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Next Events

- **27 June 2017:** FEI Nations Cup Jumping Division 2 Meeting in Vienna (AUT)
- **tbc July 2017:** EEF Driving Working Group meeting
- **21-27 Aug 2017:** Longines FEI European Championships in Gothenburg (SWE)
- **22 Aug 2017:** Seminar “From the Horse’s Perspective” in Gothenburg (SWE)
- **02-05 Sept 2017:** Seminar on training & judging young Dressage horses in Warendorf (GER)
- **09 Oct 2017:** EEF in-person Board Meeting in Luxemburg
- **10 Oct 2017:** EEF General Assembly in Luxemburg

NED NF wins award for its “Young Leaders Program”

The EEF would like to sincerely congratulate the NED NF for having won the prestigious DNA award award for its “Young Leaders Program”, being the “best, most striking and inspiring innovation” on club level. In the jury report, the Young Leaders Program is called 'brilliant'.

Through the Young Leaders Program the Dutch Equestrian Federation contributes significantly to the development of social, mental and social skills in young people with an affinity for equestrian sports. The program which runs over several years and consists of four “leadership levels” is based on informal learning and aims to shape young leaders that can play an important role in the equestrian sport as well as in the wider society.

Today's world offers many opportunities to young people but also brings with it many expectations. Young people are expected to be able to actively steer their own pathway, to think solution-oriented and communicate well. Equestrian sports are extremely suitable for developing these skills. The interaction with a horse teaches people to communicate clearly, to be consistent, and to persevere. Discipline, patience and empathy for other living beings are common traits to all who train and care for horses. These leadership qualities are of great value in today's society and research has shown that dealing with horses fosters social, mental and social skills that are of great value later in life. In summary: Those that work with horses develop leadership skills!

The EEF is excited to learn more about this program from the NED NF and is looking forward to the positive impact it will make for our sport and our society.

Seminar: From the Horse’s Perspective

The Swedish Equestrian Federation in cooperation with the EEF and the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses will be hosting a day of seminars on the subject of horse welfare in Gothenburg (SWE) on 22 August 2017 at the Clarion Post Hotel.

Speakers at the seminar will be well renowned scientists from the equestrian field and the objective is to discuss how sport and breeding can interact with the scientists to secure the welfare of the horse. The full program is attached and also posted on the EEF website at <http://www.euroequestrian.eu/documents/general-meetings> .

In order to sign up for the seminar please contact Daniel Bergqvist at the Swedish Equestrian Federation (Daniel.bergqvist@ridsport.se).



Erasmus+ Riding School Project: Increase of employability in the European equestrian market

This innovative project called "SPINE", led by the National Center for Equestrian Education in Flyinge (Sweden) in partnership with riding schools in Finland, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Norway, Portugal and Germany has been granted significant EU-funding to increase the employability of equestrian professionals on the European equestrian market.

When looking at the national education and training systems in equestrian schools it becomes clear that the education is mostly focused on the demands of the respective national market. With increased global opportunities for equestrian professionals there is a need to establish an education system which provides the required knowledge, skills and competences for an international career. The target group of this project are all professionals that are educated within national equestrian schools and have the desire to create a more international professional profile.

The innovative element of SPINE is to create an international qualification which prepares young professionals for the European labour market. This education project is meant to be shared between different riding schools which act as educational leaders in their respective country. The schools are going to develop an Extra Qualification (EQ) with a unique curriculum which will contain a defined learning pathway including training and teaching subjects relevant for the international equestrian market. It also emphasizes that the students going through this qualification have to collect experiences in different schools and different countries and practice their professional skills and competences in various social and cultural environments.

The EEF is an associated partner of this project, acting as an advisor and distribution channel in order to broadly implement the project in the European equestrian community.

National Federations that are interested in learning more about this project and possibly getting involved are kindly asked to get in contact with the EEF Secretary General (carina.mayer@euroequestrian.eu).

EEF Driving Working Group

We are very pleased that many NFs have expressed their interest to contribute to the newly established EEF Driving Working Group. The full list of Working Group members will be published soon, along with the date and place of the first in-person meeting.



