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Minutes of the WBFSH General Assembly 2021

Wednesday, 13th October 2021

Web-Conference: 13h00 (CEST)

AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2020 (#GA2)
3. Presentation of activity reports by Jan Pedersen and discussion of the written reports of the departments, (#GA3.1) (#GA3.2) (#GA3.3) (#GA3.4) (#GA3.5) (#GA3.6)
 - a. WBFSH Re-brand (Eva-Maria Broomer)
 - b. Presentation SOI Report (Chris Gould)
4. Financial report (#GA4 & 5)
5. Approval of the budget for the coming financial year (#GA4 & 5)
6. Approval of the annual plan for the coming year (#GA6)
7. Election of Board members (#GA 7 & 8)
Retiring and eligible for re-election for a 3-year period: Vice Presidents Chris Gould (CAN) and Norbert Camp (GER). Nominated for a 3-year period: Renai Hart (NZL)
8. Election of members for the Audit committee (#GA 7 & 8)
Referring to the statutes, 3 members and two substitutes must be elected annually. In 2020, Alf Kjetil Andresen, John Shenfield, Wilken Treu, Guillaume Blanc and Charmaine Bergman had accepted standing for another year.
9. New Members/Associates (#GA 9)
10. Motion from the Board
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 - a. Update from EAAP Horse Commission representative (Kathrin Stock)
 - b. Update from IYB President (Inge Madsen)
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 - d. WBFSH Rankings –Studbooks of the Year 2021, Breeders of the Year 2021
 - e. Update WBFSH sponsor agent (Xavier Libbrecht)



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MINUTES

1. Opening and welcome

The WBFSH President Jan Pedersen welcomed the participants to the general assembly, held virtually for the second time due to the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2020 (#GA2)

The minutes of the WBFSH General Assembly 2020 were adopted without comments.

3. Presentation of activity reports by Jan Pedersen and discussion of the written reports of the departments (#GA3.1) (#GA3.2) (#GA3.3) (#GA3.4) (#GA3.5) (#GA3.6)

Following two difficult years due to the Corona pandemic there has been a partial return to normality. Many events are still taking place on a smaller scale, with few or no spectators. This has affected the support of sponsors and the financial situation of many studbooks in general. The increasing number of coverings were already be observed last year, seemed to continue in 2021. The decreased number of coverings for several years before that, following the financial crisis, has led to a shortage of horses for sale. Therefore, there is now a good market for horses, with many reports of fantastic foal auctions, and the WBFSH Young Horse Championships in Verden and Lanaken were well-attended marketplaces buzzing with activity. The new auction format, the “hybrid auction” that developed during the COVID 19 crisis, has proven to be remarkably successful and President Pedersen is sure this will go down in history as a positive side effect of the pandemic. All in all, there is reason to be very pleased with the current horse market.

RESTRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENTS

Shortly after the GA-2020 a process of restructuring the departments was initiated. Gradual changes within the WBFSH and its activities had developed over the past 4 years, since the last strategic plan was implemented. As of 2021, the new strategic plan for the next four years will be followed. At the GA-2020 a new board member, Eva-Maria Broomer, and executive director, Ralph van Venrooij, joined the team. The combination of these factors necessitated a review of the department structure, to ensure that activities are distributed to the departments, according to the available resources and skills. Over the months following the GA-2020, a draft was re-worked several times, with the board members giving feedback for finetuning the new structure. The final version of the restructure is now in place. Jan Pedersen gave a briefly overview of the Departments and their functions.

The General Manager has a close collaboration with all departments, overseeing WBFSH projects in general. She manages the WBFSH Rankings, and also represents the WBFSH publicly, together with the President. Apart from that she is responsible for our Rankings.

The new Department of Marketing, Communications and Promotion was set up at the beginning of 2021 to help the promotion the WBFSH. Among other tasks the area of responsibility of this department is the website and social media. Jan Pedersen reported that, thanks to Eva Maria Broomer and the General Manager, he is proud of how far the WBFSH has already come in this



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area since last year. A presentation by Dr. Eva-Maria Broomer on the WBFSH re-brand was to follow after the president's report.

