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## WBFSH General Assembly 2022

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Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

At the Hilton Hotel Dresden (Germany)

Time: 13h00 (CEST)

### AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2021 (#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)
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 7-10)  
*Retiring and eligible for re-election for a 3-year period: President Jan Pedersen (DEN), and Vice President Stephan Kelchtermans (BEL).*
8. Election of Disciplinary committee (#GA 7-10)  
*Referring to the statutes, 4 members must be elected every two years. In 2020 Constanze Winter (GER), Olivier Couvé (FRA), Arancha Rodriguez Sainz de los Terreros (ESP), and Renai Hart (NZL) accepted standing for a two-year period.*
9. Election of Board of Appeal (#GA 7-10)  
*Referring to the statutes, 5 members must be elected every two years. In 2020 Theodor Leuchten (GER), Hanfried Haring (GER), Leopold Erasmus (AUT), Peter Ljungcrantz (SWE) and Xavier Libbrecht (FRA) accepted standing for a two-year period.*
10. Election of members for the Audit committee (#GA 7-10)  
*Referring to the statutes, 3 members and two substitutes must be elected annually. In 2020, Alf Kjetil Andresen (NOR), Wilken Treu (GER), Guillaume Blanc (FRA), Alison Corbally (IRL) and Meghan de Garay (USA) accepted standing for a one year.*
11. New Members/Associates (#GA 11)
12. Motion from the Board (#GA 12)
13. Motion from members/associates (#GA 13)
14. General Assembly 2023



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15. Miscellaneous
  - a. Update from EAAP Horse Commission representative
  - b. Update from IYB President
  - c. Info about the horse industry in China by Yu Wang
  - d. Info about WBFSH web-site by Eva Broomer
  - e. WBFSH Rankings – Studbooks of the Year 2022, Breeders of the Year 2022

## Minutes

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### 1. Opening and welcome

The WBFSH President, Jan Pedersen, welcomed the participants to the General Assembly. After two years of virtual meetings, it is nice to meet again. This General Assembly will not be live-streamed but will be recorded and available on [wbfs.com](http://wbfs.com) afterwards.

### 2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2021

The minutes of the WBFSH General Assembly 2021 were adopted without comments.

### 3. Presentation of activity reports by Jan Pedersen and discussion of the written reports of the departments.

Ladies and gentlemen, dear friends and colleagues, it is time to open the WBFSH GA 2022. It is so nice and liberating that we can finally meet face to face after two years of bore, although the Corona ghost has again raised its ugly head. It is probably a situation we will have to learn to live with.

Despite that, 2022 will be a year to remember positively – at least with regard to the equestrian world. The FEI World Championships in Denmark brought together the best horses and riders in the world. For breeders, riders, and all horse sport enthusiasts, Denmark was the land of milk and honey for ten days. It was an enormous window from the world of horse sport and breeding to the rest of the world.

The integration of breeding and sport has always been a clear goal for the WBFSH, so it was really great that the starting lists contained pedigree information. That has not always been the case, but it certainly has been part of our Annual Plans for many years. Sports data are the most important tool for breeding.

Another positive observation in Herning was the demonstration of the correlation between top sport at the highest level and our young horse championship. It was clearly demonstrated by Glamourdale and Hermès, respectively, world champion and bronze medallist at Herning with Charlotte Fry and Dinja Van Liere.

Glamourdale was the world champion for 7-year-old horses at Ermelo 2018, and Hermès won the bronze medal for 6-year-old horses the same year. It is evident that our world championships for young horses are an incubator for future medallists.

I will now touch on the reports of our departments and try to give a brief summary. Parts of my report will be direct Extracts of the various reports. I hope you have read them. They have been accessible on our website for some time.



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### *Department of Scientific Collaboration*

To reflect the increasing importance of science and research in sport horse breeding, the Department of Scientific Collaboration was created in 2021. This department aims to strengthen the knowledge exchange among studbook members and the scientific community.

