

Couple of week ago WUSV member countries appointed USCA and RealCEPPA (Spain) to represent all affected. This makes communication more streamlined with SV/WUSV/VDH. All countries are actively kept apprised of important developments.

January 28th, we sent a letter to the WUSV Board of Directors requesting that they initiate immediate action against illegal acts of the VDH/FCI. We received a very encouraging personal response from Prof. Dr. Messler a last week. Full correspondence is attached.

I am very proud of how strong our relationship has grown with Prof. Dr. Messler in these interesting times, and last week after a phone conversation, he shared a quote with me from his brother Peter Messler (former President of SV/WUSV).

Zitat Peter Meßler (Präsident SV 1994 bis 2002) zur Jahreswende 1999/2000 :

„Als Mutterland stellt es in dieser weltweit agierenden kynologischen Organisation für eine Rasse den WUSV-Präsidenten und übt ein Vetorecht aus. Vereinszweck dieses Gebildes ist die weltweite Umsetzung der kynologischen Ziele des SV, genau wie in den Satzungen und Ordnungen des SV formuliert. Das Vertrauen der kynologischen Schäferhundwelt in das Mutterland ist faszinierend, weil vertrauensvoll ausgerichtet darauf, dass dieser Verein alles richtig macht. Dieses Vertrauen darf niemals enttäuscht werden!“

*Quotation from Peter Meßler (President SV 1994 to 2002) at the turn of 1999/2000: “As the mother country, it represents the WUSV President for one breed in this globally active cynological organization and exercises a veto right. The purpose of the association of this structure is the worldwide implementation of the cynological goals of the SV, just as formulated in the statutes and regulations of the SV. The trust of the cynological shepherd world in the motherland is fascinating because it is based on trust that this association does everything right. **Such trust must never be disappointed!**”*

Related developments: There are numerous actions initiated at the national levels in various Competition Authorities in affected countries as well as , some are very advanced, and we believe the positive outcome in very short term against the FCI Kennel Club, in favor of our affected sister organization in the EU, for anti-competitive cartel actions. The rulings will be important, reinforcing a legal precedent for market openness not only as it relates to judges but also pedigrees among other things.

We are not resting... the affected countries have retained one of the top anti-competition/anti-cartel law firms in Germany. RealCEPPA General Secretary (Rodrigo González Campuzano) and I had an all all-day meeting with the law firm February 7th, 2020. This was a final in-person meeting to initiate all legal tools and actions at our disposal. We have an excellent legal path forward. I cannot openly discuss the specific legal tactics, but this firm is imminently capable and has recently and quickly delivered results on very similar actions involving multiple countries. The law firm is aware of FCI's own admission that these actions are illegal. Under anti-competition/cartel law in Germany, there are very serious implications not only for organizations but also for individuals responsible. Both are liable. Next week is a very active legal week and I will keep you all updated with developments.

Attached on the following pages is some additional information including our letter to the WUSV Board of Directors, Dr. Prof. Messler's response, and our subsequent response to Dr. Prof. Messler on behalf of all affected. We are united in our aim and are taking great strides to protect and preserve our breed and our World Union.

WUSV affected club by F.C.I./V.D.H. ban judges Statement

After a month of prohibition for S.V. judges to officiate in the activities of W.U.S.V. member clubs that we are not under the F.C.I. umbrella, we would like to inform all of the following:

