

## The world visits Meppen



Dear German Shepherd Dog enthusiasts,  
Dear participants and guests,

The board and the members of the regional group "Waterkand" cordially welcome you to this years WUSV World Championship IP here in Meppen.

The district town has a great treasure trove of experience as host for dog sport events. Repeatedly, our "living room of dog sports", the Hänsch-arena in Meppen, offers an outstanding scenery for exciting competitions. The city of Meppen and the Emsland district are characterized as a dog friendly region which is known for its hospitality and the love to our four-fotted friends. We found this positive tenour through all preparation work, from all administration and departments, for example from the sports club SV-Meppen 1912. We would like to cordially thank for the support and cooperation through organizing this event. The city of Meppen is not only host but especially partner with the mayor Helmut Knurbein who is patron of this event, in front. Also, a very special thank to the District Administrator of the Emsland district, Mr. Marc-Andre Burgdorf, who took the honorary patronage unhesitatingly and who send us kind words of welcome.

The spaciously tracking area is due to the leader of the Federal Office for Weapons, Director Dosquet, the Federal forestry office, Ms. Tapken, and the leader of the economic organization, Mr. Möllering.

Special thanks to the many volunteers who laid with their commitment the cornerstone for best conditions on site. We owe them that actors and guests may experience those exciting days to the full extend in a perfect setting.

At this WUSV World Championship we represent the German Shepherd Dog who is recognized and appreciated as the world's No. 1 working dog. The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Verein für Deutsche Schäferhunde is wonderful chance to show the impressing abilities and skills of our four-fotted friends in the different sports IGP, Agility, Obedience, Rally Obedience and Hoopers.

We wish all participants the success they hope for, the guests and visitors a pleasant stay as well as some eventful and exciting competition days with fair contributions and positive common experiences around our dog.

Michael Gerdes  
LG chairman and overall director