WBFSH General Assembly 2018
December 3rd 2018
At Hotel Mercure Korona, Budapest, Hungary

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1. Opening and welcome

President Jan Pedersen welcomed all the participants. The last general assembly in Budapest took place in 2002. The president said it was good to be back and thanked the Hungarian Sport Horse studbook for having hosted the WBFSH GA 2018.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2017 (#GA2)

No remarks were made and the minutes from the general assembly in Billund/Denmark were adopted.

3. Presentation of activity reports by Jan Pedersen and discussion of the written reports of the five departments, (#GA3.1) (#GA3.2) (#GA3.3) (#GA3.4)

   Introduction

2018 has been busy, interesting, frustrating, exhilarating, disappointing and inspiring. The equestrian world is multifarious and very complex and thus, to people like us very attractive. There never was a time when our industry was faced with more challenges and more opportunities. Challenges in the form of increased regulation and demographic changes in our traditional breeding areas. At the same time opportunities lie in tremendous advances in breeding technology that can be optimized through cooperation.

   Marketing & Communication

A newly formed Marketing Committee has developed a Marketing and Communications Plan, which includes more direct communication with breeders and finding ways to improve the dissemination of information regarding our activities. It is hoped that more direct communication with breeders will be productive so that the WBFSH initiatives have wider recognition and will therefore receive more attention. This is also very important in relation to sponsors, to whom it is interesting to have access to 150,000 breeders from 75 studbooks. This philosophy provided the foundation of a pilot project with the magazine Breeding News, which involved 6 studbooks.

   Genomic Applications for Breed Improvement

The Department of Internal Cooperation has been encouraging discussion on genomic applications for breed improvement. In 2017 data was collected to determine if genomic practices were already a part of the studbook activities. A Standing Committee on Collaborative Implementation of Genomic Applications (SC-CIGA), chaired by Emma Thorén Hellsten (SWE), was constituted to collect and document information regarding cooperation on genomic practices and to facilitate a future forum on cooperation. SC-CIGA met twice in 2017 and once in 2018.
After the CIGA workshop during the GA-2017 in Billund, the primary goal for 2018 was to provide baseline reference documentation regarding the three major areas of interest - Linear profiling, Breeding values and Genomic selection. The basic definitions and reference links are published on the WBFSH website. A second CIGA workshop would be taking immediately following this general assembly and would provide information on the status of genomic selection from a number of member studbooks. It is hoped that this sharing of information on current activities will reveal opportunities for collaborative initiatives and provide a catalyst for future cooperation.

   Cooperation with the FEI

In 2018 this has continued based on the common Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the agreement regarding the rankings. 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 began drafting a legal agreement for
data exchange and the necessary data interface. In a FEI/WBFSH Council Meeting on 9\textsuperscript{th} November 2018, both organisations agreed to finalize and sign the legal agreements between FEI, WBFSH and the first involved studbooks. The general cooperation and day-to-day working interaction between the FEI and WBFSH, as well as the Quota system concerning the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horses were also discussed during this meeting. The discussion of the quotas was a topic on the agenda as a result of misunderstandings relating to the distribution of the 2018 WBFSH quota for Lanaken. As a result of the meeting a new system will be set up for 2019, which will enable the WBFSH to exploit its quotas to a much higher degree.

**FEI WBFSH World Breeding Championships Dressage**

Ermelo has become an institution in the world of breeding and the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses were successfully held there for the third consecutive time. Many horses in the three age-groups showed sport at the highest level.

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**FEI WBFSH World Breeding Championships Jumping**

Domain Zangersheide is closely connected with the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horses. Since the very beginning in 1992 these championships have taken place in Lanaken and like every year the 2018 event was very well organised. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook impressed in the five-year old championship, having taken all three places on the podium.

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**FEI WBFSH World Breeding Championships Eventing**

The championships took place at the beautiful show grounds of Lion d'Angers (FRA). It was a well-organised event and many horses showed top sport at a high level.

