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FIFe



# **DECISION MINUTES**

## ***Annexes***

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## Annex 1 – Lux Cat Club-FFL – Request for secret voting

**From:** LuxemburgLCC Lux <lccfflffe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 3, 2024 4:24 PM  
**To:** FIFe General Secretary <general-secretary@fifeweb.org>  
**Subject:** FIFe GA 2024 - votings

Cher Conseil de la FIFe, Mesdames, Messieurs,  
Sehr geehrter FIFe Vorstand,  
Dear FIFe Board,

**Concerne :** Assemblée générale, mai 2024  
Par la présente et selon l'article 4.5 des Statuts de la FIFe, nous faisons la demande pour le Vote secret à l'Assemblée générale.

**Betrifft :** Generalversammlung, Mai 2024  
Hiermit beantragen wir, gemäß Artikel 4.5 der Statuten der FIFe, die Geheimabstimmung bei der Generalversammlung.

**Concerns:** General Assembly, may 2024  
Hereby we request the secret voting at the General Assembly (article 4.5 in the Statutes).

Salutations, Beste Grüsse, Greetings

Marie-France Pohl  
pour le Conseil d'Administration  
LUX-CAT-CLUB, FFL  
Luxembourg

## Annex 2 – Report of the President

Dear Delegates and advisors, Ladies and gentlemen,

The report of the President must be seen as a part of the report of the Board, and I actually cannot see the need of separate reports (President, Secretary and Treasurer). The day to day work is done by the Secretary and the Commissions but all decisions are made by the entire Board, including decisions regarding finances. Another year has passed and looking back means to look at a tremendous amount of work and correspondence done and phone calls made but we also had great support, cooperation and input from the FIFe Commissions, Members as well as individual members around the world. Still, I would like to point out that the correspondence to and from the FIFe board has increased tremendously during the last years – and not only routine matters but sometimes questions that really are time consuming, difficult decisions which influence family life and professional work.

During the last years some Members have been faced with a lot of problems concerning breeds recognised and bred in FIFe, Animal welfare groups are working hard by influencing the governments and legislations in some countries which affect our Members, individual members as well as shows. The board is well aware of the problems in some countries and we admire our Members' hard work within FIFe and our Health and Welfare programs as well as our serious breeders. We hope that this work in the end will be beneficial for our FIFe Members. But most of all the board want to thank all Members for their work and time spent to keep FIFe as the number one organisation caring for our cats.

The registration numbers in FIFe are more or less the same as last year but some Members are very late sending their statistic. It is important to encourage new cat owners to be involved in our Members organisations; less restrictions when selling kittens will give more individual members and more interest in FIFe as a Federation as well as interest for shows and breeding.

We are the biggest organisation in the world, regarding registrations, individual members as well as shows. The number of cats at shows also shows that we are the best in the world! Unfortunately, there are some Members asking permission for less cats at a show (less than 10%) and that is mostly because of too many shows in the surrounding geographic area – please try to cooperate with show organisers around you and surely there will be no problems to get the required number of cats.

FIFe has a new web site and, in my opinion, an absolutely excellent one. Of course, this costs money you can see in the financial report but I think it was worth it. I want to thank, most of all, Mr Karl Preiss and Mr Charles Spijker for their work and time spent for this enormous task/work.

The cattery name work, done by Mrs Eva Wieland Schilla, is now on the website so we no longer need a cattery name secretary. The board wishes to thank Mrs Eva Wieland Schilla for all the years of excellent work! The FIFe World Show was organised by FFF - Fédération Féline Française in Strasbourg, France and the amount of entries was approximately 1400. It was an excellent event with great hospitality for all exhibitors and guests as well as a success for FIFe as a large International Federation and I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the hard work done by FFF and their show team.

The World Cat Congress was held in Bangkok, Thailand, this year and FIFe was represented by me and Mr Leopold van de Haterd as assistant – see separate report.

I was not able to participate at the World Cat Congress meeting in Tasmania, Australia in June 2023 (a couple of weeks after our last GA) but Mr Leopold van de Haterd represented FIFe at that meeting.

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank all of you for the support and help during the last year and of course my fellow board members; Eric, Leo, Veikko, Karl and Charles.

Göteborg, May 2024, Annette Sjödin – FIFe president

## Annex 3 – Report of the General Secretary

Dear Delegates and advisors, ladies and gentlemen,

As always, the figures and background information, listed in this report, do not reflect those of the past calendar year but the "GA year", i.e., from the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 01.06.2024. This report is not comprehensive but provides an insight in most of the daily work done at the FIFe secretariat.

The Minutes of the 2023 GA in English, German and French were sent to you very late. Unfortunately, but I hope understandably the sickbed and death of my spouse, Pepa took up all of my time and energy. Despite this delay, the 3 supervisors did an excellent job and showed understanding. I am most grateful for the work done by Bette Lind for the English, Stéphanie Dupont for the French and Marina Renner for the German version. In total, 6 minutes of Board meetings held in this period were also sent to you, in time.