### *Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)*

Last year our CIGA Committee was renamed the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC). This committee works closely together with the Department of Scientific Collaboration. SAC intends to serve as a meeting point and inspiration forum and to share information about the advances in new technologies related to evaluating horses and their inheritance.

Unfortunately, more of the SAC members have left their position with their respective studbooks, and so they have also left SAC. The new manning appears from the report of the committee.

### *International Breeding Values (IBV)*

The WBFSH members share the goal of producing sport horses for at least one of the Olympic disciplines. Bringing all information together from different countries and the FEI will give a more complete and reliable picture of the inheritance of the stallions. Only looking at the number of offspring a stallion has on the international level does not give us valuable information. Nor does that take the quality of the dams into account.

It has been decided to focus on jumping as a pilot project because the competition results are easier to compare between countries than dressage results. To keep it as simple as possible, it was furthermore decided that in the first phase, only Germany, KWPN, and Selle Francais should be involved. Those studbooks now need to make contracts and find agreements for the exchange of data.

The WBFSH-FEI data exchange project is still in progress and not ready for use. When it is, the IBV-pilot project can start. KWPN is furthermore in the process of building a data warehouse, which will be able to handle all the data involved in the IBV-project. As the project with International Breeding values is a complex and long-term project, WBFSH is planning a webinar about national breeding values in December 2022. The webinar will be on a non-scientific level and directed mainly at breeders.

### *The transition from microsatellite to SNP markers in parentage testing - webinar*

On December 7th, 2021, SAC organized a webinar titled "How to bring genomic development to horse breeding." The webinar was an open exchange of considerations and first practical experiences with transitioning from microsatellite to SNP markers in parentage testing. The webinar was recorded and is online on our website, together with a summary. You can also find a fact sheet on parentage testing on the website.

### *Linear profiling*

With Kathrin Stock as the driving force, there have been annual international workshops about linear profiling for many years. These workshops have been open to all WBFSH members, and they are beneficial for studbooks that want to start using this tool. On the internet [www.equinephenotypes.org](http://www.equinephenotypes.org) there is access to an overview of all linear trait descriptions used in the different studbooks and information from earlier workshops.

I also refer to our exciting seminar on linear profiling in theory and practice yesterday.

### *Information about research in your country*

The Department of Scientific Collaboration will be happy to receive information about any ongoing research in your country/studbook. If you have any, please send a small summary of the research



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to our secretariat in Denmark, and we will then publish it on the website. Other information in the form of scientific papers will also be more than welcome. If a WBFSH member studbook needs support to implement linear profiling, breeding evaluation, or genomic selection, SAC can connect you with an expert who can advise. Do not hesitate to contact the Department of Scientific Collaboration.

#### *Department Development*

The Department Development will follow up on the extensive report that Edward Kendall and Chris Gould published in 2021 on the state of the industry.

With this 2nd edition, the department wishes to provide a report that not only encompasses the current state of the industry but one that moves into the future. Where the first report was more of a snapshot of data, we want the second and future reports to accumulate more longitudinal data. Seeing trends over many snapshots in time will enable us to see trends developing and changing, which can add value to the further development of the industry.

Currently, we have seen a positive development in global activities. Perhaps Covid and lockdowns have not been as detrimental as it all seemed at the time! In a quick glance at the data that has been returned from the survey, we have identified a positive increase in breeding, not only in Europe but in the Asia and Pacific regions. The world is beginning to open up again. This is the starting point of the 2nd Edition report.

The 2nd Edition report would like to look at a snapshot of the global perception of animal welfare and how we can apply the needs of everyone to provide a positive perception of what we do as an industry. We realise there are many factors to look into with this topic, but with a more welfare-conscious industry and public, we need to create a more transparent environment for the critics. With the 2nd edition of the State of Industry report, we wish to not only highlight the most relevant issues currently confronting our industry but, to be more transparent and accurate with our information sharing. This will create an environment where we can monitor trends, create more longitudinal data and help the industry plan for the future.

