

**SECTION (E) POSTURE CANARIES OMJ MEETING
PALAISEAU France 20-21-22 June 2014**

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The journey to Palaiseau, took much longer than usual due to the rail workers strike in France.

Palaiseau is much closer to Orly airport, but unfortunately there were no flights to this airport so the flight was scheduled to go from Heathrow to Charles de Gaulle airport north of Paris.

I left home at 8.00am, the flight took off on time as scheduled at 12.15 arriving in Paris 14.35 local time.

The train journey to Palaiseau normally takes just over an hour, but due to the strike, I had to change at Gare du Nord in Paris, and having to find the other train to destination, eventually I got to the hotel at around 5pm.

Many of the other delegates were late and some of them made it just before dinner at 8pm. I was relieved as I was starving having had only breakfast early in the morning.

The return journey was even worst as beside the rail problems, the flight was delayed by 2 hours, and got home well after midnight.

At the meeting, were present the following 12 countries:

Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Holland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey. All from group A and from group B, Ireland as they do not have an OMJ judge, were represented by Ernesto Gracia. For the OMJ were present Pierre Groux, President and Alfred Schilder, responsible for posture canaries section E.

In the course of the meeting, the following resolutions were accepted:

1) Updating of standards:

Swiss Frill: Switzerland proposed allocating points as follows: Legs 15 points instead of 10, Tail and wings combined 5 points instead of 5 points each. Proposal accepted

Japanese Hoso: Italy proposed allocating 25 points for positions instead of the present 20, and 20 points for type instead of the present 25. Proposal accepted.

Border Fancy: Great Britain pointed out that on the OMJ standard changes agreed at the meeting in 2010, were not made, so these have to be corrected in accordance with the Border Convention Standard, including the position of voices: "Position", "Body" and "colour". This was accepted.

Gloster: Great Britain proposed that for the size, only "tendency to the diminutive" should appear and not showing the size of 11cm, this was rejected as the size has to be more precise so reference of the of 11cm. alongside the wording tendency to the diminutive is to stay.

Great Britain also presented the model of perfection as used by the Gloster Canary Council UK, but this was rejected as it was an ancient design and does not depict the actual Gloster Canary. Turkey presented their model which was considered to reflect more accurately the type of the modern Gloster, after some debate, this model was accepted.

Fife Fancy: Great Britain presented and proposed e new model for the breed. Proposal accepted.

Crested Canary: France proposed that to be in line with all other breeds, 5 points to be allocated to condition instead of 10 and 25 point allocated to the plumage, tail, wings and colour instead of the actual 20 points, this is to emphasise the importance of feather quality, otherwise the standard remain unchanged. Proposal Accepted.

Irish Fancy: Ireland represented by Ernesto Gracia, proposed as follows: Head 20 points instead of 25, body 20 points instead of 15, 5 points for condition instead of 15, and add a voice for size 10 points. Size to be specified as 12.5 to 13cm. maximum instead of 127mm. and width across the shoulders specified as 3cm. instead of 33mm. Proposal accepted.

Lizard Canary: Great Britain pointed out that the size of the Lizard had been amended from 12.5 to 13.5 cm. as previously agreed and published in the Les Nouvelles, due note was taken for correction.

Harlequin Portuguese: Portugal proposed a new model for the breed, and allocating 10 points to legs and tail instead of 15, allocate 15 point to colour instead of 10, to specify the crest to be of a triangular shape, the position to be 60 degrees instead of 55, the red and white lypochrome to be present as part of the colour. Proposal accepted.

2) Update on Classification of Section E.

1) The OMJ experts were of the view that the new classification was a great improvement on the previous one.

2) For the voidance of doubts, it was agreed that in the classes of 100% lypochrome, and 100% melanin, this definitions only applies to plumage, so a dark mark on the beak or legs of lypochrome and the same, light marks on the beak or legs of melanin birds will not be taken into account.

3) Turkey proposed the opening of a single class for white ground birds of each breed, This proposal was accepted on the ground that white ground birds would all be grouped together in a single class without the expansion of the classification.

4) Great Britain proposed that additional and separate classes to be opened for the Lizard Canary section for Full Cap, Broken Cap and No Cap. The proposal was not accepted on the ground that it would expand the classes to 9, and it was felt that the Lizard section was already suitably catered for.

3) Presentation of new breeds.

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4) Other matters.

Germany requested clarification on scoring points in relation to the concept "Condition". After some discussion it was agreed that this generally relates to the health and cleanliness of the subject, and that normally no points are deducted other than in exceptional circumstances.

ALL DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING WILL COME INTO EFFECT AFTER THE 2015 WORLD SHOW IN ROSMALEN, HOLLAND.

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