The standard items that the Secretariat dealt with in the past period were the following:

**Members' matters****1. Dispensations to the number of cats at shows (per day) were granted to 16 Members:**

Felinolog (BY)	2	FFF (FR)	12	FM (MD)	4
FFH (CH)	12	FFG (GR)	2	FPL (PL)	2
ČSCH-SCHK (CZ)	8	SFDH (HR)	4	CPF (PT)	2
1.DEKZV e.V. (DE)	3	ANFI (IT)	2	ZFDS (SI)	2
FD (DK)	7	LT (Bubaste)	2	FFS (SK)	1
ASFE (ES)	2				

This gives a total of **67** exceptions (counted per show day) to the Show Rules. In all cases these were requests to consider shows as "International" with less than 150 cats entered in the catalogue for shows in Europe. In total FIFe had **585** show days from June 2023 until the end of May 2024 so the number of exceptions in very reasonable, a bit less than **12%**. This is less than the last year.

**2. Permissions given to FIFe Members to invite non-FIFe judges at their shows**

The Board gave **5** Members permission to invite **4** non-FIFe judges at **14** shows (counted per show day):

-3 permissions for 3 TICA judges in SK (FI), FFM (MX and FFB (BR) – 6 days

-4 permissions for 1 CFA judge in FFH (CH), ČSCH (CZ) and SK (FI) – 8 days.

This is approximately 20% less as last year.

**3. Student Judges matter**

From June 2023 until this week, we dealt with **10** requests from **8** Members to check the requirements set to prospective FIFe student judges for which the JSC set exams. We dealt with:

1 request for a prel. exam in category 1 – FPL (PL)

3 requests for prel. exams in category 2 – FFH (CZ), Mundikat (NL) and SK (FI)

4 requests for prel. exams in category 3 – FH (HU), ANFI (IT), KKM (MY) and CPF (PT)

2 requests for prel. exams in category 4 – SK (FI) and FPL (PL)

Eight of these passed the exam and were listed on the FIFe website; one will sit the exam later.

Since the last GA, **12** FIFe Members informed us that **5** of their Judges and **11** of their student judges wished to be listed as a student judge in 1 or 2 additional category/ies:

4 for category 1 2 for category 3 7 for category 2 6 for category 4

This is a bit more than in the previous period; please refer to the FIFe student judges list.

**4. Judges Matter**

At this moment, we have a grand total of **209** judges; 7 NE, 19 dormant and 2 probational judges included.

The database driven judges list on the website makes it quite easy for to see how many judges we have in which categories. Four of our judge colleagues died in the past 12 months.

Mr. Beat Rettenmund (AR), Mr. Karl-Christian Gulsett (NO), Gianmichele Romano (IT) and Mrs. Nurit Pahl (IL), They are sorely missed. The premature death of Mr. Laca Pal (HU), well-known as show organiser, exhibitor and "party-animal" caused us a lot of grief and pain. We miss him every day.

A total of 4 judges resigned and 1 judge was deleted from the judges list.

Since the 2023 GA, a total of **25** permissions to sit judges' exams were granted, all in English:

5 exams in category 1, 9 exams in category 2, 3 exams in category 3, 3 exams in category 4,

1 exam in BG A, 2 practical exams in BG A, 1 exam in BG D and 1 practical exam in BG D.

Twenty-three candidates passed their exams and were appointed as International Judges; two will sit their exams in July and September.

A total of **21** judges requested **61** times permission, with reference to art. 3.7 of the Judges Rules to judge at non-FIFe shows. They officiated at the following non-FIFe show-weekends:

8x at ACF shows in AU 6x at CCC shows in AU 21x at GCCF shows in GB

2x at GCCFI shows in IR 3x at IDP shows in CA, IT, DE 3x at TICA shows in IL, US

1x at SACC show in SA 1x at NZCF show in NZ

16 x at CFA shows in CN, TH, ES, IT, FR, VN, IT

In **62%** of the cases (38 shows) there was a national FIFe Member in the country where the FIFe judge was invited to officiate at a non-FIFe show, who granted permission. We have never had such a high percentage.

In **38%** of the cases (25 shows) the shows were held in countries that have no FIFe Member.

For 2023, most judges were in time to send the engagement (activity) form. About 10% of the judges needed one or two reminders and a few judges sent their form in 2024. Although this was not according to the rules, we updated their details and indicated their activity.

I don't want to keep repeating myself but I really don't understand why we need this. Only so the judges qualify to instruct a student judge. Surely, there are more important criteria than judging 1.5 weekend per year? I have said this since about 20 years but I don't give up hoping; please, JSC, you can surely find another way to establish if a judge is able to instruct a student or not or supervise an exam or stage.

For the year 2024, 5 judges have sent this form and I ask all judges to send this form to me as soon as they have judged at least 3 times per category.

This ends the formal part of my report for this year; the rest of the very varied work, which was done, you can read about in the Board Minutes. I want to thank all Members, their secretaries and contact persons for their cooperation. I also want to thank the commission members and the show-list and breed-council administrators for their excellent work and amicable and effective cooperation but am saddened by the way in which Mrs. Eva Wieland-Schilla resigned.

As always, the cooperation with my Board colleagues, Annette, Charles, Karl, Leo and Veikko has been really good, even if challenging at times, which is a good thing! By compromising we move forward. I thank them for their support, input and help.

As you know, I have lost the most important, warm, loyal and beautiful person who was the focus of my life for 27 years; Pepa was always “the wind beneath my wings” and in my heart, he still is. I truly struggled to find a way in this new life and have in fact, not yet fully succeeded but I try.

Without change, we will soon be extinct, so I truly hope that this will be a constructive GA, where we will be able to change matters for the better so we can have a brighter future in these days where our hobby is menaced from so many sides. What would we do without our cats?

Hrušovany nad Jevišovkou, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Eric Reijers, General Secretary

## **Annex 4 – Report of the Treasurer**

Dear Delegates, Members, ladies, and gentlemen.