#### *Department External Cooperation - Cooperation with FEI*

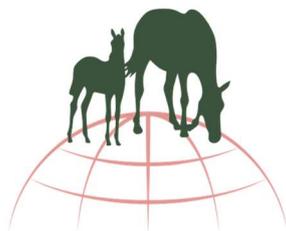
Our cooperation with the FEI is important. Cooperation between sport and breeding is both essential and completely natural. We are honoured to have Ingmar de Vos, President of FEI, with us today – thank you, Ingmar for prioritising this.

Fortunately, the members of the FEI-WBFSH Council were once again able to meet in person in Brussels at the end of February 2022. Among other topics, we discussed the guidelines and schedules of the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses, and it was agreed that the cooperation between the National Federations and the Member Studbooks of the WBFSH still needs to be improved in some countries, especially concerning the selection of the horses for the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses. It is desirable that the National Federations, together with the studbooks, prepare and publish clear and transparent selection criteria in good time. 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 is now 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, the German studbooks, and the BWP was also a topic on the agenda. It was agreed to complete the project with GER and BWP and then check how and when the FEI-WBFSH data exchange platform shall be available to other studbooks.



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Animal welfare is a strong presence in the media image and must be taken extremely seriously. The FEI is in the process of proactively tackling this issue internally before involving other interest groups. We, the WBFSH, have offered our cooperation and support.

#### *FEI - WBFSH World Breeding Dressage Championships for Young Horses*

This year's FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses were again successfully organised at Ermelo in September. 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 RHLA (1x bronze).

Let me present the world champions:

#### *5-year-old horses*

Lyngbjergs St. Paris (Blue Hors Don Schufro / Blue Hors Rockefeller)  
Rider: Victoria Vallentin  
Breeder: Bente Børjesson  
Studbook: DWB.

#### *6-year-old horses*

Global Player (Grand Galaxy Win / Blue Hors Don Schufro)  
Rider: Ewa Möller  
Breeder: Henrik Hansen  
Studbook: Old.

#### *7-year-old horses*

Kjento (Negro / Jazz)  
Rider: Charlotte Fry  
Breeder: AJ van Os  
Studbook: KWPN

#### *FEI WBFSH Jumping World Breeding Championship for Young Horses*

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horses once again took place in Lanaken. The event was, as always, organised fantastically. 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 World Champions

#### *5-year-old horses*

BP Goodfellas (Stakkato / OBOS Quality)  
Rider: Gerard O'Neill  
Breeder: Kevin Babington  
Studbook ISH



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#### *6-year-old horses*

ABC Sunny Grace (Kannan / Cruising)

Rider: Ethan Ahearne

Breeder: Patrick Kehoe

Studbook: ISH

#### *7-year-old horses*

Gaillan (Casall / Carry)

Rider: Rolf-Göran Bengtsson

Breeder: Gerd Ohlsen

Studbook: Holstein

The FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horses will take place at Lion d'Angers (FRA) from 20 to October 23rd, 2022.

#### *Department Marketing*

In 2022, the department's focus was firmly developing the website. In time for our 2022 General Assembly, this work is ready to go into the public launch stage, offering a range of new functionalities and opportunities, including:

- Individual logins for the WBFSH member studbook enable them to create their own attractive and interactive promotional pages on the WBFSH website.
- The ability for everyone interested in breeding, from breeders to breeding enthusiasts, to create free user accounts on the website
- Brand new virtual library, offering a wide range of educational and informative documents, videos and presentations.

#### *Refreshed Logo*

Apart from this, efforts have been made to increase the visibility of our organization. Our new refreshed logo and brand colours can now be seen at all physical and online WBFSH events.

