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Trophy Measurement Workshop in Vienna

A workshop was organized in Vienna for the members of the Commission Exhibitions and Trophies. 50 participants arrived from most Eastern European countries but also from Belgium, France, Germany, Portugal, the UK, even Iran and South Africa and, of course, Austria. The workshop discussed the evolutionary development of the CIC formula system and the revised and updated edition of a combined Red and Blue CIC Book and a Task Team

was nominated to run this process. In the past several decades, the focus of the Commission on preserving biologically incomplete formulae disregarded the expanding knowledge on game biology and the growing global hunting tourism sector. The global aspect originally intended in the CIC Red Book was neglected. The updated formula must fulfill the requirements of comparability, practicality, objectivity and social acceptance. The revision of

each existing formula has to be based on three important parameters: ecological, economical and socio-cultural relevance. The adaptation of trophy categories and also point levels for medal/certificate adjudication is very important to underline our sustainable harvest policy.

Read more in the thought-provoking Editorial on the following pages.

*Gerhard Damm
 Commission Exhibitions
 & Trophies*

Invitation to the USA: CIC Efforts Praised by Members and Partners

There can be no doubt about the importance of the United States' influence upon the conservation of natural resources and the sustainable use of wildlife around the world.

No single country has a bigger impact, both political and socio-economically; just imagine the economic impact if the +10 million US based big game hunters were no

longer able to hunt – especially abroad? With this in mind, and by invitation of our US-partners, CIC President Dieter Schramm, Chief Executive Officer Kai Wollscheid and Programs Officer David Erickson could devote an important time in January of this year visiting CIC Members and meeting other allies and potential partners.

The CIC is already rep-

resented by an active and growing Delegation, ably headed by Mrs. Chrissie Jackson. One of our key partners there is the Dallas Safari Club (DSC), as an engaged member of the CIC.

Responding to a suggestion from the US Head of Delegation and the Dallas Safari Club, President Schramm was invited to attend the annual

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President's Message

In dieser Ausgabe beschäftigen wir uns mit einem der Schwerpunkte des CIC: die Anpassung der Trophäenvermessung an die heutigen Anforderungen. Das ist aus drei Gründen notwendig: (1) wir haben eine Auswertungsmethode entwickelt, sie ist jedoch weder rechtlich abgesichert, noch erzielen wir wirtschaftlichen Nutzen durch deren Anwendung. (2) Nach jüngsten Informationen gibt es eine Vielzahl von Divergenzen in unserem aktuellen System. (3) Unsere Methode muss wissenschaftlicher und glaubwürdiger werden. Um die Jagd zu rechtfertigen, ist das beste Argument, ihre Leistung zu belegen, die erneuerbare Naturressourcen auf einer nachhaltigen Art und Weise im Interesse der Gesellschaft nutzt. Belegen heißt: objektiv bewerten. Jeder anerkennt die außerordentlichen Leistungen hochrangiger CIC Persönlichkeiten, die das Verfahren entwickelt haben. Dennoch, der Schwerpunkt der CIC Kommission Ausstellungen und Trophäen der letzten Jahrzehnte, biologisch lückenhafte Formeln zu bewahren, hat das expandierende Fachwissen über Wildbiologie und den wachsenden globalen Jagdtourismus nicht ausreichend berücksichtigt. Der globale Aspekt, der ursprünglich im Roten Buch vorgesehen war, wurde außer Acht gelassen. Die aktualisierten Formeln müssen die Anforderungen Vergleichbarkeit, Praktikabilität, Objektivität und gesellschaftliche Akzeptanz erfüllen. Die Anpassung jeder bestehenden Formel muss auf drei wichtigen Parametern basieren: ökologische, wirtschaftliche sowie sozio-kulturelle Bedeutung. Am 16. Februar haben wir in Wien einen Workshop über das CIC Trophäenvermessungssystem gehalten und möchten in Paris einen umfangreichen Bericht über die grundsätzlichen Ziele der Überarbeitung unseres Systems präsentieren.

Dear Friends,



In this edition of our Newsletter we deal with an issue, which is seen by many of us as one of the core objects of the CIC: adapting the CIC Trophy Measurement System to today's challenges. WHY adjust what has been used by the CIC for so many decades? Let me repeat the three major reasons, which also answer the question: who will benefit... the CIC, of course! You may choose the order of priority: (1) we have developed a widely used scoring system and have neither protected it for the CIC, nor do we retrieve any economical benefit from its use. (2) We have an astonishing number of divergences in our actual system, which became evident during our recent intensive exchange of information, as rightfully pointed out by our honorable friend Professor Simon de Combrugghe from Belgium. (3) We are challenged with our CIC measurement system to become more scientific, more credible. A certain section of public opinion puts hunting into question by claiming "sustainable use leads to species degeneration: taking only the big trophy animals out leads to diminution of herd quality..." In order to justify hunting, the main and best arguments are in proving its capacity to manage renewable natural resources in a sustainable fashion on behalf

of the community. Proving means: objectively scoring what we take from nature as a vital contribution to conservation. That is the issue – and not an inflexible "noli me tangere"...

Let me clarify one aspect first: all of us respect and honour the extraordinary engagement and achievement of high ranking CIC personalities like Veljko Varicak, Prof. Josef Hromas, Prof. Pavel Hell and others. They have devoted their lifetime for the cause of the CIC and contributed immensely to the fact that the CIC measurement system became standard practice and even has been included in the hunting laws of a number of countries. It is, consequently, with the highest level of respect to their skills and experience within the trophy measuring sector, when I, nevertheless, point out some facts: the focus of the CIC Commission Exhibitions and Trophies in the past several decades concentrated on preserving, what world-renowned scientists Dr. A. B. Bubenik and Professor V. Geist called "biologically incomplete formulae". We disregarded the rapidly expanding global hunting tourism sector. Our Commission worked as a rather closed circle and did not coordinate with independent scientists and e.g. with leading knowledge-pools such as the IUCN specialist groups. The Commission work also concentrated almost exclusively on Central European species rather than on the global aspect as originally intended in the CIC Red Book. These are historical facts and not discrediting

remarks. We have proven time and again that we are prepared to face constructive criticism – not to be injurious to the work of our highly reputed specialists but in order to enable our organization to fulfil its role as leader in the promotion of sustainable hunting as – ceterum censeo – a basis of conservation.

Did you know that the late G. K. Whitehead, arguably one of the most qualified CIC Cervidae experts, repeatedly challenged our existing CIC Points System? And that he was supported by Werner Trense, our Honorary Secretary General – also featured in this Newsletter? This happened at the International Hunting Exhibition in Turin (1972), at the CIC General Assemblies in Texel (1972) and Paris (1975). However, during the General Assembly in Vienna (1996), the Commission Exhibitions and Trophies passed a resolution that "for the time being, there is no reason to change the scoring formulae. ... oppose any changes... since changes would make any long term comparison of the game breeding efforts of hunters impossible". A word to the important question of comparison: the CIC system should be equivalent, to a certain extent, to the other well-established trophy measuring systems, match with scientific measuring methods and permit comparison with the existing data but not restricted to comparing mere point totals. Such comparisons are meaningless, since a point total does not give sufficient data of the trophy itself.

But "Game Breeding"?

Are we hunters or “breeders”? Like hatching cattle? This argument is water on the mill of those who deliberately act against the sustainable use principle: “hunters only breed game to kill big trophies”. By the way, the Boone & Crockett Club is constantly adapting their scoring method to latest knowledge – don’t anybody think I intend to “Americanize” or “Europeanize” our measuring system. Thanks to your support, today’s CIC is a truly global organization and this must be reflected in our scoring system as intended by our founding fathers.

The above mentioned and other reasons prevented the evolutionary development of the CIC formulae along the important parameters highlighted by Professor Fritz Reimoser at the Vienna Workshop on 16 February this year. He explained that trophy hunting has – in the context of sustainability of hunting – three aspects: 1. ecology, 2. economy and 3. the socio-cultural one.