You all have received the financial report 2023 as well as the budget for 2025.

I want to draw your attention to the following facts:

- The total show fee income was over budget (€ 5.000 +/-)
- The income for cattery names was less than the budget (€ 5.000 -/-)
- At the expenditure side the budget was € 8.000 -/-, but the total loss was € 2.000 more.
- The GA was € 13.000 -/- less than in the budget, it was the first GA without translation.
- It was NOT in the budget for 2023, but we paid € 20.880 for a new website. The new website is online since January.
- The board decided to book € 10.000 to the FIFe Feline Fund From the reservation of € 26.000.
- The board hopes and expects a contribution from all members.

If we focus on the coming year:

- All commissions and board decided to come one day later then the years before to the GA, They will all have their closed meetings online.
- This year marks the 75th anniversary of FIFe, and the board recently decided not to organize an extensive party.
- The board also decided to hold a number of board meetings online.

The control of the accounts and the balance sheet took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April in Vienna and the controllers made a report. I thank them for the time they spent to come to Vienna

Even if there are Members who do not respect what is stated in article 9.1 of the General Rules, I would like to thank all Members for their timely payments.

I would like to give a special thank you to Karl and Charles for the time they spent on our new website.

I would like to express a special thank you for the hard work that Mrs. Eva Wieland-Schilla has done for the administration of the cattery names. She has done this task fantastically for over 20 years. She stopped three months ago for various reasons, but I can assure you that I shall miss her.

Leopold van de Haterd, Hoorn May 2024

## **Annex 5 – Report of the two Controllers**

Dear Delegates,

Mid-February we received the documents of the books and accounts of 2023 from the Treasurer. In accordance with FIFe Statutes Art. 7, we have endeavoured to carry out the audit carefully and have obtained a picture of the transactions of the 2023 financial year. During a meeting on 7 March 2024, we were able to ask the treasurer many questions. Thanks to the good order from Mr. van de Haterd, we were able to review the requested invoices and documents, to check that they were complete and correct. Various invoices were paid personally by the treasurer and then reimbursed by FIFe. In these cases, we assume that the amounts have been paid to the issuer of the invoices, the private accounts of the treasurer are not subject to our control. The calculations of the finances were all correct.

Our task as controllers is to see whether the calculations are correct and to check the accuracy of the receipts, books and accounts. The 'Financial Report' is available to you, please view it and ask any questions you may have. With regard to our recommendation to the Board last year, we note that the substitution regulation concerning the bank accounts, in accordance with Art. 5.1.f and 5.2 of the Statutes, has unfortunately not been implemented in the last 12 months.

For our control of the receipts, books and accounts of the finances from 2023, we confirm the correctness of the calculations. We thank the Treasurer and we ask the GA to discharge the Treasurer for the annual accounts 2023 according to the documents.

Vienna, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Jürg Keller-Friškovec and Marie France Pohl, FIFe-Controllers

## Annex 6 – Report of the Breeding & Registration Commission

The Breeding & Registration Commission (BRC) are Maria Myrland (NO) (Secretary), Cecilia Wennergren (SE) and Sarah Johnson (UK) (Chairman).

Since our last report, we held no physical meetings except at the last AGA, all matters having been dealt with via e-mail and other electronic means.

We have dealt with requests from the Board for recommendations regarding new colours, problems understanding the BRR in connection with the registration of cats, etc. The commission have dealt with these cases since last GA:

- FB (UK) and CSCH (CZ) on a request for a way to register Corin cats.
- Mundikat (NL) on the question of using Silver JBT for breeding
- FFH (CH) regarding the registration of offspring of MCO from a dominant blue eyed parent.
- FFH (CH) requesting an EMS code for LH Bengals.
- 1.DEKZV e.V (DE) on a request to register a Charcoal OSH.
- Question from the BOM BC regarding the use of AMS-non in the breeding program

We also present registration statistics. Having now gathered this information for 2019, 2020, 2022 and 2023 it makes for interesting information.

I would like to thank the Board for their cooperation and support, and especially Charles Spijker, for helping with translations, formulating proposals, etc.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow commissions members for their work and support in the commission.

On behalf of the Breeding & Registration Commission, Sarah Johnson, Devon, UK - 25.03.2024

## Annex 7 – Report of the Disciplinary Commission

**Members:** Chairman Mrs. Anne Paloluoma; Secretary Mr. Joeri Vanrusselt  
Mr. Adrian Dragota; Mr. Herbert Steinhäuser, Mrs. Marina Vinkel

In the period of May 2023 until April 2024, the DC had 1 physical meeting at the General Assembly 2023 and 2 virtual meetings. All other matters were discussed via e-mail.

### During this period, we had 1 disciplinary case:

the complaint of CFCA re. the aggressive behaviour of Mr. Dragota. Since Mr. Dragota is a DC member, we asked his feedback, but did not discuss the recommendation with him, as this would be inappropriate.

Based on the complaint, the witness reports and the information gathered, the DC could only conclude that Mr. Dragota was out of line in his behaviour. Since Mr. Dragota already send a personal apology about the incident and removed all public messages on social media, the DC recommended a strong reprimand on general behaviour and the need for respect for one another and for the outcome of a GA decision, which could serve as an example to others. The DC also felt it is up to Mr. Dragota himself to evaluate whether or not he still has sufficient deontological credibility to function as DC member within this term. After this term, it is up to the FIFe members to decide during upcoming elections if they believe Mr. Dragota has the credibility to continue as DC member. The DC was split in the opinion a symbolic suspension of 3 months as member of the DC should be implemented, so left this up to the board.