#### *WBFSH stand at Ermelo*

To increase visibility, there was once again a WBFSH stand at the World Championships for young dressage horses in Ermelo. The stand was very well attended and soon became a gathering location where breeders, visitors, and studbook representatives could meet each other and exchange ideas in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

#### *Sponsorship*

The Marketing Department continues to collaborate with the sponsoring agent to attract more sponsorship to our organization, focusing on developing excellent value and attractive packages for suitable partner brands.

#### *News and Communications*

The department has provided regular news updates, which have been published on our website and in our dedicated section of the monthly World Breeding News publication.

#### *Webinars*

The WBFSH held several well-received webinars over the past year, which have been supported by the Marketing Department.



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### *Department Breeding*

Finding ways of dealing with the traceability of Genetical Material is one of the tasks of our Department Breeding. It is a difficult and very complex project concerning multiple industry actors. No solution has yet been found. The WBFSH gives advice and tries to flag the importance of sanitary certificates, and we produce and publish articles on the topic. In November, the department will participate in a congress on the subject in Holland.

### *Definition of the Rightful Breeder of a horse*

The breeding department has proposed a new definition of the rightful breeder.

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. Breeders have the choice of which studbook they want to register their foals in, and trade of embryos across borders is increasing. 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. Therefore, the WBFSH has considered that the definition of the rightful breeder of a horse is reviewed & should be formulated in the simplest and most unambiguous way possible.

This is our recommendation:

"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."

### *WBFSH STUDBOOKS JUMPING GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TROPHY*

WBFSH is planning a WBFSH show jumping studbook team competition for young horses between 5 and 9 years old in cooperation with Tops Equestrian Events. The event is planned to take place at the Tops International Arena in Valkenswaard, the Netherlands, from 2023.

This is another opportunity for you, WBFSH member studbooks, to show yourselves and your horses to an international audience. The competition is a trophy and will be open only to WBFSH member studbooks. One team of 5 horses and riders per age group. I hope and think this event will put breeding even more into focus. That is the goal.

We are, of course, in contact with the FEI to discuss the modalities.

### *LONGINES WBFSH Breeders Award*

Due to the Covid-19, the LONGINES WBFSH Breeders Award ceremony has been postponed. It will take place on February 5th next year in Bordeaux. I very much look forward to that. The data that has been returned from the State of Industry Report survey indicates a positive increase in breeding. However, that data does not consider the hard times we are facing right now. Politically and economically. We are facing severe inflation and a general recession. How the impact on horse breeding in consequence of that will be, remains to be seen. The upper segment of the industry will probably not be much affected, but the market for horses of average quality may be somewhat damaged. Ladies and gentlemen – with these words, I will conclude the annual report.



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Questions to the Presidents' report:

#### *WBFSH-FEI data exchange*

Andries van Daalen (KWPN) asked about the status of the WBFSH-FEI data exchange project. Klaus Miesner answered that the project is ready for the next step, and SF and KWPN will soon be invited to check the system. But first, there should be signed a contract.

#### *Horse welfare*

Andries van Daalen (KWPN) mentioned that FEI has a commission on welfare that will set up its rules in the next 1½ years. He asked for the timeframe of WBFSH. Jan Pedersen answered that horse welfare would be an ongoing project for WBFSH over the following years. It is difficult to set up timeframes. The work has been started this year by the workshop, and it will be on the WBFSH annual plan for the following years.

#### *Rightful breeder*

The Department Breeding has defined the rightful breeder of a horse as 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. Wilken Treu (HANN) explained that another definition is used in Germany: The breeder is the person that makes the genetic pairing, not the owner at the time the foal is born. Department Breeding mentioned that legally it is difficult to prove who did the combination, as it is not always recorded. The registration of the foals is the only way to control it for all WBFSH members. If the combiner of the genes wants to be recognized, it is always possible to make a contract on this.

Jan Pedersen comments that it is important that there is only one definition. He, therefore, suggested the Department Breeding and executive committee review the definition again.

The President's report was adopted by the General Assembly.