In the name of all of us I want to give credit and applause to our friend Gerhard Damm, the GA-appointed Coordinator for the Commission Exhibitions and Trophies, for his comprehensive and deep rooted analysis of our scoring system. However, let me make one thing crystal clear: his competent work gave the factual background for our workshop in Vienna and may not be misleadingly interpreted as a “single handed assault against established values” – much to the contrary! This Vienna meeting hosted almost all of our experts from East and West, from North and South – even one of our Iranian colleagues was there. It took place under the honourable

patronage of the charismatic CIC-personality A.J. Hettier de Bois Lambert, who also gave a very logical and conclusive speech along the lines of his previous article: “In the past, [...] hundreds of thousands of trophies have been measured according to the CIC scoring directives and it served as a reference for European species. This system, however, was devised for another age when hunting was not what it has become. [...] Nowadays [...] the main and best arguments [in favour of sustainable hunting] are in proving its capacity to manage renewable natural resources in a sustainable fashion on behalf of the community. [...] It must be pointed out that official scientific or technical entities responsible for the management and study of wildlife do not take this aspect [medals and certificates] into account at all, especially because the CIC system embodies subjective factors. [...] In order to find an indisputable place for hunting in the 21st Century, a measuring system of necessity, must be straightforward to implement, exact in its directives and devoid of any subjective elements.”

Vienna provided a common denominator for the evolutionary development of the CIC formulas and the revised edition of a combined CIC Red and Blue Book. Although the task may seem like the proverbial squaring of the circle, we have accepted the challenge. However, a revised CIC formula must fulfil these requirements: Biological Relevance, Comparability, Practicability, Objectivity, Social Acceptance as part of Prof. Reimoser’s parameters mentioned above. These

principles are sufficiently general to have found a consensus in Vienna. However, “the devil loves the detail” and when analysing the various inputs of our expert working group over the last two weeks, I can only state: there are a substantial number of different interpretations of the actual CIC Points. And another headache: too many of our experts are reluctant to participate in the discussion; we are running the danger of working in a “committee restraint” – which is by no means our idea!

Also, we all agreed in Vienna that any adapted system needs a trial period – so with all due respect to my personal impatience, I am realistic enough that such a decisive question for the CIC cannot be just “pushed” through. Therefore, we will present in Paris a comprehensive report about the principle goals and objectives of our revision and a time schedule for its implementation. Once we receive your “Go ahead” on these principles and the timing, we can then continue to work out the necessary changes – but it will take time for consensual deliberations before we can internationally register the revised official “CIC Trophy Measuring System” as CIC property and develop economic parameters for its use – including the verification/education of certified CIC measurers.

A touchy issue, a momentous task! “Moralité de l’histoire”: Your CIC is well on its way. See you in Paris!

Dieter Schramm

*Dieter Schramm
President of CIC*

Dans cette édition nous parlerons d’une question fondamentale du CIC : adapter le Système de mensuration des trophées du CIC aux défis d’aujourd’hui. Cela est devenue nécessaire pour trois raisons : (1) nous avons développé un système d’évaluation sans l’avoir protégé ou profité de son utilisation. (2) Il y a un certain nombre de divergences dans l’interprétation de notre système actuel en vue des développements récents. (3) Notre système a besoin d’être plus scientifique, plus crédible. Le meilleur moyen de justifier la chasse est de démontrer son rôle dans la gestion durable des ressources naturelles renouvelables en faveur des communautés locales. Démontrer veut dire : évaluer avec impartialité. Nous tous respectons les réalisations extraordinaires des personnalités de haut rang du CIC qui ont développé le système actuel. Pourtant la Commission des expositions et trophées du CIC au cours des dernières décennies a prêté son attention à la préservation de formules biologiquement incomplètes qui ne tiennent pas compte des connaissances grandissantes sur la biologie du gibier et du tourisme cynégétique global en expansion. Le concept initial du Livre rouge du CIC fut en quelque sorte ignoré. Les formules mises à jour cependant devront satisfaire les besoins de la comparabilité, la faisabilité, l’objectivité et l’approbation sociale. La révision de toute formule existante doit être fondée sur trois paramètres importants : écologique, économique et le rapport socio-culturel. Nous avons organisé un atelier sur le Système de cotation et mensuration des trophées le 16 février à Vienne et nous envisageons de présenter à Paris un rapport détaillé sur les buts principaux de notre révision du système.

Focus: US Mission

Es besteht kein Zweifel über die Bedeutung des Einflusses der USA auf die Erhaltung der natürlichen Ressourcen und der nachhaltigen Nutzung der Wildtiere auf der ganzen Welt. Präsident Dieter Schramm, Geschäftsführer Kai Wollscheid und Mitarbeiter David Erickson besuchten CIC Mitglieder, Alliierte und potenzielle Partner. Der CIC ist bereits durch eine aktive US Delegation vertreten. Einer unserer wichtigsten dortigen Partner ist der „Dallas Safari Club“ (DSC). Präsident Schramm wurde eingeladen, an der DSC Jahresversammlung teilzunehmen. Während des Gala Dinners sprach er zu 1.500 DSC Mitgliedern und hob die Bedeutung einer verstärkten internationalen Kooperation zwischen den Jagdverbänden hervor. Weitere Höhepunkte des Aufenthaltes war die Etablierung von engeren Verbindungen zu dem bekannten „Boone & Crockett Club“ und der „Wildlife Conservation Society“ (WCS) in New York. Dank unseres langjährigen Mitgliedes Maggie O. Bryant, haben wir unsere Beziehung zu der WILD Stiftung intensivieren können. Ein Arbeitsgespräch gab es auch mit der „International Conservation Caucus Foundation“ (ICCF) in Washington. Der CIC wurde als einziger internationaler Vertreter der Jagdgemeinschaft eingeladen, an der Jahresgala der ICCF am 19. Januar teilzunehmen. Der neue Ansatz der US Administration einer aktiven Kooperation mit internationalen Interessenvertretern zahlte sich aus: ein erfolgreicher Besuch bei den richtigen Partnern zur richtigen Zeit – ein neues Kapitel für CIC Aktivitäten auf dem nordamerikanischen Kontinent.

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convention of the DSC, hosting more than 20,000 participants during the course of a four day event. The culmination of the convention is a gala dinner, at which the CIC had the honour of addressing more than 1,500 DSC members. Noting the long and rich history of conservation in the US and its influence on the international scene, President Schramm praised the members of DSC for their outspoken focus on conservation. Dieter Schramm further highlighted the vital importance for increased international cooperation among hunting organizations – a message accepted with resounding applause.

Following the gala, Mrs. Chrissy Jackson chaired a meeting of the US Delegation, hosted by the Board of the Dallas Safari Club. President Schramm highlighted the CIC's leading role at the level of the United Nations System and the global conservation community. His explanation about the success of the CIC Coordination Forum for Central and South Eastern



Europe was met with special interest and great applause. Participants of the meeting were delighted to hear how hunters of all countries in Central and South East Europe have been motivated by the CIC's celebrity Veljko Varicak to successfully cooperate since 7 years now on the basis of their common passion for wildlife. This extraordinary example of a CIC Coordination Forum highlighted the unique nature of the CIC, itself being politically neutral although harbouring state membership. The CIC, as a consultative body can act as a convening entity as proven by the exceptional success of the Coordination Forum.

deeply honoured for having received an invitation to present our focus on collaborating with the international conservation community to the Boone & Crockett Club's Annual Assembly this year.

Following the meeting in Dallas, Dieter Schramm, Kai Wollscheid and David Erickson met with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), at their headquarters in New York. The CIC Mission could converse with the Executive Vice President for Conservation and Science and the Executive Vice President for Public Relations. The Wildlife Society ranks as one of the "Big Four" US based conservation organizations with extensive conservation programs in more than 48 countries, with an annual budget in excess of USD \$180 million. Wildlife management plays a key role in many of the Society's global projects and the actual open minded approach of our American friends to jointly approach activities with international stakeholders like the CIC reconfirmed the window of opportunity for constructive cooperation.

