



WBFSH
General Assembly and Seminar
Apeldoorn, The Netherlands
6 and 7 November 2007



'Tools for Selection'



Deadline
September 24

A couple of weeks ago you have been send an invitation and all the necessary forms to participate in this years WBFSH general Assembly and Seminar in Apeldoorn, the Netherlands. Hopefully you have filled it all in and send it off allready. If you have not replied yet, please don't forget that the deadline is September 24th. Did you not send it off yet? Please do it now! You have a couple more days to reply. With such an extended program, you can't miss this year's General Assembly and seminar!

KWPN stallions at work in performance test

For the seminar session Tools for selection III, 'Performance tests' we will visit the Dutch Equestrian Centre in Ermelo.

In order to earn their KWPN-approval, stallions are tested during 70 days on a central facility. The owners of the stallions are free to choose between enrolment in a spring-test or an autumn-test. The autumn test is running while the WBFSH has it's annual meeting and that provides a unique possibility to have a look while KWPN stallions are being tested on their ability for jumping or dressage. Of course it is more then just a look; the way of training, testing and judging of the stallions will be discussed by several people among which are members of the KWPN stallion selection committee. Scientists will be invited to elaborate on the role that performance tests can have in breeding programs for sport horses.

After the recent spring-test, nine jumping stallions, ten dressage stallions and one Gelder type stallion were approved by KWPN. For the autumn test, that starts on the 20th of September around 40 young stallions (jumping or dressage) are expected. You will see them three weeks before their final exam (November 28th).



Team Nijhof

On Monday and Thursday you are invited to join the pre- and post- meeting tours. On Monday we will visit Nijhof stud in Geesteren. Team Nijhof is a very versatile company. They have a sportstable, a EU certified semen collection centre, and one of the stud-farms where they breed and rear young horses of the best bloodlines. They have an extended clientele in all parts of the world. Jeanette Nijhof explains: "We export semen and horses from South Africa to Finland and from Canada to Brasil. It will be a pleasure to show our business and explain how we work. We are looking forward to meeting you!"



Monday, Nov 5

Pre-Meeting Tour
Team Nijhof and other
Welcome Reception

Tuesday, Nov 6

Seminar: Data exchange,
Tools for selection I
'Horse personality'
and II 'Selection in foals'
Guided Tour Royal Stables
Dinner by invitation of KWPN

Wednesday, Nov 7

General Assembly
Seminar:
Tools for Selection III
'Performance testing'

Thursday, Nov 8

Post-Meeting Tour
VDL Stud and
Laarakkers dressage
stables