

REPORT BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
SUBMITTED TO THE ATIMANA GENERAL MEETING
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Dear Friends,

After 9 years we're back in Mexico for this "three-day Mastiff extravaganza, in this wonderful country, full of history, great traditions, culture, and with extraordinary people whose friendship, true friendship, is life-long. Mexico has an extremely high level of canophilia, thanks above all to the Mexican Canophile Association, always at the forefront of the guardianship and development of breeds.

The ATIMANA Championship has been held here twice, in 2004 and in 2007, and we had 154 and 107 Mastiffs in the ring, an absolute record number, which I think will be difficult to match. Personally, I have been coming to Mexico to judge for 25 years. The last time I was here was last year in Puebla and I can say that I have followed the development of the Neapolitan Mastiff in Mexico step-by-step, which, starting with just a few examples and then using excellent importations above all from Italy, today has reached the highest levels in terms of type and build, placing Mexico easily among the top countries in the world.

Based on this premise, last year the Board of Governors of the ATIMANA enthusiastically received the request from our dear friend, Juan Manuel Guzman, Chairman of the S.M.M.N., to this year hold the 26th ATIMANA CHAMPIONSHIP in this great place, where every year a "Great Mastiff Party" is held with a good number of participants. And it really is a "Great Mastiff Party" that we are experiencing here over the next few days: an enormous organizational effort by the Mexican Club, first of all, and its Chairman, to whom we are most grateful. This thanks goes out to him and all his collaborators for everything they have done for the organization of this 26th ATIMANA CHAMPIONSHIP and how it can be held in the future. I am convinced that Guadalajara and the Villa Primavera Hotel can be an important official event not just for Latin American countries but for America as a whole.

In accordance with its bylaws, on the 23rd of September 2016, the Board of Governors sent all the Members, Clubs and Follows, auditors and Board Members an invitation to this General Meeting. According to such bylaws, the following Clubs, Followers and Members have the right to vote (one vote each): SAMN, ATIMANA USA FRIENDS, Giuseppe Alessandra, Rodolfo Antonini, Jesus Sanchez Pardo, Diego Garcia Lozano, Jesus Mateo Garcia, and Emiliano Messina, giving a total of 10 votes. During the year, the membership fee of our friend and colleague Claudio De Giuliani has been requested and paid on a regular basis.

In today's meeting, the Board of Governors has, with great pleasure, accepted such request and, in accordance with the bylaws, it has been submitted to the Meeting for approval.

Unfortunately, from an organizational viewpoint, I should highlight the fact that there are very few affiliated Clubs and supporting Members. The whole Board of Governors and myself, personally, would like to give them all our heartfelt thanks. I should also apologize for the temporary shutdown of our website, with the consequent delay in the publication of the results of the 25th Championship held in Civitavecchia. Regrettably, with regards to the website, commitments and promises were not fulfilled. However, and thanks to the timely intervention of our friend Salvatore Areniello, not only have we recovered the website, but more importantly we have recovered the material it

contained: the 25 years of history of the ATIMANA. A few months ago, as I was immediately notified, the ATIMANA gained a new website thanks to the valuable and selfless work of our friend and colleague, Claudio de Giuliani. The old site, www.A.T.I.M.A.NA.it will continue online and represents the history of our Association. The new website, www.atimanainternational.com will, this time I am completely sure, be updated by Claudio De Giuliani, for all future activities. Believe me, -and I have always confessed to my complete ignorance about all new technologies- it was like living a nightmare, and for this reasons I would like to once again thank Salvatore Areniello and Claudio de Giuliani for the creation of the new site, and I shall always be grateful to those responsible for its professional and punctual installation and updates!

Before concluding this first part, I am bound to thank my dear friend, Diego Garcia Lozano, the first "True Mastiff Breeder", whom I met in Mexico so, so many years ago, when I came the first time to judge in the "International Winter Circuit" of the Canophile Federation. Since then, with our great friendship more and more solid, Diego has been responsible for translating all our reports into Spanish and English, consequently making a very real and very great contribution to the ATIMANA.