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**Cooperation with European Horse Network (EHN)**

The EHN covers all areas of the horse sector such as Breeding, Sport/Racing/Leisure/Science/Education, Welfare/Transport/Veterinary. The WBFSH is one of twenty-three members of this network. Since 2017 the WBFSH General Manager, Nadine Brandtner is a Member of the EHN Board, assisted by Klaus Miesner from the WBFSH Department of External Cooperation. The 2018 EHN Equine Conference held at the EU Parliament in Brussels dealt with “Responsible care throughout the life of equines“. The EHN has produced several Position Statements since 2009 in form of leaflets or reports which are available on the website of the European Horse Network.
**Contact to EU Commission**

Based on the results of a working group of stallion owners, Nadine Brandtner and Klaus Miesner met with representatives of the Directorate General for Health and Food Safety (DG Santé) to discuss whether EU legislation can be applied to help develop a harmonized covering certificate. With modern breeding techniques such as ICSI (Intra Cytoplasmatic Sperm Injection) it is possible to produce several foals from a single straw of semen. As a result, it has become difficult for the stallion owners to trace offspring of their stallions and whether coverings have been paid.

The EU legislation is designed to ensure that semen traded is free of disease and it was not designed to cater for the use of semen with different reproductive techniques. Furthermore, EU legislation requires that foals have a verified pedigree at registration, e.g. by DNA verification, or by covering certificate - but the covering certificate is not mandatory. To use the legislation to introduce covering certificates, by basing them on the zootechnical certificate for the trade of semen of purebred animals, is therefore not a possibility.

The president hopes that with a new communication platform, the WBFSH will be able to produce a tool that can counter the problem.

**Tryon Equestrian Partners**

The WBFSH has signed a “memorandum of understanding” with the Tryon Equestrian Partners. The goal is to establish Pan-American combined FEI-WBFSH events such as a Pan American Breeding Championship, to explore ways to support young horse development globally and to ensure the sustainability and success of young horses worldwide. The WBFSH looks forward to working with the TEP and to the next WBFSH general assembly which will be held at the Tryon International Equestrian Centre.

**International Young Breeders (IYB)**

The WBFSH continues to support and cooperate with the IYB. Their committee organised the very first workshop for judges and trainers in Denmark in July 2018. It was attended by 22 judges and trainers representing ten different studbooks. The workshop was a success.

**WBFSH Rolex World Ranking Lists 2018**

Every year the breeders of the top-ranked horses of the WBFSH Rolex World Rankings are honoured. Since 2015 the ceremony for the WBFSH Rolex Awards has been an integrated part of the CHI of Geneva, which is also sponsored by Rolex. This event contributes to raise the profile of breeding.

The winners that will be celebrated at the CHI Geneva 2018 in December are:

**Dressage Breeder:**
Peter Jan Crum (NED) for breeding Verdades KWPN (Floret As / Goya)

**Jumping Breeders:**
Mario Everse (NED) for breeding Zinius KWPN (Nabab de Reve / Kannan)

**Eventing Breeder:**
Adriaan Van Bezouw (NED) for breeding Albano Z (Asca Z / Babouche vh Gehucht Z)

**Project “Internal Communication” in Focus in 2019**

To meet the challenges the WBFSH is facing and to seize current opportunities, communication amongst breeders and between studbooks is key to future success on the world stage. The WBFSH faces serious competition with other sports for sponsorship and therefore needs a significant presence to ensure that sponsors can be attracted. For this reason, internal communication (not only communication between studbooks but also between the breeders) will be in focus in 2019.

**CONCLUSION OF THE PRESIDENT**

On the whole there is reason to be pleased with the development of the federation, which is still growing. Four membership applications were received by the Development Department
in 2018. Financially the situation is sound but the federation is too dependent on sponsors and therefore too vulnerable. 2018 has been very busy, although this may not yet be reflected in concrete, visible results. However, there are many projects in the melting pot, especially in the field of internal communication, which should be initiated in the near future. The president thanked the Board and executive committee for investing time and passion in the federation.

