## **WUSV General Annual Assembly 2017**

Following the BSZ Conformation Show in Ulm, on September 04, 2017 the WUSV General Annual Assembly was held, and we would like to use this opportunity to thank the attendants for their time they dedicated to this important meeting.

Since transparency and open communication with our member organizations matters to us please find a brief summary of the most important issues discussed on that occasion as follows.

The WUSV supports the worldwide implementation of the requirements and regulations as stipulated by the founding organization in terms of a global control, monitoring, and support of breeding and training of the German Shepherd Dog breed as a service and working dog based on the SV breeding standard.

A central issue was the worldwide harmonization of the regulations for breeding within the WUSV with the aim to implement standardized general rules for breeding, in terms of DNA, HD, ED, and identification with the ultimate goal to implement a WUSV Studbook. All this was widely accepted and supported by the delegates of the assembly, and the necessary conditions shall be created in the individual member countries who can count on the unlimited support by the WUSV if required.

The information and scientific lectures presented by Professor Dr. Tellhelm from the GRSK e.V. in Giessen, and Dr. Manz from the Generatio Institute in Heidelberg were highly welcome.

In the future to come, all WUSV member organizations will be required to include the friends and aficionados of the German Shepherd Breed at national level in their activities, and to guarantee them access to the wide range of opportunities for breeding and training to the effect that clubs in member countries with more than one member- organization within the WUSV shall be obliged to admit the members of the respective other club to their events and competitions.

Owing to the increasing importance of the WUSV the launch of an international show shall be scheduled, and proposals to host the events have already been submitted by the member clubs in Brazil and Argentina.

However, this does in no way affect the unique and important role of the BSZ Conformation Show with permanent venue in Germany.

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