

# WORLD BREEDING FEDERATION FOR SPORT HORSES

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## **Presentation of activity reports – Report from Department Cooperation**

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### ***Cooperation with FEI – World Breeding Championships***

The cooperation between FEI and WBFSh could be continued in 2012/2013. President and Executive Committee had another meeting with FEI Secretary General in June 2013 in Brussels. Topics of the very constructive conversation were possible limitations of sponsorship, agreements about the common rankings, realization of data exchange, pedigree informations on FEI-TV and the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in all three disciplines.

The FEI/WBFSh World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses 2013 hosted by the Verdener Turniergesellschaft took place from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013. Last year's raising of qualification standards had again a positive effect on the quality of the starting horses. The horses must have shown results of at least 68% in a selection procedure in appropriate Young Horse Classes at national level. Especially those National Federations without a WBFSh Member Studbook in the country of that respective National Federation are a bit more "under control". The President and two Executives could talk with the FEI Dressage Director and develop some strategies for a further development of these championships. This is an example of the real good collaboration with the FEI headquarters. The medals have been assigned this year to horses from studbooks of origin from Germany (5) and the Netherlands (1).

The FEI/WBFSh World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horse 2013 took place at the Domain Zangersheide in Lanaken from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at Lanaken (Belgium). The Championships were again very well organized and showed top sport on future champions. The medals have been assigned to horses from studbooks of origin from Belgium (3), Ireland (1) and the Netherlands (5).

The FEI/WBFSh World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horse 2013 will take place at Lion d'Angers in France from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

### ***Cooperation with EEF – Working Group on EU-legislation***

On 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 the annually EU committee meeting of the European Equestrian Federation (EEF) took place in Brussels. The working group discussed about the revision of EU



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Identification Legislation and possible consequence for NF's and breed societies as a result from the horse meat scandal, EU Sports Policy and Funding, status of updating EU transport rules, CAP Reform, the next European Horse Network MEP's Horse lunch, the next EU Equus Conference whilst WEG 2014 in France, cooperation with COPA, status of low VAT in different member states. It is the plan

## **Cooperation with European Horse Network**

The WBFSH is one of 13 member stakeholders in the European Horse Network (EHN) from all areas of the horse sector, not limited to breeding or sport/racing/leisure/work or science/education or welfare/transport/veterinary or to EU-Regions. The WBFSH represents the sector breeding in the Board of the EHN.

In 2013 the EHN produced so far one leaflet about "Horsemeat scandal highlights weaknesses in current EU Law for the horse sector" for the MEP's Horse Lunch on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Brussels. The leaflet is available on the European Horse Network's website under <http://www.europeanhorsenetwork.eu/> The next MEP's Horse Lunch meeting about "Equine Health and Research" is planned for 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Brussels, The next EHN Annual Meeting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Brussels. The focus will be on research and funding – an important issue for the horse industry.

For 2014 the EHN is planning to organise the 3<sup>rd</sup> EU EQUUS Conference on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 in Caen (France) whilst the WEG 2014 in the Normandy.

The further issues on the EHN agenda are CAP Reform, Consumer Sales Directive, VAT on Sport, Welfare/Animal health and Research Programme.

## **Contact to EU Commission**

Coordinated by the WBFSH stallion keepers and deputies of the Sport Horse Breed Societies discussed for some time necessary and desired changes with regard to requirements for stallions and insemination centers laid down in the Annex of Council Directive 92/65/EEC. End of April 2013 the proposal for necessary changes was sent to DG SANCO. On international level the proposed changes have fully support of the WBFSH Member Societies in BEL, DEN, GER, FRA, IRL, NED and SWE. Those Sport Horse Breed Societies promised to contact for their part their relevant authorities and will ask for support and contribution in the Permanent Veterinarian Committee in Brussels.

Department Cooperation has asked DG SANCO in the middle of September 2013 to get a short interim note. So far the changes haven't been discussed, but DG SANCO informed that they will speed the discussion up to get a result before next breeding season.



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## ***Cooperation with Young Breeders***

The International Young Breeders had their General Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 embedded in the WBFSH World Championships 2013 for Young Breeders in Bollerup (Sweden).

The results of the General Meeting and the World Championships are available on the website of the WBFSH International Young Breeders under <http://www.young-breeders.com/>.

The next World Championship for International Young Breeders are planned for 2015 in Great Britain. Like the last years before it is planned to hand out a written report about International Young Breeders activities at the general Assembly in Warsaw (Poland).

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