## **4. Financial report**

The financial report for 2022 was presented by Stephan Kelchtermans (Vice President, Dept. Finance). The fiscal year runs from September 1st to August 31st every year.

The result of the year 2021-2021 was:

Total Revenues during fiscal year: 254.489,14 Euros  
Total Revenues after end of fiscal year: 47.004,66 Euros  
Outstanding Revenues: 8.500,00 Euros  
Total Expenses during fiscal year: -214.216,08 Euro  
Total Expenses after end of fiscal year: - 7.759,35 Euros  
Outstanding Expenses: - 4.625,00 Euros  
**Balance: 25.588,37 Euros**

The total balance of the financial report and the amounts in the bank account for 2022 is: 312.167,67 Euros. The financial report has been presented to and checked by the audit committee and was adopted by the General Assembly without any comments or questions.

## **5. Approval of the budget for the coming financial year**

Stephan Kelchtermans presented the budget for 2023 (Revenues: 285.119,66 Euros and Expenses: 268.160,00 Euros). The new "WBFSH Studbooks Longines Jumping Global Champions



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Throphy" at Tops International Area, Valkenswaard, is not included in the budget, as a contract has not been signed yet.

There were no comments, and the budget for 2023 was approved by the General Assembly.

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

### *WBFSH Annual plan 2023*

1. Planning of the championships together with FEI
2. Planning of the studbook team competition in jumping in cooperation with Tops Equestrian Events.
3. Develop a Strategy for Animal Welfare and good Breeding Practices.
4. Working on EU legislation in cooperation with European Horse Network and other organisations
5. Improve overall communication between the WBFSH and its studbooks by implementing the marketing and communications plan.
6. Continue to improve overall collaboration between the WBFSH and FEI, for example, through the WBFSH FEI Council.
7. To finalise implementation of a suitable platform that will provide clean, verified pedigree data, to enable data exchange with the FEI.
8. Verified breeding information on starting lists and other media
9. Sponsorships – work on attracting additional sponsors
10. Contact to international federations (COPA, EAAP etc)
11. Continued support of international organisation of young breeders' competition
12. Promote and maintain the WBFSH rankings of horse breeders, studbooks, and the stallions
13. Raising the profile & gaining greater recognition of the WBFSH through new initiatives e.g. developing our presence on social media and continuing to develop the WBFSH website.
14. Continue the work of the WBFSH SAC committee.
15. Make progress with the establishment of WBFSH International Breeding Values (IBVs)
16. Continue working with EQUIS to provide a database management system for small studbooks
17. Continue work with the appointed task force to explore and provide advice on good breeding practices in tracing genetic material.
18. Consult with the Non-European studbooks to address issues specific to them and increase their engagement in the federation.

The annual plan was approved by the General Assembly.

## **7. Election of Board members**

It was the end of the three-years term for the President Jan Pedersen (DWB) and Vice President Stephan Kelchtermans (BWP). Both Board members were nominated for re-election by their studbooks, the Danish Warmblood Society and Belgian Warmblood. Both were re-elected for another 3-year-period by applause from the General Assembly.

## **8. Election of Disciplinary committee.**



Referring to the statutes, four members must be elected every two years. Constanze Winter (GER), Olivier Couvé (FRA), Arancha Rodriguez (Spain) and Edward Kendall (CAN) were elected until 2024 by applause by the General Assembly.

#### **9. Election of Board of Appeal**

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#### **10. Election of members for the Audit committee**

Referring to the statutes, three members and two substitutes must be elected annually. Guillaume Blanc (FRA), Wilken Treu (GER), and Alf-Kjertil Andreasen (NOR) were elected as members for one year, and Meghan de Garay (USA) and Sonja Egan (IRE) were elected as substitutes for one year by applause by the General Assembly.

