International Young Breeders (I.Y.B.)
@ WBFSH GA 2018 Budapest, Hungary

Update on IYB activities since WBFSH GA 2017.

Judges & Trainers Workshop

New Development in July 2018 – the first IYB Judges & Trainers Workshop was held at Blue Hors Stud in Denmark, an exceptional location which will be difficult to surpass in future. Gratitude extends to Christian Struck, Martin Klavsen and Inge Madsen of the Danish Warmblood for their generosity and assistance in organising and making it possible.

In attendance were 9 International Judges from DWB, HANN, ISH, BAD WU, CWHBA, SWB and HANN GB; also 13 trainers/managers from DWB, HOLS, ISH, HANN GB, BRAND, BAD WU, & SF. In total 10 studbooks were represented.

The key focus of the workshop was two-fold:

1. Firstly to debate and agree on scoring for World Championships across the disciplines of conformation, loose movement & jump, and in-hand presentation. With so many studbooks now participating at World Championships it is only to be expected that there are subtle variances in how horses are being assessed across studbooks. This was the first occasion time was available to engage in discussion and tease through the issues which did arise.

2. The second focus of the workshop was to collate video footage to be used for educational purposes for judges, trainers, managers, and young people who engage in young breeder activities across all the studbooks as not everybody could participate at the workshop. This will be made available to share in the coming weeks.

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The workshop also provided a platform to discuss the rules of the championships and discussion around future developments with some key decisions being made:

- Future championship hosts should engage an independent FEI Steward as the chief steward for the event rather than an individual aligned to Young Breeder teams.
- The FEI steward and the international judges should view the horses ahead of the championships to sign off on suitability, so adequate reserve horses must be in place.
- A changeover to linear scoring in the future is desired. However, technology is required to support the scorer in arriving at timely results at world championships. Scoring in the current system is already challenging as ‘exel’ sheets are utilised with a requirement for detailed cell entries posing human error possibilities. Any suggestions for technology that could be utilised to bring surety and efficiency to results calculations would be most welcome.
- Significant change was proposed to the Loose Movement & Jump Scoring sheet with Survey Monkey platform used in the follow up to agree on the change:
  - Outcome
    - Original score sheet – 4 Elements - trot, canter, technique, scope
    - New score sheet – trot, canter, technique front legs, technique hind legs, suppleness/elasticity, scope, attitude

It is hoped to make the Judges/Trainer Workshop a calendar regular for the future in the interim years between World Championships.

Finances

The changeover to collection of IYB fees directly from participating studbooks in line with collection of WBFSH fees appears to have worked well in 2018 and we would hope this can continue for the future. The current annual membership fee of €20 is quite low. It is proposed that an increase in fees should be considered. The financial support provided by the WBFSH is greatly appreciated.

Any suggestion or advice on appropriate technology to assist with scoring at World Championships and subsequent support to make that possible would be very helpful. This presents a challenge for the organisation – both in identifying and funding the appropriate technology.
World Championships Austria 2019

18th – 21st of July at **Pferdezentrum Stadl –Paura**

Hosted by Studbook Z.A.P. (Zentrale Arbeitsgemeinschaft Österreichischer Pferdezüchter) together with Pferdezentrum Stadl-Paura.

Thursday 18th July 2019
Arrival, registration, official opening and welcome ceremony

Friday 19th July 2019
Competition; Interactive team building activities

Saturday 20th July 2019
Competition; Prize Giving Ceremony; Demonstration of native Austrian Horse & Pony Breeds (ZAP Sommerfest); Austrian-Style cultural experience

Sunday 21st July 2019
Excursion (Dressage stable; ‘Gegenzug’ (boat/horses);

Monday 22nd July 2019
Optional day for an excursion to "Salzkammergut", area of natural beauty near Stadl-Paura and also further cultural and horse-related activities

**Facilities at Stadl-Paura:**

Outdoor Arenas: 35m x 65m arena; 40m x 100m arena ; 54m x 110m arena with spectator capacity 6,000 people

Indoor arenas 20m x 60m arena; Karl Bauer Halle with capacity for over 2,000

Organising committee: Verena Nowak, Mario Niederdorfer, Dana Karaskova, Anna Lena Rupitsch, Katharina Übleis-Lang, Andreas Hetzenauer, Sophia Steixner, Gottfried Mühlleitner

IYB continue to remain open to welcoming new studbook participation at World Championships.