Regarding the sport profile of the 2015 ATIMANA CHAMPIONSHIP held in Civitavecchia, which celebrated its first 25 years, 65 Mastiffs were entered, two more than those entered in the F.C.I. World Championship held in Milan and perfectly organized by the ENCI in the month of June 2015. This was a great result taking into account the fall in entries of Neapolitan Mastiffs in the most important international exhibitions. A very special thanks from all of ATIMANA and myself to the friends and supporting Members Rodolfo Antonini and Emiliano Messina, who have organized this important event in the splendid setting of the ancient thermal baths of Trajan, with more than 2000 years' history.

On a technical level, I have to say that without a doubt the level has been good among the winners of the different classes. Unfortunately, such good quality has not been seen in the young and they represent the future of the breed. In fact, no title was given to young males, for the first time in the history of the ATIMANA.

As has already been mentioned, the class winners have been very interesting, both males and females, Champions, free and intermediate, and the overall winner came from this class, a Mastiff of great typicality, optimum build, with great tone and fine movement.

Afterwards, the International Scientific Conference was held, with a report given by Angel Polisca, professor of the University of Perugia, which magnificently dealt with the topic "Handling of healthy and sick newborns", and which awoke great interest among the many attendees with a series of interventions and in-depth questions. Next, Professor Ricardo Zelli, from the same University, talked about the subject "Cesareans in bitches and the most common causes of infertility", a very common problem that was of great interest to all those present.

Since all the way back in 1995, the ATIMANA, every year and without interruption, has been concerned about these scientific topics, providing valuable support in the different problems and illnesses that, even today, affect the Neapolitan Mastiff, which represents a great benefit for both breeders and fans of the breed of this ancient, difficult and majestic animal.

Once again a special thanks to the distinguished speakers for their great contribution, with the hope of meeting them on other occasions and, why not, creating permanent collaborations, not just with them, but with everyone who has made the development of these important opportunities for study.

This afternoon we will be continuing in the same way. We're all going to be attending the 22nd "International Scientific Conference on the Neapolitan Mastiff" to hear Dr. Abraham Ochoa, who will be covering two topics of great interest: "The Reproductive Cycle of the Female" and "The Main

Problems of Articulations in the Molossus". On behalf of the ATIMANA, I would like to sincerely thank him for the work he will be presenting, already covered in Italy, which makes it even more interesting, as it represents a comparison between the situation in Mexico and American in general compared to the Old World.

Dear friends, this I short is what has been done during the year. I'm sure that we can do more and better, but this requires everyone's collaboration. But above all, the involvement of the National Clubs is required, many of which are frequently reduced to just a few members, for reasons unrelated to true canophilia. We have to go back to our roots, i.e. to place the Neapolitan mastiff, its protection and development as the main aim, with serious and concrete initiatives, rather than fleeting ones that barely help the development of the breed, with full and absolute respect of the standard and always looking for ways to achieve more typical, healthy and, above all, long-living Mastiffs. This is precisely what we and our affiliated Clubs have been doing since 1993!

Concluding, tomorrow the "Monography" of the SMMN will take place, which opens this historical "Three-day Mastiff Seminar", and on Sunday we will be celebrating our 26th Championship, thanks to our friends the judges; our Mexican colleague, Noe Aburto, the well-known Dogo de Burdeos breeder, and our Italian colleagues Giuseppe Novaresio and Claudiuo de Giuliani. The last two have extensive experience and have acted as judges for many years all over the world, including our Championships; however, this is the first time they have come to Mexico. I would also like to thank Massimo Vinattieri, "A True Mastiff Breeder" and artist renowned for the "Mastiff Head", which he gives to the "Best of Breed".

Lastly, but no less importantly, a big and warm thanks to all the "Mastiff Breeders" who have attended en masse with their best examples on both Saturday and Sunday. They have always been there, without exception, throughout our 26 Championships held in 26 countries on three Continents, accompanying us in our efforts to keep on going. I would like to thank them all for their presence and wish them the best in achieving their goals and reaching their objectives in both breeding and sport.

THE CHAIRMAN

Giuseppe Alessandra

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