### In general, the DC would like to make following statement:

A FIFe functionary must accept and respect a decision, taken by a majority of FIFe members, in accordance with the rules. No delegate, commission or board member should make statements on social media which discredit FIFe, FIFe members, functionaries or delegates represent their members opinion (and not personal opinions). Although everyone is entitled to their own opinions and liberty of expression is fundamental, one should always keep comments and conversations polite, especially when made on public fora.

### Question from the board on 23/08/2023:

The DC was informed by the board on 23/08/2023 that the commissions budget was almost completely spend on the actual GA. The board felt all commission members should be present on Tuesday (closed meetings) and on Wednesday (open meetings), after that, only the chairmen should stay for the rest of the week. Based on this question, the DC participated in a joined meeting with all other commissions, except the BRC, and send in a combined point of view on 12/09/2023, which was later followed by the board.

### Joined commission meetings:

After the question from the board, the DC participated in the joined commission meetings, which were held to discuss common issues and form common proposals / points of view. The DC will continue to do so with an open mind and a willingness to cooperate.

Mrs. Anne Paloluoma, DC Chairman  
Mr. Joeri Vanrusselt DC secretary



## Annex 8 – Report of the Health & Welfare Commission

Members: Mrs. Sara Moroni (Chairperson), Mrs. Petra Černá (secretary), Mrs. Jurgita Gustaitiene

Dear Delegates and Members,

As we gather to review the achievements and challenges of the past year, first and foremost let me express my deepest gratitude to Jurgita Gustaitiene and Petra Černá for their dedication and hard work. Despite facing many challenges, the commitment to our Commission has been unwavering, and I am immensely grateful. I also want to extend my appreciation to the Board for their support during these times. The year gone by has been a testament to the resilience and adaptability of our Federation, but despite facing many obstacles for some of our national Members, together we have emerged stronger as a community.

Throughout the year, the HWC remained engaged through a series of email correspondences and online meetings, ensuring ongoing communication and collaboration despite physical distance, with members of HWC located in two different continents and three different time zones. Digital interactions enabled us to sustain our momentum and drive meaningful progress forward, we didn't have any physical meeting. Immediately after the 2023 GA, we prioritized contact with Members and Breed Councils. After being granted permission from the General Secretary to have direct contact, we discussed hot topics of some breeds, with our emphasis leaning towards prioritizing health concerns. We analysed results of the survey sent out to Members in 2022 and focused on specific requests from their side. We developed a project for a future database and test centre for hip dysplasia, with input from some of the Breed Councils, and contacted world-leading reading centres worldwide. We contacted Professors at different Universities regarding the concern of the Ragdoll Breed Council for HCM.

Very soon, we were contacted by some Members expressing their urgency to face a "ban" of some breeds at a national level, with others under attack by political "animal welfare" organizations or green parties. Due to high pressure from animal rights associations, we made a strategic decision to temporarily halt our ongoing activities on future tests or breeding strategies and redirect our focus and energies within the legal framework of EU proposals. Understanding the importance of staying on top of changes, we shifted gears to prioritize keeping on top of these developments. This allowed us to remain responsive to the shifting landscape within the European Union and ensure that our European Members continued to align with regulatory requirements at a local level.

We want to make it unequivocally clear: we are not idly waiting; we are taking proactive steps. We are actively engaged in discussions with leading scientists in the field to fortify our position with concrete scientific evidence. We are in contact and have had meetings with Dr. Leslie Lyons with the aim of countering and debunking the unfounded allegations made by animal rights associations, ensuring that our stance is firmly grounded in scientific rigor.

We established contact with EU Parliament member Mrs. Sirpa Pietikainen, who was Suomen Kissaliitto candidate for HWC, and thanks to her office we will have first-hand information from an insider point of view. Moreover, we participated in the "Call to Care for Animal Welfare" event in Brussels upon invitation from Felis Belgica, and had direct contact with Dr. Andrea Gavinelli, EU Office General Animal Welfare Unit in the Health and Food Safety Directorate General of the European Commission.

Through our strategic engagement and constructive dialogues with key figures, we have fostered meaningful collaboration that is now bearing fruit. The tangible outcome of these efforts is reflected in the upcoming Seminar agenda, where our priorities and concerns have been incorporated prominently, resulting in a lecture to all delegates from Dr. Kornilia Zafeiropoulou, who will enlighten us all on the main topics of the much-discussed EU proposals. This collaboration underscores the power of dialogue and partnership in driving positive change, and we look forward to furthering our shared objectives through continued engagement and cooperation.

Last but not least, we're grateful to the other Commissions for the chance to hold joint meetings and share our insights. These collaborative sessions have enhanced our understanding within the organization. From such joint meetings, recently a new working group had its icebreaker, gathering some candidates directly chosen from Members to be working alongside the HWC in order to harmonize FIFe position on a national level, when it comes to governmental issues.

We have refrained from presenting any new proposals to our rules at this General Assembly. This pause signifies a deliberate choice within our scope of activity, allowing us the necessary time for reflection and ensuring that our future proposals are thoroughly grounded and robust, and most of all consistent with the future EU Regulation that will come.

It seems our Members have a similar stance, as we haven't received any communication regarding proposals on health and welfare from their side. Nonetheless, we remain ready and eager to collaborate.

