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WHIRDEC

Year after year the WHIRDEC grows in interest for participants among WBFSH members. It brings in one room Stud-Book leaders, managers and executives and brings to all news about EU regulation. It helps to understand how regulation is applied in different EU countries, and for members from abroad to get a view of the European Legislation which could have impact also for them.

The 2022 WHIRDEC hold in May and the agenda was:

1 – EU REGULATION

2 – IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT ISSUANCE

- Delegated bodies in each member state and New model of passport
- Studbooks with cross border activity
- Issuance of duplicate or replacement identification document
- Registration of the place where horses are habitually kept

3 – DEMATERIALIZATION AND DATA EXCHANGES

- Presentation of Horselink
- Demo @SIRE/Equiface : identification tool with Artificial Intelligence

Minutes and presentation are available here:

<http://www.ueln.net/ueln-presentation/meeting-reports/>

Traceability of Genetical Material

The Traceability of Genetical Material is a sensitive subject which concerns multiples actors of the industry. The WBFSH advices and reminds to members the importance of sanitary certificates and publishes/forwards articles on this topic.

This is still an ongoing topic and WBFSH will participate (through its breeding department) to a congress in November 2022 in Holland.



Rightful Breeder of a horse - definition

The breeding department proposed a new definition of the rightful breeder

To validate in JM

With changes in the breeding landscape over the past years, through new breeding technologies and changes in EU legislation, it has become necessary to review the definition of the rightful breeder of a horse. The increased use of surrogates for flushed or ICSI embryos, as well as the fact that many studbooks no longer require covering certificates, means that the first concrete, verifiable contact by a studbook for a foal, is the entity that owns & registers that foal, applies for identification documents and provides material for DNA verification of the pedigree. Breeders have the choice of which studbook they want to register their foals in, and trade of embryos (frozen and in utero) across borders is on the rise. Therefore, the WBFSH has considered that the definition of the rightful breeder of a horse be reviewed & should be formulated in the simplest and most unambiguous way possible.

“The rightful breeder of a horse is the person or entity that owns the foal at birth and first registers it into a studbook, therefore giving the foal an identity and a studbook of origin.”