



## Convention Newsletter 2018

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### Words from the board

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Dear members,

after a hot, dry and challenging year weigh off season is about to start.

So it's time to remind you to make sure that we get your results.

Unfortunately Iwan Horde decided to step back from the board after eight years. Iwan spent a lot of his spare time for our club. He fulfilled several functions. Before Anders Lilja stopped growing in 2010. Iwan started as our new treasurer in 2009. Later he took care of our results. And of course he hosted our seed packing events.

So we say a big „Thank you!!!“ on behalf of all our members.

We are happy that we already found someone who is willing to help us.

Sebastian Malinowski-Suski from the UK will support us.

Welcome Sebastian and thank you for your time and help!!!

His first important task will be to take care of the 2018 results.

So please try to make it an easy start for him by sending the results in time with our results sheet. Please also make sure that all results are weighed and measured following the official rules. There are some new rules about „clean pumpkins“ at the weigh offs for example.

And don't forget about respect, fairness and sportsmanship.

Good luck and lots of fun at the weigh offs!

We hope that you will reach your goals and make some new friends.

On behalf of the EGVGA board

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**Introduction of the new board member:**



My name is Sebastian Malinowski-Suski.

I am at the age of 41 and live in Southampton in Hampshire, UK I am married and have two sons and one daughter. The whole family is helping me growing Giant Vegetables every day. I started growing a few years ago when a friend gave me a marrow plant and now I am growing giant vegetables: Heavy chillis, carrots, parsnip, marrow, long chillis, Peppers heavy, long running beans, pumpkin, squash, heavy cucumber, long cucumber, Tomatoes.

I will be giving my best to everyone and all EGVGA members.



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### Competition classes & prize money 2018

In addition to our „seed of the year“ (2269 Paton 2017) and „squash seed of the year“ (1378.3\* Vanheuckelom 2017) we will have eight competition classes again.

These are:

1. Pumpkin (non soty)
2. Squash (non soty)
3. Marrow
4. Field Pumpkin
5. Long Gourd
6. Heavy Gourd
7. Tomato
8. Lunga di Napoli squash for weight

No bonus prize moneys for records (world records, EGVGA records). This makes it easier to plan the money we will have to pay out in the end of the season. This means we can pay out the money that we had to keep as a reserve in previous years.

Every member who grows a new world record or EGVGA record will win a free one year EGVGA membership. Maximum one free membership per grower, even if she/he grows multiple new records.

For Class 1 (pumpkin, non soty) we will pay out eight prizes, too. It doesn't matter from what seed it will be grown.

For Classes 2 to 8 we will pay out three prizes each, now it is 150 + 100 + 50 Euros.



**Competition classes & prize money 2018**

So here is an overview of the prizes:

„2018 EGVGA Seed of the year“ = 2269 Paton 2017

1	1.000,00 €
2	750,00 €
3	500,00 €
4	250,00 €
5	200,00 €
6	150,00 €
7	100,00 €
8	50,00 €

„2018 Squash Seed of the year“ = 1378.3\* Vanheuckelom 2017

1	500,00 €
2	250,00 €
3	125,00 €
4	100,00 €
5	75,00 €
6	50,00 €



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## Competition classes & prize money 2018

Class 1 = Pumpkin (non seed of the year)

1	250,00 €
2	200,00 €
3	175,00 €
4	150,00 €
5	125,00 €
6	100,00 €
7	75,00 €
8	50,00 €

Classes 2 to 8 = Squash (non seed of the year), Marrow, Field Pumpkin, Long Gourd, Heavy Gourd, Tomato, Lunga di Napoli (heavy)

1	150,00 €
2	100,00 €
3	50,00 €



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<b>Competition classes &amp; prize money 2018</b>
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Each grower can only win one prize money per class.

To compete you have to be an EGVGA member before May 1st, 2018.

Entries have to be weighed/measured at an official EGVGA recognized weigh off. Only tomatoes (=perishable) are also accepted, if they are weighed following the GPC early tomato standards.

Results have to be transmitted before November 1st, 2018.

Send your results with our results sheet to: [results@egvga.eu](mailto:results@egvga.eu)

Good luck!!!



