



WBFSH
WORLD BREEDING FEDERATION
FOR SPORT HORSES

WBFSH General Assembly 2025 Minutes

Saturday, 11th October 2025

At Waterwoods Equestrian Estate, Nottingham Road (RSA)

Time: 13h30 – 18h00 (SAST / UCT+2)

AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2024 (#GA2)
3. Presentation of activity reports by Jan Pedersen and discussion of the written reports of the departments (#GA3.1) (#GA3.2) (#GA3.3) (#GA3.4) (#GA3.5)
4. Financial report (#GA 4&5)
5. Approval of the budget for the coming financial year (#GA 4&5)
6. Approval of the Strategic Plan 2026-2030 (#GA6)
7. Approval of the annual plan for the coming year (#GA7)
8. Election of Board members (#GA 8, 9 & 10) (#GA 8.1) (#GA 8.2) (#GA 8.3) (#GA 8.4)
Retiring and eligible for re-election for a 3-year period: President Jan Pedersen (DEN), Vice President Stephan Kelchtermans (BEL). New nominations received: Mateusz Cichorń (POL), Andries van Daalen (NED)
9. Election of members for the Audit committee (#GA 8, 9 & 10)
Referring to the statutes, 3 members and two substitutes must be elected annually. In 2024, Alf Kjetil Andresen (NOR), Wilken Treu (GER), Guillaume Blanc (FRA) were elected, with Meghan de Garay (USA) and Sonja Egan (IRE) elected as substitutes.
10. Election of the Continuity Committee (#GA 8, 9 & 10)
Referring to the statutes, up to 3 members must be elected annually.
11. New Members/Associates (#GA 11)
12. Motion from the Board (#GA 12.1) (#GA 12.2) (#GA 12.2.1) (#GA 12.3)
13. Motion from members/associates
14. General Assembly 2026
15. Miscellaneous
 - a. Update from EAAP Horse Commission representative
 - b. Update from IYB President
 - c. WBFSH Rankings – Studbooks of the Year 2025, Breeders of the Year 2025

MINUTES

1. Opening and welcome

President Jan Pedersen welcomed the attendants to the 2025 WBFSH General Assembly in Nottingham Road RSA.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2024 ^(#GA2)

The minutes of the 2024 General Assembly held in Cascais POR were approved without comment.

3. Presentation of activity reports by Jan Pedersen and discussion of the written reports of the departments ^{(#GA3.1) (#GA3.2) (#GA3.3) (#GA3.4) (#GA3.5)}

In his opening Jan Pedersen stated that the equestrian sector continues to face very challenging circumstances. On a positive note, regarding horse welfare, the situation appears more stable than in 2024. This may be the result of actively addressing the issue rather than ignoring it. The WBFSH welfare project has been widely disseminated, and there have been fewer high-profile cases of compromised horse welfare during the past year.

Nevertheless, many breeders and studbooks are experiencing significant financial pressure due to declining horse prices, particularly in the medium-quality segment. Consequently, the number of coverings has again decreased this year. This development also directly affects the WBFSH, as membership fees are calculated based on the number of foals.

These challenges are driven not only by rising costs of keeping horses but also by a reduction in the number of active riders and participants in equestrian events. The latter is particularly concerning, as it suggests we may need to adjust to a smaller market in the future, which will inevitably be difficult.

Longines WBFSH Breeding Awards

Since 2019 Longines has the official partner of the “Longines WBFSH Breeder Awards”, which are awarded every year to honour the world’s best breeders in the disciplines of Jumping, Dressage and Eventing. In their collaboration with the WBFSH, Longines emphasises the importance of breeding and breeders, and their roles in the development of equestrian sports.

