special dog show for the breed in 2021.

In Iceland the dog owners examined their dogs quite actively. Specialty show was held in June

2021, judge Thorsteinn Thorsteinsson. New breeders are coming, which is quite nice

In the Netherlands the number of litters was as usual. They had some events eg. specialty show in 2021. There was a good number of 90 puppies in the show. Day of the Icelandic Sheepdog was celebrated in 2021. There were no big health issues and mean kinship is quite moderate

In Denmark there were 53 litters registered 2021 and average 0,7 inbreeding. They celebrated the club's 25th anniversary in the summer (low key), there were 100 dogs in the træf. Not all the shows were cancelled last year

Hip results have not been so good, being a bit lower than normally. They also noted that the diversity in breeding should be emphasized. In Denmark the club tries to get people more interested in herding more

5. Lecture on dog behaviour from the scientific point of view (Katriina Tiira PhD Helsinki University)

6. Herding workshop (Sanna Rasimus and Riika Kivirinta)

7. Chairman meeting

Approval of the register of participants

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Presentation of ISIC/executive committee's activity report including balance sheet and profit and loss account for the previous year

ISIC balance sheet and profit and loss account were presented

Presentation of the auditor's report

ISIC is still missing an auditor and there was some discussion over why the situation has been the same for two years.

The question of the auditor needs to be solved as soon as possible. It was noted that all countries need to think of a possible candidate to work as an auditor. It was decided that ISIC needs two auditors. The two could be from two different countries.

Helga had asked Icelandic Særún Gréta Hermannsdóttir to check the accounts. Særún Gréta Hermannsdóttir has checked the accounts and did not find any fault in them.

Adoption of the documents mentioned in item 2 and 3 in this list, as well as actions of ISIC and ISIC/Executive committee are not subject to personal liability

The documents were accepted after some clarifying questions answered. ISIC and ISIC Executive committee are not subject to personal liability.

Decision upon the contributions to be paid the following year

It was decided that there will be no changes to previous year's contribution system:

- 50 euros minimum payment plus 1,20 e per club member
- For clubs over 500 members them 2,4e / member exceeding 500

The clubs need to send a of number of club members 31.12.2022 in the beginning of January 2023 to ISIC executive committee / cashier.

Presentation of an updated profit and loss account for the current year

The positive result from year 2021 will be added to the budget.

Presentation of ISIC/exec planned activities for the next year and a cost estimate for these activities.

Travel costs for ISIC exec. Danish and Icelandic members for seminar 2023 in Sweden. No other costs for meetings since ISIC exec. meetings will be held online.

The web page - operation and opportunities to make it more interesting and up to date.

More links could be added to the ISIC homepage to make it more alive and up-to-date. Jimmy and Natasja are responsible for developing the homepage but the clubs are more than welcome to contribute. Traditionally all reports from the clubs will be put on the homepage and clubs are encouraged to add content to the homepage, events, dogshows etc.

One idea was to have a page called INFO, it could have more contact info, there would be a possibility to click on each country's homepage and have the more detailed information there.

Jorgen Metzdorff has an idea of a forum for Icelandic Sheepdog community which could be linked to the ISIC webpage. There was a lot of discussion about whether this type of information/link should be had or why this link should be added in the homepage. Denmark would like a bit more information of the link and the forum that Jorgen has developed. Norway reminded that the copyright of Mark Watson's book is expiring and that thing has been behind the forum, Jorgen thinks that the history of the dog breed should be preserved.

It was pointed out that we really cannot educate breeders by focusing on the things in the history. But it was discussed also that the history should not be left out since it brings new perspective. In the discussion ISIC homepage has been now under updating and has been renewed. It was emphasised that ISIC is not responsible for the content of the links, and it was suggested that we wait to see what the link would entail.

ISIC executive committee will ask Jorgen if he would be able to give still more information on the matter, for example give a webinar for the chairmen well before the next seminar. Then the chairmen will get the idea of the forum and see what it entails.

Information about our bank account

The ISIC bank account is in a Andelskassen bank in Denmark and the monthly costs are quite

high. And the organizing has also become more complicated. Jimmy will check the situation if the ISIC account could be in Norwegian bank and so the costs would be lower. When Jimmy has got more information of the bank matters in Norway, the chairmen will be called to a meeting on the internet to decide the matter. Deadline 25.11.2022.