Discussion, consequently could cover a variety of topics and it could be agreed to identify the present areas of commonality and to further explore future opportunities for practical cooperation. One particular hallmark of the Society's success in so many countries of the world lies in its scientifically based factual approach – The CIC and the Wildlife Society share



From left to right: President Dieter Schramm, Boone & Crockett President Lowell Baier, CIC Expert Shane Mahoney and Programs Officer David Erickson discussing common concerns facing the hunting conservation community

the same fundamental philosophy: both recognize that human beings represent an integral part of nature. The common global conservation efforts of both organizations, furthermore, work on the clear understanding that the public must be presented with scientific facts and proven knowledge as the only means to countermand purely emotional arguments, and resulting negative judgments against the sustainable use principle as basis for conservation.

Rounding off the trip, the CIC Mission was following the invitation of our honourable and long-standing member Mrs. Maggie O'Brian. Thanks to her introduction, we could intensify our relationship with the WILD Foundation, one of the big conservation players on the continent. We also owe it to Maggie's unwavering assistance that we



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President Lowell Baier*



*Members of the Boone & Crockett Club, CIC Members Shane Mahoney
(4th from left) and Gray Thornton (3rd from right)*

met with the International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) in Washington. Not only could we enjoy meaningful exchange of common

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ideas – as the absolute highlight, the CIC was invited to attend their Annual Gala on the night of the 19th of January. The CIC was the only international representation of the hunting community at this illustrious event held this year in honour of the inauguration of President Obama.

The Foundation itself is a unique organization in the field of global conservation that creates a direct link between the Congress of the US (both House and Senate) and conservation programs around the world. Predominant task is to brief US Congressional members on an ongoing basis about the ramifications and benefits of

American conservation efforts, particularly abroad. The Foundation and the CIC agreed to explore the possibilities of a close and meaningful cooperation. The CIC has been offered to name an intern, who would be invited to work within the Foundation focusing on the collaboration mentioned above.

The new US administration's approach of active consultation and cooperation with international stakeholders paid off visibly: a fruitful visit with the right partners, exactly at the right time – a new page could be turned regarding the CIC's efforts to entrench itself more actively on the North American continent by enhancing existing partnerships and identifying new ones.

As a parting gift, Mrs. O'Brian, this year's recipient of a special award of the Conservation Caucus Foundation, extended an invitation of the "Washington" Conservation Community. At this occasion the CIC's presentation of global activities was welcomed with high appreciation.

*Kai Wollscheid,
David Erickson*

Il n'y a aucun doute sur l'influence des États-Unis en matière de conservation des ressources naturelles et l'utilisation durable de la faune sauvage à travers le monde. Le Président Schramm, Kai Wollscheid et David Erickson ont rendu visite aux Membres du CIC, alliés et partenaires potentiels. Aux États-Unis le CIC se fait déjà représenté par une Délégation active dont fait partie le « Dallas Safari Club » (DSC). Le Président Schramm a été invité à assister à la convention annuelle du DSC. Au cours du dîner de gala il s'est adressé à plus de 1,500 membres du DSC et a souligné l'importance d'une coopération internationale renforcée parmi les organisations de chasse. La mission a également permis d'établir des liens plus étroits avec le « Boone & Crockett Club » et « Wildlife Conservation Society » (WCS) à New York. Nous avons intensifié nos rapports avec la Fondation « WILD » grâce à l'appui de notre membre de longue date, Mme Maggie O. Bryant. Suivant une visite au siège de l'« International Conservation Caucus Foundation » (ICCF) à Washington, le CIC a été invité à assister à leur Gala annuel le 19 janvier représentant la communauté cynégétique internationale à l'occasion de cet événement illustre. La nouvelle approche de l'administration des États-Unis et les visites fructueuses ont permis d'ouvrir une nouvelle page dans les relations du CIC sur le continent nord-américain.

Commissions & Working Groups

Grey Partridge Conservation in Ireland

Die Stiftung zur Erhaltung der Rebhühner Irlands lobte die CIC Kommission Falknerei für ihre kontinuierliche Unterstützung bei den Bemühungen, die Rebhühner als einen Teil des irischen Naturerbes zu erhalten. Die Populationszahlen steigen im Vergleich zu früheren Jahren. Lebensraummanagement, besonders für Rebhühner, Raubwildkontrolle während den empfindlichen Perioden sowie die Aufzucht von einem Teil der wild geschlüpften Küken durch Glucken haben zu diesem positiven Ergebnis geführt. Lebensraumbeschaffung sichert einen Korridoreffekt auf dem ganzen Projektgebiet von 12.000 ha und führt zu einem Gleichgewicht in Verfügbarkeit und relativen Größen der verschiedenen Lebensraumforderungen für Brut, Aufzucht und Überwinterung. Den ausführlichen Bericht finden Sie auf Englisch in der Mitgliedersektion der CIC Website.

The Irish Grey Partridge Conservation Trust acknowledges and thanks the CIC and in particular Jose Manuel Rodríguez-Villa, President of CIC's Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey Commission for their continued support in efforts to secure grey partridge as part of Ireland's natural heritage of wild game.

The Irish Grey Partridge Conservation Trust regards the conservation of naturally occurring grey partridge in Ireland as an opportunity for the field sports community to prove the hunting and conservation paradox. It is also our view that other non-governmental organizations have not and will not invest their time or money to prevent the extinction of a species with a lineage dating back to New Grange, (2,500 BC). The sole aim of this project is to conserve a wild population of grey partridge in the Irish landscape, which will be valued and appreciated by future generations of peoples. All acceptable techniques and methodologies,

recognised by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) have been and will continue to be considered in the attainment of this goal.

A true picture of the decline of naturally occurring grey partridge in Ireland only crystallised when the widespread release of game farmed grey partridge ended in 1995 – perhaps a blessing in disguise or a lesson which steered the field sports community away from the assumption that all grey partridges counted in autumn had a truly wild provenance. For grey partridge conservationists in other countries there are lessons to be learned from Ireland's experience – not least the speed at which a national population can collapse in the absence of direct intervention.

Our philosophy of partnership has paid off for the partridge. The Trust's alliance with the National Association of Regional Game Councils and our good working relationship with statutory agencies and other non-governmental organizations have made a

significant difference.

All who are genuinely concerned about the conservation of the species in Ireland should appreciate the degree of difficulty for those at the cutting edge. Managing wild grey partridges on a cutaway bog presents a radically different and more challenging set of variables – indeed industrial cutaway bog is the antithesis of a cereal farmland in the UK, which is managed sympathetically for partridge.

Despite poor summer weather, the 2008 autumn population is up from previous years. The provision of improved nesting and brood rearing habitats, the management of predators during key times and the production of parent reared chicks from a portion of the local wild population have netted a positive result.

Habitat management:

- In the deep peaty areas of the project area an additional 30 acres of cutaway has been sown with species rich/site-specific grass mixes – including Red Clover.
- Areas of deep peat covered by soft rush are being reclaimed for grey partridge – habitat creation in these areas will commence spring 2009.
- Optimal grazing has been employed to manage grassland for conservation purposes.
- Efforts to reduce the area of grassland monoculture being farmed on privately owned land in Boora are on-going.
- Crops are sown in eight and twelve meter strips and separate one-hectare blocks.
- A 23 acre block of forestry

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has been removed – in 2009 this particular area will be converted into habitats for grey partridge.

The injection of new funding for the 2006-2010 period has allowed a doubling of brood rearing and wintering habitats being managed specifically for grey partridge and a quadrupling of linear nesting cover. Habitat provision is being coordinated to ensure that a corridor effect throughout the project site of 12,000 hectares provides a balance in the availability and relative sizes of nesting, brood rearing and wintering habitats. Overall 4.2 km of nesting areas and a total of 144 hectares of brood rearing habitats and winter cover are currently being managed.