- The S.V. board of directors has made the decision to initiate action against the V.D.H., **by all possible means at its disposal, so the prohibition of judges be canceled.** If internal VDH procedures are not favorable, **the SV will also take legal action. With this act the SV has joined the affected clubs on our side.**
- There are various procedural issues with the V.D.H. order which the S.V. is contesting. To paraphrase Dr. Messler: **"an illegal directive cannot have validity via recognition of the resolution passed"**.
- W.U.S.V. has not initiated legal action yet, **they would like to hold a meeting with FCI February 28th in Zurich to seek an amicable solution before taking legal steps.**
- **The W.U.S.V. board of directors will be sending a letter to the F.C.I. board of directors to suspend the ban before the February 28 meeting in Zürich.**
- **The S.V. & W.U.S.V. Board of Directors are well aware that the V.D.H. and F.C.I. directive is illegal** and will try to mitigate the financial exposure of all involved in his discussions with F.C.I.
- It seems clear that **all parties, the S.V., the W.U.S.V., the affected clubs (we) and even the F.C.I. -with their own statements-** agree that **the decision is unlawful and anti-competitive** and should never have occurred.
- *Dr. Prof. Messler-* requested for some additional time and patience, which unfortunately we don't have. **The affected clubs have started legal proceedings against this ban with all legal means at our disposal -in parallel to the meetings to be held between the W.U.S.V. and the F.C.I.**
- In addition to the legal actions being carried out at the national level by several of the affected clubs, against this coordinated decision by several members of the F.C.I. (N.C.O.'s), **we have initiated united legal action in ALL areas within our reach against this decision. In this, we are represented by one of the best anti-competition/anti-cartel law firms in Germany.** They are experts who are imminently capable and have a great history of success. **Anti-competitive prohibition acts, such as these, are punishable by large corporate fines and personal financial accountability for people who have made such decisions.**
- **Our decision to initiate legal proceedings is based on the lack of confidence in the leaders of the F.C.I. and also in several members of the S.V. and W.U.S.V. Board of Directors** who are not focused on the best interests of the W.U.S.V and the German Shepherd. **Additionally, we are forced to act based on the urgency created by this ban on the affected clubs and on our next World Championship in Hungary.**
- **The affected clubs will request that the W.U.S.V. board of directors convene an Extraordinary Assembly where the Board of Directors will be asked to account for its responsibilities and actions.**

- **The W.U.S.V. Statutes grant and recognize the same rights and obligations- for ALL members** as well as breeding regulations, exhibitions and others *-recently unanimously approved by the S.V. Federal Assembly and endorsed by the W.U.S.V. Assembly-* are in force and bind all W.U.S.V. members meet them.

February 12th, 2020.

W.U.S.V. Affected clubs:

- United Schutzhund Clubs of America (USA)
- German Shepherd Schutzhund Club of Canada (Canada)
- Club Canofilo Mexicano de Pastor Aleman, A.C (Mexico)
- Korean Kennel Club (Korea)
- Bulgarischer Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde (Bulgaria)
- Magyarorszagi Nemet Juhaszkutya Klub (Hungary)
- National German Shepherd Working Dog Association GSA (Ireland)
- WGS DCA (Australia)
- Societe du Chien de Berger Allemand (Lebanon)
- German Shepherd Dog Club of Egypt (Egypt)
- Deutsche Schäferhunde Rasse und Sport Verein (Turkey)
- Kuwait K9 Association (KK9A) (Kuwait)
- Real C.E.P.P.A. (Spain)
- Zentralclub für Deutsche Schäferhunde der Ukraine (Ukraine)
- Verband der Vereine des Deutschen Schäferhundes Japan (JPDS) (Japan)
- German Shepherd Dog Federation of the Philippines. (Philippines)
- Pastor Alemão Clube de Portugal. (PACP) (Portugal)
- Cyprus German Shepherd Club (Cyprus)
- GSD Association of Mongolia (Mongolia)
- German Shepherd Dog Owners Association Malaysia (Malaysia)
- German Shepherd Dog Advisory Council (New Zealand)

Attached documents: letters with the W.U.S.V. President and Board of Directors.

Secretario Real CEPPA 

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On behalf of the WUSV clubs affected_ban judges

To: Henry Messler Dr., Europa - René Rudin, caputi Südamerika - Roberto, ihusain 

Cc: Clemens Lux (SV), Setecki Hartmut, Vadim Plotsker

Esteemed members of the WUSV Board of Directors,

We send you a communication that we hope will be answered as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your response in advance.

Best regards,

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28th January 2020
Ref.: Ban_Judges_28_1_2020

On behalf of the WUSV member clubs affected by the decision of the SV/VDH/FCI to ban judges.

Esteemed members of the WUSV Board of Directors,

We address you on behalf of the clubs affected by the decision announced by Mr. Setecki at the end of December to cancel and prohibit the permits of the SV judges for the activities of the WUSV member clubs that are not under the umbrella of the FCI.

