

FROM THE HORSE'S PERSPECTIVE

The Swedish Equestrian Federation (SvRF) in cooperation with the European Equestrian Federation (EEF) and the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) kindly requests Your attendance at a day of seminars on the subject of the welfare of the horse.

From the horse's perspective – to establish how sport and breeding can interact with the scientists to secure the welfare of the horse

From the horse's perspective will be organized during the Longines FEI European Championships in Gothenburg 2017. Guests arriving on Monday August 21st are warmly welcome to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Longines FEI European Championships in Gothenburg 2017 at Ullevi Arena at 18:30.

TIME Tuesday August 22 2017 9:00

PLACE The Clarion Post Hotel in Gothenburg

PROGRAMME AUGUST 22

The morning's session will be open to the public

Introduction by **Dr. Hanfried Haring**,
President European Equestrian Federation

Opening statement by **Karl Henrik Heimdahl, DVM**, *Chairman of Swedish Equestrian Federation Committee for Animal Welfare*

9:00-12:00 Morning session

Professor Lars Roepstorff, DVM, PhD

Equestrian Surfaces Lars Roepstorff is a veterinary surgeon and equine biomechanist at SLU (the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences). His main interest is in research and functional anatomy and biomechanical studies of locomotion. His expertise is wide ranging, and includes a special interest in the interaction between horse and arena surfaces.

Assoc. professor Marie Rhodin, DVM, PhD

A new era for equine orthopaedics-objective tools for lameness assessment Marie Rhodin is a leading clinical researcher in horse biomechanics working at SLU. She has a special interest in the interaction between horse and rider, the objective recording and analysis of movement disorders, and horses' reactions to pain.

Dr. Lena Ström, DVM, Resident in Ophthalmology

From the horse's point of view – Vision in horses Lena Ström is a horse clinician at SLU with a special interest in ophthalmology. She has studied the horse's normal vision and methods of diagnosing visual disorders using advanced electronic equipment.

Assoc professor Gabriella Lindgren, MSc, PhD

New tools for breeding equine athletes Gabriella Lindgren studies the genetics that regulate the horse's physical performance and locomotion pattern, allergic eczema and skeletal atavism. Her SLU based research involves a combination of genomic, molecular genetics, cellular and computational tools as well as animal models.

Linda Kjellberg, MSc

Horses in active open barn systems – behaviour and welfare Linda Kjellberg is a PhD student in Animal Science at SLU. Her special interest is in management of grouped-housed horses, especially behaviour, feeding and social interaction. Linda works at the Swedish National Equestrian Centre Strömsholm and teaches at the BSc Equine Science programme.

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-15:00 Afternoon session

Mark Wentin, Chairman of the European Horse Network (EHN) on

Responsible Equine Ownership – A motion for a European Parliament Resolution – by Julie Girling

Discussion on the report

Dr. Hanfried Haring on

The Role of Europe in Global Equestrian Governance

The purpose of the seminars will be to ensure that horse sport will remain relevant in our society in the long term by showing pro-activeness in matters of horse welfare and being open for self-reflection, in Equestrian sport as well as in horse breeding. This must be done by building action plans and statements on scientifically proven results.

The objective of the seminar From the horse's perspective is to build a platform for future cooperation in the Equestrian world.

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