Rest assured, our commitment remains resolute, and we are steadfast in our resolve to advocate effectively for the welfare of cats in the upcoming year.

Thank you for your dedication and support.

On behalf of the Health & Welfare Commission, Sara Moroni, Chairman - Aprilia, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Annex 9 – Report of the Judges & Standards Commission

The Judges and Standards Commission (JSC) is composed by 6 members: Mrs Donatella Mastrangelo (Chairman), Mr Steven L. Jones (Secretary), Mr. Francesco Cinque, Mrs Satu Hämäläinen, Mrs Yulia Skabovska and Mr Mirek Skotarczyk.

This past year the Commission could work at full speed! As always, we performed our duties exclusively by email and videoconference. The activity online has been particularly intense, especially last Autumn 2023 with compulsory seminars, plus other online meetings with Breed Councils (BC) and other Commissions.

- After the past GA, we had 3 video meetings in 2023 and 4 in 2024
- The Judges Rules didn't undertake any change. So, we have cooperated with the Vice-Secretary for the implementation of few changes in breed standards, due to the accepted proposals of GA 2023
- After GA 2023, we prepared new Exam Sets and sent them to the General Secretary who could use them till the end of the year, for all categories, and BG Exams.
- All Exam Questionnaires 2024 in English (Final and Preliminary) were made available in October 2023. And Exam sets for 2024 were ready at the beginning of 2024. A Reactivation Exam has also been prepared and later checked with positive result from the candidate
- Soon after the GA 2023, a Judges Seminar has been organized in Italy, in June, and we thank ANFI for the opportunity given to FIFe Students and Judges that could not attend the GA Seminar.
- Another Judges Seminar is planned for next July. And for this we thank FPL that offered to organize it..
- In October 2023 we organized a Compulsory Seminar, again online. There were 14 Students and 6 Judges participating. We experienced a new system for this kind of Seminar, splitting it in 3 sessions, so the huge amount of information would be more diluted, and more time was available for open discussion with Students. This new arrangement has been very positively received by the participants.
- We worked to find a solution to the recent scientific findings about the Corin mutation which affects some of our breeds. The cooperation with the Board and BRC resulted in the proposals we have prepared.
- We gave our opinions to the Board on the inactivity of dormant judges and to Mundikat on possible changes to the JBS to include the silver tabby and the smoke varieties.
- We promoted and participated in 3 FIFe Commissions meetings to discuss common issues and have a common approach towards various subjects relevant for FIFe and the Cat Fancy. It was very positive to have such meetings and a broader cooperation among commission with the result of some of the proposals being "joint" proposals this year.
- The comments received last year during the GA Seminar and those collected during the years, made us decide to start with a project, in cooperation with the Breed Councils, trying to eliminate all "unnecessary faults" from the standards and giving the BC the chance to also make standards changes if considered necessary. We organized online meetings with the BC Secretaries, and work is progressing smoothly. This is just the beginning of a long journey, and more updates will for sure come in the future. The BCs have been extremely helpful, and the cooperation was very effective. We all appreciated working in direct contact and hope for more shared projects.
- We gave our contribution to the breed descriptions now published on the new FIFe website.
- The commission decided to have periodical informal video meetings with Student Judges, about various subjects related to the Judges training activity. This is a way to make Students feel closer to each other and to build a solid FIFe judges' community, in addition of the great importance of sharing information and experiences without any barrier or prejudice. Our intention is reinforcing support already provided (by the Member and Mentor) and stimulate their interactions for a more positive general experience. The first attempt was successful and positively received, so we plan more meetings in the months to come.
- We arranged and prepared the Judges Seminar that will take place coming Saturday mostly focused on the Corin mutation that affects a certain number of breeds in FIFe, and the new EU proposed Regulation on Cats & Dogs welfare.

My personal and sincere thanks go to my fellow Commission Members that have been working really hard this year, and in a very professional way. Thanks also to the Board, the General Secretary, the Vice-Secretary for the excellent cooperation, good suggestions and the support received. And I want to also thank the other Commissions members for the important chance to have a more direct cooperation and open communication. Something we certainly need and that for sure will help us all to grow up stronger.

On behalf of the FIFe JSC, Donatella Mastrangelo, Chairman - Parndorf, (AT) May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Annex 10 – Report of the Public Relations Commission

The members of the Public Relations Commission (PRC) are Anna Wijbrands (NL), (Chairman) Adéla Justová (CZ), and Anžela Fomiceva (Secretary).

We had no physical meetings; all matters were dealt with via e-mail and other electronic means. We dealt with requests from the Board for recommendations and help regarding the FIFe 75 year jubilee and how to create interaction with our audience about this milestone on social media.



Since our appointment as PRC, we also stumbled on some issues regarding where responsibility lies and who is actually in charge of certain platforms, the access to these platforms and how we can best work together to get the best and most valuable content.

At this moment, the duties within our commission are not being fulfilled up to the best we could fulfil them. Anžela Fomicева has most experience in advising cat clubs about possibilities of sponsorships, how to use Facebook to the best its ability to reach maximum amount of exposure, sponsors and exhibitors.