In relation to habitat development/creation, our prime objective for 2009 is to build on what has already been achieved. Already we have reduced the area of grass monoculture in Boora by providing incentives to join the Linnet Scheme. Linnet plots, (Lands Invested in Nature & Natural Eco-Tillage) are sown in one or half hectare blocks – these blocks contain a cereal/oil-seed, kale mix. Linnet is an agri-environmental scheme which is funded by Ireland's Department of Agriculture – it is similar to the Countryside Stewardship Scheme which operates in the UK. Linnet plots have proved to be very useful for grey partridge in Boora – birds are using them as overwinter and nesting habitats.

Predator control

Predator control has remained at the core of wild partridge management since 1996. Not alone does predator control reduce the risk of nest losses, it reduces over winter mortality of adult partridges. An additional benefit is a dramatic increase in the number of breeding pairs of Lapwing – indeed the breeding productivity of Lapwing in Boora is the highest of any other known colony in Ireland.

To see the full report, visit the Member's section of the CIC website.

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Le « Irish Grey Partridge Conservation Trust » reconnaît la Commission fauconnerie du CIC pour son soutien continu en faveur des efforts de garder la perdrix grise comme faisant partie du patrimoine naturel de l'Irlande. Le nombre de populations est en croissance en comparaison avec les années précédentes. L'amélioration de l'habitat, en particulier pour la perdrix grise, la gestion de prédateurs pendant les périodes clés et la production des oisillons élevés de parents adoptifs, dérivée d'une partie de la population sauvage locale ont donné ce résultat positif. L'aménagement de l'habitat assure l'effet corridor dans l'enceinte du lieu entier du projet, c'est-à-dire sur les 12,000 hectares. De plus, cela permet un équilibre dans la disponibilité et l'étendue de l'habitat de nidification, de l'alimentation et les zones d'hivernage. Pour lire le rapport entier veuillez visiter www.cic-wildlife.org, espace Membres.

Update on the Implementation of "Perform CIC"

Streamlined Business Plans

Since our last report regarding the implementation of the "Perform CIC" project the progress in the realization of the nine targets has been furthered. The Council reviewed all business plans that have been then revised and streamlined in light of CIC's strategic goals and objectives, also taking into consideration the financial realities of the organization.

Force in unity: channelling our communication in a unified way will strengthen our message

All Members of the organization have a perception of what the CIC should stand for and have a common understanding on main goals and objectives. Still,

do all Members speak up with one voice about the CIC to the outside world? Are we making the most out of the opportunities when describing our CIC? In order to give more clarity, focus and efficiency to our communications, the Perform team put effort in the elaboration of a useful communication tool.

Two surveys have been conducted among members and prominent elected officers of the CIC in order to see how they describe CIC's strategic role, mission and vision. On the basis of the assessments, and in line with the organization's Statutes and Bylaws, a proposal on vision and mission statements has been elaborated as well as clear descriptions on CIC's offerings, audiences and values

(main elements of the so-called "brand positioning"). In this process the CIC received complimentary professional advice from partner organizations based in Switzerland and benefited from the expertise of qualified CIC Members. The outcome of the work was presented to the Executive Committee on 14 February 2009 and the revised proposal on CIC's brand positioning has been included in the working documents of the General Assembly.

The Perform CIC team found it appropriate and timely to further polish the CIC's longstanding brand and to increase the common understanding on its vision and mission before investing in the further development of partnerships and in fundraising.

Nachdem der Rat und das Exekutivkomitee sämtliche Businesspläne überprüften, wurden diese gemäß den strategischen Zielen des CIC, unter Berücksichtigung der finanziellen Gegebenheiten, überarbeitet. Um unserer Kommunikation mehr Effizienz zu verleihen, arbeitet das Perform-Team verstärkt an der Ausarbeitung eines geeigneten Kommunikationsmittels, das unter anderem die Deklaration der Vision, Mission und der Werte der Organisation beinhaltet.

Le Conseil et le Comité Exécutif du CIC ont révisé tous les Business Plans qui ont été par la suite corrigés et rationalisés compte tenu des buts stratégiques du CIC ainsi que les réalités financières de l'organisation. Afin de donner plus d'efficacité à nos communications, l'équipe Perform CIC s'est également donné la peine d'élaborer un outil de communication formulant, entre autres, la déclaration de vision, mission et valeurs de l'organisation.

Die CIC Kommission Falknerie unterstützt seit 2006 die Wiederansiedlung von baumbrütenden Wanderfalken in Deutschland durch den Arbeitskreis

Wanderfalkenschutz.

Die Wiederherstellung der baumbrütenden Populationen ist für die Erhaltung dieser Art in Europa äußerst wichtig.

2008 wurden 25 Territorien besetzt. Insgesamt 89 Jungfalken wurden mit der Prägung auf Baumbruten ausgewildert. Die Prägung dieser Nistmethode ist allerdings nicht ausschließlich. Felsen und Gebäude haben bei Baumbrütern einen Ablenkungseffekt. Das ist der Grund, warum Baumbrüter immer noch eine isolierte Subpopulation bilden.

Derzeit leben etwa 1000 Wanderfalkenpaare in Deutschland und das Felsbrüter-Gebiet ist beinahe vollständig wiederbesiedelt.

Durant les dernières années la Commission fauconnerie du CIC a soutenu la réintroduction des faucons pèlerins qui nichent dans les arbres en Allemagne à travers d'un projet de l'

« Arbeitskreis Wanderfalkenschutz ». Le rétablissement des populations d'oiseaux arboricoles est essentiel pour la conservation de cette espèce en Europe. En 2008, 25 territoires propices à la nidification arboricole ont été occupés.

En tout, 89 jeunes faucons imprégnés à la nidification dans les arbres sont devenu indépendants. Néanmoins, l'empreinte de la nidification arboricole n'est pas exclusive. Les escarpements et les bâtiments ont un effet distrayant sur les faucons. C'est pourquoi il s'agit toujours d'une sous-population isolée.

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Return of the Tree-nesting Peregrine in Germany



The CIC Falconry Commission supports the reintroduction of tree-nesting Peregrines (*Falco p. peregrinus*) in Germany since 2006 through the "Arbeitskreis Wanderfalkenschutz" (Working Group for Peregrine Falcon Conservation). We reported on the first results in the CIC Newsletter 2007/1. The recovery of the tree-nesting populations is crucial for the conservation of this species in Europe.

The habit of nesting on trees was developed by Peregrines in the lowlands of Central- and Eastern Europe, an area without cliffs. The biggest tree-nesting population worldwide was previously found in Northeast Europe. Reaching to the East to the Ural Mountains, Germany was the south-western border of this distribution range. Historically, in Germany the tree-nesting populations had far larger distribution in the Eastern part of the country. The cliff-nesting Peregrines lived in the South-West with a clear borderline between the two areas. This historical evidence helps us to understand the background of tree-nesting.

After the drastic worldwide decline in the late 1960s mainly caused by the widespread use of DDT, only a few pairs survived in Germany in the southwestern corner – with the habit of breeding on cliffs. The surviving small population began to recover slowly in 1978, but did not reach far to the deserted regions of

the tree-nesting territories. In spite of this broods in quarries and on high buildings established themselves spontaneously, forming new nesting-types.

Reintroduction projects

In order to achieve good results in the recovery of the Peregrines, the re-colonization of tree-nesting populations is the most important current task. The "Arbeitskreis Wanderfalkenschutz" (AWS) is engaged mainly with this challenge in cooperation with the DFO and with the Hunting Association of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. The reintroduction project for tree-nesting Peregrines started in 1990. The declared goal of the project was to have 25 tree-nesting territories used by a self-sustaining population.