The Department of External Cooperation has been responsible for several years for maintaining and expanding contacts with key industry stakeholders. These include the FEI, individual National Federations and the Commission of the European Union. The Department works closely with the General Manager to keep an eye on the global interests of all WBFSH members and breeders.

The new Department of Scientific Collaboration was created to coordinate the organisation's work in initiatives such as the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), and as such, to reflect the increasing importance of science and research in sport horse. This has become a hub for the exchange of information in scientific research related to breeding. The department will make the latest scientific developments and information available to the WBFSH members.

The Department of Development Department has received a broadened mandate with the new structure, to support all studbooks in carrying out initiatives to aid industry development, and to provide member services. This reflects the long-term strategic plan of the WBFSH and will allow the team to continue to foster new cooperative initiatives among and on behalf of the members. The aims of the department are to facilitate collaboration and exchange of knowledge, to develop services to our members, and to strengthen the position of breeding in the equine industry.

The Finance Department continues to look after the budget of the organisation, which is shared every year at the General Assembly to ensure the members understand how their money is spent.

The Department of Breeding oversees a range of projects that support the breeding of the best sport horses, one of the key objectives of the WBFSH. Among other important tasks, this Department concerns itself with the development of a "Good Breeding Practice Protocol" and the development of a tool for Traceability of Genetic Material.

The Secretariat is still based in the Danish Warmblood Studbook offices at the Vilhelmsborg Manor. It handles the administration of the WBFSH and regularly corresponds with the many members across the world. The secretariat has taken over the management of membership applications.

TRACEABILITY OF GENETICAL MATERIAL

This project is an area of responsibility of the Breeding Department. It is a sensitive subject which concerns multiple actors of the industry. The WBFSH advises and reminds breeders about the importance of original and genuine certificates and publishes articles on the topic. At first a solution to the problem seemed manageable, but during the discussions the complexity of the problem has become more evident. There is still no solution, but the project is ongoing, albeit with a different focus.

MEMBER SERVICES

The Development Department has again brought focus to Member Services, including World Breeding News, the studbook services agency Equis, and the Legacy Award. Good progress has been made in each of these areas.



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As to *World Breeding News* (WBN), the WBFSH Tribune articles have been well received and the number of contributors to these articles has increased. WBN is certainly an important organ for communication, as it reaches a general audience in addition to the WBFSH members.

The Equis initiative was intended to provide sophisticated studbook services to the smaller studbooks. There has been some uptake on this and joining the system is still possible.

The Legacy Awards will recognise outstanding contributions to the development of the sport horse sector. While contributions to breed excellence will be prioritised, any contribution that has had a lasting and highly significant impact on the sport horse industry will be considered. Nominations for WBFSH Legacy Awards will be made by Member Studbooks of WBFSH and will be evaluated by an Evaluation Panel set up by WBFSH. Nominees should be one of the following:

- i. A horse that is remarkable for its performance in breeding or sport
- ii. A person or a group of individuals acting collectively
- iii. An organisation.

Decisions on Awards will be made by an Evaluation Panel. It is anticipated that one WBFSH Legacy Award will be made in each category each year. A WBFSH Legacy Award will consist of an Award Certificate and a Prize. In addition, recipients of WBFSH Legacy Awards will be profiled on the WBFSH website Legacy page and in articles in the magazine *World Breeding News*.

The Department Development has also initiated the *State Of The Industry (SOI) - Annual Report*. A presentation on the SOI Report by Chris Gould was to follow after the President's Report.

DATA EXCHANGE WITH THE FEI

The project for data exchange between the studbooks and the FEI has been under development for some years. It had been hoped that it would be fully operational at the time of the GA-2021. While the delivery of horse data to the FEI is possible and seems to be running, the delivery of the sport data from FEI to the participating pilot studbooks (the German studbooks and the BWP) is not functioning yet as contractually agreed.