The 2024 winners were celebrated in Bordeaux in January this year and here they are:

- **Dressage: Silke Druckenmüller** received the prize posthumous, for a fourth consecutive time, for breeding the mare TSF Dalera BB (TRAK) BY Easy Game x Handryk
- **Jumping: Romain Rotty** for breeding the mare Legacy (ex Chavantele Z) (ZANG) by Chippendale Z x Bon Ami
- **Eventing: Volker Götsche-Götze** for breeding the gelding JL Dublin (HOLST) by Diarado x Canto

Department of Breeding

The guiding principle in the work of this department led by Vice President Armand Pette and Executive Director Bérengère Lacroix (FRA) is to promote “Good Breeding Practice”, through the sharing of knowledge with the WBFSH member studbooks.

In 2025, the WBFSH Breeding Department has focused on two major priorities:

- Greater transparency and traceability in reproductive methods

The WBFSH has continued to promote the importance of traceability in assisted reproductive technologies.

- Strengthening welfare standards across the breeding community.

In line with our mission to foster ethical and sustainable breeding, the WBFSH has introduced “Commitment to Equine Welfare in Breeding”, inviting all member studbooks to formally endorse it.

The Commitment highlights seven key areas: prioritising welfare in breeding decisions, embedding welfare into breeding strategies, ensuring ethical management practices, supporting

evidence-based improvements, monitoring welfare outcomes, leading by example, and taking responsibility through transparency and accountability.

By signing the Commitment, members acknowledge that welfare is a duty, not an option, and agree to uphold these commitments in their policies and practices. The full text of the Commitment will be presented to you later for signing.

Through these initiatives, the WBFSH reaffirms its leadership in advancing both transparency and welfare in sport horse breeding. The introduction of the Welfare Commitment marks an important milestone, ensuring that ethical standards are embedded in breeding strategies and practices worldwide, with each WBFSH member taking the necessary measures to uphold and enforce them.

Department of Development

The WBFSH Department of Development, led by Vice President Renai Hart (NZL) and Executive Director Katy Holder-Vale (GBS), has dedicated 2024 and 2025 to strengthening collaboration across the global sport horse breeding industry.

The State of the Industry Report 2024-2025 remains the central initiative of the Department.

Key Themes & Findings:

i. Global and Economic Context

The sport horse industry has felt the effects of rising living costs, the aftershocks of COVID-19, and ongoing global conflicts. Surveys indicate that these pressures have impacted breeders, riders, and owners. Questions remain around how far reduced economic confidence has affected participation and demand.

ii. Foal Statistics and Auctions

The 2024 statistical review centred on foals:

- Foal numbers reported by member studbooks.
- Foal auctions, comparing studbook-run with independent events.

Studbook auctions consistently achieved the highest prices and strongest averages, reinforcing their reputation as trusted and reliable platforms.

iii. FEI Competition Data

Analysis of FEI competition statistics revealed:

- Competition numbers dipped only slightly during COVID, with most countries now returning to 2017 levels.
- Horse participation dropped sharply in 2021 and has only partially recovered, remaining below 2017–2019 levels.

This trend suggests that economic conditions continue to influence demand for new horses.

iv. Traceability and Breeding Techniques

Following the adoption of the DNA motion at last year's General Assembly, WBFSH hosted a well-attended webinar to support studbooks transitioning to DNA use.

In July, WBFSH presented to the European Commission on the traceability of modern breeding techniques. Nadine Brantner delivered a comprehensive presentation covering natural covering, artificial insemination, embryo transfer, cloning, OPU, and ICSI.

Recommendation: Reproductive techniques should be recorded in foal passports. While some large European studbooks already do so, consistent implementation is essential.

v. Welfare and Best Breeding Practice

Welfare and transparency remain fundamental to public trust in breeding. The WBFSH–Hartpury University Best Breeding Practice project, presented last year, produced 10 welfare principles backed

by a one-year scientific study. These principles have since been referenced widely, including at international conferences such as Bucharest (ROM). WBFSH delivered a webinar presenting the 10 principles to members and intends to extend the project.

The WBFSH Breeding Department has drafted a Charter on Horse Breeding Welfare, inviting members to commit to these principles.

