

# Minutes of the Poultry Section Meeting Friday, May 30, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in Bucharest (RO)

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## 1. Opening and Welcome

The President of the Poultry Section, Andy Verelst, welcomed the participants and thanked the host country, Romania. Everybody agreed that the meeting would be held in English. Sonja Carter agreed to write the minutes.

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## 2. Confirmation of Attendance

There were 35 participants from 23 countries. Everyone briefly introduced themselves: San Marino (first-time participant), Italy, Hungary, France, Switzerland, Denmark, Croatia, Austria, Luxembourg, Turkey, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Estonia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Poland, Spain, Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Romania, Belgium.

Klaas van der Hoek from the Netherlands sent apologies.

Josef Lachnit (AT) and Frans van Oers (NL), who passed away last year, were remembered with a minute's silence.

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## 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Section Meeting of May 11, 2024, Kecskemét (H)

There were no comments or objections, and the minutes were approved unanimously. The minutes are available online at <https://entente-ee.eu>

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## 4. Report of the Presidium Meetings 2024-2025

Andy informed that 8 meetings were held, 7 of them online. The topics were:

- Nitra EE
- Meeting EE
- Statutes, minor changes regarding location and signature at the bank.
- The situation is difficult for members of the countries where the association was split, because they will no longer be in the EE.
- Elections: Gion Gross will be resigning, and the new President of the EE Entente Europeenne will be elected on Saturday at the General Assembly. Candidates are the current treasurer, Hansjörg Opala, and the chairman of the Poultry section, Andy Verelst. There was a brief discussion about what one wished for the future of EE. Andy emphasized that the EE Show in Nitra must be successful in order to ensure the

continued existence of the EE. He called on everyone to participate or come to Nitra as a visitor. Representatives from several countries pledged their support to Andy.

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## **5. Report from the Animal Welfare Commission**

Hristo Lukanov reported that the advisory board, with eight members, held three online meetings last year. He reported that Uwe Bamberger of the BDRG became a new member. The advisory board has achieved acceptance of group transports and animal sales for Nitra. It is hoped that in the future, it would be permitted to transport small numbers of animals even without a TRACES certificate. The Animal Welfare Commission will be present in Nitra for health and animal welfare. Bird flu: Vaccine trials are currently limited to industrial poultry farming.

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## **6. Breed-Specific European Shows**

### **Review 2024:**

- Nov. 2024 Belgium: Orpington, Sussex, and Bantams
- Nov. 2024 Romania: Brahma, Cochin, and Bantams
- Jan. 2025 Romania: Naked-Necked Chickens and Bantams

### **Outlook:**

- 2027: Affligem Belgium: Brahma and Bantams

Andy added that it was good to see successful shows being held despite the difficult transport regulations.

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## **7. European Show Nitra 2025**

After seven years, there will finally be a European show again with all five sections. It is the 30th European Show and it will take place from November 7-9 in Nitra (SK). Peter Zuffa gave a short presentation. He reiterated that registration must be made by the country's contact person via <https://vystavy.onlinevystava.eu/ee2025> A test version is available until June 30th via: <https://vystavy.onlinevystava.eu/testee2025>

The registration deadline is September 1st, 2025. The contact person will receive a password. Peter confirmed that countries that cannot exhibit animals could register a contact person and reserve a country booth.

Acceptance of animals: Tuesday, November 4th, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Judging: Wednesday, November 5th, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Visitors: Friday, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Countries must submit their proposed judges via the contact person by August 1st. One judge per 160 animals.

The judges' meeting is set for Tuesday evening. Judging will be according to the EE system. Scorecards will be written in E, D, or F. The judges will receive the list of breeds and colour varieties two weeks before the show. The results will be sent to the exhibitors via SMS. There is an online system for purchasing animals. A TRACES certificate can be issued for export to other countries (€12).

Please note: The EU will be monitoring this show!

There was a short interruption by Gion Gross and Hansjörg Opala, who entered the meeting room and said a few words. Hansjörg Opala reported that the BDRG has a new president, Ute Hudler, and that she will attend future EE meetings.

