

# Seasons' Greetings 2018

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Dear WUSV Member Clubs:

Also, this year I would like to send you my warmest wishes for the upcoming Season's Holidays and the best of luck for the year 2019. And once more we are looking back upon an eventful year. We did accomplish a lot and we covered a long stretch of our way towards the finalization of the harmonisation program within the worldwide community of the WUSV. This scheme is important for the future of our breed – however – the WUSV Board of Directors agrees that the final implementation requires time and that we need to give our member clubs a chance to create the necessary framework conditions at first.

One most important aspect of the harmonization program is – no doubt – the implementation of a character test. After having covered a little stretch of the way in this respect, we took the time and have a closer look at what we already accomplished and realized that our success will not happen on the fast lane. For that reason, we decided to slow down the quite dynamic speed we aspired for in the beginning a little bit.

Unfortunately, my wish for the improvement of the relationship and resumption of our dialogue with the FCI – and for which I had still expressed my optimistic outlook in my Christmas letter in 2017 – did not come true. Nevertheless, I am not downhearted in this respect – to the contrary – I am still very optimistic that an approach can be found, and in the new year to come we will once again focus our efforts in this direction.

Both international events of the WUSV – the WUSV World Championship and the Universal Championship – have once again been a big success in 2018. The lively participation from the WUSV member countries and the enthusiasm of the hosting countries

Denmark and Belgium proved that the WUSV is a strong international movement worth to fight for.

And thus, I will dedicate all my energy to our common cause in the year to come. In May 2019 the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (SV) e.V. will elect a new president and I will again run for the office.

Please allow me to use this opportunity to thank all of you for your contributions and efforts to the benefit of our breed, and for the wide range of support you offered to me and all the other WUSV board members. I would like to give special thanks to the gentlemen Dr Wolfgang Tauber from Austria, and to Mr. Francis Reuther from France who retired from the WUSV board this year. Their service and commitment towards our organization was of priceless value and we will forever remember the good cooperation we enjoyed.

I wish you and your club members, and your families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and successful New Year 2019 towards which I look with great optimism.

With kindest wishes and very truly yours,  
Professor Dr Heinrich Meßler