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Annual report 2021/2022 from WBFSH Secretariat
on application for membership/associate
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1. Introduction

The WBFSH secretariat has of 2021, taken over the task from the former Department Development concerning application for membership/associate. The Secretariat assesses each application and presents it to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee makes a recommendation to the Board of the WBFSH in relation to membership applications. The Board decides on applications subject to ratification at the Annual General Assembly.

2. Membership decisions 2021 to be ratified

In 2021 the Board accepted Cheval De Dressage Francais as associate members. There were no new members, so none has to be ratified by the General Assembly 2022.

3. Membership application 2022

To be accepted into Membership horse studbooks must meet the following criteria:

- I. Have a breeding programme that includes the major objectives of breeding sport horses that are functional for at least one of the Olympic disciplines of show jumping, dressage and/or eventing.
- II. Be a horse studbook that is a studbook of members and controlled by these members in a democratic fashion.
- III. Be a legal entity that operates according to the general standards expected of reputable horse studbooks.
- IV. Be recognised as a horse studbook by the relevant authority in the country in which it is based. In the European Union the horse studbook must be recognised under the relevant European Union legislation by the relevant Competent Authority in the Member State and proof of such recognition must be provided.
- V. Be of sufficient size to be viable and operate an effective horse identification, registration and breed improvement programme. As a general guide the horse studbook should be registering at least 100 foals annually. However, in exceptional circumstances, less than 100 foals could be acceptable.



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- VI. In the case where the studbook name refers to another original studbook, the relationship between the studbooks must be clearly stated and agreed upon.

The WBFSH secretariat has received one application for membership in 2022:

Luso Warmblood (LW), C/O Associação Portuguesa de Racas Selectas (APCRS), Largo Marques de Pombal, Pátio dos Campinos Felicio e Singéis, 2150-130 Golega, Portugal. The application was received by e-mail on April 1., 2022 from Michael Stilwell, Director APCRS and President LW. E-mail: racasselctas@gmail.com. Website: apcrs.pt

Summary of application from Luso Warmblood

The Luso Warmblood (LW) Horse Studbook is for horses that are the result of the cross between purebred and/or decedents of Lusitano Horses (PSL) and horses registered in warmblood studbooks (members of the WBFSH). The aim is to promote a breed that enhances the qualities of the Portuguese native breed. Therefore, a minimum percentage equal to 25% PSL is required.

The Luso Warmblood is a newly established studbook in 2022. The horses have already existed for some years and have until now been registered in two other studbooks: the Portuguese Sport Horse (PSH- which is a WBFSH member) and Cruzado Portugues (CP).

LW is owned by the Portuguese state and managed by APCRS (Associação Portuguesa de Criadores de Racas Selectas). APCRS is a breeders association that manages five horse studbooks (one of them, the Portuguese Sport Horse Stud Book "PSH," is already a WBFSH member).

APCRS has legal authorization from the Agriculture Ministry via DGAV Direcção-Geral da Alimentação e Veterinária (the Ministry Department responsible for horse matters). APCRS holds General Assemblies twice a year (the member studbooks do not have individual General Assemblies).

Registration and identification

- Foals will be identified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/963 of Jun. 10, 2021, until the end of the year of birth.
- The breeder must request the registration of foals to APCRS by a birth certificate that must be received within a period of 120 days after the foal is born.
- Confirming the foal's paternity by genotyping (DNA) performed in the official laboratory (Molecular Genetics Laboratory of Alter) is mandatory.
- A passport under European legislation is issued.
- Microchip and UELN (620001) will be provided.
- All studbooks in Portugal work on the Portuguese Ministry-owned database.



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Size of the LW studbook

- LW has been established in 2022. Therefore, no foals are registered yet. LW expects to register approx. 80 foals in 2022.
- APCRS register approx. 400 foals in total in the five studbooks.
- APCRS membership is open to all breeders. The studbooks under APCRS do not have individual members.