Population numbers

In 2008 25 territories of tree-nesting were occupied. It began with 20 broods: 18 were successful and produced 46 young. A further 10 were given for adoption to settled tree-nesters. 33 young falcons were released from the 4 hacking stations. Altogether 89 young imprinted on tree-nesting became independent in 2008. Currently, there are about 1000 Peregrine pairs in Germany and the cliff-nesting area is almost completely resettled. The breeding pairs in the Eastern part of the country are nearly exclusively derived from releases and their wild offsprings.

Results of the 25-year ringing program show the dissemination rate within the population: females migrate much further than males, by

this they avoid inbreeding. However, the most important results of the ringing were the findings on habitat-specific selection of nest site-types when settling. Cliffs and buildings are not the same nest site-types for Peregrines, attracting separate subpopulations with low exchange between them. But most important, there is a nearly complete isolation of tree-nesters, which recruit themselves almost exclusively of individuals fledged from trees or tree-hack sites.

The imprinting of this nesting mode provides only additional disposition for tree-nesting birds. Otherwise the proximity of cliffs and buildings has a distraction effect to tree-nesters. This is the reason of the former broad borderline between cliff- and tree-nesters in Germany and why tree-nesters still form an isolated subpopulation. Usually males carry on the tradition of tree-nesting more reliably and are mainly the founders of tree-nesting territories. It is important to note that after having occupied a breeding territory the falcons generally do not change the nest-site-type at all as a life-long rule.

Much remains to be done within Europe to promote the reoccupation of the tree-nesters-range. In order to further extend the area resettled on trees in Eastern Germany and to initiate new kernels of tree-nesting founder populations, international coordination will be necessary.

*Dr. Gert Kleinstäuber
President of the
Arbeitskreis
Wanderfalkenschutz*



Male Peregrine bringing prey to the three fledged youngsters in the aerie of an osprey.

SAFARI ZA MWITUNI – a Journey into the Wild Picturesque Impressions on Tanzanian Wildlife

The art exhibition organized under the CIC's Patronage and featuring animal paintings of the German artist Bodo Meier is open in the Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig, one of the major nature history museums in Germany. The exhibition will run up to 26 April 2009.

"A journey into the wild" is the title of the exhibition in the Museum Koenig in Bonn, which shows 40 paintings of Bodo Meier. The exhibition is organized under the patronage of the CIC. The watercolours and oil paintings present 12 years of Africa experience, they show the fauna, the flora and the sceneries of Tanzania. These are paintings of the world of African birds, big mam-

mals, especially the epic journey of wild herds of wildebeests and zebras, the riverine forest of the Grumeti River, the landscape of the Selous, the Miombo and the Rufiji River.

"Exhibitions like this one should generate enthusiasm for the beauty of nature" said Prof. Wolfgang Wägele, the museum's Director, during the opening on 17 December 2008. He pointed to the scientific exhibition "Africa's Richness" which is also to be seen in the Museum. It shows the biodiversity of Africa, its use and the threat represented by man. "Both exhibitions are directly connected. If you want to save this", said Wägele looking at Meier's paintings, "then you have to tackle these problems, too" he continued, point-

ing to the neighbouring biodiversity exhibition "Africa's Richness."

In his opening speech Dr. Rolf D. Baldus, the President of CIC's Tropical Game Commission, mentioned the long tradition of the CIC bridging hunting and the arts. He reminded that the CIC donated its second Art Award 2007 to Bodo Meier and thus honoured his artistic achievement as a wildlife artist. "His art makes the observer aware of the fragility of ecosystems and at the same time sensitize him for conservation."

Since 2007 Bodo Meier's cooperation with the CIC has been further developed.

*Dr. Rolf D. Baldus,
President of the
CIC Tropical Game
Commission*

„Eine Reise in die Wildnis“, die Ausstellung des deutschen Tiermalers Bodo Meier, unter der Schirmherrschaft des CIC im Zoologischen Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig, einem der bedeutendsten naturhistorischen Museen Deutschlands, ist noch bis zum 26. April 2009 geöffnet. Die Aquarelle- und Ölgemälde dokumentieren 12 Jahre Afrika-Erfahrung: Fauna, Flora und Landschaften in Tansania.

Organisée sous le patronage du CIC, l'exposition d'art « Un voyage dans la nature » qui rassemble des peintures d'animaux sauvages de l'artiste allemand Bodo Meier est ouverte au Musée de Recherche zoologique Alexander Koenig. Les aquarelles et peintures à l'huile témoignent de 12 années d'expérience en Afrique présentant la faune, la flore et les paysages de Tanzanie.

For more information on the artist's work visit www.bodo-meier.de

or visit the exhibition:
**Zoological Research
Museum Alexander
Koenig**
Adenauerallee 160,
53113 Bonn, Germany
Art exhibition of Bodo
Meier open from
18.12.2008 to 26.04.2009

Tuesdays to Sundays:
10.00 to 18.00
Wednesdays:
10.00 to 21.00
Closed on Mondays
(except on national
holidays)

Tickets:
3 EUR, or 1,50 EUR for
children and seniors

A catalogue of the
Exhibition is available
in the museum's gift
shop for 6,50 EUR.



Prof. Wolfgang Wägele, Bodo Meier, Dr. Rolf D. Baldus

Global Initiatives

In der ersten Dezemberwoche 2008 fand die 9. Vertragsstaatenkonferenz (COP9) des Übereinkommens zur Erhaltung der wandernden Tierarten (CMS) – auch bekannt als Bonner Konvention – am Hauptsitz der Welternährungs- und Landwirtschaftsorganisation (FAO) in Rom statt. Die Mehrheit der 110 Vertragspartner und multilateralen Umweltabkommen, internationalen Institutionen (Europäische Kommission, UNEP, FAO, usw.) als auch internationale nichtstaatliche Organisationen (WWF, IUCN, usw.) waren vertreten. Die Mehrzahl der Anwesenden widersprach stark dem Prinzip der „weisen Nutzung“. Der Generalsekretär der FACE, Dr. Yves Lecocq und CIC Geschäftsführer Kai-Uwe Wollscheid waren die einzigen unter den über 300 Teilnehmern, die für eine Annäherung an die „Erhaltung durch nachhaltige Nutzung“ warben. Während der COP9-Woche kooperierten FACE und CIC intensiv.

Au cours de la première semaine du mois de décembre 2008, la 9e Conférence des Parties (COP9) à la Convention sur la conservation des espèces migratrices (CMS) – également connue sous le nom de la Convention de Bonn – s'est tenue au siège de la FAO (Organisation des Nations-Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture) à Rome. La plupart des 110 parties contractantes, ainsi que d'autres Accords multilatéraux environnementaux, organismes gouvernementaux internationaux (Commission européenne, PNUE, FAO, etc.) ainsi que des ONG internationales (WWF, UICN, etc.) étaient représentés à cette occasion. La plupart d'entre eux fortement opposée au principe de l'« utilisation sage ». Sur les quelques 300 participants lors de cet événement le Secrétaire général de la FACE, Dr. Yves Lecocq, et le Directeur général du CIC, Kai Wollscheid, étaient en fait les seuls à promouvoir la conservation de la nature par l'utilisation durable. Tout au long du congrès, la FACE et le CIC ont collaboré de façon intensive en coordonnant leurs interventions et efforts de lobby.

Migratory Species Convention Requires Close Monitoring to Safeguard Hunters' Interests

In the first week of December 2008, the 9th Conference of the Parties (COP9) of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) – also known as BONN Convention, from the name of the German town where this international legal instrument was signed in 1979 – took place at the headquarters of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome.

Most of the 110 Contracting Parties, as well as a number of other Range States, other Multilateral Environmental Agreements, international governmental bodies (European Commission, UNEP, FAO, etc.) as well as international NGOs (WWF, IUCN, etc.) were represented, sometimes by delegations of over half a dozen officials and experts. This was for instance the case for the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and the Whales and Dolphins Conservation Society (WDSC), two organisations strongly opposed to the principle of “wise use”.

