



# Assistance Dogs INTERNATIONAL

## EUROPE (ADEu)

### European Breeding Cooperative (EBC)

ADI is moving forward with the formation of an International Breeding Cooperative (IBC) with regional chapters in Europe (EBC), Oceania (OBC) and North America (ABC). ADI's vision of a breeding cooperative is to collectively improve member access to a reliable and relevant puppy supply while exponentially improving working dog type.

The European work group appointed by the ADEu Board last April has completed its work on customising the European Breeding Cooperative (EBC) model to include the structure of the EBC Steering Committee that will govern EBC. Work group members Chris Muldoon (Dogs for Good UK) and Jenn Ceia (Rehabilitation Centre Silver, Croatia) will lead the Steering Committee and oversee election of a third member by the initial EBC membership.

A set of IBC Operating Guidelines incorporating the three regional chapters of IBC into one integrated document has been compiled. All ADEu Member Executive Directors will be sent this document via email by 24th February 2021. The ADEu Development Coordinator, Steph Atkin, will be an integral part of the EBC team supporting the EBC governance process and EBC members. Neutral facilitation of EBC will be provided through ADI by Marina Hall Phillips, current facilitator for ABC and former Breeding Manager for both Canine Companions for Independence and Guide Dogs for the Blind (both in California, USA).

#### There are three requirements for joining EBC:

- Members must be ADI Accredited programs
- Members agree to abide by the IBC Master Operating Guidelines in building a strong culture of collaboration. The Executive Director will sign a simple one-page Membership Application confirming their organisation's commitment.
- Members must pay annual membership dues in advance. Membership dues are set by the ADI Board and are standardized worldwide using US Dollars: Annual dues are \$1,500.00 US with a onetime start-up fee of \$500.00 US.

All ADEu Accredited members are invited to a Zoom meeting to discuss membership in EBC and answer any questions you may have. To make sure as many members as possible can attend, we will hold two meetings, and you may attend either one. **Links to these meetings will be sent in the February ADEu newsletter.**

The meetings will be held on:

**Wednesday 3rd March at 4pm GMT/5pmCET and Wednesday 10th March at 4pm GMT/5pm CET.**

## Timetable for the formation of the EBC

- IBC Master Operating Guidelines distributed by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021
- Invitation to join EBC and discuss membership at the March Zoom meetings
- Membership begins 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 with a first year membership period of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 through to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (16 months). The period of April 1<sup>st</sup> through to July 31<sup>st</sup> is considered a transitional start up period prior to beginning the first full year of membership. ADEu members can join any time after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

Executive Directors are encouraged to distribute IBC Operating Guidelines to appropriate staff and discuss EBC membership with their staff and Board of Directors. Please notify Steph Atkin [steph@assistedogsinternational.org](mailto:steph@assistedogsinternational.org) if you delegate representation to an operations manager or breeding manager.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on either 3rd March or 10th March. If you have any questions, please contact Steph or Bob Phillips: bobphillipsng@gmail.com.