

Ministerial Meeting in Croatia



For the past two years, the International Affairs & Development Committee has been helping the Ministry for Forestry, which oversees hunting responsibilities, in the Ministry's efforts to gather information that will help the Government of the Republic of Croatia understand how other national hunting laws have been adapted to the realities of the 21st Century. After some technical exchange meetings in Zagreb in 2011 and 2012, a large delegation of the Ministry travelled to Germany early this year and met in Bavaria with the Bavarian Hunters Federation to be informed about the German Hunting Law. Recently, a follow-up meeting was organized by the Ministry and the IADC, and the Director of Hunting of the Government of Mallorca travelled to Zagreb, invited by the "Ullmann Award Foundation," to explain the

experiences the Spanish Government had when implementing their Hunting Law.

The meeting was attended by representatives from five different Croatian Ministries, including Environment, Tourism and Rural Development. Assistant Minister Domagoj Krizaj, standing second from right, and the Director for Hunting, Marko Tomljanovic, standing first from right, thanked SCI Regional Representative Europe and Chair of the IADC, Norbert Ullmann, standing left, the Director of Hunting of the Balearian Islands, Dr. Bartomeu Segui, standing second from left, and the SCI Hrvatska Chapter, represented by the Executive Vice President, Josip Tomljanovic, for travelling to Zagreb and helping the Government of Croatia with important information in order to draft a new Hunting Law.

Bavaria: Shooting Event



The Bavaria Chapter's traditional annual shooting event was held at the shooting range on the German/Austrian border town of Unken. This year it was sponsored by Blaser Gun Co., who presented a huge array of new guns and ammunition. Shown in the picture is Blaser Gun Co. CEO Bernhard Knoebel, left, instructing Dr. Elisabeth Herold on the use of one of Blaser's most innovative rifles.

Levante Chapter Book Project



The Levante Chapter's PR project for this year is the writing, producing and

printing of a book titled "40th Anniversary of the 'Muela de Cortes' Valencia Game Reserve." It was officially presented during a visit to Valencia, Spain, by the SCI Regional Representative Europe, Norbert Ullmann, right. He congratulated Chapter President Pedro Mico Mendez, center, for the idea and the efforts put into making this book a reality. Antonio Girona, left, is the Chapter's Vice-President, who took on the task to translate the entire text into the English language.

Palarikovo Castle SCI Suite



In December of 2012, SCI Past President R. Douglas Yajko, successfully hunted the Tatra Mountain range of Slovakia for a Tatra chamois. He donated the animal to the SCI Suite at Palarikovo Hunting Castle, Slovakia, site of the annual social and hunting European highlight of SCI activities. Norbert Ullmann, SCI Regional Representative Europe, paid for the taxidermy of the animal, which is now one additional decorative element of the "SCI Palarikovo Suite."