# **Code of Honor** (Ehrenordnung)

Guidelines for appointing Honorary Members, for awarding badges of honor and other awards.

## **Honoring members**

The Verband Kleine Münsterländer International (KIM-I) e.V. can honor deserving members by appointing them an honorary member / honorary President / honorary Vice-President and by awarding merit and association badges.

## The following applies:

Honorary membership

The Annual General Meeting may appoint honorary memberships of the Association to those who have rendered special services to the KIM-I Association.

A former long-time, distinguished President, who has made a special contribution to the Association, may be appointed Honorary President by the General Assembly upon a proposal by the Executive Board. He / she then has a seat but no vote on the Executive Board.

A former long-time, distinguished Vice President, who has made a special contribution to the Association, may be appointed Honorary Vice-President by the General Assembly upon a proposal by the Executive Board. He / she then has a seat but no vote on the Executive Board.

#### KIM-I merit badge

The award will only be made upon a proposal by the Executive Board to persons who have rendered outstanding services in association work at the international or national level.

Merit badge in silver

The merit badge in silver can be awarded for special achievements in association work at the international or national level, as well as to particularly deserving judges and handlers for their service at tests and breed shows of KIM-I.

Members earmarked for this award should have belonged to a member country of KIM-International for at least 15 years.

#### Merit badge in gold

The merit badge in gold can be awarded in the case of exceptional achievements in association work at the international or national level, as well as to exceptionally deserving judges and handlers for their efforts at tests and breed shows of KIM-I.

Members earmarked for this award should have been members of a member country of KIM-International for at least 20 years.

#### **Award proposals**

Award proposals must be submitted in writing to the Business Manager of the association by the board members of the KIM-I member countries at least two months before the intended award.

Above all, the proposals require careful and detailed justification with regard to the special merits or extraordinary services.

The Executive Board of the association decides by majority vote after consultation about the submitted proposals. These consultations are secret. The certificates must be prepared by the Business Manager and signed by the President.

#### Presentation of the award

Honorary membership, the merit badge in silver and the merit badge in gold should be awarded at the Annual General Meeting of the association. Presentation of an award on the occasion of anniversary celebrations and international tests is also permitted.

#### **Termination of the entitlement**

If a member who has been honored leaves the association afterwards or is reprimanded or expelled, honors may be withdrawn.

## **Directory of honored members**

The Business Manager of the association keeps a list of members who have been appointed honorary members/ honorary President or have been awarded the silver or the golden merit badge.

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