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Presentation of activity reports – Report from Department Cooperation

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Cooperation with FEI

In 2014/2015 FEI and WBFSH continued their successful cooperation in a very positive way on different areas. So the future cooperation between both organisations could be further developed after a meeting between FEI President, FEI Secretary General, WBFSH President and WBFSH Executives of Department Finances and Department Cooperation. It was the determining step for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FEI and WBFSH as well as the Agreement about the Rankings. Based on these agreements FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses and WBFSH Rankings could be fixed for a sustainable common future as well as possibilities for a common data exchange and the creation of a FEI/WBFSH Council.

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses took place from 5th to 9th August 2015 for provisionally last time in Verden (Germany). Like all the other years before the Championships were organised in an excellent way. The medals have been assigned this year to horses from DWB (3), DSP (1), HANN (1) and KWPN (1). For a second time a CDI1* for 7- and 8-year old horses which have competed in former World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses could be organized very successfully. Based on this success FEI and WBFSH decided that from next year on a Championship for 7 years old horses will be organized in Ermelo (NED).

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horse took place another time at the Domain Zangersheide from 17th to 20th September 2015 in Lanaken (Belgium). The Championships were organised, notwithstanding temporary inconvenient weather conditions, again in an outstanding way. Most horses of all three age-groups showed top sport on very high level. The medals have been assigned this year to horses from KWPN (3), BWP (2), ISH (2), PZHK (1) and ZANG (1).

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horse 2015 will take place at Lion d'Angers in France from 15th to 18th October 2015.



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Cooperation with EEF – Working Group on EU-legislation

In 2014/2015 EEF EU Committee has regained its momentum on the current issues. Besides many others, their concentration in the last meeting in November 2014 was on VAT, newly approved Equine-Passport Regulation, welfare, EHN activities and relation to EEF. Furthermore it was decided to found a sub-committee specifically tackling the horse tax matters.

Cooperation with European Horse Network

The WBFSH is furthermore one of more than 20 member stakeholders in the European Horse Network (EHN) which is representing almost 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 is representing the sector breeding in the Board of the EHN. The EHN produced several Position Statements in form of leaflets or reports which are available on the European Horse Network's website under <http://www.europeanhorsenetwork.eu/>

The EHN organized in 2015 two further MEP's Horse Lunch in Brussel. In January 2015 about Health and Food Safety and in June 2015 about Growth, Jobs and Environment.

The 2nd edition of the Horse Industry Conference was supported by EHN in September 2015 in Caen (France). Main fields of discussions were Benchmark of the horse policy in different EU states (taxation, agriculture funding etc.), Look for new financing resources and Horses end of life (a major issue).

The EHN General Assembly will take place on 22nd October 2015 in Brussels combined with the European Parliament Conference on Equine Welfare in Brussels on 21st October 2015.

Contact to EU Commission

Luckily the effort of WBFSH and other organizations representing the horse breeding sector came to a successful end. In the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 of 17 February 2015 laying down rules pursuant to Council Directives 90/427/EEC and 2009/156/EC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (Equine Passport Regulation) the right to issue passports for approved breed societies could be verified. Although the the format for passports must be changed from 1st January 2016 on and this will involve all issuing bodies in expense. And all Member States have to implement a central database from at least 1st July 2016.

Cooperation with Young Breeders

The International Young Breeders the next edition of the WBFSH World Championships for Young Breeders in 2015 in Hartpury College (Great Britain). The results and further informations about the activities of the International Young breeders are published on the website <http://www.young-breeders.com/>.

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