

GENERAL TECHNICAL CONGRESS OMJ SANTA MARIA DA FEIRA 10 August 2024

Minutes of 10.08.2024

José Fernandes welcomed the countries and people present and the countries that are present by ZOOM.

Secretary for SEC D minutes: João Liberado (SWITZERLAND)

ZOOM : Tiago Cândido Sousa

Countries physical present at the meeting: 9

Austria, Switzerland, Uruguay, Netherlands, France, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, Germany.

By zoom 3 possible voters: Brazil, Croatia, Slovenia and 2 countries under observation Algeria, Australia

Italy was not present at the congress but its proposals were discussed and put to a vote.

AGENDA SECTION D

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- 2 France – Details on the Standard Pastel Brown and Black Grey Wings
- 3 Italy – Pastel Brown
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Study of Country Proposals

Proposal 1 France : Phaeo standard.

Proposals on the shape of the drawing chipping + sharpness of the scaled drawing + details on the mask in the male Phaeo.

The PHAEO mutation is characterized by the total inhibition of eumelanin and by the expression of phaeomelanin in a maximum and well-contrasted brown tone, which forms a clear and well-contrasted scaled pattern: the axis of the feather must absolutely have no melanin and the edge of the feather must have the darkest possible phaeomelanin. This scaled pattern is the main quality of the phaeo canary.

On the back, the scaling will be formed of the most rounded scales possible in the white-ground, schimmel and mosaic phaeos. However, in the intensives the scaled pattern is tighter. The pattern is regular and well distributed and will not form white lines. The melanized head and flanks allow the pattern to stand out all the way to the rump. On the head the pattern starts from the beak level in females and from the facial mask level in males.

The brown tone is evident on the entire bird. The flight feathers and rectrices must be surrounded by a border (edge, hem) as brown as possible. The legs, nails and beak are light. The eyes are ruby.

Males and females are distinguished in judgment because the phenotype is not the same and this sexual dimorphism must be clearly identifiable during judgment.

In males, the phaeomelanin is closer to the beak but reveals a facial mask completely surrounding the beak, a symmetrical and complete mask with lipochrome. mixed with brown melanin. This facial mask must be clearly visible. A slight mixture of brown melanin in the mask is tolerated.

The central part of the chest also shows clearly visible lipochrome mixed with brown melanin distributed regularly. In females, the maximum melanin is present from the edge of the beak. The brown tone is darker in males while the brown edges are wider in females. The judgment penalties remain the same taking into account whether they are males or females.

Proposed changes to the standard: Proposed changes are accepted and written in the standard.

Accepted unanimously.

Points available 30
(TYPE) Assessments

Descriptions

Points

Excellent

- Characteristic pattern (scaling) defined by the distribution of phaeomelanin on the periphery of the feathers which delimits the central areas deprived of melanins.
- Very good distribution of melanin and scaly pattern.
- The brown tone must be expressed to the maximum.
- Reddish eyes.

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Good

- Good brown tone slightly reduced.
- Less obvious and slightly confused outline and border but with central areas deprived of melanins
- Reddish eyes.

28–27

Sufficient

- Reduction of the brown tone on the whole bird or on areas of the body not brown enough.
- Confused pattern with a veil of melanin inside the scales or insufficient with limited border allowing to determine the type.
- Missing or not visible enough scaled pattern in certain areas of the plumage
- Masks too reduced or asymmetrical (invaded by melanin) in males
- Absence of melanin near the beak in females
- Non-compliant shape of the scales
- Slight presence of depigmentation
- Reddish eyes.

26–24

Insufficient

- Insufficient brown melanin expression.
- Excessively confused (spread out) pattern.
- Strong presence of depigmentation
- Absent sexual dimorphism (male/female confusion)
- Traces of visible eumelanin

23–18

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal	X		
Switzerland	X		
Belgium	X		
Uruguay	X		
Spain	X		
France	X		
Netherlands	X		
Austria	X		
Germany	X		
Country Zoom			
Brazil	X		

Details on standard pastel brown and black grey wings

For pastel brown, replace the word pastelization to the word spreading, For Gray wings, precision on color and on little moons (lunulas)

The black "gray wings" is characterized by a super dilution of the middle part of the feather with localized repressions of dark gray-black eumelanin towards the tips.