4. Financial report (GA4)

Stephan Kelchtermans has been the Vice President for the Department Finance since the end of 2017. This was his first general assembly in this capacity. The financial year runs from September 1st to August 31st. It was noted that the CWHBA gifted the WBFSH 2000 Euros after the IHB Championship 2017. The Rolex sponsorship amount for 2017 was paid after 1st September 2018, which is why it reflects as a revenue on the annual report 2018 (“Revenues from previous years”). Comments made from the general assembly regarding the expenses: Andries van Daalen (KWPN) queried the amount spent on sponsorship commission and it was confirmed that this amount is contractually set, but that negotiations regarding sponsorship and agents fees were likely to result in changes in the future. Ronald Funke Küpper (NRPS) queried the difference in travel costs budgeted for and spent in 2018. This was the result of reallocation of travel costs under the relevant category and not including it under remuneration costs.

The result of the year 2017-2018 was:

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The financial report was adopted by the General Assembly.

5. Approval of the budget for the coming financial year

The budget for 2019 was shown by Stephan Kelchtermans. There were no comments and the budget was approved.

6. Approval of the annual plan for the coming year

Annual plan 2019

1. Planning of the championships together with FEI
2. Working on EU legislation in cooperation with European Horse Network and other organisations
3. Improve overall communication between the WBFSH and its studbooks through implementation of the marketing and communications plan.
4. Continue to improve overall communication between the WBFSH and FEI, for example through the WBFSH FEI Council.
5. To finalise implementation of a suitable platform that will provide clean, verified pedigree data, to enable data exchange with the FEI.
6. Verified breeding information on starting lists and other media
7. Sponsorships - work on attracting additional sponsors
8. Contact to international federations (COPA, EAAP etc)
9. Contact to international organisation of young breeders’ competition
10. Promote and maintain the WBFSH rankings of horse breeders, studbooks and the
stallions

11. Raising the profile & gaining greater recognition of the WBFSH through new initiatives e.g. develop our presence on social media, develop the idea that breeders’ get a share of competition prize money.

12. Install & facilitate one additional forum and carry forward the committee WBFSH-CIGA

13. To review the statutes as regards voting at general assemblies, enforcement of obligations of members, recognition of the studbook of origin and Respect of fellow WBFSH member studbooks.

14. Develop a document on setting up a studbook and how to become a WBFSH member.

15. Develop a policy manual on policy decisions by the board

Andries van Daalen (KWPN) enquired about the FEI-WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships and why it has never been hosted by any other venue or organising committee. Karoly Fugli replied that the FEI has an open and transparent bidding process and procedure of allocation for all types of FEI championships. Ronald Funke Küppers asked if the bids are open on a yearly basis. Bids are made for a given period (three to five years) depending on the championship. The allocation of FEI championships is decided upon by the FEI, but in the case of the World Breeding Championships, the WBFSH is consulted as per the MOU between the two organisations.

The annual plan for 2018 was approved by the General Assembly without comment.

7. Election of Board members (Retiring & eligible for re-election for a 3-year period - Chris Gould; Retiring - Thomas Nissen; new nominations for election for a 3-year period - Norbert Camp & Eva Maria Broomer)

It is the end of the three-year term for Chris Gould (CWHBA) and Thomas Nissen (HOLST). The CWHBA has nominated Chris Gould for re-election as Vice President for the Department of Internal Cooperation. Thomas Nissen has decided to retire as Vice President of the Department of External Cooperation.

Two new candidates have been nominated:
- Norbert Camp by the Verband der Züchter und Freunde des Ostpreussischen Warmblutpferdes Trakehner Abstammung e.V.
- Eva-Maria Broomer by the Anglo European Studbook

The voting procedure was chaired by Alison Corbally. She explained that a requirement of being a board member is to bring in with them an executive director for the executive committee, as well as providing office support of administrative tasks.

