GENERAL OMJ TECHNICAL CONGRESS - SEVILLE (ES) 7, 8 August 2026

REPORT SECTIONS F-O-P

Countries with a delegate:

Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and Uruguay

Present:

Biesen, Michel van den (France)

Di Cicco, Francesco (Italy)

Fekete, Csaba (Hungary)

Konak, Erkan (Turkey)

Kriesels, Francis (OMJ)

Kuzmos, Csaba (Hungary)

Lefèvre, Marie-Christine (COM)

Lehmann, Richard (Germany)

Leitao, Raul (Portugal)

Lens, Edwin (Belgium)

Loureiro, Tito (Portugal)

Mazzulla, José (Uruguay) (Zoom)

Sutil, Ricardo (Portugal)

Varela, Rafael (Spain)

01. Opening

Francis warmly welcomes everyone to this technical meeting.

All adjustments to the list of sections and classes will be implemented after the World Show in 2027.

The standard for the Padda oryzivora has been sent to everyone but is not included in the agenda. We will discuss this after point 17.

A special welcome to José Mazulla from Uruguay, who will follow the meeting via Zoom (until lunch). Where necessary, Michel Van Den Biesen and Ricardo Sutil will assist with translation into Spanish.

We have a lot of proposals and standards to discuss and vote for, so we have to try to keep the discussions to the point. And thanks to everyone who takes the time and effort to submit a proposal or standard.

02. Announcements

There is an additional proposal from the OMJ: During World Championships, classes in Section FA exhibited individually with fewer than five birds for three consecutive years will be grouped together with other classes.

This proposal promotes competition and prevents many small groups containing virtually no birds. Naturally, when merging, we consider which birds go well together. For example, merging head colors in Gouldian finches and merging color varieties within the same mutation in zebra finches.

For the proposal: Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and Uruguay.

Against the proposal: Italy

Result: Proposal is adopted

Section FA1 Zebra Finches

03. Proposal of standard white-cheeked zebra finches.(France)

The standard looks good. The base colors white-cheeked brown and white-cheeked mask have not yet been included. The distribution of the mutation is not yet very widespread. As far as is known, there are a few breeders in Belgium, France, and the Netherlands. The proposal is to approve the standard so that the three-year recognition procedure can be started, in accordance with the regulations.

For the proposal: Belgium, Italy, Hungary Turkey, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal and Uruguay

Against the proposal: None

Result: Proposal is adopted

04. Proposal standard and judging sheet Posture zebra finches (Spain)

The proposal was discussed briefly, and we can move to vote.

For the proposal: Turkey, France, Spain,

Against the proposal: Belgium, Italy, Hungary, Germany, Portugal and Uruguay

Result: Proposal not adopted

05. Proposal to adjust classes Charcoals (France)

Currently, all charcoals are grouped into classes FA 129 through FA 132. France requests the division of these classes into:

- Charcoal grey
- Charcoal fawn
- Charcoal light back
- Charcoal CFW
- Charcoal Pastel

The numbers submitted in recent years indicate that there are actually insufficient submitted birds to split the groups.

For the proposal:	France and Spain
Against the proposal:	Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, Portugal, and Uruguay.
Result:	Proposal not adopted.

06. Proposal to adjust Pastel classes (France)

Currently, all Pastel varieties are classified into classes FA 133 through FA 136. France requests the separation of these classes into:

- Pastel Grey
- Pastel Fawn
- Pastel Light back
- Pastel CFW (males)

The numbers submitted in recent years indicate that there are sufficient birds present in the group, but not enough to split them into 4 groups.

The proposal is adjusted to split into two groups:

- Pastel Grey and Fawn
- Pastel Light back and CFW

For the proposal:	Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, France, Spain, Portugal and Uruguay
Abstained from vote:	Germany
Result:	Proposal is adopted

07. Proposal to adjust classes Topazes (France)

Currently, all topazes are classified into classes FA 137 through FA 140. France requests the separation of these classes into:

- Topaz Grey
- Topaz fawn / Topaz light back / Topaz CFW

The numbers from recent years indicate that the number of topazes is actually insufficient to split the group.