Most of the affected clubs sent a warning letter to the WUSV Board of directors due that the prohibition announced by the SV manager director is illegal and anti-competitive -and that the FCI itself has recognized it with its own acts-. We have asked to be informed when and who made the decision in support of this prohibition. To date we have not received any answer from the WUSV to our question. We consider this as an absolute disregard by the WUSV governing body towards not only to the affected members. These have the same rights and obligations as the rest of the clubs in our world organization.

First of all, we want to make it clear that the WUSV and the FCI are two international canine organizations that do not have any legal, organic or functional relationship and at this time. They also have no collaboration agreement. It is more than clear that the interests of an organization outside the WUSV are being prioritized over the legitimate interests of the WUSV. The FCI is being given consideration and preference over WUSV members.

Incredible and in no way comprehensible is the current situation that clubs that are FCI members whilst standing outside the WUSV get judges, while old members of the WUSV are denied judges. This has already led to enormous economic damage in the countries concerned.

This state of affairs has obviously been uncontested since the VDH's directive came into force. To accept this measure unchallenged is clearly contrary to the statutes of the WUSV. In our view, the WUSV Board should have taken immediate action. This has obviously not been done.

We understand that the position of the FCI / VDH assumed by the SV is a direct and unprecedented attack on the German shepherd dog. and its principles that violates the statutory objectives of the WUSV. **That is why we urge the WUSV Board of Directors to initiate each and every one of the legal actions at its disposal to defend the**

independence of our organization/breed against the illegal actions perpetrated by the FCI.

These are:

1. Immediate release of judges for all WUSV member clubs by the SV
2. Challenging the direction of the VDH
3. Challenging the FCI's direction
4. Claim of financial failures of the member associations (so-called dissidence clubs)
5. Referral to the competition authorities within the Federal Republic of Germany and Europe in order to objectify the FCI's abusive monopoly conduct in accordance with Articles 101 TFEU and 102 TFEU.

This is a duty to WUSV and must be carried out. **Otherwise we will call for an Extraordinary General Assembly to discuss the situation and ask for accountability from the Board of Directors!**

In a situation like this, either you are with those who break the law or with those who do not. What side of the law is occupied by the members of the WUSV board of directors? Is it the right side of our members or the illegal side of the FCI/VDH?

We hope that our leaders will defend the organization, stand on the side of the law, stand with our breed with the same loyalty and commitment we expect from our beloved German shepherd and its power throughout the world. You were all elected for this very reason.

Please respond no later than 20:00 - 31 January 2020. We reserve all rights to initiate all legal action and hold organizations and individuals accountable to defend our legitimate interests.

Best regards,

On behalf of the WUSV member clubs (listed below)
Vadim Plotsker - Rodrigo González Campuzano
United Schutzhund Clubs of America – Real C.E.P.A.

WUSV Satzung: § 15 Zuständigkeiten der Mitgliederversammlung

- 1) Die Mitgliederversammlung ist in allen die WUSV betreffenden Angelegenheiten zuständig, die ihr übertragen sind.
- (2) Die Mitgliederversammlung ist insbesondere für folgende Vereinsangelegenheiten zuständig:
 - i) Amtsenthebung eines Vorstandsmitgliedes bei Vorliegen eines wichtigen Grund
 - l) in allen sonstigen für die WUSV wichtigen Angelegenheit

BGB: Außerordentliche Mitgliederversammlungen sind immer dann einzuberufen, wenn es das Vereinsinteresse erfordert. Das ist gesetzlich zwingend vorgeschrieben (§ 36 BGB) und kann in der Vereinssatzung weder abgeändert noch eingeschränkt werden.

Heinrich Messler 

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To: Vadim Plotsker, Rodrigo González Campuzano, Cc: Rene Rudin, Husein Vorstand WUSV, capuTI ROBERTO & 13 more

Dear Mr. Gonzalez, Dear Mr. Plotsker,

on my own behalf I would like to send you the following statement on my part. Further negotiations with the FCI may be easier if they you respond on this letter in short term, i.e. until the weekend.

The members of the WUSV board, the president of the VDH as well as the continental directors are in the cc.

