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The organisation (WBO) returned to Karlsruhe, Germany, to celebrate its **25th Anniversary** since its formation when the WBO held its first meeting back in August 1994 in the same city, Karlsruhe. The chairman of the day Roger Carr (United Kingdom) welcomed the 28 delegates representing the 16 countries to that meeting. On this occasion the current chairman Carlos Ramôa (Portugal) welcomed the 44 delegates representing the 25 societies from 24 countries to the meeting held on 23rd August to coincide with the 35th AZ European Champion Show and the 7th WBO World Championship Show.

It was by far the best attended meeting held by the WBO, with delegates attending from the following countries; Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom. **(Photo 1 of delegates)**

The chairman, Carlos Ramôa, thanked the delegates for attending this special 25th Anniversary meeting and gave a special welcome to the new societies who have joined our ranks since the last meeting; Bangladesh, Israel (re-joining), Indonesia, Mexico, Romania and Thailand. The chairman also gave a warm welcome to Hr. Karl-Friedrich Scharrelmann (President of the German Society AZ) and the new delegates from Australia, Bangladesh, Denmark, France, Israel, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates.

The chairman also paid tribute to four delegates who attended the first meeting in 1994 and are present today at this 25th Anniversary meeting namely Jean Peelman (Belgium), Bjarne Christiansen (Denmark), Ghalib Al-Nasser & Grant Findlay (United Kingdom). Ghalib Al-Nasser (current secretary since 1997) holds the record in attending all WBO meetings since 1992. **(Photo 2 of the 4 delegates)**

The chairman also called for a minute's silence in memory of Gerald Binks, last year's WBO Gould Award winner, who passed away during July.

The WBO secretary, Ghalib Al-Nasser, highlighted this momentous year for the organisation returning back to Karlsruhe to celebrate its 25th Anniversary where we held our first meeting on 12th August 1994 at the Queens Hotel, adjacent to the show hall. He congratulated the 4 delegates who attended that first meeting by coming back to this meeting again.

The secretary highlighted the strength of the organisation now with 59 societies representing 46 countries stretching around the 6 continents in comparison to the 21 societies representing 18 countries as the founder members. The spread of the organisation is currently coming from the Arab World, Asia & Latin America.

The secretary also thanked the host society, the German AZ, and in particular Christian Back and his team for hosting this meeting as they did back in 1994.

During the lunch break the chairman called upon the WBO Executive Committee to join him in cutting the special large Anniversary cake in the presence of all the delegates and to have a glass of champagne to celebrate the occasion. **(photo 3 the Anniversary cake)**

All delegates attending the meeting received a memento of a newly designed badge and a coaster celebrating the occasion. (photo 4, badge & coaster)

Research – Feather Problems in Budgerigars

One of the important subjects discussed at the meeting was the research project conducted by a University in Portugal on feather problems. The chairman provided a report from the University and gave a power point presentation on the University's findings.

A consignment of 24 birds suffering with various degrees of French Molt were supplied from England to the University in January and further blood samples were supplied from some breeders in Austria, Germany and Hungary.

PCR tests on 16 birds for Polyomavirus and Circovirus proved that all the birds tested POSITIVE for Circovirus (Pbfd – Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease) and all tested NEGATIVE for Polyomavirus (APV).

A total of 17 blood samples arrived in June and were tested both for Polyomavirus and Circovirus and all the blood samples tested NEGATIVE for Circovirus. Regarding Polyomavirus some were POSITIVE and others NEGATIVE, and in a group of samples coming from a single breeder ALL were POSITIVE for Polyomavirus and with a very strong signal. Further studies to be conducted to identify the dominant virus strain or strains that are most likely to induce the most serious disease condition. This is work in progress.

The Gould Award

The WBO Gould Award was created back in 2011 to be awarded for **Meritorious Services to the World of Budgerigars** in any field; this prestigious award in the form of a specially designed certificate and a special Gould Medal to commemorate the win, has been awarded so far to Jo Mannes from Germany in 2012, Warren Wilson from Australia in 2013, Ghalib Al-Nasser from United Kingdom in 2014, Gerd Bleicher from Germany in 2015, Gren Norris from United Kingdom in 2016, Roger Carr from United Kingdom in 2017 and Gerald Binks from United Kingdom in 2018.

During 2019 two societies sent nominations for this award for two candidates and they were from Germany (DSV) for Roy Aplin (U.K.) and from Germany (AZ) for Leo Endres (Germany).

Under the new selection Rules, the delegates attending the meeting used a secret ballot to elect the winner and this year's winner was Leo Endres and the award was given as an acknowledgement of his past work and involvement in the hobby that spanned over 52 years in promoting the exhibition budgerigar and his involvement in the administration of the local and national society. The presentation was made to Leo by the WBO Executive Committee at the Gala Dinner following the meeting. Nominations for this award close on 31st December each year and need to be sent to the Secretary in writing on the society's official headed paper with biographical notes of the candidate not exceeding 200 words. (photo 5, Gould Award winner)

Vice Chairman

Under the new Constitution the position of the Vice Chairman needs to be elected by the General Council meeting for a period of 3 years. The current vice chairman, Grant Findlay (United Kingdom), was re-elected unopposed.