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### SCHEDULE PUMPKIN WEEKEND LUDWIGSBURG 2018

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 13th 2018

15.00 Meeting of the EGVGA growers at same place as last year, at the "Remise-Building", in the Mömpelgardstrasse 27 in Ludwigsburg next to the headquarter of the Blühendes Barock Ludwigsburg.

\* free park-card distribution

\* opening words from Jos Ghaye / EGVGA President

15.15 Presentation "News from the EGVGA"

\*Speakers: Andreas Wild (Germany), Udo Karkos (Germany)

- Seed of the year results
- Vegetable classes
- Your questions

16.00 Presentation t.b.d.

\* Speaker: n.n.

16:45 Presentation t.b.d.

\*Speaker: n.n.

18:00 Dinner at restaurant <http://www.restaurant-badgarten.de/>

\* eating a la carte

\* we pay dinner and drinks on our own



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19:00 Presentation t.b.d.

\*Speaker:

20:00 Questions and answers

\*speakers to be announced

**ADDITIONAL INFO:**

All growers and their family members (=parents and children, not grandparents, uncles etc.) don't need to pay entrance to the park and the castle.

Meeting is for EGVGA members but you can bring your friends and family! Presentations will be translated either in English or in German.

Maybe you bring some snacks for the late evening.

Let us know if you are:

- a) coming to meeting (3 days before Saturday)
- b) if you wish dinner and whether you want a veg. menu (how many persons) (3 days before)
- c) if you are bringing your pumpkin(s) for Sunday Weigh off (1 day before)

Email: stefanhinner@agraventa.de and/or Andreas@egvga.eu .





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**SCHEDULE PUMPKIN WEEKEND LUDWIGSBURG 2018**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 14th 2018

The day of the championship and weigh off

9.00 – 13.00 Delivery of the pumpkins and other giant vegetables to the weigh off

The weigh off begins with other giant vegetables like marrows, tomatoes, long gourds, sunflowers etc. Take the change to get an official weigh/length on your giant vegetables!

13.30 Pumpkins weighing starts

16.00 Probably end of weigh off

There will be a separate GPC weigh off in the morning. Please check <http://www.kuerbisausstellung-ludwigsburg.de/#event> or contact Stefan Hinner for details.

Prize Money:

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. 1500 Euro | 6. 200 Euro  |
| 2. 700 Euro  | 7. 200 Euro  |
| 3. 400 Euro  | 8. 150 Euro  |
| 4. 300 Euro  | 9. 150 Euro  |
| 5. 250 Euro  | 10. 100 Euro |

**Bonus for a new world record: 10.000 Euro**



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#### ADDITIONAL INFO

For the first 3 places we expect the pumpkin to stay in Ludwigsburg until the slaughter on the 4th of November. You get all the seeds back and we are happy if you would give us some of them.

All the other pumpkins are also welcome to stay at the pumpkin exhibition until the last day.

Pumpkin delivery is also possible earlier. (Friday or Saturday)

For more details: <http://www.kuerbisausstellung-ludwigsburg.de/#event>

Stefan Hinner blocked some rooms in Hotel Favorit for the growers, code word "pumpkingrower".

Phone: 0049 7141 976 77-0 or email: [info@hotel-favorit.de](mailto:info@hotel-favorit.de) .

You might also try other hotels as due to "Cannstatter Wasen" (one of the biggest fairs in Germany). Try [www.hrs.de](http://www.hrs.de) [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) [www.hotel.de](http://www.hotel.de) for example.

If you want to try something a bit outside of Ludwigsburg, you might find something cheaper.

Every national best pumpkin grower will be invited for one night by Jucker Farmart, also 150 Euro travel support for each national best pumpkin grower - plus 150 Euros from EGVGA.

No money (2 x 150 Euros) if Jucker organizes the transport of your pumpkin.

Meals and drinks at the pumpkin exhibition are for free while your stay in Ludwigsburg.

EGVGA & Jucker Farmart



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Dear members of the EGVGA,

After about 10 years serving the EGVGA, fulfilling different roles (first as treasurer, later as member at large)

I find myself in the position where my energy is needed elsewhere and I will leave the Board. In Sebastian Suski I have found my successor. He will take over my last job within the board as results processor. I am sure he will do better than me and will contribute to this club with his knowledge and energy. I wish him and you all the best and am sure, to still meet some of you in the future. Grow em Big all!!

With Kind regards,

Iwan Horde