



2013 NEWSLETTER

As we approach the end of 2013 and look forward to 2014 we have taken the liberty to reflect on the achievements of the year and provide details of planned EHRC events for 2014 and beyond. The 2014 General Assembly will see a number of changes, as committee members and the Secretary General retire and others seek re-election. In addition to the permanent members of the committee there are 4-committee members position that are decided by members votes at the General Assembly. Finally may I thank you for your continued support of EHRC and wish you a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

EHRC Highlights of 2013

The stand out event was the European Holstein and Red Holstein Championship, which proved to be a phenomenal success, with prizes shared between many of the exhibiting countries. The organisation by the team in Switzerland was excellent and contributed to the many favourable comments we received about all aspects of the show.

The EHRC European Championship competition has given European Holsteins an International promotional platform.

2013 European Red Holstein Grand Champion



2013 European Holstein Grand Champion



2013 European Champion Group - Spain



European Showmanship

The showmanship competition continues to go from strength to strength and is now a vital part of the EHRC European championship.



Special thanks to the EHRC committee member and chairman of the EHRC European Championship working group, Joseph Crettenand, for his dedication to the success of the project; He will end his activities for EHRC at the 2014 General Assembly.

The EHRC Judges Panel Working Group

A workshop was organised in the Netherlands, special thanks to Arie Hamoen and his team for an excellent job. 36 Judges from 16 countries of the top Judges attended the event, the results of which form the basis for the 2014 EHRC Judges Panel. The 2014 European Panel list will be available on the EHRC web site.

Participants at the 2013 Judges School



A special thank you to the retiring chairman, John Gribbon, whose position will be filled by EHRC committee member Keld Christensen.

European Showing Rules

The EHRC committee are also very keen to develop a template of Showing Rules for European countries to use. The draft proposal is currently being reviewed before the final version is completed.

The EHRC committee also discussed several topics concerning developments within COPA COGECA and the likely impact these would have on EHRC members. EHRC committee reaffirmed its commitment and support to the WHFF policy in respect of the proposed Interbull SNP database for parentage verification.

2014 Planned Events

March 2014.

EHRC European Championship Working Group will be visiting the venue and meeting the French organizing committee.

April 2014.

EHRC committee meeting, UK

May 2014.

EHRC committee members will be attending the WHFF Council meeting, ICAR and Interbull meetings in Berlin, Germany.

May 2014

The WHFF Classifiers workshop is being organised in Denmark, in which EHRC members are eligible to participate. In addition to the main task of the workshop to improve harmonisation of linear traits between countries, countries have been asked to demonstrate the handheld classification devices used in their country.

July 2014

2014 Eastern European Judges Training School

Organised by the EHRC Judges Panel Working Group, a new event aimed at training aspiring Holstein Judges. The first school is being held in Slovenia 9 -11th July, with the objective to attract participants from Eastern European Countries. Full details will be available on the EHRC web site.

September 2014.

2014 EHRC Conference and General Assembly and National Holstein Show in Spain

The main event of the 2014 EHRC calendar, and a visit not to be missed. The Conference is being organised in conjunction with the 30th General Assembly and 2 days of Holstein and showmanship classes, in the beautiful city of Gijón Northern Spain. The Conference will focus on the 2020 Challenges for the European Breeder and will include topics such as; The impact of the end of the quota system, technologies for different size farming enterprises, climate change, genomics and breeding policies: An event for farmers, farming families, technicians and advisors.

On-Going Projects

EHRC Showing Rules

EHRC has been developing a standard set of showing rules, which will be used as a template for all European shows? The proposed rules are based on maintaining high standards of animal welfare and competitive integrity. EHRC intend to finalise the document in April 2014 and distribute to EHRC members.

New 2014

European Showmanship Panel

The formation and introduction of an official EHRC Showmanship Panel, which will be

available for download from the EHRC web site, later this year.

The Panel is currently being formed, so if you have any suitably qualified Showmanship Judges that you believe should be considered for inclusion on the panel please send a CV and details of their judging experience to ehrc@btinternet.com

2016 European Championship

An important date for the diary:

17 - 19th June 2016.

Colmar.

France.

The Venue for the 2019/20 European Championship

This is a fantastic opportunity if your country is interested in hosting and administering the prestigious 'European Championship' in conjunction with EHRC. As hosts this provides you with a unique opportunity to promote your country and dairy industry. Interested and need to know more? Please contact the EHRC Secretary General for full details.

Appointment of a new EHRC Secretary General

David Hewitt is retiring as Secretary General in September, at the 2014 General Assembly. EHRC are currently in the process of looking to appoint his successor. This is a wonderful opportunity for someone who is interested in World and European cattle breeding and enjoys travelling and meeting people. Are you interested? Then it is a job well worth considering. Working on a part time basis it involves all aspects of European Holstein breeding and being involved in the future development of European cattle breeding.

If you are interested and would like to know ehrc@btinternet.com for more details or follow the link on the EHRC web site.

Closing date for application is January 1st, 2014

All EHRC activities and the latest country information is available on the EHRC web site www.euroholsteins.com

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2013 European Championship

2013 EHRC Country Team Managers



European Showmanship



Inter Country Group Competition



Red Holstein Championship



The Next European Championship 2016 Colmar France