Each candidate was given an opportunity to introduce themselves to the General Assembly.

In a secret ballot vote of the General Assembly Chris Gould (CWHBA) was re-elected for the Department of Internal Cooperation and Norbert Camp (TRAK) was elected for the Department of External Cooperation for a three-year period. The secret ballots were counted by the General Manager Nadine Brandtner, Karoly Fugli (FEI) and Xavier Libbrecht.

8. Election of members for the Audit committee

(Referring to the statutes 3 members and two substitutes must be elected annually. In 2017, Alf Kjetil Andresen, Werner Schade, John Shenfield, Phillipp Lemaistre and Henrique Fonseca de Moraes Jnr. accepted standing for another year)

Phillippe Lemaistre (FRA), Werner Schade (GER) Alf-Kjetil Andresen (NOR), John Shenfield (GB) and Henrique Fonseca de Moraes Jnr (BRA) accepted standing for another term. The General Assembly agreed.
9. Election of members for the Board of Appeal
(Referring to the statutes 5 members must be elected every two years. In 2016 Theodor Leuchten, Hanfried Haring, Leopold Erasimus, Peter Ljungcrantz and Xavier Libbrecht were elected) (GA 7,8,9,10)

Theodor Leuchten (GER), Hanfried Haring (GER), Leopold Erasimus (AUT), Peter Ljungcrantz (SWE) and Xavier Libbrecht (FRA) accepted standing for another two-year period. The General Assembly agreed.

10. Election of members for the Disciplinary Committee
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Constanze Winter (GER), Phillippe Lemaistre (FRA) and Henrique Fonseca de Moraes Jnr (BRA) accepted standing for another two-year period. Dermot Ryan (IRE) has decided to stand down. Jim Flanagan was nominated to replace him. The General Assembly agreed.

11. New Members/Associates

Alison Corbally from the Department of Development presented applications that the WBFSH has received during the year and is working on. She also informed the General Assembly about the ratification process. Three studbooks accepted at the 2017 General Assembly in Billund (DEN) were up for ratification this year: Lithuanian Horse Breeders Association (LHBA), New Zealand Warmblood Association (NZWA) and New Zealand Hanoverian Society (NZHS).

Their memberships were ratified by the General Assembly.

News membership applications:

i. Sporthorse Studbook India (INSH)
The studbook was founded in 2016 to promote the interests of the Indian Sport Horse. The breeding goal is to breed for the three Olympic disciplines and is recognised as an official studbook by the Indian Equestrian Federation. The studbook has about 15 members, 20 active breeding mares and four approved stallions. In 2016 the studbook registered 44 horses. 20 foals were recorded in 2017. The foal registration system includes microchipping, UELN and specified naming rules for foals. DNA checks are in operation to verify the pedigree of each foal. Mares and stallions can be presented for inspection from 2 years of age and are assessed for conformation, movement and athleticism. The decision of the WBFSH board was that the studbook should re-apply for membership when it is more established. Associate membership is an option in the meantime.

ii. North American Studbook (NAS)
The studbook was founded in 2010. It is already an associate member of the WBFSH. Its goal is to create a competitive US-based studbook that will produce Olympic level horses in the disciplines of show jumping, dressage and eventing. It also aims to help the US market with their enormous number of unregistered and undocumented horses by offering a simple, customer-friendly way to register horses through the use of their ID/CP book. NAS is officially recognised by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) as a studbook. It had approximately 92 members at the time of application. Membership is free of charge.

The studbook has three sections - Main Book, Auxiliary Book and ID Papers/Certificate of Pedigree Book. It currently has about 70-80 active breeding mares, 25 approved stallions, 327 registered horses and 30-40 foals per year. Horses are DNA tested and identified by passport. Horses are inspected either by Young Horse Scoring method (foals & yearlings, traits in-hand on hard ground & on a triangle and at liberty) or by Mature Horse Scoring method (horses 2 years of age and older, compulsory phase on conformation, movement & type; one of two optional phases being either loose jumping or under saddle.
The decision of the WBFSH board was that the studbook should re-apply for membership when it is more established. This includes addressing governance issues such as formalising membership structure and holding an annual meeting.