ISSUING OF PASSPORTS

The WBFSH still works closely with the European Horse Network. The main focus has been to lobby for the right of the breeding associations to continue issuing passports for the foals they register. These efforts have come to fruition and led to the result that horse breeding associations in the EU remain responsible for issuing equine passports for foals registered by them. Part of the credit for this success should be given to Dr. Alf-Eckbert Füssel from the European Commission with whom the WBFSH has had a good cooperation for many years. He retired recently and Jan Pedersen stated he hoped that the WBFSH would be able to maintain a similar relationship with his successor.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

FEI-WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championships for Young Horses

At the time of the 2020 WBFSH General Assembly, there had still been hope that the FEI-WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championships could be held indoor in Verden in December 2020. Shortly after it became clear that a cancellation was unavoidable due to the various Corona restrictions in December 2020.

The 2021 event was scheduled to take place in Ermelo, but the organising committee of Ermelo kindly offered that the event could be held in Verden instead. It was a pleasure to return to wonderful and completely redesigned showgrounds of Verden.



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However, the event was faced with Corona restrictions, and it was regretful that not all dressage lovers who wanted attend could be accommodated. Despite this, the organisers delivered a successful event under difficult conditions. From a sporting and breeding perspective, the value of these championships endures beyond these temporary challenges and the quality of both horses and riding was very high.

The 2021 Winners: Five-Year-Old Horses: Hesselhøj Down Town (DWB by Donkey Boy / Zack)
 Rider: Jeanna Högberg
 Breeder: Dorte & Hans Jørgen Höck
 Six-Year-Old Horses: Kjento (KWPN by Negro / Jazz)
 Rider: Charlotte Fry
 Breeder: A.J. van Os
 Seven-Year-Old Horses: Jovian (KWPN by Apache / Tango)
 Rider: Andreas Helgstrand
 Breeder: E.T. Ten Bosch

FEI-WBFSH Jumping World Breeding Championships for Young Horses

This event was not much affected by the pandemic. As usual the organisation was extremely efficient, and the event saw brilliant sport and outstanding young horses.

The 2021 Winners: Five-Year-Old Horses: Querido (BWP by Dominator Z / Chellano)
 Rider: Christian Ahlmann
 Breeder: Alois Van Gorp
 Six-Year-Old Horses: Coros (WESTF by Cornet Obolensky / Arpeggio)
 Rider: Philipp Weishaupt
 Breeder: Werner Buschieweke
 Seven-Year-Old Horses: Just a Dream (KWPN by Zirocco Blue / Carano)
 Rider: Harm Lahde
 Breeder: Family Nooren

FEI-WBFSH Eventing World Breeding Championships for Young Horses

Despite all of the Covid-19 restrictions last year, this championship did take place last year in 2020. The 2021 championships were scheduled for the week following the WBFSH GA-2021.

The 2021 Winners: Six-Year-Old Horses: Cascamara (WESTF by Cascadello / Templer GL XX)
 Rider: Ingrid Klimke
 Breeder: Helmut Bergendahl
 Seven-Year-Old Horses: Sweetwaters Ziethen (TRAK by Abendtanz /
 Campetot AA)
 Rider: Sophie Leube
 Breeder: Dieter Schön

DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING, COMMUNICATIONS & PROMOTION

The department was established at the beginning of 2021, initially focusing mainly on the development of a marketing and promotions plan. Phase One development of a new state-of-the-art website has been completed, with further development in process. Furthermore, the department has increased the visibility of the WBFSH. For this purpose, the brand identity has been developed



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to offer a fresh and modern reflection of the WBFSH brand and values. To enhance the WBFSH's presence at one of its key events, the WBFSH had its own purpose-designed stand at the Dressage World Championships in Verden. The stand was well-visited, and it was ideal to offer breeders, visitors and administrators a location to get together and network.