For the proposal:	Hungary, France, and Spain
Against the proposal:	Italy, Belgium, Turkey, Germany, Portugal, and Uruguay.
Result:	Proposal not adopted

08. Proposal to adjust Phaeo classes (France)
Currently, all phaeo's are classified into classes FA 141 through FA 144. France requests that these classes be separated into:
- Phaeo Grey
- Phaeo Fawn

For the proposal:	Italy, Turkey, France and Spain
Against the proposal:	Belgium, Hungary, Germany, Portugal and Uruguay.
Result:	Proposal is not adopted

09. Proposal to adjust classes at Cheek (France).
Currently, all brown-cheeked and gray-cheeked birds are classified in classes FA 147 to FA 150; requests the splitting of these classes into:
-Cheeked Grey
-Cheeked Fawn

For the proposal:	Turkey, France and Spain.
Against the proposal:	Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Germany, Portugal, Uruguay.
Result:	Proposal is not adopted

FA2 Gouldian finch

10. Proposal for approval of standard Cinnamon, Cinnamon-ino and ino
The matrix with the descriptions of the color varieties

For the proposal:	Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Uruguay.
Result:	Proposal is adopted.

During the discussion on how to name the combination of cinnamon and ino. The proposal: Cinnamon-ino.

For the proposal:	Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, and Portugal
Against the proposal:	Italy, France, Spain, and Uruguay.
Result:	Proposal is adopted.

11. Adding classes for cinnamons (Hungary)

With the standard for the cinnamon adopted, there will be classes for the cinnamon. There is some discussion about the difference between cinnamon and Hungarian dilute. The difference in color is minimal. The ultimate difference is actually only visible in the original black of the head markings. In the cinnamon, this is a darker brown than in the Hungarian dilute. In the red-headed and orange-headed varieties, the difference lies exclusively in the color of the throat and head band. The difference is not always equally clear to everyone. To prevent birds from being wrongly disqualified and to clarify matters, the proposal is to keep the cinnamon and Hungarian dilute together for the time being.

For the proposal:	Turkey, France, Spain, Portugal, Uruguay
Against the proposal:	Italy, Belgium, Hungary
Abstained from vote:	Germany
Result:	Proposal is adopted.

12. Adding classes for Cinnamons (France):

- Cinnamon green
- Cinnamon Blue
- Cinnamon green white breast
- Cinnamon blue white breast
- Cinnamon Lutino
- Cinnamon albino

With the remark made in proposal 11(which is adopted), for the combination of cinnamon and Hungarian dilute in the basic mutation.

For the proposal:	Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, Spain, Portugal, France and Uruguay
Result:	Proposal is adopted.

13. Adjustment regarding the Hungarian Dilute Gouldian Finch (France).

We have seen that cinnamons have also been registered in the Hungarian Dilute group. Moreover, it has not been demonstrated that these two mutations, which exhibit a similar phenotype, are different.
Would it not be wise to find a compromise by simply adjusting the title as follows:
"Hungarian Dilute Gouldian Finch or cinnamon-colored (fawn)"?

This point was discussed in proposal 11 and therefore no longer needs to be put to the vote.

FA5 Genus Euodice and Padda

14. Proposal for approval of standard Euodice cantans (France)

When discussing the standard, the flank colour of the dark-bellied variety is addressed. The dark-bellied mutation causes a clear increase in melanin throughout the bird. The flank markings of the Euodice cantans are formed by dark transverse stripes on a lighter background. Due to the increase in eumelanin, the light feather fields blend together, making the distinct flank markings no longer visible and causing the flank to become uniform in color. The photos show that this is the case for both the base color and the combinations. The proposal is to request dark-bellied Euodice cantans and combinations with this mutant with a uniform flank color.

For the proposal: Italy, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, Spain, Portugal, and France
Abstained from vote: Belgium
Result: Proposal is adopted

Proposal 14A Allow 3 mutations in Euodice cantans, where the individual mutations must be clearly recognizable.

For the proposal: Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain and Portugal
Result: Proposal is adopted

Proposal 14B Approval of the standard with the adjustments above.

For the proposal: Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain and Portugal
Result: Proposal is adopted

15. Proposal to adjust classes Euodice cantans (France)

- Classic
- Fawn
- Pastel
- Pastel Fawn
- Gray
- Gray pastel / Gray Fawn
- Agate
- Agate Fawn / Agate Gray / Agate opal
- Opale
- Opal Fawn / Opal gray
- Ino red tail / Ino yellow tail
- Dark belly
- Fawn Dark belly / Pastel Dark belly / Agate Dark belly / Opal Dark belly / Gray Dark belly
- Other mutations and combinations

For the proposal: France and Spain

Against the proposal: Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Portugal
Abstained from vote: Germany
Result: Proposal is not adopted.