### iii. Asociación Española de Criadores de Caballos Anglo-árabes (AECCAá)

The studbook was established in Spain in 1995. Its aim is to promote the Anglo-Arab breed in Spain and to assist in the production of Spanish-bred horses that will compete in the three Olympic disciplines, endurance and for traditional Spanish riding. The Association is an internationally recognised studbook and is integrated into the International Confederation of the Anglo-Arab (CIAA). The studbook is split into 4 sections - Anglo-Arab Section I to IV. It is a closed studbook (sections I & II) but Section III is partially open and Section IV is open.

At the time of application, the studbook had 983 members (315 breeders, 52 proprietors & 616 sympathizers), 420 active breeding mares, 94 active stallions approved and 7054 horses were registered. The number of foals per year has increased from 150 (2013) to 274 (2017). Horse’s passports are only issued upon producing a Covering certificate, and Birth certificate (authorized by veterinarian). Pedigrees are verified by DNA-testing. Each animal is microchipped and a ULEN provided. From 3 years of age horses may be used for breeding. There is a voluntary test for colts & fillies from 3 years of age called “Selection Test for Breeding”. Horses that score over 70% in these tests are named as “Qualified Reproductive Horses”. The Breed Improvement Plan is based on competition results in the three Olympic disciplines and in endurance. All governance criteria regarding the studbook operation were satisfactory. The decision of the WBFSH board was that the studbook is granted ‘member’ status. This will be due for ratification at the GA-2019.

### iv. Confédération Internationale de l’Anglo-Arabe (CIAA)

The CIAA already enquired in 2017 about application as a member. The issue was discussed whether the CIAA can be considered as a single studbook, bearing in mind that the studbooks that are members of the CIAA have separate UELNs. This could be addressed in a similar manner as the DSP. There has been further correspondence from the CIAA in 2018, but no application for has been received.

### 12. Motion from the Board

For the General Assembly 2018 no motions were put forward by the board.

### 13. Motion from members/associates

For the General Assembly 2018 no motions were put forward by the members or associates.

### 14. General Assembly 2019

Jan Pedersen welcomed Mark Bellissimo and Lisa Lourie from the Tryon Equestrian Partners, who will be hosting the WBFSH General Assembly 2019. Mark Bellissimo made a presentation on the Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) and its evolution since it was founded and how hosting the WEG 2018 served to introduce the venue as a World Equestrian Destination for sport, lifestyle and real estate.

One of his core messages was “The love of the horse is universal and profound. We need to better package the spirit of the horse and make it knowledgeable and accessible to a broader audience”. This holds true also for the sport horse breeding industry. While international equestrian sport is on the rise, the participation at national level is decreasing. This was illustrated by quoting USEF figures from 2012-2017. If fewer people are entering the sport and the customer base is aging away from the strongest economic group, the impact will reach the root of the sport also. Participation and spectatorship at a broad level are essential to attract and keep sponsors. Mark Bellissimo demonstrated the huge potential of this industry with multi-billion-dollar global economic impact, by showing how large the interest in the horse, the sport and in breeding is. In the world of sports, equestrian sport is ranked second to third in number of dedicated websites (approximately equal to golf, and topped only by soccer). On Facebook over 250 million people are identified with equestrian interests, and 11 million people are interested in horse breeding.
To boost both participation and spectatorship, to reach a larger target audience, his message was to “disrupt” the industry by re-inventing it, to challenge market dynamics instead of preserving the status quo for the sake of tradition. To underline this bold statement, he quoted Arthur Schopenhauer “Talent hits a target no one else can hit: Genius hits a target no one else can see”. The TEP have already started to discuss new formats with the FEI and they have the resources to take a leadership role in this.

