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1. The Development Department

Mr Jim Flanagan is a Vice President of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) and Ms Alison Corbally is a member of the Executive Committee, both representing the Irish Sport Horse Studbook. Mrs Deirdre Harty, also a representative of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook, co-ordinates the activities of the Development Department.

2. The Role of the Development Department

The main function of the Development Department is to promote growth in the membership of the WBFSH. The Development Department is responsible for the processing of applications from studbooks that wish to join the WBFSH. Studbooks may be accepted as either a 'Member' or an 'Associate Member' in accordance with the Statutes of the WBFSH.

The Development Department assesses each application and presents it to the Executive Committee. Executive Committee makes a recommendation to the Board of the WBFSH in relation to membership applications. The Board decides on applications subject to ratification at the Annual General Assembly.

The Development Department is also responsible for proposing alterations to the Statutes of the WBFSH, as appropriate. In addition, the Development Department deals with matters that arise in relation to the adherence to the principles contained in the statutes of the WBFSH by member studbooks, and by the WBFSH itself.

3. Membership Applications 2013

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An application for membership of the WBFSH from the Slovak Warmblood Studbook was received on the 15th February 2013 and was completed in June 2013.

There are approximately 14,600 horses in the Slovak Republic. The most popular equestrian disciplines are showjumping, dressage, vaulting and endurance. The Slovak Warmblood Studbook, which is maintained by the Slovak Horse Breeders Association and approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, has been the most popular breed in the country since the formation of the Slovak Republic in 1993. The breed originated from Austrian and Hungarian warmblood breeds in addition to Arab and Thoroughbred horses. Slovak Warmbloods are used in the disciplines of showjumping, dressage and driving.

The Slovak Warmblood Studbook assesses their stallions through an 80 day test and through their performance in competition. Mares are assessed by means of a linear assessment and on the basis of their performance. The studbook also accepts horses from other warmblood breeds across the EU.

There are approximately 150 members of the Slovak Warmblood Studbook and 1,650 horses registered in the studbook. Between 150 and 200 foals are registered annually and there are approximately 800 active mares and 16 active stallions in the studbook.

For further information on the Slovak Warmblood Studbook please visit www.horses.sk.

The application from the Slovak Warmblood Studbook will be presented to the Board and Executive of the WBFSH on the 6th October 2013.

(ii) Furioso Studbook

An application for membership of the WBFSH from the Furioso Studbook was received on the 15th February 2013 and was completed in June 2013.

The Furioso Studbook is also maintained by the Slovak Horse Breeders Association and is approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. It is an endangered breed which originated from horses from the former Austria Hungarian monarchy, including various halfbreds, Arabs, Thoroughbreds, Gidran, Catalin and Anglo-Norman horses. The studbook accepts horses from certain related populations in Hungary, Romania and the Czech Republic. Furioso horses are used in the disciplines of showjumping, dressage and driving.

The Furioso Studbook assesses their stallions through an 80 day test and through their performance in competition. Mares are assessed by means of a linear assessment and on the basis of their performance. Inbreeding levels within the breed are calculated by the Slovak Agricultural University.

There are approximately 25 members of the Furioso Studbook and 200 horses registered in the studbook. Between 20 and 30 foals are registered annually and there are approximately 150 active mares and 16 active stallions in the studbook.

For further information on the studbook please visit www.horses.sk.

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