Best regards

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Meßler

Estimado Sr. González, Estimado Sr. Plotsker:

en mi nombre, me gustaría enviarle la siguiente declaración de mi parte. Las negociaciones adicionales con la FCI pueden ser más fáciles si responde a esta carta a corto plazo, es decir. hasta el fin de semana

Los miembros de la junta directiva de WUSV, el presidente de VDH y los directores continentales están en el cc.

Saludos cordiales

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Meßler



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Mr. Rodrigo Gonzalez Campuzano
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Representatives
„WUSV-Member FCI non Member Clubs Org.“

Ref.: On behalf of the WUSV member clubs affected by the SV/VDH/FCI's decision's to ban judges.

Dear Mr. Gonzalez Campuzano,
Dear Mr. Plotsker,

In the meantime, I have received your letter dated 28th January 2020, Ref.:
Ban_Judges_28_1_2020. I understand that you have been duly appointed by the affected Clubs.

Forward:

A meeting with the FCI, which issued the relevant judges' directive, has been scheduled for 28th February where a friendly out-of-court agreement might be hopefully reached. Due to the tight time schedule, we would like to ask you to kindly delay until the end of the first week of March, your deadline for an answer.

As already mentioned yesterday on the phone, I personally understand your position. I have been very open with Mr. Gonzalez that in this broad action, will most likely require consent from the WUSV Board of Directors (*Vorstand*) and the SV (as a privileged member of the WUSV). Please note that next steps and actions with regard to this issue are currently being discussed with some controversy in the respective Boards. In my own defense, I would like to explicitly highlight, that because of my absence, due to illness, I did not participate in the adoption of the resolution passed to approve and implement the FCI's directive.

With respect to your statements, bearing in mind the WUSV bylaws, I can fully agree. I must point out the following with regard to the several points you have raised:

With regard to point 1:

Due to the threat of sanctions and to the VDH's existential dependence on the FCI on one side, and the SV's reliance on the VDH on the other side, the SV, in prioritizing its own interests, is not continuing to provide its judges to the so-called "dissident clubs".

The FCI's directive put the SV in a position where it could lose its membership in the VDH. This would have far-reaching consequences for the SV, which I do not need to explain to you further. The implementation of the directive of the VDH / FCI was carried out -among others- also by me, after weighing up the severity of the individual disadvantages.

Unfortunately, against my express will, no legal reservations against these directives were added in the SV's response to the VDH.

However according to my legal state of knowledge, an illegal directive cannot have legal validity via recognition of the resolution passed.

With regard to point 2:

On January 19th, the SV Board decided to notify the VDH in the course of next week that, in the event that their directive is not revoked and the dispute settled in friendly out-of-court agreement, interested parties will try to obtain a suspension of the directive from the internal Association Court (*Verbandsgericht*) until a final decision is reached on the overall situation. If this is not successful, a legal dispute will be inevitable.

In my function as Vice President of the VDH, I have not hidden from the VDH Board (*Vorstand*) my personal view that their directive is illegal and/or void for various reasons.

With regard to point 3:

The FCI's directive is the cause for the damage you have described. It is true that the WUSV has not yet taken any action against the FCI. Several unfortunate circumstances have meant that the FCI has so far avoided or been able to avoid urgently required discussions.

As already stated above, according to my latest knowledge, a round of talks will now take place on February 28 in Zurich. I still hope that an amicable settlement will be reached.

In order to limit damages, after consultation with the other board members of the WUSV, I will propose that the FCI suspends their directive quickly until the overall situation has been finally - legally- clarified. See attached draft (Appendix 1)

With regard to point 4:

I can personally understand your claim to compensation for damage incurred. The "polluter-pays" principle applies here. If, as Mr. Gonzalez describes, damages amounting millions have already occurred, the person who caused the damages will be liable for it according to the usual legal rules. In my opinion, there is still the possibility of keeping the damage as low as possible with the desired short-term amicable settlement. Mr. Gonzalez had promised to provide me with a cost estimation of the affected clubs.

With regard to point 5

Having the legal situation in mind, in my opinion, there's a very high likelihood that the directive of the FCI/VDH will be deemed unlawful under Article 101 and 102 TFEU, bringing antitrust consequences.

Particularly as the FCI, itself, recognized several times in its own documentation (minutes), the judges directive is illegal under EU law. In addition to formal matters, this is the main line of reasoning in SV's objections reflected in its letter addressed to the VDH Association Court (*Verbandsgericht*).