WBO World Championship Show

The concept of this show was initially agreed upon in 2010 when the WBO meeting was held in Portugal with the guidelines further laid down at the 2011 meeting held in Australia and re-modified in 2019 in Karlsruhe. The very first official WBO World Championship Show took place in Forli, Italy in October 2013. The German (AZ) Society held the WBO 7th Championship show in conjunction with their 35th European Championship show held in Karlsruhe. The international judges invited for the exhibition budgerigars were Neale Love (Australia), Jeff Coles (Canada), Albert Olivier (South Africa), Clemens Keller

(Germany) and Ghalib Al-Nasser (U.K.). The Colour Budgerigar judges were Günter Huber (Austria), Peter Hofmann (Germany) & Rolf Schindelmeiser (Germany).

The show was a great success with a total entry received of 1261 plus 763 colour budgerigars from 196 exhibitors and 21 juniors. Exhibitors came from 14 countries to support this special event; from Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland and Spain. With 14 countries participating in this event it was truly an international show.

This show was also unique as it operated under the **One Status of Exhibitor** where all exhibitors regardless whether they are champions or beginners all exhibited together under one show status.

With such participation from top exhibitors from the 14 countries there was no clear winner as the two top awards were decided on a majority decision.

For the Best in Show the award was contested between two super birds; the Cinnamon Grey Green cock of Daniel Lutolf (Switzerland) and the Double Factor Spangle White cock of the German/Belgium partnership of Uwe Effertz/Rene Heylen and the eventual winner was the Cinnamon cock of Daniel Lutolf.

This is a fantastic bird excelling in size, head quality and large spots and already proved itself when it won Best in Show as a young bird in Budapest, Hungary at the 5th WBO World Championship Show in 2017 then came back in 2018 as an adult to win Best in Show at the 34th European Championship show.

The partnership of Effertz/Heylen came back to claim the two remaining major awards of Best Opposite Sex in Show and Best Young Bird in Show with a massive Grey Green hen that excelled in size and quality.

Major Winners

Best in Show	Daniel Lutolf (Switzerland)	Cinnamon Grey Green cock
Best Adult in Show	Daniel Lutolf (Switzerland)	Cinnamon Grey Green cock
Best Opposite Sex in Show	Effertz/Heylen (Germany/Belgium)	Grey Green hen
Best Young Bird in Show	Effertz/Heylen (Germany/Belgium)	Grey Green hen
Best Adult Opposite Sex	Daniel Lutolf (Switzerland)	Cinnamon Grey Green hen
Best Young Bird Opposite Sex	Tomaz Grajzar (Slovenia)	Yellowface Cobalt cock
Best Junior	Lukas Wiethaler (Germany)	Cobalt cock
Best Colour Budgerigar	Günter Donnerbauer (Austria)	Lutino cock

Best of Colour Awards (receiving WBO rosettes):

Green Series	Effertz/Heylen
Blue Series	Florian Böck
Grey Green	Effertz/Heylen
Grey	C. Haller
Opaline	Herbert Rafalzik
Cinnamon	Daniel Lutolf
Opaline Cinnamon	Geib/Keil
Lutino or Albino	Arif Bögenoglu
Crest	Enrique Pumarega
Spangle	Effertz/Heylen
Dominant Pied	HC Ostergaard
Recessive Pied	Daniel Lutolf
Clearwing	Zita Gyerkó
Clearbody	ZG Giger/Waser
Best Yellowface	Tomaz Grajzar
Any Other Colour	Enrique Pumarega

(photo 6 [4 photos] – 4 winners)

WBO Judges Test

During the show two candidates sat the WBO Judges Test and both obtained the necessary minimum 70% mark in each of the three sections to pass the test and be qualified as national judges in their respective countries. These were Jean Peelman (France, AFO society) and Abdelrahman Khedr (Egypt). The test comprised of a practical test where each candidate spent some time with each of the five judges judging few classes and assessed by the main panel judge. After that they sat the written test and then the colour identification test conducted by Grant Findlay the vice chairman.

The two candidates were then presented with their WBO Judges Certificate by the WBO Executive Committee. Five years from passing the test they can, through their national society, apply to the WBO for their names to be added to the WBO International Judges Panel. (photo 7, Judges test)

Judges Criteria

At the 2011 WBO meeting it was agreed to create a **Judges Criteria** to assist the smaller and newer countries/societies that do not have a proper Judges Training Scheme to assist their members on how to become judges in their own countries. The following criteria was adopted by the WBO:

- 5 years breeder of budgerigars
- Test approved by WBO
- Test through management of WBO or an appointed person from WBO
- 5 years judge in national organization before applying to the WBO Judges Panel

Since this scheme commenced, many fanciers have taken a judging test laid down by the WBO and under WBO supervision consisting of practical, written and colour identification tests and passed. These were Ahmad Raza Sahi from Pakistan (passed in December 2012), Björn Johansson from Sweden (passed in October 2013), Maarten Heylen from Belgium (passed in May 2015), Amir Malik, Hannad Shaker & Waseem Anwar from Pakistan (passed in September 2015), Catalin Josan from Romania (passed in October 2017), Rene Heylen from Belgium (passed in August 2018), Jean Peelman from the French Society AFO and Abdelrahman Khedr from Egypt (passed in August 2019) and Mohammed Abdelaziz from Egypt (passed in September 2019). They are now qualified judges in their own country.