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION

In 2017, the WBFSH set up a committee for Collaborative Implementation of Genomic Applications in Sport Horses (CIGA). This has become a hub for exchange of information in scientific research related to breeding. Since then, the scope of the committee has grown and evolved, resulting in the decision to rename the committee to SAC – Scientific Advisory Committee. The committee consists of representatives from various WBFSH studbooks, as well as scientific advisors. Its primary aim is to foster and support information sharing and collaboration among member studbooks in the areas of linear profiling, breeding evaluations, and genomic application in sport horse breeding. Furthermore, the committee has set up an information platform on the WBFSH website. If a WBFSH member studbook needs support to implement linear profiling, breeding evaluation or genomic selection, SAC can connect them with an expert that can give some advice.

INTERNATIONAL BREEDING VALUES (IBV)

In the designing this project, it was decided to focus first on jumping because the competition results are easier to compare between countries than dressage results can be. To keep it simple to start, Germany, KWPN, SF and BWP should deliver raw national competition data on jumping for the pilot phase. If the data can be linked in a meaningful way, and the MACE model can be adapted to the needs of equestrian sport, the IBV project can grow, more studbooks can join and the development of an adjusted MACE model for dressage and eventing can be initiated. The biggest challenges at present are securing funding for the development phase (estimated 240,000 Euros), as well as ensuring adequate supply and quality of international and national sport data, from the FEI and National Federations. Drawing up appropriate contractual agreements can then follow.

SECRETARIAT

The WBFSH secretariat has taken over the former Department of Development's function to process membership applications. The secretariat corresponds with applicants and assesses each application before it is presented it to the Executive Committee and the Board.

LONGINES WBFSH BREEDERS AWARD

Due to Covid-19 the LONGINES WBFSH Breeders Award ceremony 2021 has been postponed and will take place on the 5th of February 2022 in Bordeaux.

a. WBFSH Re-brand (Eva-Maria Broomer)

Eva-Maria Broomer gave an update of the development of the next phase of the new website. The vision for the website is to create a hub for communication and information sharing, with convenient access to members' services through login capabilities that provide for a customised user experience. The CMS to allow for this in completing construction.

Materials such as presentations, webinars and useful articles and summaries, as well as archive documents such a position statements, will be available through a virtual library. Information



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that is privileged to studbook member will include for example, meeting minutes. There will be sections of the library that are accessible to any registered, logged in users, which include files on historic rankings, statues, public information on projects and general assemblies.

Studbooks will be given the opportunity to have dedicated studbook pages on the website, to show case their activities. Three pilot studbooks have already provided information for a studbook page (HSH, NZHS and KWPN). These pilot pages can be viewed at these links: <https://www.wbfsch.com/hsh>, <https://www.wbfsch.com/nzhs> and <https://www.wbfsch.com/kwpm> In the new year, more studbooks will be invited to sign up for their own studbook pages.

A copy of Eva-Maria Broomer's presentation is available on the WBFSH website at this link: ([https://www.wbfsch.com/downloads/general-assembly/2021/\(GA%203.a\)WBFSHMarketingPresentation\(Eva-Maria%20Broomer\).pdf](https://www.wbfsch.com/downloads/general-assembly/2021/(GA%203.a)WBFSHMarketingPresentation(Eva-Maria%20Broomer).pdf))

b. Presentation SOI Report (Chris Gould)

Chris Gould presented a project initiated by his department in 2021. The State of the Industry (SOI) Report will endeavour to describe the industry, its scope and the issues it faces. Data will be collected and collated annually, to create a body of valuable information that he and his executive Edward Kendall hope will inform, and influence decisions by made breeders, breed societies and public policy makers in order to help sustain the industry, improve the welfare of the horse and ensure future generations can continue to enjoy the benefits of an ongoing relationship with horses. The scope of the report includes:

- Data on production and use of horses for sport
- Relevant transportation, zootechnical and health regulations
- Insight into allied horse activity (racing, western riding, leisure)
- Consideration of the social license and the environment

A short summary of the preliminary results was presented and can be downloaded from the WBFSH website

([https://www.wbfsch.com/downloads/general-assembly/2021/\(GA%203.b\)StateoftheIndustryPresentation\(Chris-Gould-CWHBA\).pdf](https://www.wbfsch.com/downloads/general-assembly/2021/(GA%203.b)StateoftheIndustryPresentation(Chris-Gould-CWHBA).pdf))

4. Financial report (#GA4 & 5)

The financial report 2021 was presented by Stephan Kelchtermans (Vice President, Dept Finance). The fiscal year runs from 1st September to 31st August every year.

