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Next Events

- **09 Oct 2017:** EEF in-person Board Meeting in Luxemburg
- **10 Oct 2017:** EEF General Assembly in Luxemburg
- **27-28 Oct 2017:** EEF Dressage Judging Seminar in Zakrzów (POL)
- **06 Nov 2017:** Legal Group meeting of the European Horse Network (EHN) in Brussels (BEL)
- **07 Nov 2017:** Annual Equine Conference in the European Parliament in Brussels
- **07 Nov 2017:** General Assembly of the European Horse Network (EHN) in Brussels (BEL)
- **19 Nov 2017:** EEF Meeting in Montevideo (URU)
- **21 Nov 2017:** FEI General Assembly in Montevideo (URU)



2017 Balkan Jumping Championships & EEF Meeting with the Balkan Countries

As of 2018 the Balkan Championships will be conducted under the patronage of the EEF and in order to be informed about the current standard of facilities and performances, a delegation of the EEF consisting of the President Hanfried Haring, Vice-President Armagan Özgörkey and Chair of the EEF Balkan Working Group Theo Ploegmakers visited the Balkan Jumping Championships in Zhitnica (BUL) from 02-04 September 2017. The delegation attended competitions of the various age categories and was pleased to see that the performances were on a good standard according to the competition requirements. Especially the friendly atmosphere and the fair attitude between competing nations impressed the delegation.

In a meeting with all Balkan countries the minimum requirements, timetable, course of action and various responsibilities related to the future Balkan Championships were thoroughly discussed and agreed upon. With equal attention the discussion on the future of Division 2 in the FEI Nations Cup Jumping was conducted.

On Monday September 4th after the successful conclusion of the Balkan Jumping Championships the delegation had the opportunity of a personal appointment with the Sports Minister of Bulgaria, Mr. Krasen Kralev, who is not only a sports expert but also a former marathon runner himself and a friend of equestrian sport.

EEF Dressage Judging Seminar in Zakrzów (POL)

On 27-28 October 2017 the organizer of the CDI-W Zakrzów in cooperation with the EEF will host a Dressage Judging Seminar led by Katrina Wüst, FEI 5* Dressage judge.

The seminar is open to FEI judges and national judges of the highest level and will focus on the following content:

- How to judge the different classes?
 - Children, Juniors, PSG, Inter I/II/A/B, GP, GPS, Young Horses
- Practical judging
 - Judging different classes with earphones live in the arena during the CDI-W Zakrzów
- Further discussions on the principles of judging
 - Mouth/tongue problems
 - FEI Rules
 - Judging guidelines
 - Questions & Answers



The detailed invitation and seminar program is available on the EEF website at http://www.euroequestrian.eu/files/2/39/EEF_Dressage_Judging_Seminar_in_Zakrzow_P_OL.pdf.

Longines FEI European Championships & Seminar “From the Horse’s Perspective”

The Longines FEI European Championships held in Gothenburg (SWE) from 21-27 August 2017 in the disciplines of Jumping, Dressage, Driving & Para-Equestrian Dressage have been a great success. The city of Gothenburg offered excellent facilities and an equally good organization. In all disciplines we can report stunning performances that were watched by a knowledgeable and fair public. The full results of the competitions can be found at <http://www.longinestiming.com/#!/equestrian/2017/1380/html/en/longinestiming/index.html>.

For the first time the Championship was combined with a seminar titled “From the Horse’s Perspective” which covered several highly interesting subjects related to horse welfare. Together with the Swedish Equestrian Federation and the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses the European Equestrian Federation organized this seminar in order to establish how sport and breeding can interact with scientists to secure the welfare of the horse and ensure that horse sport will remain relevant in our society.

Approximately 70 participants listened to the presentations of highly interesting scientific papers from Swedish scientists which covered the following topics:

- biochemical studies of locomotion
- objective tools for lameness assessment
- vision in horses
- breeding tools
- active open barn systems

The intensive discussions were proof for the quality of the papers, they were followed by two presentations that illustrated the (sports) political side of the horse welfare subject. These presentations covered a resolution of the European Parliament regarding “Responsible Equine Ownership” as well as the subject of “The Role of Europe in Global Equestrian Governance”, given by the EEF President Dr. Hanfried Haring. It was agreed that a second edition of this seminar will take place at the 2019 European Championships in Rotterdam (NED).

Hereunder is a short summary of conclusions of the presentation given by the EEF President Hanfried Haring:

- Europe is in a special situation because the sport is concentrated in Europe; thus Europe also has special responsibilities in global equestrian governance due to the enormous economic importance of the horse sector in Europe.
- We have to accept the changing relation between society and the animal in general and the horse in particular.
- We have to prevent a “humanization” of the horse



- We have to create facts regarding the use of the horse, based on experience and proven by scientific research / knowledge.
- We have to follow those agreed facts without compromise, using all existing instruments to educate and – if necessary – to punish ignorant offenders or criminals.
- We have to bundle the resources available like it is done for example in France
- We have a very good chance here in Europe to achieve the best for our sport and for the horse.

EEF Board Meeting in Gothenburg (SWE)

The agenda of the meeting held on 26 August 2017 focused on the subject of EEF continental representation in the FEI Bureau and aimed to provide detailed information to the candidates that stood for election as Chair of FEI Regional Group I. The full minutes can be found at <http://www.euroequestrian.eu/documents/board-meetings> .

The detailed proposal for changes to the EEF Statutes has been distributed accordingly.

EEF Dressage Working Group Meeting

The EEF Dressage Working Group held an in-person meeting on 24 August 2017 in Gothenburg (SWE) at which the discussion focused on the following subjects and led to the recommendations listed below:

Related to the recommendations of the FEI Dressage Judging Working Group

- In 2018 a test in practice (judges and riders aware of the testing) with hi-lo drop score should be performed at as many shows as possible. Statistical expertise should be involved to evaluate these tests and a consequence of the result should be prepared in advance.
- The majority is of the opinion that the introduction of hi-lo drop score without the test in practice is by far too dangerous for a number of reasons.
- More education and training is also requested at all levels in order to improve the quality of judging.
- The button in all judges huts to inform judge C was supported.
- The proposal from the FEI working group on collective marks is supported.
- The proposals from the FEI working group considering Ground Jury and supervisory panel are supported depending on the outcome of the hi-lo drop score.

Related to the Qualification System for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

- FEI shall appoint qualifying events
- FEI shall appoint judges for these qualifying events



The full minutes of the meeting are available on the EEF website at <http://www.euroequestrian.eu/documents/wg-dressage>