Clear dilution marks are located on the wings and tail, which will not be colored.

In order to appreciate the wing pattern of intensives and schimmels, no coloring in the nest (no visible lipochrome). In this case, the expected penalties will be the same as for mosaics.

The feathers will present with pearl gray "lunules" and weak dark gray localizations in the shape of a grain at the tips. The lunules must be numerous and regularly distributed on the back and also be present on the head.

The presence of lunules in the flanks is a sign of superior quality.

On the flight feathers and rectrices, the dilution of the middle part and the concentration of eumelanin at the tips of the feathers reveal an obvious dark gray-black gray associated with a pearl gray. The dark grey tip of the flight feathers (maximum half-centimeter border) will be larger than that of the rectrices. The legs, nails and beak must be single-colored and as black as possible.

The proposed changes are accepted and written in the standard.

Accepted unanimously.

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal	X		
Switzerland	X		
Belgium	X		
Uruguay	X		
Spain	X		
France	X		
Netherlands	X		
Austria	X		
Germany	X		
Country Zoom			
Brazil	X		

Points available 30 (TYPE) Assessments	Descriptions	Points
Excellent	<p>Reduced eumelanin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pattern with pearl grey lunules, numerous lunules well distributed over the entire mantle. <p>Remiges and rectrices of slightly darker grey tone than the lunules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tip of the remiges and rectrices with good tone and good size • Absence of visible phaeomelanin. • Black beak, legs and nails. 	29
Good	<p>Drawing similar to the “Excellent” type with slight presence of eumelanin of anthracite gray tone. Where is this anthracite gray eumelanin placed in the feather????</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light traces of phaeomelanin. • Darker but tolerable traces at the tips of the remiges and rectrices. • Black beak, legs and nails. 	28–27
Sufficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obvious traces of dark grey tone pattern. • Excessively reduced eumelanin to the point of absence of the typical pattern (scaling) formed by lunules • Diffuse phaeomelanin. • Darker traces on the flight feathers and rectrices. • Extremities of the flight feathers and rectrices with too much melanin (marks too extensive or too black in tone) • Extremities of the flight feathers and rectrices lacking melanin (marks not visible enough) • Slight presence of scales (depigmentation at the end of the feathers) • Beak, legs and nails not very black. 	26–24
Insufficient	<p>Intermediate subject with the classic Pastel Black type or poor in pearly gray expression.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced eumelanin too diffuse. • Obvious presence of scales (depigmentation at the end of the feather) • Beak, legs and nails too light. 	23–18

Proposal 3 Italy : Pastel Brown STANDARD OF PASTEL BROWN - INCLUSION OF LUNULAE AMONG THE DEFECTS

In the presence of lunules with melanized rachis on the plumage of the Pastel Brown, which resemble those of the Black Grey Wings, the evaluation must not be higher than "Sufficient" and the penalty will be corresponding to the size of the defect.

This is a recurring defect, different from the eumelanin design, but more obvious and important, not taken into account in current standards.

The proposed changes are accepted and written in the standard.

Accepted unanimously.

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal	X		
Switzerland	X		
Belgium	X		
Uruguay	X		
Spain	X		
France	X		
Netherlands	X		
Austria	X		
Germany	X		
Country Zoom			
Brazil	X		

Proposal 4 Italy - Oxidized Melanins (Black and Brown Series)

Melanin depigmentation below the beak (bib) in black and brown oxidized canaries.

Penalization of the white bib we added to the standard. These birds should have no more than 26 points if the depigmentation is very visible. The proposal was discussed and decisions were taken to make it more precise (see standard).

The proposed changes are accepted and written in the standard.

Accepted unanimously.