This initiative highlights the shared duty of care across the industry and reinforces WBFSH's leadership role in advancing welfare standards.

vi. Looking Ahead

In the years ahead, the Department of Development will:

- Strengthen data quality and transparency across breeding and competition systems.
- Monitor long-term trends through consistent and comparable data collection.
- Stay proactive in addressing welfare, economic, and environmental challenges.
- Promote pride, accountability, and transparency, ensuring these values become a source of strength for the industry.

Department External Cooperation

This department is led by Vice President Norbert Camp and Executive Director Klaus Miesner (GER).

Cooperation with FEI

For breeding associations, the further expansion of the data exchange project with the FEI depends heavily on the initiative of the individual studbooks. Work on this will continue in the coming year to increase the volume of data exchanged.

The technical requirements for 5-year-old horses at the World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping horses were a topic on the agenda at this year's FEI Sports Forum. After that two online meetings were held with the FEI Jumping Department. As a result, it was agreed to discuss with the FEI Jumping Committee in December about the introduction of a maximum height of 120 cm and a system with optimum time for this age group from next year's Championships onwards.

In addition, the WBFSH and FEI will attempt to implement a system for verifying Minimum Eligible Requirements (MER), similar to that used for the World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage horses, in order to be even more certain that the horses competing meet the requirements.

Cooperation with European Horse Network (EHN)

In December 2024 the MEP Horse Group discussed the EU welfare transport regulation. The need for adjustments and, in particular, the extension of the exemptions for breeding horses were highlighted.

At another MEP's Horse Lunch in June 2025, the WBFSH General Manager gave a very well-structured and informative presentation on the urgent need for transparency and traceability of breeding techniques in the interests of consumer protection.

To create a robust strategy for ensuring that horses remain a key part of the European landscape in the years to come, the European Horse Network (EHN) promoted a co-creative process to generate scenarios of the future. Based on these scenarios, the

Cooperation with International Stud-Book Committee of Weatherbys

The WBFSH General Manager and the Executive Director of Marketing attended an ISBC conference in Bucharest (ROM) and presented the WBFSH Welfare Statement. The WBFSH's ideas were well received, confirming that the cooperation that has been initiated is a step in the right direction.

FEI-WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses

This year the FEI-WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses returned to Verden for the next 3 years. The venue once again offered very generous facilities for horses, riders and visitors. 45 five-year-old, 40 six-year-old and 41 seven-year-old horses participated in the first qualifier.

Medal Distribution

- KWPN: 2 gold, 1x silver, 1x bronze
- DWB: 1x gold, 1x silver, 1x bronze
- HANN: 1x bronze
- OLD: 1x silver

Champion 5-year-old horses: Proud James (Jameson RS2 / Johnson)

- Rider: Mette Sejbjerg-Jensen
- Breeder: Y.M.M. van Masdacker
- Studbook: KWPN

Champion 6-year-old horses: Red Viper (Romanow / Sir Sinclair)

- Rider: Bart Veeze
- Breeder: C. Kerbert
- Studbook: KWPN

Champion 7-year-old horses: Quinn G. (Quaterhit / Fassbinder)

- Rider: Fiona Bigwood
- Breeder: Stutteri G – Helene Geervliet
- Studbook: DWB

FEI-WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horses

This year, Stoeterij Zangersheide organised the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horses in Lanaken for the 30th time. The anniversary event was characterised by very strong competitors and outstanding sport. However, the need to change the requirements for 5-year-old horses became apparent again this year.

In the first qualifier 226 horses started in the 5-year-old age group. The group of 6-year-old horses had 253 starters and 195 horses started in the 7-year-old age group.

Medal Distribution

- KWPN: 2x gold
- ISH: 1x silver, 1x bronze,
- BWP: 1x silver, 1x bronze
- SF: 1x bronze
- ZANG: 1x gold, 1x silver

Champion 5-year-old horses: HHS Private Ryan (El Barone 111 Z / High Shutterfly)

- Rider: Michael Pender
- Breeder: M Van Der Veide
- Studbook: KWPN

Champion 6-year-old horses: Ortane (Balou du Rouet Z / Quinar Z)

- Rider: Max van de Poll
- Breeder: D. Van De Linden/C. Van Der Heijden
- Studbook: KWPN

Champion 7-year-old horses: Augustus Z (Aganix du Seigneur / Vigo d'Arsouilles STX)

- Rider: Eoin Brennan
- Breeder: Tim Brennan
- Studbook: ZANG

FEI-WBFSH Eventing World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horses

Since the year 2000, the top 6 and 7-year-old eventing horses have competed in Le Lion d'Angers (FRA) for the title of World Champion of Young Eventing Horses. The 2025 Championships are scheduled to take place from the 16th to 19th October 2025.

