

## Newsletter from WBFSH

Vilhelmsborg, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2011

# WBFSH General Assembly and Seminars October 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

This year, the World Breeding Federation holds its General Assembly and seminars in Sevilla, Spain. A very relevant and worthwhile series of seminar topics is planned. Put a mark in your calendar and start looking at flight schedules. Around the beginning of May we will have reply forms and hotel reservations ready for our members, but for a start, please take a look at the provisional overall program below and our website [here](#).

## *Provisional overall program*

### SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER:

Approx. 6pm-9pm Check-in of arriving participants at host desk in lobby

### 24TH OCTOBER:

9-9,30am Last check-in of new arrivals at host desk in lobby

Unique Spanish equine identification data base

The situation of equine breeds in Spain and the National Plan to promote the sector

PRE Breeding Program

PRE Conformation applied to functionality and dressage

Other equestrian disciplines in Spain: Spanish High School, Doma Vaquera, carriage driving

Genetic coat colours

Genetic improvement and the development of markers

Horse welfare - the frames in terms of current and future legislation

Ethical aspects around horse welfare – the future of the sport horse industry

Horse welfare in Spain –The development in horse welfare seen from the view of Spanish equestrianism

7pm Gala Dinner

### 25TH OCTOBER:

#### EXCURSIONS

Visit to the Royal School of Equestrian Art in Jerez and emblematic Spanish stud farms.

Spanish culture and traditions

### 26TH OCTOBER:

WBFSH General Assembly

Equine nutrition

Biotechnology of equine reproduction

Corrective shoes – finish at about 4pm



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## WBFSH / FEI Rankings: A "Medal Mirror" for Studbooks

On April 13<sup>th</sup> the Board published a statement regarding the WBFSH/FEI rankings. We have the pleasure to bring two short extracts below:

*"There is a great deal of interest in the WBFSH / FEI rankings. With the founding of the WBFSH in 1994, the rankings were set up as a type of "medal mirror" for studbooks, based on the results of top international competitions by the best horses per studbook. It is a concept comparable with the Olympic medal rankings for countries. The WBFSH / FEI recognizes three ranking categories for the Olympic disciplines of jumping, dressage, and eventing: individual horse rankings, studbook rankings, and stallion rankings" (.....)*  
*In a recently published document in the Z-Magazine an alternative calculation method was used. The most important factor in this alternative method is an attempt to correct for the size of the studbooks included. However, the resulting calculations are problematic as the number of horses were estimated or based on assumptions."*

For the complete statement please click [here](#).

### This year's first rankings available

This afternoon this year's first rankings are published on our website [here](#).

Maybe some horses are not counting for some studbooks, but that can be changed by you by filling in the attached excel file and send it to [arts@kwpn.nl](mailto:arts@kwpn.nl) Danielle Arts will collect all the changes and send them to the FEI.

Do it as soon as possible and through the year when new horses with wrong data is found, so that the final rankings will be correct sooner and the correct horses are counting for the studbook rankings already during summer.

At least the studbooks should fill in the yellow columns for a correct change in the rankings and always fill the FEI number of the horse because that is the only identification of the horse for the FEI.

Even if studbooks want to change 1 horse only, they should fill the excel file, horses in separate emails are not updated, because otherwise it is too easy to loose track and miss horse corrections.

Hopefully the FEI will be able to make the changes within a month, so that rankings will give an increasingly more accurate picture of the current rankings during summer and autumn, but we cannot guarantee this.

### Welcome to a new associate

At a recent joint meeting of the Board and executive committee a new associate member was accepted: Continental Studbook, located in the United States. We welcome them into the group of WBFSH's current 65 members and 3 associates. See the updated member list on our website [here](#).

### Send us your news in English

Our news manager Thomas Bach Jensen is happy to receive your relevant sport-and-breeding news for our common website. For instance it could be your news items from your stallion selections, Breeder of the Year, results from your national young horse championships and performance test etc. Please send it to Thomas Bach Jensen on [news@wbfsch.org](mailto:news@wbfsch.org) – always in English. You are welcome to also include



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photos with relevant text.

## Fill in the calendar for 2011 and 2012!

Send the calendar items for your studbook's biggest events, like stallion selection, elite mare or -foal shows, young horse championships, and performance tests etc. – in English and listed like this, please:

Date	Name of event	Place/city and country	Arranger (Studbook/NF etc)
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- to [news@wbfs.org](mailto:news@wbfs.org) – soonest possible, so that our common calendar will continue to be a site worthwhile to check out when breeders and horse dealers plan their trips around the world.

Yours sincerely,  
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