During the telephone call yesterday, Mr. Gonzalez informed me that he had already started actions before the Spanish Antitrust Authorities. Furthermore, it is currently being examined whether a complaint should be made to the EU Commission to initiate formal antitrust proceedings.

It would certainly be advantageous for the chances of an amicable settlement on this matter if, as the primarily affected parties, you would suspend these activities at least until the end of March, or even better until the proven failure of an out-of-court settlement attempt with the FCI. In my opinion, the consequences out of governing antitrust provisions *vis a vis* the overall situation would be far-reaching consequences, and that should be avoided in the interest of every involved party.

You are well within your rights to convoke an extraordinary general assembly with appropriate impeachment actions. For obvious reasons and for the sake of a "*cynological world peace*", I would like to ask you to wait until the corresponding actions have officially failed.

Finally, I would like -again- to expressly point out that this my statement is not about the decision taken by the WUSV board, but rather of my personal opinion.

I will try to convince the WUSV board to find a solution with the FCI in a friendly way. The first consequence would be to send a letter to the FCI shortly before February 28, also regarding the emerging damage limitation, requesting the suspension of the measure, until final clarification of the legal situation is reached. Enclosed, please find a draft letter to be sent to the FCI. However, the WUSV Board of Directors still has to agree to this procedure. I will keep you up to date with any developments in this matter.

In order to ease the whole situation, I would be grateful for your short-term approval to extend the deadline for a reply from the WUSV board for the period of one week after our meeting with the FCI.

Looking forward to receiving your written confirmation.

Best SV regards

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5 February 2020
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On behalf of the WUSV member clubs affected by the decision of the SV/VDH/FCI to ban judges.

Dear Prof. Dr. Messler,
Dear members of the WUSV Board of Directors,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter *-date 4.2.2020-* in response to our letter dated 28.01.2020.

We would like to thank you for the fact that for the first time since Mr. Setecki announced the ban and cancellation of the permission of SV judges to officiate in WUSV member clubs which are not under the FCI umbrella, someone has contacted and informed us about the development of the actions on this dispute that affects 21 WUSV member clubs.

In your above-referred letter you make us participants of your personal situation as well as of the current situation and discussions within the different boards of directors to which you belong. Regrettably the affected clubs had no prior chance to participate in such discussions both, in the scope of the WUSV as well as in the scope of the SV.

Regardless of your statements *-that we appreciate-*, among the affected clubs there is little comfort for the lack of involvement with our situation and the absence of decisive consequences to solve this unlawful prohibition.

With regard to your letter, we would like to address the several issues raised as follows:

1. For us it is understandable *- with certain reservations -* that under the *-existential-* threat of the FCI and VDH, the SV would feel obliged to accept their instruction. Although it is still incomprehensible to our group that the WUSV *-organization to which we belong as members-* has not shown empathy and has not yet initiated strong legal action against the anti-competitive practices of the FCI.
2. We are however pleased to learn that the SV Board of Directors has decided to take legal measures *- using the procedures at its disposal -* against the VDH that issued the prohibition banning judges, putting the SV on the side of those affected.
3. With regard to the actual and potential damages incurred, we expressly would like to point out that they increase day by day while the ban is in place.

We hope that those persons who are liable are clear about this fact. The behavior of the members of the managing and decision-making bodies of the organizations involved is absolutely enigmatic for us. And in this context, please bear in mind that we will request and claim damages and losses as well as the costs caused to our organizations by the unlawful and anti-competitive practices we are fighting.

4. You have already received the list of damages quantified according to the information from the majority of affected clubs from which we receive information. Further additional information will be sent to you as soon as we have knowledge thereof.
5. We agree with the approach expressed in your letter. However, we confirm that a complaint has been already filed before the CNMC (the Spanish “Bundeskartellamt”). As reported by our lawyers the procedure is developing in a positive way and we expect, among other rulings, a favorable outcome for the liberation of the genealogical certification market in Spain, including the lifting of the ban, which limits the freedom of judges to provide services. In addition, we have already contacted the Irish Competition Authority - *which a few years ago forced the Irish Kennel Club as a member of the FCI to prevent from prohibiting or penalize judges when they performed in clubs outside the FCI umbrella* - and we are also in contact with a German law firm specialized in antitrust law, with extensive experience in similar cases, in order to initiate proceedings in all possible areas that allow us to reverse this situation. Therefore, certain actions before the Bundeskartellamt and/or the EU DG COM are already in progress.