WBFSH Studbooks Jumping Global Champions Trophy

Unfortunately, in 2025 the WBFSH Studbooks Jumping Global Champions Trophy did not take place.

From a sporting point of view the event has been a great success. It was very popular with the riders, and it was a great profiling of breeding. However, due to a financial disagreement the cooperation with the organiser, Tops Equestrian Events in Valkenswaard, has been terminated. WBFSH will now start looking for a new organiser - hoping, expecting that the event can be taken up again next year.

Department Marketing

The Marketing Department is led by Vice President Eva-Maria Livesey (GBR) and Executive Director Ralph Venrooij (NED).

In 2024/2025 the WBFSH Marketing Department continued to grow the communication and promotional initiatives of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) in pursuit of its overall aim to continue to grow our global engagement and recognition. The digital transformation and growth as a vehicle for global interaction between the members and breeders continues to reside at the heart of the WBFSH's global communications strategy.

The strategy is driven by the aspiration to engage and connect with wide-ranging audiences encompassing not only the extensive network of over 80 member studbooks and some 240,000 studbook members and sport horse breeders worldwide, but also anyone with a vested interest in sport horse breeding, from owners to riders, professionals, representative bodies and sporting organisations.

In its pursuit of and commitment to its overarching goals, the WBFSH Marketing Department has consistently strived to enhance its communication strategies and broaden its spectrum of activities. A significant part of its efforts has been dedicated to the ongoing development of the digital presence, with particular emphasis on the evolution of our website and online communications.

The website, which serves as the digital hub of the organisation, continues to undergo far reaching transformations. Much of this work occurs "behind the scenes" and is culminating in foundational work for the Global Equine Studbooks Data Project.

The custom-built CMS whose digital architecture underpins the virtual presence has not only been fundamental in enhancing the online presence, yielding top rankings on google on a wide range of relevant breeding-relating searches, but it also forms the foundation for the WBFSH's future growth and development. The revamped website now offers a more intuitive and user-friendly interface, ensuring that visitors can effortlessly access valuable resources, pertinent information, and updates pertaining to sport horse breeding and the activities of the WBFSH. Furthermore, the WBFSH has enriched the content repository, providing a wealth of educational materials, research findings, and insights into the world of equine breeding.

Driving Global Welfare Through Information Exchange

The overarching remit of all activities of the department is to create and maintain channels of communications between breeding and the sport and to be a source of trusted information on equine health and welfare. Cementing this position will ultimately support the global perception of equine sport horse breeding, thus promoting sustainability and growth for our organisation and its members.

The department collaborates closely with the General Manager and the Secretariat in supporting high quality press releases and mail communications, as well as providing imagery that underscores the high value brand image of our organisation and its members.

The Studbooks Data Project

Following a strong mandate from the membership, development work on a studbooks data project in collaboration with the digital partners has commenced.

The organisation's approach has been to develop the project centred on the needs of the studbooks and on maximising the benefits to them. This includes state-of-the-art data translation technologies that can feed information back to the studbooks and foster outreach not only to the 240.000 breeders worldwide, but beyond that to all owners and riders of the close to 2 million WBFSH studbook horses.

Test data batches have been received from several studbooks of different sizes to create a digital solution that delivers the organisation's ambitions for digital leadership while remaining

achievable for everyone. This data formed the basis for the build of a data infrastructure to receive complete studbook datasets. The department is now in ongoing discussions with early adopting members to form part of the development phases of the project and create a data policy group. To fund the project which will be delivered at no cost to early adopting studbooks, specific sponsorship packages have been developed and detailed sponsorship conversations are ongoing.