The FACE Secretary-General Dr. Yves Lecocq and CIC's CEO, Kai Wollscheid were in fact the only of the over 300 participants to actively and openly promote the approach of “conservation through sustainable use”. Throughout the COP9 week, FACE and CIC cooperated intensively.

Amendments to the CMS Appendices:

Saker falcon

After a lot of discussion and negotiation, Croatia withdrew its proposal for uplisting the Saker falcon, in exchange for the adoption of a resolution, submitted by Saudi Arabia. This resolution, providing for a research programme, includes a special workshop in 2009 in the United Arab Emirates. The resolution (Res.9.20) recommends however that the Saker falcon will be listed in Appendix I at the next CMS-COP – in 2011 – if by then its conservation status has not significantly improved. While this latter condition will be difficult to meet in such short period, the compromise was acceptable as it will give the main stakeholders (fal-

coners) more time to prepare their case.



Cheetah

The proposal by Algeria to list Cheetah in Appendix I would have been incompatible with the hunting quota system approved for this species at the last CITES COP for three countries from Southern Africa. FACE and CIC raised this issue with several Contracting Parties and Norway expressed concern on this potential conflict during the plenary session. The suggestion



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Cheetah

by Dr. Pierre Devillers (representing the European Commission), vice-chair of the CMS Scientific Council, to list these three populations (Botswana, Zimbabwe and Namibia) in Appendix II – so that their hunting could continue – was accepted.

Barbary sheep

The original proposal by Algeria to list Barbary sheep *Ammotragus lervia* in Appendix I was modified, also as the result of interventions by FACE and CIC, so far, that it was finally included in Appendix II – although the official “Supporting statement” clearly indicated that this species has “no migratory movements in the biological sense of the term”. It was further specified that this would only apply to the North African populations, not to those introduced successfully in the wild elsewhere (Spain, USA).

Other amendments

In addition, besides several dolphins, other marine mammals, sharks and bird species, the following amendments were approved: Inclusion in Appendix I: Egyptian vulture. Inclusion in Appendix II: African wild dog; Saiga antelope.

Side-events:

Creating conservation incentives

Thanks to the active support of a motivated CMS staff member, FACE and CIC got a last-minute opportunity to host a well-announced workshop demonstrating how sustainable use regimes can make a significant contribution to biodiversity and at the same time improve livelihoods of (local) people. Presentations were given on the role of wildfowling in conserving and managing wetlands, on a strategy to conserve the

Saiga antelope (Russia, Kazakhstan) and on the principles and criteria for sustainable use. Participants came from Europe, Africa and Asia.

Slender-billed curlew

Animated by BirdLife International, the main objective of this project is to seek support for a survey of this critically endangered wader in the non-breeding grounds (from Morocco to Iran) in 2009. The booklet produced in several languages over ten years ago by FACE in partnership with the Royal Institute of Natural Sciences (Belgium) and financed by the European Commission, was distributed at that event, together with a new “toolkit” to help birdwatchers identify the species – the last specimen having been recorded in 1998.

*Dr. Yves Lecocq,
Secretary-General FACE
Kai Wollscheid,
CEO CIC*



Barbary Sheep

Regional & Country News

CIC Contributes Again to the Musical Start of the Year Salzburg, 6 January 2009



After the success in January 2008 it has now become a tradition, that the New Year's concert in Salzburg is held under the Patronage of the CIC. The Bläserphilharmonie Mozarteum Salzburg, under the direction of Prof. Hansjörg Angerer, featured the relationship between the music of Vienna and Russia under the motto “From the Danube to the Volga – Court Ballroom Dances in Pavlovsk”. Besides the selected works by Johann and Josef Strauss the programme included pieces by Franz von Suppé, Carl Michael Ziehrer and Franz Lehár.

The 2009 New Year's concert was, just as last year, a great success. The CIC finds it important to support such cultural events, which explain the relationship between music, nature, wildlife and sustainable use. We hope this tradition will continue next year!

Il est maintenant une tradition que le concert du Nouvel An à Salzburg se tient sous le patronage du CIC. Le Mozarteum de Salzbourg de l'orchestre Bläserphilharmonie, sous la direction du chef d'orchestre Hansjörg Angerer a mis en vedette la relation entre la musique viennoise et la musique russe. Comme l'année dernière le concert était un grand succès !

Nach dem Erfolg im Januar 2008, ist es nun zu einer Tradition geworden, das Neujahrskonzert in Salzburg unter der Schirmherrschaft der CIC stattfinden zu lassen. Die Bläserphilharmonie Mozarteum Salzburg, unter der Leitung Prof. Hansjörg Angerers, offenbart die Beziehung zwischen der Musik Wiens und Russlands. Das Neujahrskonzert 2009 war, wie schon im letzten Jahr, ein großer Erfolg.

Toni Vrscaj, Leiter der slowenischen Delegation, repräsentierte den CIC beim 50-jährigen Jubiläum des Russischen Verbandes der Jäger und Fischer (RAHF) am 22.-26. November 2008 in Moskau. Die Konferenz "Nachhaltige Jagd – Perspektiven einer Kooperation", organisiert durch RAHF, zog Vertreter aus der ganzen Region an, was die Bedeutung der Veranstaltung aufzeigte. Die Konferenz bot die Gelegenheit einer Besprechung der Probleme hinsichtlich der Jagd in den verschiedenen Staaten der ehemaligen UdSSR. Am Ende der Veranstaltung wurde ein Beschluss angenommen, der die Kooperation mit dem CIC hervorhebt.

M. Toni Vrscaj, Chef de la Délégation slovène, a représenté le CIC au 50e anniversaire de l'Association des chasseurs et pêcheurs de la Russie les 22-26 novembre 2008 à Moscou. La conférence « Chasse durable – perspective de coopération » organisée à cette occasion a attiré des représentants des pays voisins et des pays de l'Europe de l'est, qui montre l'envergure de cet événement. La conférence a passé en revue les problèmes concernant la chasse dans les différents pays de l'ancienne URSS. A la fin de l'événement, une résolution sur la coopération avec le CIC a été adoptée.



The 50th Anniversary of the Russian Association of Hunters and Fishers

I was honoured to respond to the invitation of the President of the Russian Association of Hunters and Fishers (RAHF) to attend the celebrations of their 50th anniversary, which took place on 22-26 November 2008 in Moscow.

Since President Dieter Schramm could not participate due to the previously set CIC Council meeting in London, he asked me to be his representative to transfer his best regards to all Russian hunters. I was also glad to be a special envoy of the President of the CIC's Coordination Forum for Central and Eastern Europe, Mr. Veljko Varicak.

The conference "Sustainable hunting – perspectives of cooperation" organized by the president of the RAHF, Mr. Eduard Benderskiy, attracted representatives from the whole region, showing the scope of this event.

The first day of the conference offered a review of problems concerning hunting in different states of the former USSR, resulting in an animated discussion.

At this forum, as a Vice-President of the CIC Coordination Forum for Central and Eastern Europe I presented the successful work and help to all three hunting organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, recently affected by the war. I had the pleasure of explaining how we established the Council of the three hunting organizations of three different nations. We would like to point out again the full support of Mr. Dieter Schramm and

Mr. Veljko Varicak.

This presentation was accepted with great interest and approval.

At the end of the conference a resolution was accepted, based on cooperation with the CIC, with the following conclusions (1) RAHF wishes to improve its cooperation with the CIC, (2) RAHF accepts the program and schedule of regular conferences, and supports other countries to join the CIC, (3) RAHF supports the exchange of information regarding the economic aspects of hunting and other fields and activities, as well as the exchange of expertise between CIC members, (4) Possibilities of bilateral contracts of cooperation between CIC members must be taken into consideration.

