

Minutes of WBFSH x-ray meeting on November 12th 2015 in Paris

Venue: Vet School Maisons Alfort - France

Objectives:

Update the diagrams

Finalize the harmonization of the findings interpretation

Finalize the harmonization of the scoring scale

Vet experts present:

Maureen Prendergast for Ireland

Johnny Sørensen & Hans Schougaard for Denmark

Werner Jahn for Germany

Didier Sertheyn for Belgium

Jean Marie Denoix for France

Paul Hubert representing the WBFSH

1/Update the diagrams

Adoption of the recommendation to focus the fetlock x-ray on the fetlock instead of taking the picture of the fetlock focused on the foot to spear 1 shot.

The additional x- ray will probably be included in the same price because thanks to the digital technology, it asks a bit more time but not more product consumption.

Confirmation of the recommendation to take shoes off before making feet x-rays.

2/ Findings interpretation

Germany & France have both exhaustive x-ray guidelines.

Germany is planning to publish updated x- ray guidelines during spring 2016.



Dr Jahn could return home with the French guidelines in order to finalize the harmonization of the guidelines.

Foot :

- the lollypops do not have a different signification following their position on the navicular bone.
- ossification of the side bones: Ireland has a very accurate classification of their grade.

The ossification can be progressive all the life, but grade 1 can also stay similar all the life.

- distal phalanx subchondral bone cysts: if the stallion has only 1 cyst & the rest of the skeleton is intact, the stallion is not excluded.

Fetlock:

the lesions on the forelegs are more significant than on the hindlegs.

Hock:

Several Danish ponies jump at high level with intertarsal collapse.

Horses are more sensible.

Stifle:

Flattening is accepted.

Concavity is excluded.

3/Scoring Scale Harmonization

The X-Ray Committee's philosophy is to see the global skeleton & not to focus on 1 lesion.

Conclusion : the Ostéo articulaire score is the most objective way to achieve that goal!

Because of their philosophy concentrated on OCD selection, the Breeding Societies are not all deciding on scoring.

Several do on black or white decision, but OCD remains a multifactorial trouble.