Construction of the studbook

The studbook is reserved for horses registered in the National Equine Registry (RNE) that meet the conditions to be enrolled in one of the following sections:

- a) LW Birth Section (foals from horses registered in the Breeding Section or the Annex Breeding Section)
- b) LW Studbook Breeding Section (horses registered in Birth Section, where sports results and conformation have been approved by the Registration Technical Committee)
- c) Studbook Annex Breeding Section (other Breeds than LW that depending on their sports results, have received a favorable opinion from the registration Technical Committee – WBFSH member studbooks being accepted).

Horse registration

All approved stallions from WBFSH studbooks are approved in LW. Young stallions or those that other studbooks have never approved must be identified and approved by the LW studbook Technical Commission. They must have a minimum point as referred to below. Gradings of mares is also done by the Technical Commission and they must also receive a minimum of point.

1. Breeders or owners will request the registration of horses in the studbook at APCRS.
2. Horses will have to be approved, whenever possible, in public gatherings organized by APCRS and the Technical Registration Committee of the studbook.
3. Horses will only be subject to evaluation from the year in which they reach three years of age for the adult studbook section.
4. Horses that, on the date of approval for the adult section of the studbook, have not met the minimum requirements may, exceptionally and in agreement with the Technical Registration Committee and in view of a proven sporting capability, be admitted within a transitory period not exceeding 2 years.
5. Horses not approved by the Technical Enrollment Committee may be subject to a new assessment if the reasons that led to the disapproval have changed.
6. To be admitted to the studbook adult section, they must have the following score:
 - Males 6 to 9 points
 - Females 5 to 9 points



7. The Technical Enrollment Committee, if it deems necessary, may request veterinary examinations, namely radiological or ultrasound examinations, to detect possible pathologies to which genetic transmissibility is attributed.

Conclusion:

The Board of WBFSH has requested that the application to become a member studbook is resubmitted when the studbook is more established and of sufficient size. In the meantime, LW is accepted as an associate member as of June 22, 2022.

4. Application for associate membership 2022

Associate

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 in activities confined, by decision of the Board, to members.

There were two applications for associate membership in 2022:

1. Société Hippique Française (SHF), 261 Rue de Paris, 93100 Montreuil, France. The application was received by e-mail on Jan. 13, 2022 from Delphine Herbeau, SHF Responsible. E-mail: contact@shf.eu. Website: www.shf.eu.
 - SHF is a non-profit company representing breeders, riders, and owners of young horses and young sport ponies.
 - The organisation is authorised by the French Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to intervene in the selection and genetic improvement of sport horse and pony breeds.
 - SHF gathers sport horses and ponies studbooks in France and works with the studbooks on interdisciplinary subjects, like welfare and the performance programme from 4 to 6 years old. SHF arrange competition 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 has 11 staff and 8,757 members.



Conclusion:

Société Hippique Francaise (SHF) was accepted by the Board as associate members as per January 20, 2022.

2. China Horse Industry Association (CHIA), No. 1 Area, Ma Xin Zhuang, Shunyi District, Beijing, P.R. China. The application was received by e-mail on June, 15, 2022 from Yu Wang, Deputy-director of the International Exchange Center. E-mail: international@chinahorse.org. Website: chinahorse.org/en.
 - CHIA is a non-profit organization. It is the only organization authorised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China to be responsible for the management of horse breed registration and studbooks in China.
 - CHIA is formerly known as the National Horse Breeding Committee and the China Studbook Committee. Operations include horse selection and breeding, horse registration, horse auction, and organisation of equestrian and horse racing events.
 - CHIA registers different breeds: Thoroughbred horses, Arabian horses, Akhal-Teke horses, French Trotters, warmblood horses, and domestic horse breeds.
 - 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.
 - In 2019, CHIA, together with domestic equestrian sports organizations, established the "China Young Horse Competition," which has been held for three years.
 - CHIA has 23 employees, including 6 full-time employees working for the Studbook Committee.

Conclusion:

China Horse Industry Association (CHIA), was accepted by the Board as associate members as of June 22, 2022.