The duties, which Adéla Justová can fulfil and has fulfilled tremendously well over the past year was to generate more data about where the different clubs in FIFe stand regarding social media and generate and read surveys accompanied with follow up action plans specified to the needs per country. Her capacities go much further than this as she can create also more content for FIFe but we were not allowed to do so yet. Anna Wijbrands' capabilities lie most in the field of visual content, video's, Instagram content and branding. The FIFe board and the PR commission had some good discussions about FIFe being a brand and where we want to stand for in the world. We hope we will go further into this the coming year and build towards a preset framework what and how we are going to use social media more effectively, a so called content strategy that will fit FIFe.

At the GA 2024 we will report our findings that came out of our survey last year regarding how the different FIFe members use social media and online platforms currently.

Our further findings are as follows:

- FIFe Instagram exists. PRC has no access. The board is in charge of the Instagram and most commonly votes on its content.
- FIFe's official Facebook page exists, only the board members have access.
- Regarding FIFe's new website that was launched earlier this year. We offered help but it was not necessary as the website was in its final face when we were having the meeting with the board.

Goals for 2024-2025:

- Launch a website where all FIFe members can find scientific contents of Universities globally about cat breeds, health and behaviour to use for promotion or defence against unfounded opinions.
- Work together more closely with the FIFe board to create a content strategy for FIFe.
- Continue to work together with other commissions to benefit FIFe's position and members globally.
- There needs to be a financial PR budget of some sort to attain the best result for FIFe.
- We don't need German and French as official FIFe languages. English will be sufficient.
- Get a clear definition from the board and GA, what role and duties they want to give the PRC.
- Rethink how FIFe money is spent and how it will benefit the future most effectively

On behalf of the Public Relations Commission, Anna Wijbrands, Chairman

## Annex 11 – Report of the Show Commission

During the period from May 2023 until March 2024, the Show Commission (SC) had the following members: Mr. João Noronha (PT) – chairman, Mrs. Thea Friškovec-Keller (CH) – secretary, Mrs. Gøran Vinje (NO), Mrs. Riikka Turpeinen (FI) and Mr. Marcel Frank (NL).

During the past months the work in the SC was performed timely, with pleasure and enthusiasm, based on an excellent teamwork and contact with the Board. During this period, the SC had two web-meetings: in September 2023 and March 2024. During this period also, whenever necessary, emails were exchanged to respond and follow up on any type of question. The minutes of the meetings and all recommendations of the SC were sent to the General Secretary.

We dealt with matters concerning the Show Rules, for which the Board asked a recommendation:

- Request for recommendation from Board regarding qualifying cats for World and Winner Shows,
- Request to answer questions regarding organizing shows outside Belgium, FBe (BE),
- Request for interpretation about transition period between the old ages in classes 12/11, 9/10 and the new ones FPL(PL) and SVERAK (SE)
- Request for an exception regarding qualification for the World Show 2023 for members of UFU (UA),
- Request to organize a show without veterinary control, SK (FI).

As in the years before the Vice-secretary assisted the General Secretary in producing the 2024 edition of the Show Rules in English, German and French languages. After checking the final versions, the Show Commission thanks him for the work and cooperation.

This year the SC prepared proposals regarding the Show Rules to GA, which draw our attention and we felt matters need to be handled.

We would like to Mr. Jürg Keller for translations and all the members of the Show Commission for the excellent teamwork and prompt cooperation during this year.

On behalf of the FIFe Show Commission,  
João Noronha - Chairman

Thea Friškovec-Keller - Secretary

## Annex 12 – Report of the Breed Council Administrator

Dear Members,

2023 was a calm year for the Breed Councils (BC). The difficulty remains in getting the renewals done, but 95% was done before mid of February. In December 2023 we had 31 Breed Councils, consisting of 28 members and 310 individual members. At the time of writing, we have 31 Breed Councils consisting of 31 members and 298 individual members.

The BSH BC was busy with gathering information and knowledge about “copper”. There was a joint meeting of the JSC/BRC/HWC with the BC secretary BSH/BLH to discuss and share opinions about this Corin gene. In 2023, there was an online meeting with most of the Breed Council secretaries or delegates and the JSC. The BC participants received this meeting was very positively.

It was about the Standards and talking how to remove matters, which are logical and the opposite of what already is mentioned in the Standard. This work was done in cooperation with the Breed Councils and the JSC. The goal was to finish this task for the majority of breeds and send these proposals to the GA.

Some Breed Councils show a growth, PER/EXO, DRX gain slowly new members! I would like to point out that we do not have Breed Councils for Ocicat, LaPerm, Turkish Angora, Sokoke and Japanese Bobtail. Perhaps we can encourage members to start one!

We also could encourage members who have the following breeds to join the Breed councils especially some extra attention for PER/EXO, DSP, MAU, SIN, CHA, SRL/SRS, SPH, MAN/CYM, BUR. We are looking for a Breed Council secretary for the BC TUV after resignation.

Let us motivate our breeders to work together for their breed. As in the current atmosphere where breeds are under scrutiny by animal welfare activists and governments, we need members to show that we breed for health and have this as our priority.

I would like to urge all members to encourage their breeders to join the Breed Councils so that they have an opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise and have their voice heard where it matters most.

Last but not least, I would like to ask the FIFe Members to be of great assistance when the BC memberships of their members needs to be renewed. This way you will really make a difference. Please respond to the email, send out those invoices to your members and let them know and respond to you as soon as possible.

I would kindly like to remember our Members that the Breed Council renewals must be finished by 31st of January of each year. Let us try this for 2025!

