



21th BSHC Meeting
27-29 September 2016
Klaipeda, Lithuania

Agenda item B.nn
Amendment of BSHC statutes
SWEDEN

Proposal for amendment of the BSHC statutes, Article 6c

Background

At the 20th BSHC conference we discussed the necessity to have the input papers available in good time before the conference in order for MS to have enough time to read them thru and to make appropriate preparations. This is essential not only for the quality of the discussions at the conference but also for the meeting effectiveness.

It was noted that the current version of the BSHC statutes give no indication when to submit input papers to the BSHC conference or make them available. The BSHC agreed that it would be beneficial to have a time indication for when input papers should be submitted and made available.

The BSHC20 conference decided that Sweden together with Latvia and Denmark was to put forward a proposal of an amendment in Article 6c, to be decided at the 21th BSHC conference.

In late 2015 Sweden, Denmark and Latvia finalized a draft proposal for amendment to the statutes Article 6c.

In March 2016 the draft proposal was send to BSHC MS for consideration and comments if any. We received supportive responses from Estonia, Finland and Germany but no further comments on the proposal itself.

Proposal

Current version – Article 6c

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Proposal of amendment (in red) to be decided at the 21th BSHC conference 2016

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Actions for the BSHC 21th Conference

The BSHC 21th Conference is requested to

1. note this Proposal
2. approve the amendments
3. take any other decision, as seen appropriate