

Welcome WUSV president

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Meßler

WUSV GLOBAL DOG REAL CEPPA - LERMA (SPAIN) 2021



Spain is different – España es diferente!

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Spain is different – some of you might still remember that slogan that was coined when tourism in Spain began to gather momentum in the mid 1960's. And again, the slogan fits as perfectly as ever. This year, Spain will stand out in the worldwide community of the WUSV in a different kind of "tourism" and will host both – the WUSV World Championship IP and the WUSV World Championship Universal from November 03rd to November 07th, 2021 in the historical town of Lerma in the north of the Iberian Peninsula. This is clearly a novum – since never in the history of the WUSV were both events hosted by the same club in the same year and on top of it at the same weekend.

This is quite a challenge, but I am more than sure that our esteemed member club – the Real Club Español del Perro de Pastor Alemán (Real CEPPA) – will handle this with ease. President Javier Silva Parrondo is lucky to have Secretary General – Rodrigo González Campuzano and his most efficient team by his side and during the years I have got to know the organization as most goal-oriented and endowed with great stamina. The cynological situation in Spain makes the work of CEPPA not always easy and yet, the club remained a loyal member to the WUSV for more than four decades, always eager to play by the rule, regardless of the obstacles this might have entailed.



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Therefore, I would like to give thanks to everybody involved in the planning, organization, and realization of these two major events of the WUSV which are even more important this year since the pandemic forced us to cancel both the WUSV World Championship IP and Universal in 2020 which was clearly a disappointment for all dog fanciers. Even this year is still very much shaped by uncertainties, and nobody can predict what might happen on a day-to-day basis in the near future.

However, we will not allow this pandemic to discourage us in any way, and we will simply carry on as we always did since resilience is the first among the most important characteristics of our breed – the German Shepherd Dog.

My thanks also go to the town of Lerma for hosting our two events. I am sure the pleasure will be mutual. Let us all very much look forward to the 32nd WUSV World Championship IP and the 10th WUSV World Championship Universal in 2021. And as the icing of the cake, we will also be able to enjoy the CEPPA National Championship – same weekend – same venue.

I wish all involved in the organization, the competitors, and their dogs the very best of luck – or *suerte* as it is called in Spanish – and a great weekend for all guests. Enjoy yourselves!

See you soon in Lerma – nos vemos en Lerma!

With kind wishes,

Professor Dr. Heinrich Meßler
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