Cooperation with FEI

The cooperation with FEI was continued in 2018 based on the common Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Agreement about the Rankings. Furthermore the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses and the WBFSH Rankings are solid and sustainably secured thanks to the cooperation with FEI.

In December 2017 FEI and WBFSH started to set up a draft for the legal agreement about data exchange and the necessary data interface. The process was assisted by FEI Senior Legal Counsel and NF GER in-house lawyer. On the occasion of this year’s FEI/WBFSH Council Meeting on 9th November 2018 both parties agreed in Brussels to finalise and sign the legal agreements between FEI, WBFSH and the first involved studbooks. Furthermore FEI President and WBFSH President discussed together with two FEI Bureau Members, FEI Director of Governance & Institutional Affairs, WBFSH Project Manager, WBFSH Executive Finances and WBFSH Executive External Cooperation the following topics: General cooperation between both organisations, Quota system FEI WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horses and the day to day working interaction of both organisations.

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses were organised another time successfully in Ermelo (The Netherlands) and took place from 2nd to 5th August 2018. This year in all three age-groups the sport was really on top level. The medals have been assigned this year to horses from HANN (3), KWPN (3), OLD (1), RHEIN (1) and WESTF (1).

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horse were hosted again in Lanaken (Belgium) at the Domain Zangersheide from 13th to 16th September 2018. The Championships were organised in a very professional way at Zangersheide show ground. The medals have been assigned this year to horses from ISH (3), BWP (2), DSP (1), KWPN (1), OLDB (1) and SCSL (1).

The showground in Lion d’Angers (FRA) hosted again the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horse which took place from 18th to 21st October 2018. Like all the years before the championships were organised in a very professional way. The medals have been assigned this year to horses from ISH (3), SF (2) and DSP (1).
Cooperation with EEF – Working Group on EU-legislation
On 19th March 2018 the EEF Working Group on EU-legislation had another meeting about several important items like EC proposal on VAT rules, movement of horses in the EU, EU consumer sales legislation, prizemoney and VAT, Equine veterinary products in Europe versus end of a horse life (Animal Health Law), Animal Health Law Delegated acts about identification of equidae.

Cooperation with European Horse Network
The European Horse Network (EHN) encourages and supports representation from all areas of the horse sector like Breeding, Sport/Racing/Leisure/Work, Science/Education, Welfare/Transport/Veterinary, EU-Regions. WBFSH is one of twentythree members of this non-profit network of stakeholders acting at World, European, National or Regional level within the European horse sector. The WBFSH is one of 23 members stakeholders in the network (EHN) representing the sector breeding in the Board of the EHN. Since EHN Annual Meeting 2017 WBFSH General Manager is Member of the EHN Board assisted by WBFSH Executive External Cooperation. This year’s EHN Equine Conference was about “Responsible care throughout the life of equines”. The EHN produced several Position Statements since 2009 in form of leaflets or reports which are available on the European Horse Network’s website under http://www.europeanhorsenetwork.eu/

Contact to EU Commission

It is of importance to refer again to Article 108 of this Regulation determines the Member States’ responsibility for establishing a system for the identification and registration of kept terrestrial animals. The Article clearly determines that the responsibility to issue identification documents (Equine Passports) will be given as of 2021 to the Member State Authorities and no longer to recognized breed societies unless Member States – as laid down in Point 5 (c) of this Article – “may when appropriate designate another authority or authorise another body or a natural person to ensure the practical application of the identification and registration system provided for in this Article, including the issuing of identification documents and the drawing-up of models ...”.

As mentioned in the reports of 2016 and 2016: WBFSH Members from Europe which want to go on to issue Equine Passports after 21st April 2021 should start immediately to convince their
National Authorities to enforce Article 108 Point 5 (c) and to be authorised to issue passports for their horses/foals.

FEI Veterinary Director and WBFSH Executive External Cooperation had another informal meeting with DG SANTE about the movement of ‘registered equidae’ within EU based on the common effort for a shorter residence period on the establishment where these equidae are habitually kept before they are transported to another Member State. Again the idea was supported that the residence period shall not apply to ‘registered horses’ which meet specific requirements like ‘a validation sticker’, ‘the horse is habitually resident in an establishment of low health risk based additional veterinary supervision and the implementation of biosecurity measures’ and ‘the horse has a test for equine infectious anemia carried out with a negative result on a sample taken with 180/365 days’. The discussion about the necessary requirements is not finished between EU Commission and the Member States.

Based on the results of a working group WBFSH General Manager and WBFSH Executive External Cooperation had a meeting on 23rd August 2018 with DG SANTE to check if EU legislation can be applied to help to develop a harmonised covering certificate to avoid increasing difficulties with tracing semen sold and foals produced. Unfortunately the EU legislation is not designed to cater for the use of semen within different reproductive techniques. Furthermore the idea to use the legislation to introduce covering certificates as part of the zootecchnical certificate is not possible either.

Cooperation with International Young Breeders

The IYB committee organised the very first workshop for Judges and Trainers in Denmark on July 24th and 25th 2018. The workshop was attended by a group of 22 judges and trainers representing ten different studbooks.

Next WBFSH World Championships for Young Breeders will be organized by Team Jugend & Pferd Austria and supported by Zentrale Arbeitsgemeinschaft Österreichischer Pferdezüchter (ZAP) from 18th to 21st July 2019 in St. Pölten (AUT). Informations will be available on the website www.jugendundpferd.at. Further informations about the activities of the International Young breeders are published on the website http://www.young-breeders.com.

Warendorf, 16th November 2018