



## *AECAC activities 2007*

1. The last AECAC **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** was held in Nuremberg on the **9<sup>th</sup> of March 2007**. Attached as **Annex I**, minutes of the General Assembly.
2. **Fulfilment of tax obligations** before the Belgian authorities. We should thank the Belgian association which representative, **Mr. Nico Demeyere** (Belgian Lawyer), has prepared and fulfilled all tax declarations before the Belgian authorities without any charge.

It is necessary to remind once again the inputs system: the partners do not pay fees but make **contributions** depending on the Association's needs. Such payments are not obligatory, nor regular, but agreed yearly.

### **3. AMENDMENT OF THE EUROPEAN DIRECTIVE ABOUT GUNS**

This has been the main activity of AECAC during 2007. We have been focusing in this important issue. See the dossier concerning the Directive.

### **4. COLLABORATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

The ***Justice Freedom and Security DG*** of the European Commission contacted AECAC in the course of a consultation process on the implementation of **Art 10 of the UN Firearms Protocol** to analyse impact on the gun trade as a consequence of adoption of such article.

AECAC answered the consultation in May 2007. Our opinion is that the implementation of the UN Protocol will cause new restrictions to international trade, as it may be used by national authorities as an excuse to difficult international trading, specially to small and medium companies.

The most liberal countries concerning gun trading and gun ownership, as the USA, will “de facto” enjoy of advantages in front of most of the EU countries.

As **Annex II** find enclosed the dossier concerning this collaboration.

5. **COLLABORATION WITH FACE (Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the E.U.)**.



As you might remember AECAC joined FACE as voting member last year. We pay an annual quota of **4.000 €**, and we participate actively.

Our official siege in Brussels is the FACE HQ.

The collaboration with FACE during this 2007 has been very rich and the results very important. The participation of AECAC in such association has been decisive in the Fire Guns Directive negotiations.

As **Annex III** attached hereto General Assembly minutes, including reports of the FACE President and Secretary General and the Communication team rendered during the last General Assembly held in September.

#### **6. ESSF (European Sport Shooting Forum) meetings.**

AECAC has participated actively in several meetings this year:

- **Meeting Nuremberg March 2007**
- **Meeting Brussels of June 2007**
- **Meeting Brussels of August 2007**
- **Meeting Brussels of December 2007**

As **Annex IV** copy of all minutes of the mentioned meetings.

**Next meeting** will be held in **Nuremberg on the Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of March 08.**

#### **7. WORLD FORUM OF THE FUTURE OF SPORT SHOOTING ACTIVITIES (WFSA)**

AECAC is voting member of the WFSA, we take part in some of the WFSA meetings and have contributed with **3.000 €**, in 2007.

Enclosed as **Annex V** the following documents:

- Manufacturers Advisory Group. Nuremberg, March 2007
- Executive Committee Meeting. Nuremberg, March 2007
- General Assembly. Nuremberg, March 2007
- Image Subcommittee Meeting. Berlin, September 2007
- Statistics Subcommittee Meeting. Berlin, September 2007

#### **8. “SURVEYING” SYSTEM**



The creation of a surveying system, that enables AECAC to obtain quick information about any problem, issue or new proposal of legislation concerning our sector is working very good. AECAC receives immediate information of all European issues concerning our sector.

Our surveying system has been working efficiently during this year, specially concerning the **Amendment process of the Fire Guns Directive**.

We obtain regular information from the following people/organisations:

- **Mr. Heidebrük**, Secretary General of **IEACS** (*Institut Européen des Armes de Chasse et de Sport*)
- **Dr. Leqoc**, Secretary General of **FACE** (*Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation of the EU*)
- **Yves Gollety**. Vice President of AECAC, and President of the French “Chambre Syndicale Nationale des Armuriers”. He participates in the **Comité Guillaume Tell** and has very good contacts to several French members of the European Parliament and members of the French Government.
- **Mr. Manuel Espárrago**. Legal & Public Affairs Officer of the FACE.
- **All AECAC members**. All AECAC members are kindly requested to inform the Secretary General in case they receive any information affecting internationally our sector.
- **Mrs. Veronique Mathiew**. Member of the European Parliament.
- **Mr. Vito Genco and Mauro Silvis**. World Forum and ANPAM representatives.

## 9. ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET

Attached as **Annex VI** 2006 accounts. As **Annex VII** proposed budget for 2007.

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