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal	X		
Switzerland	X		
Belgium	X		
Uruguay	X		
Spain	X		
France	X		
Netherlands	X		
Austria	X		
Germany	X		
Country Zoom			
Brazil	X		

Proposal 5 Brazil – Change sheet Lipochrome/Maintenance judgments

Brazil presents its proposal on ZOOM:

Make more use of lipochrome (add 5 points in lipochrome and subtract 5 points in support). France asked if Brazil had tested this judgement sheet. Brazil's response is no. Uruguay said that in several cases countries do not test proposals at home. Portugal says that the category is more important than lipochrome and that the current record is good. Germany also says that the current record is good.

In the discussion with the countries it is pointed out that changing the judgement sheet is very complicated, you have to imagine all the tablets and programs to be changed in several countries and the OMJ sheet. José says that you have to be careful with the 5-point headings.

We ask you to think carefully about the proposals that are technically very complicated to apply.

Proposal rejected.

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal		X	
Switzerland		X	
Belgium		X	
Uruguay	X		
Spain		X	
France		X	
Netherlands		X	
Austria		X	
Germany		X	
Country			
Zoom			
Brazil		X	

The proposal was not accepted, but after explanation it was decided to add in the standard and in the judgement sheet in the type section (melanin quality, streak and parts)

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal	X		
Switzerland	X		
Belgium	X		
Uruguay	X		
Spain	X		
France	X		
Netherlands	X		
Austria	X		
Germany	X		
Country Zoom			
Brazil		X	

Proposal accepted.

Proposal 7 Austria : Ban the coloring of large feathers (flight feathers and rectrices) in the nest in Phaeo Intensive and Schimmel.

Proposal rejected.

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal		X	
Switzerland		X	
Belgium		X	
Uruguay		X	
Spain		X	
France		X	
Netherlands		X	
Austria	X		
Germany		X	
Country Zoom			
Brazil		X	
Croatia	X		
Slovenia		X	

Proposal 8 Italy : PENALIZATION OF CANARIES IN VARIETY OF FLIGHT FEATHERS AND RECTRICES

COLOURED IN WHICH THE COLOURING OF NESTS IS NOT PERMITTED (Opal, Jasper, Grey Wings)

When standards do not allow for nest coloring to better appreciate the melanistic tone (Opal, Jasper, Grey Wings), the penalization must be carried out in **variety**, not in category as provided for mosaics. The coloring of the wings and flight feathers concerns the Canary variety (the parallel must be made with the distinction between White Wing and Colored Wing), not the Mosaic category. Why penalize a perfect or intensive Red Opal Agate in category if it has colored wings in the nest?

The proposal was unanimously rejected.

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal		X	
Switzerland		X	
Belgium		X	
Uruguay		x	
Spain		X	
France		X	
Netherlands		X	
Austria		X	
Germany		X	
Country Zoom			
Brazil		X	

9 – Italy – Ground for Non-Judgment (NJ)

INTRODUCTION AMONG THE REASONS FOR NON-JUDGMENT OF DEPIGMENTATION SCALES ON THE BACK AND OTHER AREAS OF THE PLUMAGE

The **obvious** presence of diffuse and extensive depigmentation scales on the livery, mainly on the back, but also on the other areas of the plumage interested in the eumelanin design, constitutes a reason for non-judgment. The limited number of **obvious hems** (up to 3) results in an evaluation of up to 26 points and compared to all other evaluation characteristics of the Type.

Votes:	Favour	Against	Abstention
Portugal		X	
Switzerland		X	
Belgium		X	
Uruguay		X	
Spain		X	
France		X	
Netherlands		X	
Austria		X	
Germany		X	
Country Zoom			
Brazil		X	

The proposal was unanimously rejected.

Discussion on the continuation of the process of recognition of this mutation, the Netherlands says that it is very difficult to distinguish between them!

It comes to the discussion that other colors that have already been approved now pose problems of identification in judgment. It is also said that this poses a difficulty in approving new transfers.

Portugal said the need for visual differences should be taken into account in order to approve new mutations.