After consulting with the representatives of the affected clubs, we cannot take a step backwards in the field of ongoing legal actions. In this context, please allow us to highlight, that the support of the WUSV in all necessary areas is extremely relevant and urgent.

We are asked to trust the negotiations with the FCI. On our side we are always available to try to find friendly solutions, although we are not very optimistic about the chances to settle the dispute in a friendly way with the FCI, mainly due to past behavior –via decisions and actions- by the representatives of the FCI.

The FCI is an organization with serious democratic limitations in its central managing body. It is well known that canine organizations with minimal presence in the world, have the same decision power as organizations with a huge tradition and activity, and this situation conditions the panorama and internal power balance in the FCI is demonstrated with these incomprehensible decisions.

That is why, if a friendly negotiated agreement is finally reached, this should be framed in strict compliance with legal provisions by both parties - *WUSV and FCI* -, including fulfillment of rules with regard to free competition and mutual recognition among canine organizations that exist in the world, as long as they follow equivalent breeding procedures. From our point of view, we must all work together to be more and not less. The world of cynology needs any and all available canine organizations that work in a respectful way and warrant the quality and consistency of the breeding and selection processes.

In the light of what the WUSV has done so far, and especially due to the lack of efforts, we cannot go along with vague commitments of the WUSV over our own legitimate interests. This becomes more relevant if we take into consideration that our legal team predict quiet optimistic probabilities of success for the legal actions referred to above, initiated or that we will start shortly.

Unfortunately, we have to put into question whether our legitimate interests are represented by the WUSV and the SV with the necessary accuracy and the due diligence. As you may understand to postpone our above-referred legal actions until further notice would not only cause additional costs and unpredictable time losses but also would paralyze the processes.

We have been forthcoming with the WUSV regarding our wish to convene an extraordinary General Assembly to exhaustively discuss the dispute we are dealing with and to demand political responsibilities from the WUSV representatives. It is well known that in the social networks, certain individuals within the WUSV, for the sake of avoiding fighting for the legitimate rights of all members - *without further argument* - are pleading to the FCI the alienation of our group from the system - *the so-called dissident clubs*. For us this is a serious violation of the duties of the WUSV Board of Directors.

The situation referred to above is so evident, that the organizer of the WUSV World Championship for this year 2020 has not received –so far- any comments, not even clear answers and support with regard to several still open issues. The World Championship takes place in Hungary at the beginning of October, we have lost two months to clarify some aspects that are not controversial and which should have been answered unequivocally by representatives of the WUSV. Among those aspects, we would like to highlight the following: Whether you are aware of ALL competitors who work hard throughout the year to try to qualify for this event and many other issues affecting all WUSV clubs that still - *for no apparent reason* - have not yet been answered.

Certainly, we support your suggestion to request for the FCI to suspend without delay the – *illegal*- ban on judges, and must warn you that so called “gentlemen’s agreements”, that seek to distort the markets, are persecuted and punished -*at corporate and individual level*- by the EU and third countries competition authorities.

As already highlighted unequivocally in our letter of January 28, 2020, there is a clear choice to be on the side of those who want to comply with the law or to be on the side of those who violate it. We believe that the VDH, the SV and the WUSV are definitely associations affected by the regulations and anti-competitive practices of the FCI. It is in the hands of the *VDH, SV and WUSV* either a.) to work for a fair and lasting agreement or b.) to look away and to enforce an illegal directive or c.) to oppose the FCI using all available means, if it insists on continuing unlawful actions.

Today, we are reliant on ourselves therefore the ongoing procedures will continue as planned.

In any case, we are looking forward to receiving news from the VDH with regard to the recent actions taken by the SV to stop the ban for judges. We will also follow closely the future discussions between the WUSV and the FCI.

We hope to have clarified our position with regard hereto.

Yours very truly

On behalf of the WUSV member clubs (listed below)
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