The result of the year 2020-2021 was:

Total Revenues during fiscal year € 233,237.77
Total Revenues after end of fiscal year € 31,240.00
Outstanding Revenues € 30,190.00
Total Expenses during fiscal year € - 208,413.03
Total Expenses after end of fiscal year € 0
Outstanding Expenses € - 4,625.00
Balance € 81,629.74

The total balance of the financial report and the amounts in the bank accounts for 2021 is € 286,579.30. The financial report has been presented to and checked by the audit committee and was adopted by the General Assembly without any comments and questions.



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5. **Approval of the budget for the coming financial year** (#GA4 & 5)

Stephan Kelchtermans presented the budget for 2022 (Revenues € 279,123.60 and Expenses € 277,798.00). There were no comments, and the budget for 2022 was approved by the general assembly.

6. **Approval of the annual plan for the coming year** (#GA6)

WBFSH Annual plan 2022

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 collaboration 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. Continued support of 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, and continue to develop the WBFSH website.
12. Continue the work of the WBFSH SAC committee
13. Make progress with the establishment of WBFSH International Breeding Values (IBVs)
14. Continue working with EQUIS to provide a database management system for small studbooks
15. Continue work with appointed task force to explore and provide advice on good breeding practice in the tracing of genetic material.
16. Consult with the Non-EU studbooks to address issues specific to them and increase their engagement in the federation

7. **Election of Board members** (#GA 7 & 8)

It was the end of the three-year term for Vice Presidents Chris Gould (CWHBA) and Norbert Camp (GER). Both board members were nominated for re-election by their studbooks, the Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association (CWHBA) and the Trakehner Verband (TRAK) respectively. A new nomination had been received for Renai Hart (NZHS/NZL).

A digital and anonymous voting protocol had been developed for the online general assembly and had been approved by the law firm VOBIS Law (Antwerp/BEL). The voting procedure was audited by the polling committee, made up of Rik van Miert (WBFSH honorary member) and Marc Boudewijns (attorney VOBIS Law) and Nadine Brandtner.

The voting results were: Norbert Camp (123 votes), Renai Hart (84 votes), and Chris Gould (71 votes). Jan Pedersen thanked Chris Gould for his many years of loyal service and welcomed Norbert Camp and Renai Hart to the WBFSH board.



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8. Election of members for the Audit committee (#GA 7 & 8)

Referring to the statutes, 3 members and two substitutes are elected annually. In 2020, Alf Kjetil Andresen, John Shenfield, Wilken Treu, Guillaume Blanc and Charmaine Bergman were appointed to the audit committee. Two new nominations for members of the audit committee were Alison Corbally (IRE) and Meghan de Garay (USA). Alf Kjetil Andresen (NOR), Wilken Treu (GER) and Guillaume Blanc (FRA) were willing to stand for another year. These five members were approved by the general assembly.

9. New Members/Associates (#GA 9)

In 2020, two studbooks were granted full membership status. At the WBFSH GA-2021 the memberships of these two new members (North American Studbook – NAS and Koninklijk Friesch Paarden-Stamboek – KFPS) was ratified.

