



**Welcome address and annual report  
by IDC President, H. Wiblishauser,  
for the International Doberman Club congress  
on 06.09.2019 in Tapioszentmarton, Hungary**

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**Dear colleagues and Doberman friends:**

I want to welcome all participating delegates of the IDC member countries at this International Doberman Club 2019 congress and thank you for taking the long journey to shape the future of our Doberman.

I am very excited meeting you all again and wish we will all have a successful IDC weekend.

I also want to express my gratitude to my fellow IDC board members for the work they have performed during the past year.

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And now I would like to give a very warm welcome - also on your behalf - to the President of the Hungarian Doberman Club - and our host, Mr. Tamas Dohoczki.

I would very much like to thank him and the entire team for the months of preparation of this year's organisation of the IDC Days and this Congress.

Hungary has repeatedly hosted the IDC days as well as IDC World Championships with competent and dedicated guidance. We will remember these events with gratitude. Please pass on our grateful appreciation to the entire team. I am sure that also for this year everything will be done to make these IDC days a success.

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**Now I would like to present you my annual report for the 2019 Congress:**

*Dear delegates,*

Last year, we were not notified of any deceased from our midst. Nevertheless, I would like to ask you to commemorate, with respect and dignity, all those who are no longer among us and who have dedicated themselves with passion and commitment to our common hobby - our wonderful Doberman. I therefore ask you to stand up from your seats for a minute's silence.

Thank you very much.



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### **IDC WM**

Not only the IDC show regularly receives a lot of entries, also the IDC Work Championship is becoming increasingly popular. This is very pleasing to see and the achievements of the participants makes us feel proud. In 2019 this event was also organized with great commitment by the sports friends of Hungary. Thank you again for the organisation of this event and your unrivalled hospitality.

The IDC presidium will publish an agreement with the meeting minutes, which will regulate the procedure in case of complaints. The deadlines for submitting complaints must be met (in writing within 24 hours of the end of the event) and an advance payment of € 100.00 - per complaint within 5 days of the end of the event - must have been made. If this is not respected, the complaint will not be processed.

Later we will receive details about the work section from the annual report of our working trials warden, Willi Cohnen.

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### **IDC Congress**

The purpose of our IDC Congress should be - and I emphasize this over and over again - optimising the race-specific breeding, the reference characteristics of the breed - but also the sport developments in the respective countries, to find adequate solutions for any problem and to engage in an exchange of experiences and goals to ensure a positive future for our dogs.

At this congress, wishes and suggestions - but also experiences and results from our Dobermann - can be exchanged in person, but these should always be in line with the breed standard of the German motherland, the terms of the IDC and the cooperation agreement between IDC and FCI, and are to be implemented in organizational, time and staffing terms in all member states.

As we will discuss the proposals and make important decisions today, keep in mind that the homeland of the breed is doing everything possible to support the IDC member countries.

You will receive more information about the developments and observations in the breed evolution from the report of our breed warden, Norbert Daube.

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**ZTP**

The breeding suitability tests have become an integral part of the breeding process in most member countries. I'm very proud of that. This is the base for an internationally uniform breed of our unique Dobermann.

Our goal remains to standardize and implement the ZTP in all member countries according to the documented rules. Unconditionally related to this are the necessary breeding tests and the uniform assessment of the documentation.

The ZTP has already manifested itself internationally as a breeding requirement, demonstrating its advantages in many countries for a lot of Dobermann breeders.

The ZTP regulations require also proof of a so-called "companion dog examination / BH" as a further condition for participation in a ZTP. Here again the problem of uniformity arises! Some countries follow these guidelines very strict. Many dogs have been brought to ZTP's in the last months to comply with our regulations. These countries are aware of the full potential of this test as a foundation for further advanced training programmes.

In other countries there is supposedly no "BH" or the specifications have not been met (Italy, France ...). This is surprising to see, as the IGP programme also requires proof of a BH. Occasionally, we are confronted with complaints when the documentation of the participants is rejected.

As with the change in breed-standard, I also refer to this issue annually at the judges congress, and today I ask you to work together to ensure a consistent international implementation in your country.

It must also be taken into account that the office in Germany provides support for every ZTP. However, it cannot be the case that the negligence of participants and requests for documents are always at the expense of the members in Germany.

For this purpose we will in future charge a " complication surcharge to the organisations ", which are responsible for the correct submission of all documents 6 weeks before the ZTP, but which make the processing more difficult and delayed due to missing documents and necessary queries.

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**Breeding - Future project(s):**

My annual appeals and suggestions that there are considerable national shortcomings in breeding controls, which in turn lead to considerable complaints, are unfortunately not implemented satisfactorily and not voluntarily. Here we must now act in a target-oriented manner. Germany spends a great deal of time and money on this in order to implement the uniform conditions neutrally.