The ISIC database – status

Search functions are in the process of improvement. Breeding committee and chairman committee should come up with suggestions as to the improvement of the database, in terms of search functions.

Many mistakes noticed in the database have been corrected and missing pedigrees links have also been corrected. There are still corrections to be done, so therefore it is important that everyone who notices any missing dogs or mistakes should contact ISIC executive/data group isic@icelanddog.org (Jimmy Brastad, Gudni Agustsson, Jorgen Metzdorff)

Search suggestions could be one bigger topic to be discussed in the next seminar.

Seminars 2023 and 2024

Sweden 2023 and Denmark 2024

Overhaul of the ISIC RoP (ISIC/Exec): §1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, (8) and 9

§7 ...The chairmen decide in consensus... This matter was discussed and the discussion will continue in the next meeting.

...Majority vote may be used when appointing ISIC/exec members and auditor... The voting in hybrid meetings by those who are not physically present.

§12 Closing down

If, for any reason, ISIC ceases its activities, this must be decided at least by 75% of member countries in two successive chairman meetings. As a part of this decision, it must be declared where and who shall take care of the documents, data, database and homepage (www.icelanddog.org)

§8: The composition of ISIC/Exec in the future

The ISIC executive committee has three members. One of these persons is appointed by DÍF for three years to ensure Icelandic participation in ISIC/exec. The other two persons are elected in different years by the chairman meeting, each for a period of three years.

Election to and composition of the executive committee and sub-committees for the next year

There was a discussion about the number of members in the breeding committee.

May Britt Sannerholt and Wilma Roem have been in the breeding committee since 1997. In the beginning there were three people in the committee, Pieter Oliehoek was in the group but since has moved on to focus on other things.

ISIC breeding committee has suggested Louise Roer to be the third member in the committee and this was unanimously accepted by the chairmen. ISIC Breeding committee pointed out that the cooperation was formed to work for the good of the breed, so that it would be one population, no matter what the country is. There is a financial matter also to consider when thinking of a third member to the committee. However, so far it has been so that the respective clubs have paid for the fees for the ISIC breeding group members.

ISIC breeding committee has always been preparing the seminar matters and is in charge of the breeding committee meeting: chairman and secretary.

ISIC executive committee members and all the subcommittee member have a three-year operating period. Also the member who is appointed by DÍF from Iceland.

It was pointed out that hybrid meetings will be the reality in the future, some participants will be able to travel to the seminar, others will prefer to join from their home via internet.

Helga Andrésdóttir will leave the committee work as it is her turn and as the chairman group decided to have only three members in the ISIC executive committee. The DÍF appointed member will also have a three-year appointment. The seminar participants thanked Helga for her good work and wished she could still contribute to ISIC work with her long-term knowledge of the breed.

Election of an auditor for three years

The question of the auditor needs to be solved as soon as possible. It was noted that all countries need to think of a possible candidate to work as an auditor. It was decided that ISIC needs two auditors. The two could be from two different countries.

It was decided that one auditor will be from Norway...

Other matters

Breeding group meeting recommendations and questions for the ISIC Chairman group:

1. The breeding group ask for permission to approach France and Belgium. France and Belgium are exchanging dogs. Missing data in ISIC database from France, will have influence on registration on the litters from Belgium. Further, we will make sure that the breed representative from Belgium will keep registering the litters in ISIC database.

The permission was given.

2. The breeding group ask for permission to approach the breed representative in Switzerland. In Switzerland, few breeders are now breeding without FCI pedigree. We need to warn our breeders, not to export to breeders not breeding without FCI pedigree

The permission was given.

3. The breeding group ask for permission to approach countries not part of ISIC, to find ways of including them in the work of ISIC.

The permission was given.

4. The breeding group ask for permission to approach and appoint a Canadian breeder, that can add data to ISIC database, even though they are not part of ISIC. One of the problems are that the Canadian breeders can't access the ISIC database.

The permission was given.

5. The breeding group recommend, that there should be a focus on getting the ISIC database complete, with data of birth, health data ect. The breeding group recommend, that a working

group with representatives from both data group and breeding group can work to improve the data in the database. The breeding group recommend, that an import function is added to the ISIC database, to eliminate typos.

End of the seminar

The seminar ended with some matters still undecided due to lack of time, so the ISIC exec. will call a new meeting via the internet before the end of the year.

Katariina Jarkko