Karina Christiansen reported on the membership application received by the Cheval du Dressage Français (CDE), a newly founded studbook officially recognised in France by the Ministry of Agriculture. The studbook was founded in 2020 and its focus is to breed dressage horses, that are a cross of the Lusitano and warmblood sport horses with performance or genetic predispositions for the discipline dressage. All breeds/studbooks of sport horses registered with the WBFSH are permitted in the breeding program. Horses are eligible for entry into the CDF studbook if they carry a minimum of 12.5%, but less than 100% Lusitano blood (i.e. pure-bred Lusitanos are not eligible for CDF studbook entry).

At the time of the application the studbook included a total of 296 horses (220 mares, 44 stallions, 32 foals). In 2020 32 foals were registered. It is expected for this number to grow to approx. 100 foals for 2021, and to approx. 500 foals over the following five years. The studbook currently has 30 members, and expects to reach a number of 100 members by the end of 2021.

The CDF studbook uses the UELN system, foals must be reported to the IFCE, and passports are issued by the IFCE with “250001” UELN numbers. Foals are microchipped, and parentage is verified by DNA analysis.

The breeding program is clearly laid out, with both mares and stallions having to meet specified requirements, for them to be used in the breeding program. The recommendation of the executive committee to the board was that this studbook should be granted associate status, and reapply when the studbook is more established and is able to demonstrate its viability. The general assembly had no objections.

10. Motion from the Board

There were no motions from the board.

11. Motion from members/associates (#GA 11)

President Jan Pedersen informed the general assembly, that the letter submitted to him by the ACE Studbook (Australian Continental Equestrian Group Inc.) prior to the WBFSH GA-2021 was more of a discussion item than a motion. ACE was requesting whether it would be possible, and whether there was interest for studbooks to share their horse databases including DNA profiles.

Ulrich Klatte (President ACE Studbook) confirmed that the submission constituted a suggestion rather than a motion. In Australia, many breeders do not see the value of registering horses with studbooks, resulting in massive issues of unregistered horses without verification of parentage. Australian-based studbooks are therefore required to request DNA and process



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parentage manually, but electronic processing would make the procedure more efficient. The ACE Studbook therefore suggested that the WBFSH lobby to the FEI, that competition horses should only be accepted if their have a verified pedigree. Jan Pedersen agreed that this is a significant problem and that the topic should be addressed by WBFSH.

Bérengère Lacroix (SBSF) recommended that studbooks make DNA testing compulsory. Furthermore, she recommended studbooks liaise with their national laboratories for support with pedigree verification. Ulrich Klatte explained the situation in Australia. While the studbooks do check pedigrees of registered horses, access to electronic DNA profiles will substantially simplify procedures, especially due to large amounts of imported frozen semen that are used and require verification.

Chris Gould (CWHBA) confirmed that Canada also faces this issue, and suggested two solutions: 1) WHIRDEC can help, utilising the Equis platform. 2) The WBFSH-FEI data exchange will in the future directly clean the data. Mindi Hunt (SAWHS) remarked that South Africa is in the same situation. They are building a horse database, with the aim that all horses should be DNA checked. But there is still a significant amount of work to be done to collect correct information. This required collaboration between stakeholders. Kelley Stachon (KWPN-NA) reported that their studbook entered an agreement with USEF in 2017, to ensure correct information. She suggested other studbooks come to similar agreements with the national federations. The American Warmblood Registry (AWR, Verena Krueppe) have been doing DNA verification for the last 14-15 years. Only registered and DNA-verified horses are eligible to compete.

Bérengère Lacroix from the Department Breeding shared a guideline from the IFHA (International Federation of Horseracing Authorities) website:

"The Export Certificate or Electronic Notification of Export (including markings) may only be issued by the Approved Stud Book of the country of birth of the horse. The DNA Certificate must also be included. It is sent directly or made available on a website by the exporting authority to the Stud Book Authority (or, in the case of Special Racing Authorities, to the Racing Authority) of the country to which the horse is exported when the exportation is permanent, or when the period of export exceeds the period for which the clearance notification or the endorsement of the document of identification is valid"(article 15)

She explained that by default, other sport horse studbooks have adopted the same rule, and DNA profiles are considered property of the studbook. Freely circulating such information to the public is not in the interest of the studbooks and would undermine their core function, which is to carry out selection for breed improvement. While it is the WBFSH's position that registration of horses should not be made too easy, and therefore hinder traceability, a shared system of DNA-profiles between studbooks will only be feasible if all WBFSH studbooks agree to participate.