There was also talk of possibly doing them for genetic testing, or for crossbreeding between birds.

Germany says that the most important thing is that a new mutation must have the phenotype that is perfectly distinct from what already exists.

The discussion continues in this direction and all the countries present agree that the most important thing is that a new mutation must have a phenotype that is very distinct from those already existing in order not to have false interpretations.

At the moment, Satimax is in the process of approval with the approval by vote of all the countries that have accepted its standard before. Currently, it has already been approved for two years and is in the final year of recognition.

Belgium proposes that the Satimax should have a very brown streak and the interstria as light as possible like the satin to move away and not confuse it with the Eumo.

This information is already written in the current standards and judges must pay close attention to it.

Standard Satimax = *"The interstria must be melanin-free and reveal the purest lipochrome"*.

Standard Eumo Brown = "The inter-stria is clearly visible and light beige in color."

All countries agree to continue with the Satimax process as described.

Portugal proposes a working group to define and study the new breeds.

Proposal accepted.

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal	X		
Switzerland	X		
Belgium	X		
Uruguay	X		
Spain	X		
France	X		
Netherlands	X		
Austria	X		
Germany	X		
Country Zoom			
Brazil		X	

France asks that all judges have access to the standard (paper or in the tablet) when they judge. We will inform the COM if it is possible to include it in the tablets and if possible already have it from this world.

Proposal accepted.

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal	X		
Switzerland	X		
Belgium	X		
Uruguay	X		
Spain	X		
France	X		
Netherlands	X		
Austria	X		
Germany	X		
Country Zoom			
Brazil	X		

Proposition 12 France : Judging Guidelines

We discussed the importance of judgments, all judges must respect the standards.

We have agreed to hold technical meetings before major events with all the judges who will judge and remind them of the importance of standards and sometimes give specific instructions or more precisely for certain types of birds. For example, in agates, the scales which are very visible and these birds are often on the podium, the ivories that are sometimes confused with non-ivories, the melanin of the Phaeo which should not be aligned. Also remember that the basics of a colored canary must be respected: a bird that is too thin or with a small head, a mosaic melanin canary that has no separation between mask and chest or a melanistic schimmel that looks like a mosaic, canaries with faulty plumage, especially on the flanks, cannot claim a score of 90 points or more than 90 points.

Proposal accepted.

Votes:	Favour	Against	Abstention
Portugal	X		
Switzerland	X		
Belgium	X		
Uruguay	X		
Spain	X		
France	X		
Netherlands	X		
Austria	X		
Germany	X		
Country Zoom			
Brazil	X		

Proposition 13 Germany: All Black

Germany presents the All Black but its standard is not complete.

France questions: what is the goal of the All Black? Germany's response is to arrive at an all-black canary.

The countries discussed how to judge this canary, how many points in lipochrome and category the standard presented is not defined.

The proposal was refused, but we agreed, the countries present the canaries at the important exhibitions and then we check if there is interest in the All Black and develop a standard.

At the World Championships would be the best place to present various birds that allow us to check the qualities, the OMJ is available to analyze and form a working group.

Germany agrees with this proposal.

Votes:	Favor	Against	Abstention
Portugal	X		
Switzerland	X		
Belgium	X		
Uruguay	X		
Spain	X		
France	X		
Netherlands	X		
Austria	X		
Germany	X		
Country Zoom			
Brazil		X	
Slovenia		X	

Proposal 14 Belgium: Opal Agates / separate between Opal and Mogno

The proposal is rejected, it cannot take place, because the Mogno Agate are not yet recognized and do not have a standard, so there can be no separation.

The discussion was centralized in the attention that the judges must have in the judgments to detect canaries that are not opals and also it was understood that having opal agates with very fine ones often results in these streaks being darker. But these birds are indeed opal agates, the Mogno agates are something else.

Session ended at 5:05 p.m.

José thanks all the countries and all the people present and all those present by ZOOM for their proposals and for the work done at this congress in a very good spirit of discussion and respect for everyone's opinions.