



2012/2013 annual Report of the WBFSH Breeding Department

This year, the breeding department was involved in 4 actions :

- the draft of European zootechnic régulation
 - the draft of European regulation concerning identification (amendments to the 504/2008)
 - the agreement WBFSH/FEI concerning the exchange of data between stud books and National/International equestrain fédérations.
 - the management of the ueln website and the HUB project
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- the draft of new European zootechnic régulation : this document was sent to the EU governments at the end of 2012. All species are concerned , but with specific rules for horses. It seemed able to create problems for existing stud books and breeders :
 - it would not have been necessary to present a covering certificate from the stallion's owner to obtain the registration of a foal
 - new stud books of the same breed would have the opportunity to be recognized easily, even in the same country, against existing ones
 - the basis of the genetic improvement policy could be ignored, which would endanger the efforts of the stud books to produce better and better sport horses
 - a letter was sent by WBFSH to the EC asking for some amendments and each stud book and/or federation replied to its own government in order to avoid some consequences
 - the draft of European regulation concerning identification (amendments to the 504/2008) : following several problems concerning identification of horses, the EC decided to issue new amendments to existing rules since 2008. It appears now that, except the reminder of the need of a central database in each country, this new regulation does not create new obligations to the breeders. But this new regulation would emphasize the need for an organization of data exchange, that WBFSH promotes for many years.
 - the agreement WBFSH/FEI concerning the exchange of data between stud books and National/International equestrain fédérations : WBFSH had a meeting with FEI concerning the agreement, in which appears the section concerning the HUB. At this time, the FEI is still working on the agreement and asks for an else meeting in order to finalize the agreement. FEI is very interested to obtain horses data from the stud books and to give them the performances of their horses, but it would like to be sure that a majority of stud books will participate to the project of exchange of data throu the HUB.
 - the management of the ueln website and the HUB project : Bérengère Lacroix is permanently answering questions from everywhere in the world concerning the UELN rules and she had to help solving some problems arising due to a misinterpretation of the rules, especially when countries issue new passports and / or provide new UELN numbers to imported horses. During the year, it appeared that the use of the HUB could be made more interesting if a query module of the identity of a horse from its transponder was added. This new module will be proposed to the WHIRDEC meeting in Warsaw.