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Department External Cooperation
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Cooperation with FEI

Fortunately, the members of the FEI-WBFSH Council were once again able to meet in person in Brussels at the end of February 2022.

One focus was on the discussions about the agreements between FEI and WBFSH concerning the guidelines and schedules of the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses. FEI and WBFSH agreed, that the cooperation between the National Federations and the Member Studbooks of the WBFSH still needs to be improved in some countries. Especially the selection and nomination process of the horses for the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses needs a cooperation improvement. To this end, it is desirable that National Federations publish clear and transparent selection criteria early enough so that everyone knows what will come up. Where necessary, FEI and WBFSH will try to have a supporting influence.

Furthermore, the quota system of the WBCYH Dressage was discussed. The FEI accepted the proposed amendment of the WBFSH, which now is based on the current foal registration figures per year from the studbooks based in the country of the nominating National Federation.

The FEI also expressed interest in the WBFSH State of Industry Report and agreed to support the WBFSH in disseminating this survey to the National Federations.

The status of the data exchange project between the FEI and Germany and the BWP was a further topic on the agenda. In the meantime, the data exchange between the FEI and the NF GER works on behalf of the German breeding associations with the help of an API interface. The data exchange between FEI and BWP shall be handled via csv file. The FEI and the WBFSH agreed first to complete the project with GER and BWP and then to check how and when the FEI-WBFSH data exchange platform shall be available to other studbooks. Next studbooks, which express interest, are the KWPN and the SBSF. The FEI-WBFSH Council thanked the IT experts for the work done so far.

The issue of Horse Welfare is of great importance to both the FEI and the WBFSH. The awareness of animal welfare issues is constantly growing and leads to an increasing discussion about the sustainability of our actions, up to the legitimisation of equestrian sport. A long-term hedging



can be achieved only by the help of a broader acceptance for equestrian sport and for horse breeding. This is something have to be worked on together. The FEI is in the process of proactively tackling this issue internally with the help of its own commission, before to extend it to other interest groups. The WBFSH has offered cooperation and support on this important issue.

This year's FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses were another time successfully organised in Ermelo (The Netherlands) from 8 to 11 September 2022. 44 five-year old, 42 six-year old and 38 seven-year old horses participated in the World Breeding Championships. The participating horses represented 25 different member studbooks of the WBFSH. In total, the nominations came from 24 National Federations. The medal table showed the following picture: DWB (1x gold, 1x silver), HANN (1x silver), KWPN (1x gold, 1x bronze), OLD (1x gold, 1x silver, 1x bronze) and RHLN (1x bronze). The result lists are available under

<https://www.longinestiming.com/equestrian/2022/longines-fei-wbfsH-world-breeding-dressage-championships-for-young-horses-ermelo>

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horses took place once again in Lanaken (Belgium) from 21 to 25 September 2022. The event was organised in a fantastic way. 242 five-year old, 276 six-year-old and 190 seven-year-old horses participated in the World Breeding Championships. The medal table showed the following picture: BWP (1x silver, 1x bronze), HOLST (1x gold), ISH (2x gold), KWPN (2x bronze), SBSF (1x silver), ZANG (1x silver). The result lists are available under

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The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horse will take place at Lion d'Angers (FRA) from 20 to 23 October 2022. More information will be available under <https://www.mondialdulion.com/en/>.

Cooperation with EEF – Working Group on EU-legislation

The EEF Working Group on EU-legislation met a few times early in 2022. Catherine Bonnichon de Rancourt is the new elected chair. Klaus Miesner is representing the WBFSH in this group.

Since some time the EEF Working Group was lobbying for more flexibility in relation to Value Added Tax (VAT) for live horses and services in the Member States. The Economic and Financial Affairs Council decided in April to adopt the updated EU VAT Directive. That means that Member States are now allowed, to apply a reduced VAT rate to live equines and to the supply of services related to live equines, if they want.



Cooperation with European Horse Network

Nadine Brandtner is representing the WBFSH in the Board of the European Horse Network (EHN), supported by Klaus Miesner. The Board met this year four times, so far. EHN is involved in the creation of a European Equine Sustainable Tourism Label and the framework of the European Animal Welfare Platform. The European Commission intends to publish its final decision on the animal welfare strategy by the autumn. The EUNetHorse (European thematic Network) was accepted by the EU and will start in 2023.

The next EHN General Assembly will take place on 30 November 2022 in Brussels together with the EHN Annual Conference. Possible topic is social license. EHN is planning a manifesto dedicated to welfare issues.

More information is available on the EHN website under <http://www.europeanhorsenetwork.eu/>.

Cooperation with International Young Breeders

The WBFSH World Championships for Young Breeders took place in July in the Netherlands. The World Championships were organised by the Team of Jong KWPN at the National Hippic Centre in Ermelo. Teams from Canada and Europe represented 22 different studbooks. The results and more information about the activities of the International Young breeders are published on the website <https://www.wbfsch.com/iyb>.

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