On the second day the General Assembly of the Association took place in the Hotel Radisson. About 500 participated at the event as well as VIP guests from the Russian government and politics, showing that hunting enjoys strong support at state level.

In his opening speech President Eduard Benderskiy described the history of the development of the hunting organization which today counts over 1,6 million members. He also outlined the future vision of the RAHF, able to solve present problems as well as the challenges of the future.

After the ceremony and the following dinner, we were all invited to hunt in Tver, 350 km away from Moscow. Early in the morning we went to the hunting area and joined local hunters commanded by the director of the hunting



lodge who organized the team driven hunt for wild boar and moose.

After the hunt we were introduced to how they raise mountain hare (*Lepus timidus* L.). Eighty young mountain hares were brought from Siberia to refresh the blood of the local population. The first hares will be released to wildlife in early spring. With this program the area intend to apply for the "Edmond Blanc Award" in the future. I wish they succeed because of their effort and highly professional work.

Finally, I would like to thank on behalf of the CIC, and also on my behalf, President Eduard Benderskiy for the invitation, his friendship and hospitality. It was a great honour and pleasure to be the guest of our Russian friends for several days.

*Toni Vrscaj
Head of the Slovene
Delegation of the CIC,
Vice-President of CIC
Coordination Forum for
Central & South-East Europe*

Werner Trense – Congratulations on his 87 years A Tribute to the Author of the CIC Literary Prize Winning “Game Does Not Know Borders”

An anecdote says: the Minister of Agriculture of one of the CIC member states hosted a dinner in honour of the CIC Secretary General, Werner Trense. In his speech, the Minister addressed him personally and said: “Mr. Trense, a year ago you promised to do this... and that... 6 months ago, you furthermore promised to act so and so... 3 months ago you again gave your solemn undertaking to do this and that... and what happened?” One could have heard a penny drop in the sudden silence all around the table. Finally the Minister smiled and continued: “Mr. Trense, you not only kept all your promises time and again, you exceeded them by far!”

For the CIC, it is an honour and a sincere pleasure to address in this issue of the Newsletter our long-standing Secretary General Werner Trense who always did more than he ever promised for the CIC.

He is called the father of the Mesopotamian fallow deer, known as extinct, before he re-discovered and saved it during three expeditions in 1956-1959 in Iran's Khuzestan area. Thereafter, he built up from scratch an astonishingly huge and beautiful farm in Angola. He belongs to the few scientist-entrepreneurs who assisted the Bushmen in need and in deed.

Then, in 1955 he discovered his passion for the CIC, became President of its Big Game Commission

and was finally nominated as the CIC's Secretary General back in 1974 – a position he held with the greatest distinction until 1999. Werner Trense was the one who reshaped the CIC's scientific image by reorganizing the Commissions and Working Groups in accordance with the prevailing challenges. During his time he laid the groundwork for today's respected role, which the CIC assumes within the framework of the international conservation community. He authored or co-authored such prominent editions as “Big Game of the World and its Trophies” (1956) and the “Big Game of the World” (1981, the standard encyclopedia for the travelling hunter). He received the CIC Literary Prize for the his book “Wild kennt keine Grenzen” (Game does not know borders) in which he presents his colourful life, his beliefs and his vast experience as a hunter-conservationist on all continents of the world.

Werner Trense's philosophy propels the CIC of today:

- his concern about endangered species (he was one of the key sponsors of the reintroduction of the Takhi horse in Mongolia),

- his conviction that sustainable hunting lies at the core of all conservation efforts (he donated his world-famous collection “the Deer of the World” to a museum!),
- his deep conviction to engage in the plight of the last surviving subsistence hunters, fishers and gatherers (the respective motto of the CIC 2000 General Assembly in Berlin was his initiative),
- and last but not least his professional science-based engagement for the CIC Trophy Measurement System (“A gold medal? A luxury of nature, we are interested in the average trophy as a bio-indicator.”)

When you meet him, you will be fascinated by his quick wit, his great sense of humour and his outstanding general knowledge of history, ethnology, biology and his continuing engagement for the CIC and our cause. 87 years – no age for a personality like our friend – again thank you, dear Werner and “Hol di stiep” which – freely translated – means: keep well.

*Dieter Schramm
CIC President*

Aus Anlass seines 87. Geburtstages denken wir in dieser Ausgabe besonders an unseren langjährigen Generalsekretär Werner Trense. 1955 entdeckte er seine Leidenschaft für den CIC, wurde Präsident der Großwildkommission und wurde 1974 zum Generalsekretär des CIC ernannt – eine Position, die er bis 1999 mit größter Hingabe innehatte. Werner Trense war derjenige, der das wissenschaftliche Image des CIC neu gestaltete, indem er die Kommissionen und Arbeitsgruppen umorganisierte. Er verfasste solche herausragende Werke wie „Das Großwild der Erde und seine Trophäen“ (1956) und „Großwild weltweit“ (1981). Für sein Buch „Wild kennt keine Grenzen“ erhielt er den CIC Literaturpreis.

Nous célébrons dans cette édition notre Secrétaire général de longue date, M. Werner Trense, à l'occasion de ses 87 ans. En 1955 il a découvert sa passion pour le CIC, devenu Président de la Commission grand gibier, puis il a été nommé Secrétaire général du CIC en 1974 – un poste qu'il a assumé avec une grande compétence jusqu'en 1999. C'est M. Trense qui a réorganisé l'image scientifique du CIC en restructurant les Commissions et les Groupes de travail. Il a été l'auteur des chefs-d'œuvre : « Grands gibiers du monde et leurs trophées » (1956) et « Les grands gibiers du monde » (1981). Le Prix Littéraire du CIC lui a été décerné pour son livre « La faune sauvage ne connaît pas de frontières ».





In Memoriam Don Adrián Sada Treviño

1920 – 2008

We are paying homage to Don Adrián Sada, a long time member and supporter of the CIC, who passed away in 2008.

Don Adrián was Honorary President of the "Club Deportivo de Cazadores de Monterrey" and he received the Weatherby Award, given unanimously by the Jury, in 2001. This was the first time that a unanimous vote was given in the history of this prize.

He was also awarded the CIC Gold Medal in Berlin in 2000.

Don Adrián Sada was one of the most prestigious and well-known hunters worldwide. A very honest and modest person who started to hunt at the age of 14 (1934) and only stopped recently when he was very ill. He was very much committed to wildlife conservation and sponsored a number of projects. We remember him for this commitment as well as his human values and virtues, highlighted by everyone who had known him.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

4th CIC Ball in Vienna 28 May 2009, Liechtenstein Palace, Vienna, Austria

The Austrian Delegation of the CIC will hold its 4th Hunting Ball on 28 May 2009, Thursday, in the Liechtenstein Palace in Vienna. This year's Patron country is Germany.

The summer ball night will start at 19.00 with a gala dinner that offers delicious specialties made of game. The ball opening will follow at 21.00, with Carl Ziehrer's piece, the "Fächerpolonaise" under the direction of Thomas Schäfer-Elmayer. During the ball, the guests will have the opportunity to make use of the wonderful rooms such as the Hercules Hall and the "Sala Terrena" as well as the beautiful garden of the Liechtenstein Palace.

The "Salonorchester der Gardemusik Wien" (Chamber orchestra of guard music, Vienna) under the direction of Mag. Bernhard Heher will provide the musical entertainment.

The net profit will be designated to the scientific activities of the CIC.

For more information please contact the CIC Ball office:

Mrs. Elfie Doppler, ball@cic.or.at, Phone: +43 699 1 789 69 26

Die Österreichische Delegation des CIC wird in diesem Jahr am Donnerstag, den 28. Mai 2009 den 4. Jägerball im Palais Liechtenstein in Wien geben. Die Schirmherrschaft trägt in diesem Jahr Deutschland. Für weitere Informationen wenden Sie sich bitte an das CIC Ball-Büro, Frau Elfie Doppler, ball@cic.or.at, Telefon: +43 699 1 789 69 26.