Webinars

Over the past years, the WBFSH has proudly organised a series of insightful webinars, and the support of the dedicated Marketing Department has played an important role in their resounding success. One standout among these webinars, in particular, merits special attention—the session on breeding values. This webinar's remarkable success is underscored by the substantial number of registrations and the active participation and engagement both during and after the event. It unequivocally demonstrates that topics of this nature resonate deeply with the members, as they hunger for in-depth information and knowledge.

It is worth noting that webinars also present a compelling value proposition for potential sponsors. These events offer an opportunity for sponsors to align their brand with high-quality educational content and engage directly with a captive and invested audience

President's Conclusion

The President emphasised the importance of cooperation, transparency and responsibility throughout the sport horse breeding sector. By combining reliable data, forward-looking welfare commitments and open collaboration, WBFSH and its members are well positioned to contribute to a sustainable and respected future for the global sport horse industry.

He noted, however, that the sector is operating in difficult times and that the role of studbooks may evolve as a natural consequence of ongoing technical development. This process increasingly opens the market internationally and will require acceptance and adaptation, in line with the expectations of breeders.

The President expressed his sincere appreciation to the organisation's partners for their constructive cooperation: LONGINES, the FEI, Equine Register, Breeding News magazine, the organisers of the young horse championships in Verden, Lanaken and Le Lion d'Angers, the sponsoring consultant Xavier Libbrecht, and the International Young Breeders Organisation.

He also thanked the members of the Board and the Executive Committee for their cooperation, and expressed particular gratitude to the Secretariat, especially Morgane, as well as Nadine, for their dedicated work and commitment.

The activity report was approved by the General Assembly.

4. Financial Report (#GA4 & 5)

The financial report 2024/2025 was presented by Stephan Kelchtermans (Vice President, Department of Finance). The financial year runs from the 1st of September to the 31st of August. Income from membership fees is decreasing and studbooks are paying later (more payments made after the end of the fiscal year). The projected income from the Tops partnership was less than budgeted due to the termination of the agreement with Tops. In 2025, legal costs were higher than budgeted. The increased expenses for the GA host budget was as a result of the hosting fee having been paid in advance this time. The final standing of the accounts are, as per below:

	2024	2025
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS		
Company account	408,762.57	318,700.74
Savings account	121,193.26	122,118.40
Account young breeders	10,511.62	8,733.86
Interim account		0.00
Cash		0.00
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS TOTAL	540,467.45	449,553.00
OUTSTANDING RECEIVABLES	8382	129,483.00
OUTSTANDING DEBTS	0	-34,936.84

5. Approval of the budget for the coming financial year (#GA4 & 5)

Stephan Kelchtermans presented the budget for 2026. A proposal to increase the membership fees is included in the budget (to be voted on by the general assembly). Changes to the expenses are minor, with no new categories of expenses expected. The budget was approved by the General Assembly without comments.

6. Approval of the Strategic Plan 2026-2030 (#GA6)

General Manager Nadine Brandtner presented the new strategic plan, outlining the federation's mission to strengthen global sport horse breeding through ethical leadership, cooperation, innovation and welfare-focused practices. The plan comprises of 4 pillars and focuses on representation and advocacy, including the development of international standards, collaboration with regulatory bodies and improved recognition of breeders in sport. It also foresees enhanced services to members, such as improved rankings and championships, the introduction of a voluntary quality label, and the development of digital tools providing breeding data and genetic insights.

Furthermore, the strategy aims to advance breeding excellence through harmonised data exchange, research partnerships and educational initiatives, while reinforcing organisational capacity through updated governance structures, professionalised management and closer stakeholder engagement. Progress will be monitored through annual reviews and risk management procedures. Overall, the plan seeks to balance tradition and innovation while ensuring welfare and breeder involvement remain central to the future of sport horse breeding.

7. Approval of the annual plan for the coming year (#GA7)

The annual plan was presented by Nadine Brandtner and approved by the General Assembly.