We could learn a lot from each other's experiences and thus contribute to improving breeding. As a first step, however, we must know the basis and comply with conventions. Without verifiable controls within the IDC countries, we will never speak of uniformity. Let us consider only the docking and cropping, or the BH, which is required to the ZTP, the often promised sending of the stud books which do not come, the breeding site and puppy acceptance controls, which do not exist in many countries, and much more. Only if we fulfil these tasks uniformly, we can initiate further, new steps and implement wishes.

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**Health preservation of the Doberman:**

DCM is another topic of discussion that has been attracting international attention and involvement for many years. There are member countries in the IDC that report us that they have introduced a so-called "DCM compulsory examination as a breeding requirement" for years. They wanted on a regular basis to report to us about their experiences and above all about the changes in breeding through the evaluation of the test results. Unfortunately, the IDC Presidium still has no information or evaluation results.

We will not be able to avoid the introduction of a compulsory examination (also from a political and media point of view). Even if there is currently no sustainable sense, it will be unavoidable to introduce a DCM compulsory examination for the breeding partners. The Presidium of the Dobermann-Verein e.V. has already defined the criteria for this in 2017 and presented them at the Annual General Meeting in Germany. It will affect all areas of our Dobermann Clubs. A reliable genetic test - which, according to the latest study of science, does not yet exist - does not replace this. (Dr. Wess-Germany, July 2019)

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**Stud books:**

It was decided several times in our organisation that all countries should make their stud books available to the IDC once a year. To date, we have not received a stud book from any IDC member country.

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**Requests:**

Every year we receive requests that we take very seriously and work through. The amendments and resolutions, however, make no sense if they are only recorded in the meeting minutes and are then not dealt with.

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**Cynological organisations:**

It is well known that the partially positive experiences of individual countries cannot always be directly transferred to the other responsible cynological umbrella organisations. There is still a lot to do here. Support for such problems has been offered at every IDC Congress. There was no such request.

Currently there is a ban on exhibitions in Holland for so-called "Qualzuchtrassen", torture breeding, which are very broad in scope. A breeding prohibition should follow. This includes pedigree dogs, which are defined by certain health characteristics.

Through the cooperation agreement, however, it is possible for you to inform and convince the umbrella associations of the necessity of a breeding assessment test and the necessary controls.

Of course, the IDC board members will be happy to assist you - if necessary - in enforcing this regulation. This also means that certain wishes, suggestions and/or applications must always be carefully examined to determine whether they can be implemented nationally or internationally. In most countries the breeding regulations as well as the preparation of the pedigrees are carried out by the cynological associations, for which our decisions are sometimes not relevant.

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**IDC exhibition ban:**

During the IDC exhibition in 2018, another incident occurred with an exhibitor from Slovenia. He assaulted the breeding judge Rudi Killmaier in the ring in 2018 while judging, threatened and insulted him. A police intervention was necessary. The event had to be interrupted for a longer period of time.

In the past, there had been several exhibitors who had behaved in an undisciplined manner, thus disrupting the event and damaging the image of the IDC.



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Therefore, after the IDC Days 2018, the IDC Presidium unanimously decided to immediately ban any person who has harmed the IDC, the judges, the image of our Dobermann breed and the exhibitors from exhibiting at any IDC event.

The future IDC organizers must be informed promptly and we kindly ask you to take this information into account!

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**Thank you for the support:**

Now that the secretariat of the IDC has been competently staffed by Evi Torfs, we can carry out our extensive work more quickly.

Evi Torfs does this job with great commitment and competence. Thank you very much for completing this labour-intensive task.

I would also like to thank Mr. Jakubowski for maintaining the IDC website.

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Finally I would like to thank all organizers of the IDC Days with Congress and the IDC World Championship. I ask the member countries to always bear in mind that we can only hold these events if the organizers and hosts are available.

Dear colleagues, you are all valuable members of this International Dobermann Club. I appreciate your work very much and thank you!

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**Conclusion:**

I want to ask you to discuss breed-matters here at the congress, this is the place to share breed-related matters. Our discussions should not take place on Facebook or alike! Otherwise, we can continue to discuss on social media forever; without direct verbal communication and without conclusions.

Let us now hold constructive dialogues, discuss and make this congress successful and satisfying. In the end, we should have made advancements towards our common goals, especially for breeding, to find uniform and controllable definitions within the IDC member countries and this to the satisfaction of breeders, competitors and members.

Lets all have successful, productive and harmonious IDC anniversary days, in the positive spirit of IDC.

Thank you for your valued attention and your constructive contributions and the positive, friendly cooperation.