At the GA-2019 the WBFSH delegates and the TEP will have the opportunity to discuss how these developments can influence the breeding industry if we allow it to, how to grow through collaboration with other organisations to develop the next generation of horse sport, instead of fighting innovation. There is potential to achieve great things, and the TEP look forward to working on finding new opportunities on this regard with the WBFSH.

The full presentation can be found on the WBFSH website: http://www.wbfs.org/files/WBFSH_Presentation_on_Tryon_Equestrian_Partners_2018.pdf

15. Miscellaneous
a. Annual report from International Young Breeders, (#GA 15a)
Wendy Colon presented the IYB annual report 2018. The first IYB Judges & Trainers Workshop was held at Blue Hors Stud in Denmark in July 2018. The key focus of the workshop was to discuss the scoring for IYB World Championships across the disciplines of conformation, loose movement & jump, and in-hand presentation. 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. The workshop also provided a platform to discuss the rules of the championships and discussion around future developments.

It was announced that the 2019 IYB World Championship would take place from 18th to 21st July 2019 in Austria, hosted by Studbook Z.A.P. (Zentrale Arbeitsgemeinschaft Österreichischer Pferdezüchter) together with Pferdezentrum Stadt-Paura.

The full report can be found on the WBFSH website: http://www.wbfs.org/files/International_Young_Breeders_WBFSH_presentation_at_GA_2018.pdf

b. Report from EAAP 2018 (Kathrin Stock, member of EAAP Horse Commission)
Kathrin Stock reported on research news from the EAAP annual meeting in Dubrovnik/Croatia which included research news on topics such as the challenges of livestock production systems linked to digitalisation, climate change and societal demands. Topics of interest included horse welfare and behaviour, the horse industry in Europe, collaborative efforts in research, specifically equine genetics and genomics. The fifth international workshop on linear profiling was announced to be taking place in Flyinge (SWE) from 22nd to 23rd January 2019.

The activities, plans and perspectives of the EAAP Horse Commission are to provide specific support to studbooks, to develop and use of the network (e.g. knowledge transfer, support of R&D initiatives) as well as to focus on implications and prospects for horse breeding.


c. Xavier Libbrecht - Breeders’ Premium
Xavier Libbrecht briefly reported on a working group he had called together to discuss the potential of introducing an international breeders’ premium, i.e. a percentage prize money for breeders. He was invited by the International Equestrian Organisers Alliance (IEOA) and the Alliance of Jumping Organisers (AJO) to the FEI Sports Forum in Lausanne in March 2018 to present the idea there.

The working group, which represents show organisers, riders, breeders and the FEI, was scheduled to meet in Geneva at the CHI the following week to answer questions and discuss further how this could be realised.
d. Karoly Fugli

To refer back to the query earlier in the general assembly regarding applications to host the FEI-WBFSH Jumping World Breeding Championship for Young Horses (or any world championship), information regarding bidding application deadlines and procedures before the FEI bureau selects a host can be found at: https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI%20Championships%20Finals%202018-2024_1.pdf

The bids are closed and hosts are assigned for all three disciplines of the World Breeding Championships until and including 2021. For all three disciplines the bids are open from 2022 onwards, with the submission deadlines being 30\(^{th}\) November 2019 for all three disciplines for hosting in 2022. The FEI bureau will make a decision regarding these championships in the spring of 2020.

Karoly Fugli also showed where on the FEI website the statistics for trends in the international sport can be found. https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/publications/fei-annual-report/2017/feifactsandstats/

From 2007-2017 the number of FEI events taking place has increased by 114\%, with the leading discipline being jumping (1659 events in 2017), followed by endurance (930), eventing (675) and dressage (589).

From 2009 to 2017 the number of FEI athlete registrations has increased by 58\% and the FEI horse registrations by 72\%. In 2017 there were 82,609 FEI registered horse, of which 49,157 horses were registered for the discipline jumping.

Vilhelmsborg, 20\(^{th}\) Dec 2018