La Délégation autrichienne du CIC va organiser son 4e Bal des chasseurs le jeudi, 28 mai 2009 au Palais de Liechtenstein à Vienne. Le pays de patronage de cette année est l'Allemagne. Pour plus d'information veuillez contacter: Mme Elfie Doppler, ball@cic.or.at, Tél. + 43 699 1 789 69 26.

News from the Administrative Office



We welcome our new colleague **Ildikó Molnár**, who is working since March as our Events and Administration Assistant. Ildikó was born in Cologne, Germany and has been working for the last 2 years as project manager for events and incentives in Cologne. She graduated in tourism management in Budapest after attending the University in Cologne, where she studied English, French and philosophy.

She will be responsible for the organisation and coordination of the CIC's meetings and conferences, workshops as well as any internal travel affairs.

"Hunting for Treasure" Members' Testimonial

As started in our last issue of the CIC Newsletter, we are continuing with the stories of Members who had offered or bought hunts at the past CIC Hunting Auctions, and thus contributed to the financing of CIC's work while enjoying all that a good hunt has to offer:



Pheasant Shooting, Ravenswick Estate, North Yorkshire, England

"In 2006 I offered some pheasant shooting for two guns on shoots that I run in North Yorkshire. I was delighted that my old friend Count Axel Douglas was the successful bidder at the auction to raise funds for the CIC. He had shot with me several times more than 20 years ago. In January 2008 he arrived with his son-in-law to shoot for 2 days at some very difficult driven pheasants at the end of the season.

The area of our shooting is just over 4,000 ha of which the central part The Ravenswick Estate is about 1250ha. I farm 700 ha of this and manage about 300 ha of the woodland. We have two deep valleys running through the property and by the end of the season the shooting is very testing.

I am pleased to say Axel has been successful again this season. He also bought two guns on a day in early January 2009 to promote the affairs of CIC Young Opinion and because of this Axel gets a bonus too, he is returning by invitation to shoot as my

guest at the end of the season as a reward for his generosity to CIC."

... and a Young Opinion Shoot, Nawton Tower, North Yorkshire, England

"On 12 January 2009, I had the pleasure to host shooting for some CIC Young Opinion members, Mr. Hans-Moritz von Harling and Count Gustaf Bonde – as mentioned before this shoot was generously sponsored by Count Axel Douglas. We had a very happy time: the shoot went well in good weather. Among the guests were my cousin James Upton and our mutual friends from Germany, Alexandra and Luder von Wersebe who have shot with me in England before, together with some local Yorkshire friends.

We did three drives in a deep valley in the morning and one drive in the afternoon – and in between we had lunch at the pub in the village. I had invited my landlady Lady Clarissa Collin from whom I rent that shoot to join us for the day. I think everyone found the shooting very difficult and an average of 7 cartridges per bird is not unusual on the Nawton Tower shoot.

This day also provided an occasion to see how small our world is. As the company came together, it turned out that several of the guests are related in some way or other: distant family relations, acquaintances or even work relationships all came to light."

*James Holt
UK Delegation of the CIC*

Schatzjagd-Nachrichten

- Unsere Online-Auktion startete am 15. März!
- Stille Auktion während der Generalversammlung
- Bei der traditionellen Live Auktion während des Gala Dinners werden nur Spitzenangebote versteigert.
- Neben Jagden werden auch Kunstwerke und Urlaubsangebote versteigert.

Für weitere Informationen:
www.cic-wildlife.org,
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CHASSE AU TRESOR : LES NOUVEAUTES

- La Vente aux enchères EN LIGNE a commencé !
- Enchères par écrit pendant la durée de l'Assemblée Générale.
- Seules les offres les plus intéressantes seront vendues aux enchères lors du Dîner de Gala.
- Non seulement des chasses mais également des œuvres d'art et des offres de vacances seront mises aux enchères.

Plus d'informations :
www.cic-wildlife.org, espace Membres.

HUNTING FOR TREASURE 2009

Hunting for Treasure is an initiative of the CIC to raise funds and provide an opportunity for Members to develop new or deepen old friendships within the CIC. This year two specific projects will be supported with the income gathered from the Auction: (1) The CIC Global Trophy Quality Assurance System, (2) the work of the Applied Science Division.

In 2009 there are several novelties introduced:

- **ONLINE Auction** is starting on 15 MARCH!
- **Silent Auction** during the General Assembly, from 29 April to 2 May.
- Only top bids will be auctioned at the traditional **Live Auction** during the Gala dinner on 2 May.
- **Not only hunts** but pieces of art and holiday opportunities will also be auctioned.

How can you support this initiative?

- Send us your offer NOW! Simply fill in the form attached to the Newsletter and send it to the Administrative Office to Ms. Linda Komaromi (l.komaromi@cic-wildlife.org or auction@cic-wildlife.org).
- Please regularly visit the Member's section of our website to find out about NEW OFFERS and place your BID online:

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The 56th General Assembly in Paris is coming up... "Hunting: a Passion for the Future"



The preparations of the 56th CIC General Assembly in Paris, hosted by the French Delegation, are in their finalization. The working sessions of the Conference will take place in the city centre, in the Hotel Meridien Montparnasse from 30 April to 2 May 2009. Some splendid events will make this year's congress memorable:

On 29 April an international pre-congress symposium on "Sustainable Hunting: Strategies and Frameworks for the Future" will be held: apart from presentations on the "French model" representatives of other Delegations will share about strategies and models in wildlife management in their countries. During the 3 congress days the 3 Divisions of the CIC – Policy and Law, Applied Science and Culture – will present their projects and will discuss the way forward. The prestigious Palais du Luxembourg of the French Senate and the Maison de la Chasse et de la Nature will provide the premises for the special dinners in the evenings, while the traditional gala dinner will take place on a boat on the river Seine.

Please note that all working documents of the General Assembly are available in the three languages in the members' section of the CIC's website www.cic-wildlife.org.

"Die Jagd: eine Passion für die Zukunft"

Die Sitzungen der Konferenz finden vom 30. April bis zum 02. Mai 2009 im Stadtzentrum, Hotel Meridien Montparnasse statt. Am 29. April wird ein internationaler Vorkongress zum Thema „Nachhaltiges Jagen: Strategien und Rahmenbedingungen für die Zukunft“ abgehalten: Während der 3-tägigen Konferenz präsentieren die drei Divisionen des CIC – Politik und Recht, Angewandte Wissenschaft sowie Kultur – ihre Projekte und diskutieren die nächsten Schritte. Das repräsentative Palais du Luxembourg des französischen Senats und das Maison de la Chasse et de la Nature werden die Örtlichkeiten für ganz besondere Abendessen sein, während das traditionelle Gala-Dinner auf einem Schiff auf der Seine stattfinden wird. Alle Arbeitsdokumente der Generalversammlung sind in drei Sprachen auf der Webseite des CIC www.cic-wildlife.org im Mitglieder-Bereich erhältlich.

« La chasse : une passion d'avenir »

La prochaine Assemblée générale du CIC se tiendra dans le centre de Paris, à l'Hôtel Méridien Montparnasse du 30 avril au 2 mai 2009. Le 29 avril un colloque international d'avant-congrès aura lieu sur « La Chasse durable : Stratégies et structures d'avenir ». Au cours des 3 jours du congrès les 3 Divisions du CIC – Politique et loi, Sciences appliquées et Culture – présenteront leurs projets et discuteront des actions à entreprendre en faveur de la chasse durable. Le prestigieux Palais du Luxembourg et la Maison de la Chasse et de la Nature accueilleront les dîners spéciaux tandis que le dîner de gala traditionnel aura lieu sur un bateau sur la Seine.

Tous les documents de travail de l'Assemblée générale sont disponibles en les trois langues dans l'espace membres du site web du CIC www.cic-wildlife.org.

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