Nathalie Smits, Breed Council administrator

## Annex 13 – Report on cats bred/imported/registered in FIFe in 2023

### BREEDING STATISTICS 2023

#### STATISTICS PER BREED

Ranking 2023	EMS code breed	Number registr.	%	Ranking 2023	EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
1	MCO	24.691	24,2%	31 ▼	KBL	132	0,1%
2	BSH	17.629	17,3%	32	MAU	129	0,1%
3	RAG	14.947	14,7%	33 ▲	BAL	85	0,1%
4 ▲	SIB	4.538	4,4%	34 ▲	OLH	81	0,1%
5	NFO	4.438	4,4%	35	KOR	80	0,1%
6 ▲	DRX	4.438	4,4%	36 ▼	TUA	73	0,1%
7 ▼	BEN	4.245	4,2%	37 ▼	XSH * (XXX)	72	0,1%
8	SBI	3.633	3,6%	38	ACL	61	0,1%
9 ▲	NEM	2.835	2,8%	39 ▲	TUV	60	0,1%
10 ▼	PER	2.827	2,8%	40 ▲	SIN	57	0,1%
11 ▲	RUS	2.510	2,5%	41	SRS	51	0,1%
12 ▼	SPH	2.202	2,2%	42 ▲	LYO	50	0,0%
13 ▲	BUR	1.717	1,7%	43 ▲	XSH * <XXX>	41	0,0%
14 ▼	OSH	1.660	1,6%	44 ▲	XSH	33	0,0%
15	BLH	1.393	1,4%	45 ▼	ACS	31	0,0%
16 ▼	EXO	1.357	1,3%	46 ▼	SNO	25	0,0%
17 ▲	SIA	1.014	1,0%	47 ▲	GRX	21	0,0%

18	ABY	973	1,0%
19▼	CHA	931	0,9%
20	CRX	683	0,7%
21▲	XLH * <XXX>	304	0,3%
22▲	SOM	281	0,3%
23▼	SRL	267	0,3%
24▼	OCI	226	0,2%
25▲	THA	217	0,2%
26▼	EUR	202	0,2%
27▲	DSP	193	0,2%
28▼	BML	173	0,2%
29▲	PEB	143	0,1%
30▼	LPL	135	0,1%

48▼	XLH * (XXX)	19	0,0%
49	MAN	19	0,0%
50▲	KBS	17	0,0%
51▲	CYM	14	0,0%
52	BOM	10	0,0%
53	TIF non	10	0,0%
54▼	XLH	7	0,0%
55▲	LPS	6	0,0%
56▲	BGL non	5	0,0%
57▼	JBS	3	0,0%
58▼	SOK	2	0,0%
59▲	AMS non	1	0,0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>101.997▼</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

### STATISTICS PER CATEGORY

YEAR	2023		2022		2021		2020	2019
Category	Number registr.	%	Number registr.	%	Number registr.	%	Number registr.	Number registr.
Category 1	22.838	22,4%▲	24.130	21,1%▼	25.854	21,6%▼	23.461	21.681
Category 2	36.815	36,1%▲	42.748	37,4%▲	44.551	37,2%▲	39.142	38.184
Category 3	27.361	26,8%▼	31.269	27,3%▼	32.961	27,5%▲	28.181	25.238
Category 4	14.582	14,3%▲	15.861	13,4%	16.087	13,4%▼	14.783	13.654
Non recog.	16	0,0%	55	0,0%	42	0,0%	33	41
XLH/XSH	385	0,4%▲	312	0,3%	311	0,3%▲	207	119
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101.997▼</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>114.375▼</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>119.806▲</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>105.807▲</b>	<b>98.917</b>

▲ / ▼ = increase / decrease in ranking position, registrations resp. percentage compared to previous year

CATEGORY 1		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
EXO	1.357	5,9%▼
PER	2.872	12,4%▼
RAG	14.947	65,4%▲
SBI	3.633	15,9%
TUV	60	0,3%
XLH * (XXX)	14	0,1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22.838▼</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

CATEGORY 2		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
ACL	61	0,2%
ACS	31	0,1%
LPL	135	0,4%▼
LPS	6	0,0%
MCO	24.691	67,1%▼
NEM	2.835	7,7%▲
NFO	4.438	12,1%▼
SIB	4.538	12,3%▼
TUA	73	0,2%▼
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36.815▼</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

CATEGORY 3		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
BEN	4.245	15,5%▼
BLH	1.393	5,1%▼
BML	173	0,6%▼
BOM	10	0,0%
BSH	17.629	64,4%▲
BUR	1.717	6,3%▲
CHA	931	3,4%
CYM	14	0,1%
EUR	202	0,7%
KBL	132	0,5%▼
KBS	17	0,1%▲

CATEGORY 4		
EMS code breed	EMS code breed	EMS code breed
ABY	ABY	ABY
BAL	BAL	BAL
CRX	CRX	CRX
DRX	DRX	DRX
DSP	DSP	DSP
GRX	GRX	GRX
JBS	JBS	JBS
LYO	LYO	LYO
OLH	OLH	OLH
OSH	OSH	OSH
PEB	PEB	PEB

KOR	80	0,3%
MAN	19	0,1%▲
MAU	129	0,5%▲
OCI	226	0,8%▼
SIN	57	0,2%
SNO	25	0,1%▼
SOK	2	0,0%
SRL	267	1,0%▲
SRS	51	0,2%▼
XSH * (XXX)	42	0,2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27.361 ▼</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

RUS	RUS	RUS
SIA	SIA	SIA
SOM	SOM	SOM
SPH	SPH	SPH
THA	THA	THA
XSH * (XXX)	XSH * (XXX)	XSH * (XXX)