12. General Assembly 2022

The Southern German Studbooks of the German Sport Horse (DSP), who were the original hosts for the GA-2020 have graciously agreed to host the GA-2022, after having to postpone the live general assembly for a further year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. President Jan Pedersen thanked the DSP for their continued understanding and cooperation and said that the WBFSH looks forward to finally meeting again in person in 2022.



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13. Miscellaneous

a. Update from EAAP Horse Commission representative (Kathrin Stock)

Dr Kathrin Stock presented a summary of the EAAP's 2021 activities. Unfortunately, due to a poor signal, she was not able to complete her presentation. A copy of the presentation will be provided to the WBFSH for publishing on the WBFSH website. ([https://www.wbfsch.com/downloads/general-assembly/2021/\(GA%2013.a\)_EAAP_Horse_Commission_Report_2021.pdf](https://www.wbfsch.com/downloads/general-assembly/2021/(GA%2013.a)_EAAP_Horse_Commission_Report_2021.pdf))

b. Update from IYB President (Inge Madsen)

The new IYB President Inge Madsen (DWB) welcomed the newest IYB member, the Latvian Warmblood Studbook Young Breeders (LWB). It was announced that the next IYB World Championship will take place in Ermelo (NED) from 7th-9th July 2022, hosted by the KWPN.

Furthermore, the plans of the IYB to become more digitally present was announced. This will be achieved through a collaboration with the WBFSH, and the development of dedicated IYB page and profile on the new WBFSH website. The improved IT infrastructure will provide a IYB World Championship booking platform, as well as managing World Championship scoring and results, with the long-term plan to transition to linear scoring. The aim is to promote education and make the IYB more inclusive, through improved support.

c. Update on the FEI-WBFSH Data Exchange Project

Klaus Miesner gave a brief update on the status of the data exchange project relating to the experience of the German studbooks. He confirmed what Jan Pedersen reported during the President's Report, that transfer of pedigree data from the studbooks to the FEI is working, but that not all the results as laid out in the agreement are coming through from the FEI to the studbooks yet. Victoria Rydborn from the FEI gave a short update from the side of the FEI, stating that she expects the interface to be ready by the end of the year. One of the key problems recognised by both Klaus Miesner and Victoria Rydborn was that the UELN should be the main identifier of horses, but that there are still horses in the system that have more than one UELN, due to incorrect recording of these horses at national federation level. Manual cleaning of data will therefore have to continue.

d. WBFSH Rankings –Studbooks of the Year 2021, Breeders of the Year 2021

The 2021 WBFSH Studbooks and Breeders of the Year were announced. The winning studbooks are:

Dressage: KWPN (14.430 points)
Jumping: BWP (7387 points)
Eventing: SBSF (1494 points)

Virtual Certificates were shown, and the framed certificates will be mailed to the studbooks.

The winning breeders are:

Dressage: Silke Druckenmüller for breeding Dalera TSF (TRAK) (3029 points)
Jumping: Chloe Ruys, Christophe Van Turtelboom & W. Vanderlinde for breeding H&M Indiana BWP (1458 Points)
Eventing: Ocke Riewerts for breeding London 52 HOLST (347 points)

The Longines-WBFSH Breeder Awards for the 2021 breeders will be held on 5th February 2022 in Bordeaux (FRA).



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e. Update WBFSH sponsor agent (Xavier Libbrecht)

An update was given by Xavier Libbrecht on the progress with the World Breeding News platform. More studbooks have joined the platform that allows members to increase their reach.

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Jan Pedersen thanked the members for attending the 2021 general assembly and stated that he looked forward to seeing everyone in person in Dresden in 2022.

Vilhelmsborg, November 2021