Seminar on Training and Judging Young Dressage Horses

The German NF is hosting a seminar on the subject of training and judging young Dressage horses in Warendorf from 02-05 September 2017 (during the “Bundeschampionate” - German Championships for Young Horses). The seminar is open to all NFs, judges, stewards, trainers, riders, veterinarians and people interested in Dressage but is NOT an FEI seminar. The deadline for applications is 01 July 2017 and a detailed invitation can be found attached to this newsletter.

An FEI Course for promotion to FEI Young Dressage Horses Judge (with exams) will also be offered in Warendorf from 02-05 September 2017 .

General Assembly of the European & Mediterranean Horseracing Federation

On 29 May 2017 the EEF Secretary General attended the General Assembly of the European & Mediterranean Horseracing Federation (EMHF) in Stockholm (SWE). The EEF and EMHF enjoy reciprocal observer status and maintain regular contact.

BREXIT: EMHF members were equally united in a determination to make every effort to impress upon those conducting the negotiations over Britain’s departure from the EU that this should not impair the freedom of movement of Thoroughbreds between Britain and remaining EU countries. Such movements are numerous and of significant importance to the health of the Thoroughbred Breeding and Racing industries.

Seminar Program: The British Horseracing Authority will be hosting an EMHF Seminar on October 26th and 27th, at its Head Office in London and at Newbury Racecourse, on Licensing policy/practice and Integrity, with a particular focus on detection and control of race fixing.



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

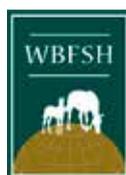
Dr. Hanfried Haring on

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.

RSVP Daniel Bergqvist, Swedish Equestrian Federation,
daniel.bergqvist@ridsport.se May 31nd 2017



Dressage

Seminar on Training and Judging Young Dressage Horses (from 4 years to Grand Prix)

Warendorf (GER), 2 - 5 September 2017

Course Directors	Christoph Hess (GER) Gishlain Fouarge (NED)
Language	English
Participation	Open to all Nations' Judges, Stewards, Trainers, Riders, Veterinarians and people interested in Dressage (max. 80 persons).
Applications must be sent to	GER NF Mr Carsten Rotermund Freiherr-von-Langen-Str. 15 PO Box 110 265 D-48231 Warendorf Tel.: (0049 2581) 63 62 186 Fax: (0049 2581) 63 62 226 E-mail: crotermund@fn-dokr.de
Deadline for applications	1 July 2017
Course fee (Course enrolment can only be accepted once payment has been receipt.)	EUR 300.-, including entry to the Bundes- championship on Saturday and Sunday, shuttle-bus from Saturday to Tuesday, lunch on Monday and Tuesday and official dinner on Monday night
Account details	Deutsche Reiterliche Vereinigung e.V. Number: 60 15 BLZ 400 501 50 IBAN: DE 144 00 50 15 000 000 060 15 BIC: WELADED 1 MST
Program & Timetable	Will be sent to participants after application receipt and payment.
Nearest Airport	Münster / Osnabrück
Pre-organized Hotel	Steigenberger Hotel Remarque Tel.: +49 541 6096-0 www.osnabrueck.steigenberger.de code : Warendorf

Participants will be responsible for their own transport, accommodation and meal costs (other than those included in the course fee).

The above information serves as an official invitation.

DRESSAGE

FEI Course for Promotion to FEI Young Horses Judge (with exams)

Warendorf (GER), 2 – 5 September 2017

Course Directors	Dr. Dieter Schüle (GER) Stephen Clarke (GBR)
Language	English
Participation	Open to FEI Dressage Judges from all Nations. All Participants must be entered by their NF. Limited to 20 participants on a first come first served basis (max. 6 per host NF and 2 per other NF).
Applications must be sent to	FEI Dressage Dept. Anna.Milne@fei.org With copy to the organizer GER NF - Carsten Rotermund CRotermund@fn-dokr.de Tel.: +49 2581 – 63 62 186 Fax: +49 2581 – 63 62 226
Deadline for final registration	15 June 2017
Course fee	EUR 300.-, including entry to the Bundeschampionate on Saturday and Sunday, shuttle-bus from Saturday to Tuesday, lunch on Monday and Tuesday and official dinner on Monday night
Program & Timetable	Will be sent to participants after application receipt and payment.
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