16. Proposal for approval of standard Euodice malabarica (France)

The picture of the Ino Euodice malabarica shows a pink / red rump. This is incorrect; this should be white (In Euodice cantans this is pink and, apart from the type, is the only difference between the inos of both species).
This photo has to be replaced or removed.

For the proposal: Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain and Portugal
Result: Proposal is adopted

17. Proposal to adjust classes Euodice malabarica (France)

- Classic
- Fawn
- Pastel
- Fawn Pastel
- Grey
- Grey Pastel / Grey Fawn / Agate / Agate fawn
- Opal
- Opal fawn / Opal grey
- Ino
- Dark Belly
- Other mutations and combinations

In recent years, the number of submitted Euodice malabarica has been insufficient to expand the current number of groups compared to the current group classification. Furthermore, no descriptions of mutation combinations have been included in the standard.

Against the proposal: Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, Spain, France, Portugal
Result: Proposal is not adopted.

17A. Proposal Standard Padda oryzivora.(OMJ F-O-P)

In the Java sparrow, we have the same mutations, which are called red-brown and mocca-brown in the Bengalese/Society finch. Proposal to use the same name for the Java Sparrow (as stated in this standard).

For the proposal: Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal
Against the proposal: Italy
Result: Proposal is adopted.

There are a few photos that could be clearer / better. Edwin Lens indicates that he has such photos. No further adjustments.

For the standard proposal: Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain and Portugal
Result: Proposal is adopted.

Section FB.

18. Edit Section FB (France)

Given the presence of the Timor zebra finch (Taeniopygia guttata guttata) at the World Championship (18 birds in Marche-en-Famenne), would it be possible to open separate classes for males and females of these birds?

In section FA, where there is a clear difference between Cocks and Hens, they are compete separately. In section FB, this is not the case; therefore, this proposal was not put to a vote.

Section O

19. Proposal for approval of standard Streptopelia risoria domestica (OMJ F-O-P)

Comments from Belgium:
The photo of the double-factor phaeo-edged shows a color that is too light; possibly replace this.
The ivory is supposedly the combination white-headed agate. Response: this is certainly not the case; the body color is clearly different, and ivory and white-headed (including combinations with white-headed) have a distinctly different undertail pattern. The difference can be seen in the photos in the standard.
I would like to see the name creme-ino changed to satinette. None of those present have a problem with this; it will be adjusted.
The standard can always be expanded with color varieties; finding clear photos is not easy.

Voting for the standard:
For the proposal: Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal
Result: Proposal is adopted.

20. Proposal for approval of standard Geopelia cuneata (OMJ F-O-P)

The standard is briefly discussed. There are no amendments.

For the proposal: Italy, Belgium, Hungary, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal

Result: Proposal is adopted.

21. Proposal to adjust classes at Geopelia cuneata (Lebanon)

- Wild type
- Fawn, Red, and Phaeo
- Other mutations and combinations, excluding White Tail / White Rump
- All mutations and combinations with White Tail / White Rump
- All pied varieties and combinations with pied, White Tail / White Rump included
- Snow White (Albino included)

Not all the mutations included in the standard are listed in the overview. It is also not logical to create a separate group for a color variety that has virtually not yet been present at a world show, or only in very small numbers. It is also desirable to use color variety names that are listed in the standard; Red and Snow White are not. After some discussion and adjustments, the following proposal:

- Wild type
- Fawn, Topaz and Phaeo (single and double factor)
- Pastel and Edged
- Single factor and double factor whiterump
- Pied, White, Satinet and Albino
- Mutation combinations from mutations mentioned above.

For the proposal: Italy, Belgium, Turkey, Germany, France, Spain and Portugal

Against the proposal: Hungary

Result: Proposal is adopted.

22. Other matters / Questions / Closing the meeting

Raul Leitao proposed holding technical meetings on a specific topic in between so that there are explanation and agreement, which makes it easier to discuss and vote on the topics during the biennial meetings. People can register in advance. Those presents think it's a good idea.

Other than that, the undersigned thanks everyone for their presence and input, have a good stay in Seville and a good and safe return journey.

Francis Kriesels