#### **11. New Members/Associates**

In 2022, there were three new associate members. The status of associate is open to horse studbook organisations that do not meet the requirements for membership and to other horse-related organisations that have objects consistent with WBFSH and subscribe to the aims of the WBFSH. Studbooks that meet the requirements for membership are not eligible to become associates. Associate may avail themselves of various services provided by the WBFSH and attend the General Assembly, but shall not be eligible to vote or participate in the studbook rankings, in the World Championship for Young Horses, in the Young Breeders Championships, or activities confined, by decision of the Board, to members.

- 1. Société Hippique Français (SHF):** SHF is the French Equestrian Society. SHF gathers sport horses and ponies studbooks in France and works with the studbooks on interdisciplinary subjects, like welfare and the performance programme for 4 to 6 years old. SHF arranges competitions for young horses and ponies, ex. the National Young Horse Show Jumping Finals in Fontainebleau and the National Dressage Young Horse Final in Saumur. SHF was accepted by the Board as associate member as per January 20th, 2022.
- 2. China horse Industry Association (CHIA):** CHIA is a non-profit organization. It is the only organization authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China to manage horse breed registration and studbooks in China. CHIA established the China Warmblood Horse Studbook a few years ago. Due to the recent start of the selection and breeding of warmbloods in China, the relevant organizational structure and warmblood horse studbook rule system are still under construction. Once they are finished, and the studbook is established with a sufficient amount of foals, the China Warmblood Horse Studbook aims to apply for full membership of WBFSH. CHIA was accepted by the Board as associate members as per June 22nd, 2022.
- 3. Luso Warmblood (LW):** The aim is to promote a breed that enhances the qualities of the Portuguese native breed. Therefore, a minimum percentage equal to 25% Lusitano Horses is required. LW applied for full WBFSH membership. But as they are newly established in 2022 and not yet has any registered foals, they currently cannot be member. Instead, they were accepted as associate members by the Board as per June 22nd, 2022. LW can apply for full membership again when the studbook is more established and is of sufficient size.



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## 12. Motion from the Board

The Board suggested that UELN becomes a criterium of membership. As long as the use of the UELN is not mandatory for its members, the WBFSH cannot propose to the FEI that the use of the UELN is compulsory for its national federations. The motion was accepted by applause by the General Assembly.

## 13. Motion from members/associates

Belgian Warmblood (BWP) suggested that the Board should work out a trajectory in order that studbooks stop changing the names of horses born in another studbook at the latest by 01/01/2024 and include this in their functioning.

Jan Pedersen mentioned that the Board agrees there is a problem and that this should not happen in an ideal world. There are, however, some technical problems we need to deal with. Chris Gould (CWHBA) added that many breeders want to promote their horses by giving them unique names. The birth name could, however, then be in brackets. Nevertheless, WBFSH also needs to work with sport organisations, as they also change the names.

There was no voting about this motion, as it is impossible to set up rules. But the Board promised to work on it in order to find a solution.

## 14. General Assembly 2023

WBFSH has received invitations from more studbooks and different countries. The Board thinks it is important to go overseas regularly. Last time was in 2014 in Brazil. It was therefore decided to go to the US in October 2023, where the General Assembly is hosted by the American Trakehner Association (ATA). Christian Schacht (ATA Breed Director) made a small presentation. The venue is not fixed yet, but more locations such as Middelburg (Virginia), Lexington (Kentucky), Ocala (Florida), and Denver (Colorado) were suggested.

## 15. Miscellaneous

*The WBFSH has specially invited Ingmar de Vos (FEI) and he made a speech about different items:*

\* The relationship between WBFSH and FEI is very important, as breeding and sport go hand in hand. The World Breeding Championship in Ermelo and Zangersheide 2022 has been a great success with many participants and visitors. Lion d'Angers is the next to come. Ingmar de Vos also encouraged the national federations and studbooks to work together in selecting the horses for the championships.