Their societies will be able to ask the WBO to add them on the WBO International Judges Panel after completion of 5 years as judges in their own countries; consequently, Ahmad Raza Sahi and Björn Johansson have already been admitted to the WBO International Judges Panel.

Future Meetings

The next WBO meeting will be held on 5th – 7th June 2020 in **Stoke on Trent, England** to coincide with the Budgerigar Society Convention to celebrate its 95th Anniversary. The Budgerigar Society will also be hosting the 8th WBO World Championship Show at this event.

The WBO is in a strong position in so far as future meetings to coincide with national shows till 2026 have already been planned with Italy in 2021, Belgium (27th/28th August 2022), Egypt (September 2023), Turkey (2024), the B.S. U.K. (June 2025) to celebrate its 100th Anniversary and the United Arab Emirates in Dubai (2026).

Ring Specification, Colour Code and Sequence

The current ring specification for the budgerigar and colour sequence as adopted by both the WBO and the Confederation Ornithologique Mondiale (COM), is listed below. Please note the two new changes for the Dark Green (2020) and Dark Brown (2022).

Minimum internal diameter	4.20 mm
Maximum internal diameter	4.40 mm

Wall thickness	0.60 – 0.90 mm
Ring height	3.85 – 4.00 mm

Colour	Pantone Code	RAL Code	Year
Dark Green	3292 U	6026	2020
Violet	249 U	4008	2021
Dark Brown	1535 U	8003	2022
Dark Blue	301 U	5019	2023
Red	1797 U	3002	2024
Black	2U2X	8005	2025

Member societies are strongly reminded that, when ordering rings from any ring manufacturer, to specify the exact **WBO ring colour and the Pantone Code as well as the ring specification** to avoid any misunderstanding by ring manufacturers.

Membership

The WBO currently is in a healthy position with 59 affiliated societies spreading over 6 continents in 46 countries. They are:

- **Asia/Middle East:** Bahrain, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, United Arab Emirates
- **Australasia:** Australia, New Zealand
- **Africa:** Egypt, Morocco, South Africa, Sudan
- **Europe:** Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eire, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom
- **North America:** Canada, Mexico, United States of America
- **South America:** Argentina, Brazil

International Judges Panel

A list of current judges who are on the WBO International Judges Panel is on the website and full addresses of each judge may be obtained from the Secretary. The conditions relating to admittance to the WBO International Judges Panel are as follows:

- a. to be a current champion breeder and exhibitor of Budgerigars in their own country. Where a country/society has only “one” Status of Exhibitor, a breeder and exhibitor of long standing will be acceptable subject to “b” & “c” below.
- b. be a fully qualified judge for a minimum of **5 years** in their own country or in the country/society in which they qualified.
- c. apply in writing to their National Society (or the society in which they qualified) to be placed on the list. The National Society will then be responsible for checking their qualifications and, if eligible, for passing names, addresses and telephone numbers to the **WBO Secretary** for inclusion on the list.

The WBO strongly recommends that member countries should consider inviting judges from overseas who are members of the WBO International Judges Panel, as approved by the WBO, to judge at shows that are under their jurisdiction. A full WBO International Judges List is available from the Secretary on request.

Affiliation Fee

The new affiliation fee to member societies which became effective as from 11th November 2017 with 50% of the fee goes towards the Research programme are:

<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Annual Fee (£)</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>
5000 or above	800	10
3000 to 4999	640	8
1000 to 2999	400	6
500 to 999	210	4
Less than 500	80	2

WBO Badge

At the 2010 meeting, the WBO approved its own designed badge depicting the WBO logo of the Ideal Budgerigar superimposed on the world map. The cost to purchase this badge, from the secretary, is 3.00 GB pounds each, plus postage.

WBO Rosettes

Each member country/society receives four WBO rosettes each year, as part of their affiliation, for **Best Any Age, Best Any Age Opposite Sex, Best Young Bird & Best Young Bird Opposite Sex in Show** to be awarded to four different birds at their national show. Names of winners and photos of the winning birds are then included on each year's Rosette Winners file. Please visit the website for current & previous winners.

WBO Executive Committee (E.C.)

An Executive Committee was created in 2004 to run the affairs of the WBO between Council meetings. The E.C. for 2020 consists of Chairman Carlos Ramôa (Portugal), Secretary Ghalib Al-Nasser (U.K.), Vice-Chairman Grant Findlay (U.K.) and Immediate Past Chairman Gerd Bleicher (Germany).

WBO Publicity and the Website

The WBO website is kept updated on a regular basis with many files of interest such as research articles, Pictorial Ideal, Colour Standards, Scale of Points, details of member organisations, ring specification etc. Photos of past WBO rosette winners around the World are also included on the website (click on each photo to enlarge it).

For further comments on any of the above items please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary and please keep visiting the WBO website for regular updates.

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