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## **8. European Poultry Standard (see below)**

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### **9. Elections: Chairman of the Section**

Urs Lochmann praised Andy Verelst for his work as section chair. He asked if there was another candidate. Since there was no other candidate, those present voted, and Andy was unanimously re-elected.

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### **10. Report of the ESC-P President**

Urs Lochmann shared the following information of the Standards Commission:

- The list of recognized breeds and colour varieties of large fowl and bantams for 2024 is on the website. The 2025 list will be posted soon. Members were asked to check the list and report any errors. If a breed/color variety is not listed there, it can not be judged in Nitra!
- List of recognized large and waterfowl and their colour varieties: Andy will send this list to all countries for completion in the respective national language.
- Approximately 200 standards have been created, but pictures are still missing!
- Extreme Serama types and trembling necks in Shamo and all other breeds will not be tolerated and are considered disqualifying faults.
- Breeds that are crossbreeds of other breeds will not be recognized. A breed must differ from existing breeds in three characteristics. All birds must be uniform in type and color.

- All birds that will be presented in Nitra must be of the same colour variety and must not have any disqualifying faults. They must be exhibited as 1.1 old and 2.2 young (2025 ring).
  - Change to the Sultan Standard: New origin: Ottoman Empire. The absence of the 5th toe has been removed from of serious defects, as this is a general exclusion defect in 5-toed breeds.
  - Turkish Bantam breed Ispenc: has been recognized in white, by the EE standard commission.
  - Denizli: A color description for black silver with orange back is being written.
  - Splash: Must be solid colour with dark, evenly distributed spots. Combinations with other patterned are not permitted (e.g., splash of buff blue-columbia, or blue-salmon).
  - Sebright: At the judges' meeting in Trencin, it will be discussed again whether the cream brown laced colour variety is correctly named.
  - Ameraucana ring size was corrected to 20/18.
  - In some countries, there are attempts to recognize breeds as local breeds that are no different from previously recognized breeds. For example, the Naked Neck Chicken. Not every country can have its own Naked Neck Chicken.
  - Brahma: The ideal type is neither extremely high nor extremely low-set. The head shape of the Bantam Brahma still needs some work.
  - Quail colors: A working group is drawing up color descriptions. Fantasy names can not be accepted.
  - Guinea fowl: Italy, France, Spain, and Hungary were asked which colour varieties are recognized in their country. Pictures and unified names are needed.
  - Long-legged Chabos are accepted according to the standard but have not yet been recognized by any country.
  - Urs thanked Spain's federation for the successful judges' conference in Mallorca. There have been good presentations, and interesting local breeds were presented.
  - International judges' conference in Trencin (SK) is planned for September 19-21. As space is limited, judges for Nitra will have priority.
  - EE Show Nitra: Rare breeds according to the posted list can be exhibited in one group. Naked-necked ducks are not permitted for animal welfare reasons. Breeds with crests must have clear front and side visibility. American Silkies without clear visibility will be disqualified.
  - ESC-P newsletter is available on the website. A list of decisions will also be published.
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## **Back to point 8. European Standard**

Nitra will be a good opportunity to present the new standard. Some pictures are still missing. Photos of national breeds could also be taken with a mobile phone and sent to Andy.

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## **11. Judges' Meeting Sept. 2025 Slovakia**

The program had already been distributed. Peter gave a presentation about the location and other details of the planned meeting. Registration and all information will be posted on the EE website soon.

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## **12. Future Judges' Meetings**

- Sept. 2026 Banja Luka (BiH) together with the Pigeon Section
  - Sept. 2027 Romania together with the Pigeon Section
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## **13. Agenda of the EE General Assembly**

Topics include some changes to the statutes and new admissions.

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## **14. Advisory Board "The Future of the EE"**

Hansjörg Opala has prepared a document called "Development of the EE Brand Strategy." Andy briefly presented it. Willy Littau agreed to be the representative of our section, and his participation was unanimously approved. Romania proposed that the EE should support the breeding of native breeds.

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## **15. Suggestions and Requests**

All participants were given the opportunity to express their thoughts. There was much positive feedback.

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## **16. Any Other Business**

Since there were no further items to be discussed, Andy Verelst declared the meeting closed at 3:30 p.m.