\* FEI and WBFSH have a good relationship with data exchange. FEI and FN (Germany) can now exchange data successfully. FEI still wait for BWP to deliver data, so this can be checked. FEI is now ready to work on contracts (so that data cannot be sold to third parties). In 2023 FEI will start working with SF and KWPN. After that the project will be extended to other studbooks.

\* In Paris 2024 at the Olympic Games, the sire and the name of the studbook will be on the starting lists. FEI would also like to include the breeder, but does not yet have information. But as more and more data will be exchanged in the future, it is also the aim to include the breeder.

\* Horse welfare: bad pictures reflect both FEI and WBFSH. If horses in the future are not allowed in the Olympic Games, the government etc. will also not invest in equestrian sport. We need to be better at communicating with a society that has become urbanized without any contact with animals.

\* FEI and WBFSH have to be prepared that the inflation and war in Ukraine can take a while. FEI has noticed that the riders of jumping horses start fewer horses.



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#### *Update from EAAP Horse Commission representative Kathrin Stock*

Kathrin Stock presented an update from EAAP 2022 with a focus on the horse sector. Topics this year were: "breeding for performance," "social license to operate," "human-animal interaction and animal welfare," "climate and environment – use of resources," and "genetic diversity." Kathrin Stock will provide a webinar for WBFSH, where she will present the topics in more detail. She also mentioned that EAAP has monthly webinars, where the WBFSH studbooks are welcome to participate.

#### *Update from IYB President Inge Madsen*

As a WBFSH member, your studbook can also participate in the IYB. There are now 26 studbooks from 12 different countries. The young people learn about breeding and management and learn how to present horses. It is an excellent possibility to connect with people from all around the world. Inge Madsen outlined the following:

- \* The IYB's homepage has been refreshed, and a new logo has been created. See <https://www.wbfsch.com/iyb>
- \* The IYB World Championship in Ermelo 2022 was a great success.
- \* The IYB World Championship 2024 will be in Denmark at "Stutteri Ask" on April 23rd.
- \* The IYB World Championship 2026 will be in Germany at "Landgestüt Celle", Hannover.

#### *Info about the horse industry in China by China Horse Industry Association, Beijing.*

The new associate member CHIA informed about the Chinese Warmblood Horse Breeding situation. CHIA takes care of different issues like: horse breeding and conservation; run studbooks for several breeds; horse welfare; horse racing; equestrian (China young horse competition has been arranged for the last three years); vet. education. There is now approx. 2.000 warmblood horses in China. In the future, CHIA would like to invite the WBFSH Board members to visit China.

#### *Breeding News*

Xavier Libbrecht informed that around one-third of all WBFSH member studbooks have now subscribed to the special communications initiative – the WBFSH-BN Platform – which is reaching many thousands of Warmblood breeders all around the world. He encouraged the rest of the studbooks to subscribe.

#### *WBFSH web-page*

Ralph van Venrooij from the Department Marketing mentioned that phase two of the website will soon be launched in a webinar, with important information about how to update the studbook pages.

#### *WBFSH Rankings – Studbooks of the Year 2022 and Breeders of the Year 2022*

President Jan Pedersen announced the WBFSH studbook ranking winners and handed over the framed certificates.

- Winner in dressage: KWPN with 13.686 points
- Winner in jumping: Belgian Warmblood with 9.159 points
- Winner in eventing: Irish Sport Horse with 1.421 point

#### *The WBFSH Breeders of the year were also announced:*

- Winning breeder in dressage: Silke Druckenmüller for breeding TSF Dalera (Trak).
- Winning breeder in jumping: Wim Impens for breeding King Edward (BWP).
- Winning breeder in eventing: Zuchtgemeinschaft Meyer-Kulenkampff for breeding FischerChipmunk FRH (HANN).



The breeders award will take place in Bordeaux, France, on February 5th, 2023.

*New honorary member*

During the gala dinner in the evening, WBFSH announced former vice-president Chris Gould (CWHBA) as an honorary member, especially for his work and ideas on the WBFSH State of Industry Report.

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