1. Develop a Strategy for Equine Welfare and Good Breeding Practice
2. Promoting traceability of genetic material, including recording of breeding techniques in passports and working with legislative bodies
3. Develop a forum to inform and evaluate how various innovative biotechnologies such as OPU-ICSI, gene modification and other potential future technologies will impact breeding
4. Develop the WBFSH Data Platform
5. To finalise implementation of suitable platforms that will provide clean, verified pedigree data, to enable data exchange with the FEI
6. Planning of the championships together with FEI
7. Planning of the studbook team competition in jumping
8. Working on EU legislation in cooperation with European Horse Network and other organisations
9. Improve overall communication between the WBFSH and its studbooks and their breeders through implementation of the marketing and communications plan
10. Continue to improve overall collaboration between the WBFSH and FEI, for example through the WBFSH FEI Council, for example on issues such as welfare and young horse competitions
11. Verified breeding information on starting lists and other media
12. Sponsorships – work on attracting additional sponsors
13. Contact to international federations (COPA, EAAP etc)
14. Continued support of international organisation of young breeders' competition
15. Promote and maintain the WBFSH rankings of horse breeders, studbooks and the stallions
16. Raising the profile & gaining greater recognition of the WBFSH through new initiatives e.g. develop our presence on social media, and continue to develop the WBFSH website
17. Consult with the non-EU studbooks to address issues specific to them and increase their engagement in the federation
18. Risk Register: Maintain and review annually during the in-person joint meeting, covering funding risks, political shifts, member disengagement, and reputational issues

8. Election of Board members (#GA 8, 9 & 10)

Retiring and eligible for re-election for a 3-year period: President Jan Pedersen (DEN), Vice President Stephan Kelchtermans (BEL). There were no nominations to the position of the president. There were 3 nominations for the position of Vice President:

Stephan Kelchtermans (BEL), Mateusz Cichoń (POL) and Andries van Daalen (NED).

The candidates introduced themselves, showing a strong commitment to the organisation and to

supporting all members and breeders across the world. Voting was carried out by paper ballot. According to the statutes, the WBFSH must appoint a polling committee. The Board proposed Nadine Brandtner, Sonja Egan and Morgane Libotte. This was unanimously approved by the members. Following an anonymous vote by 48 registered members, Andries van Daalen (NED) won the election. Votes: Stephan Kelchtermans (73), Mateusz Cichoń (31), Andries van Daalen (96)

9. Election of members for the Audit committee (#GA 8, 9 & 10)

Referring to the statutes, 3 members and two substitutes must be elected annually. In 2024, Alf Kjetil Andresen (NOR), Wilken Treu (GER), Guillaume Blanc (FRA) were elected, with Meghan de Garay (USA) and Sonja Egan (IRE) elected as substitutes. All the candidates were unanimously re-elected.

10. Election of the Continuity Committee (#GA 8, 9 & 10)

Referring to the statutes, up to 3 members must be elected annually. This became mandatory after updates to the GA voted in 2024. This is the first time a Continuity Committee is voted by the General Assembly. The candidates nominate and voted for by the General Assembly are Alison Corbally (IRE), Olivier Couvé (FRA), Gustaf Johansson (SWE) and Maren Schlender (GER).

11. New Members/Associates (#GA 11)

The General Assembly ratified the memberships of AES-Netherlands (AES-NL), Cheval Dressage Français (CDF), and the Luso-Warmblood Studbook (LW), which were granted by the board at the General Assembly in 2024.

One application for full membership was received in 2025, from the Czech Sport Horse (CS). The application was processed by the Office. All membership criteria were deemed to have been met. The office and executive committee made a recommendation for granting membership to the Board, which approved the application. Their membership will be up for ratification as the next General Assembly, in 2026.

12. Motion from the Board (#GA 12)

The board proposed two motions.

