Conveners Report 20/21

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Dear Committee Members,

The year 2020 was like no other before.

Firstly I would like to thank the committee members who supported me in this difficult year. You made it possible to move forward and grow IGP in KUSA. In a year like 2020 it was no easy task to grow and to be able to stand back at the end and see what we have achieved. I have to thank you for making it possible for us to have so many positives in our sport.

Only 5 trials were held in total, because of the lockdown restrictions, all of these were held with KUSA and the international approved slight changes to the rules making it safe for the participants in the trial.

We have seen a number of 'mock trials'. These trials became quite popular for handlers to see where they are on a competition field without the added pressure of having to qualify.

Notwithstanding the negativity around the qualifications of the Ex Federation Helpers, we received at this forum, we were successful to convert and qualify two Helpers. What are more both these helpers officiate as Helpers at the 2019 Federation Nationals, we are very happy to welcome David and Ferdi. It is such a pity that we have to deal with short-sighted and selfish people.

From our own members we have qualified 4 Helpers, one in Northern Areas and 3 in Western Cape. Well done Theo, Thaamir, Yusri and Mogammad.

On the 24 September three handlers wrote their BH/AD Learner Judges examination, all three pass with very good marks. Already two of these learner Judges wrote and pass their first appointment and pass. Then from last year's crop, Robyn Harflett joined Sandra Brunner, Theo Smit and Lukas Werhli by qualifying as a Licensed BH/AD judge.

The Meisterschaft could not take place last year due to the pandemic, we hope that it will be able to take place this year. The organization is in an advance stage Judge and overseas Helper secured, it is just Mr Covid that have to come to the party.

We hope that life will soon return to normal in 2021. My term as Convener will end at the 31/12/2021 and at the AGM of 2022 election for a new convener will take place.

Kind Regards

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