NON RECOGNISED BREEDS		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
AMS non	1	6,3%
BGL non	5	31,3%
TIF non	10	62,5%▲
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16▲</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

XLH / XSH		
EMS code breed	Number registr.	%
XLH	7	1,9%▲
XSH	33	8,6%▲
XLH * <XXX>	304	79,0%▲
XSH * <XXX>	41	10,6%▼
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>385▲</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

## Annex 14 – Budget for the financial year 2023

INCOME (EUR)	2022	2023	2024	2025
Membership Fee	14,875	14,350	20,500	20,500
International Show Fee	106,000	90,000	90,000	95,000
National Show Fee	1,000	500	600	600
Examinations	1,000	500	600	600
Judges' Fee	22,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Breed Council Fee		2.500	2.500	2,500
Cattery names	30,000	40,000	52,500	52,500
Rosettes	8.000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	1,125	0	0	0
Loss	23,000	8,150	18,300	10,000
	<b>207,000</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>206,700</b>

EXPENDITURE (EUR)	2022	2023	2024	2025
General Assembly	55,000	45,000	55,000	50,000
<b>Judges</b> GA Seminar	8,000	8,000	10,000	10,000
Standards, Rules, Golden & Silver Pins	14,000	10,000	12,000	10,000
Seminars	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
<b>Total Judges</b>	28,000	24,000	28,000	26,000
Board	20,000	25,000	20,000	13,000
Commissions & functionaries	20,000	25,000	35,000	35,000
Allowance General Secretary	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Administration	35,000	25,000	35,000	36,000
Rosettes	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Rosettes for shows (free rosettes)	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Depreciation	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
World Cat Congress	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,000
Promotion	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Website	1,000	4,000	4,000	14,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Profit	0	0	0	0
	<b>207,000</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>206,700</b>

L.B. van de Haterd, FIFe Treasurer - Hoorn, The Netherland

## Annex 15 – Application for patronage membership

### Report of FAF Felis Romania as mentor of Federation of Felinology Bulgaria FFBg

As mentor of Federation of Felinology Bulgaria, Federatia Asociatiilor Feline Felis Romania has the pleasure to inform you of the progress done by the Federation in Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian Federation continues to keep their LO Book in order, 5 new catteries have been registered on top the old ones, the federation keeps their presence on the most important social media platforms in order to create awareness regarding Felinology and FIFe.

The Bulgarian Federation organized 2 international FIFe shows in May and in August, their show in August was held in Plovdiv with an average of 120 cats and quite a good number of sponsors which will ensure financial stability to the club. They also organized an event for the breeders to socialize and talk with visitors about cats and Felinology. They have already acquired their own show cages. Overall, we are very happy with their work and improvement, and we are confident for the future of FIFe in Bulgaria

Respectfully, President Felis Romania - Adrian-Alexandru Dragota

## Annex 16 – Report on the 2024 World Cat Congress

The annual meeting 2024 of the WCC was hosted by the WCC member ARC and took place in Bangkok, Thailand from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

The meeting was in connection with a show, which was open for every cat owner or cats, whatever membership or organization (approx. 800 cats were present). This show was called a WCC World Show, even if WCC does not organize shows. This was never questioned or discussed. The WCF Board was not at all involved with the event; the WCC secretary Mr. Robbie Walker was more or less in charge of everything except the show itself.

I was not invited to judge at this WCF show and the show organizer was not informed by WCF to invite judges, but the club thought it was obligatory for all judges who had anything to do with the WCC meeting to also to judge at the show. This why my name and photograph were on the show flyer, but no FIFe judge officiated at this show.

The WCC event started with this show on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March, both days judges were picked up at 08.00 and finished at about 23.00, when they could have dinner.

On Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, the WCC Seminar took place. It started with an Introduction to WCC, presented by the WCC President Mr. Eric Reijers followed by a short presentation of all WCC members. The seminar had a lot of lectures:

- Mrs. Laureline Malineau, Royal Canin, France – on Royal Canin and the World Cat Congress
- Professor Leslie Lyons, USA - Blue eyes, white spotting and hearing
- Professor Leslie Lyons, USA - How to build a Copper cat: The interplay of Corin and the cat coat colour genes
- Dr. Siwaporn Pengpis DVM - Common health issues in cats
- Royal Canin Thailand - Key nutrition for cats
- Mr Preecha Vadhana, Suphalak breeder - History and breeding of Suphalak cats in Thailand

The last 3 lectures were presented in Thai and translated into English.

The seminar ended with questions and discussions between speakers, delegates and attendees.

On Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, the WCC business meeting took place. All 9 WCC members ACF, CCCA, CFA, FIFe, GCCF, NZCF, SACC, TICA and WCF were present. FIFe was represented by the undersigned as delegate and Mr. Leo v/d Haterd as advisor. Contrary to the seminar there were only a few listeners to the open meeting,

Mr. Robbie Walker was elected as Secretary, Mr. Jan van Rooyen as Vice President and Mrs Penny Bydlinski as Treasurer.

The cooperation with and sponsorship from Royal Canin will continue for another period of three years.

The meeting had some discussions about what is going on in some European countries and Australia about “banning” certain breeds but one cannot say that these discussions gave any answers.

CFA offered to hold the WCC Annual meeting for 2025 in the USA and GCCF to hold the meeting in Great Britain in 2026.

Annette Sjödin - FIFe delegate WCC