Increase of the membership fee:

The WBFSH membership fees have remained unchanged for well over a decade. During this time, the Federation's scope of activity has grown, and the costs of administration, international representation, digital presence, and scope of projects have increased. After having reviewed current membership fees, and to maintain a fair and sustainable contribution structure across all members, the Board proposed an increase of membership contributions, taking into account differences between the categories of membership. The General Assembly voted in favour of the motion.

Mandatory DNA testing of all Member Studbooks:

Following the motion submitted by the BHHS at the 2024 General Assembly regarding mandatory DNA testing for pedigree verification in WBFSH studbooks, members agreed on the principle but requested further clarification on implementation and cost implications. The Board therefore re-submitted the motion together with a proposed timeline and organised an informational webinar in July 2025. During the webinar, Sonja Egan (Horse Sport Ireland) presented the scientific background and practical approaches to DNA testing, including parentage verification and the transition from microsatellite to SNP methods. Members discussed implementation requirements and highlighted the need for flexible protocols that consider regional circumstances, with agreement to continue cooperation and dialogue on the matter. The General Assembly voted in favour of the motion.

WBFSH Welfare Charter:

The General Assembly considered the Board's motion to adopt the WBFSH Welfare Charter, committing all member studbooks to actively uphold agreed principles of horse welfare across the entire breeding cycle. The Charter establishes obligations to prioritise welfare in breeding decisions, apply responsible management and training practices, integrate health and longevity indicators alongside performance, support research-based improvements, and ensure transparency, including traceability and DNA verification. Members also accept monitoring and potential disciplinary

measures in case of non-compliance. The General Assembly voted in favour of the motion.

13. Motions from members/associates

No motions were proposed by the members for the General Assembly 2025.

14. General assembly 2026

The next General Assembly of the WBFSH will be held in Dublin/Ireland, from South Africa from the 19th to 22nd October 2026, hosted by the Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH).

15. Miscellaneous

a. Update from EAAP Horse Commission representative

Dr Kathrin Stock provided a pre-recorded presentation with the summary for the 2025 report of the EAAP Horse Commission. The presentation will be available on the WBFSH website.

b. Update from IYB President

Inge Madsen, president of the IYB, presented the 2025 report of the organisation. She announced that the next World Championship of the International Young Breeders will take place at Landgestüt Celle (Adelheidsdorf GER) in July 2026. The presentation of the report will be available on the WBFSH website.

c. WBFSH Rankings – Studbooks of the year 2025 & Breeders of the Year 2025

Dressage Studbook Winner – KWPN with 12.783 points

- Glamourdale (2.469 Points)
- Jagerbomb (2.366 Points)
- Fame (2.159 Points)
- Flambeau (1.974 Points)
- Gotilas Du Feuillard (1.911 Points)
- Hartsuijker (1.903 Points)

Jumping Studbook Winner – Selle Français with 9.046 points

- Donatello d'Auge (1.911 Points)
- Bond Jamesbond De Hay (1.662 Points)
- Dexter de Kerglennv (1.444 Points)
- Ermitage Kalone (1.286 Points)
- Dynastie de Beaufour (1.353 Points)
- Vitalhorse Fleur d'Oz (1.290 Points)

Eventing Studbook Winner – Holsteiner Verband with 1.450 points

- London 52 (331 Points)
- JI Dublin (262 Points)
- Carlitos Quidditch K (251 Points)
- Vitali (207 Points)
- Commando 3 (203 Points)
- Dacapo (196 Points)

The ceremony of the Longines-WBFSH Breeder Awards 2025 will be held in Amsterdam on 24th January 2026.

The Dressage Breeder Award 2025 goes to Stephan Kurz, for breeding the HANN mare Mount St John Freestyle (Fidermark x Donnerhall) with 2.688 points.

The Jumping Breeder Award 2025 goes to Susana Epailard Garcia Cereceda for breeding the SF gelding Donatello d'Auge (Jarnac x Hello Pierville) with 1.911 points.

The Eventing Breeder Award 2025 goes to Ocke Riewerts (for the second time), for breeding the Holsteiner gelding London 52 (Landos x Quinar) JL Dublin (Diarado x Canto 16) with 331 points.

Vilhelmsborg, 5th November 2025