



Candidate nomination submitted by the Stud-Book Selle Français to the WBFSH

Samoreau, France, 19 September 2026

To Jan Pedersen, WBFSH President,
and to all WBFSH Member Studbooks

**Subject: Candidacy for re-election as Vice-President of the WBFSH Department of Breeding
– General Assembly 2026, Dublin**

Dear President, dear fellow WBFSH Members,

This candidacy is submitted to you, President, as the procedure requires; but it is above all the trust of our member studbooks, who will vote in Dublin, that I am asking to renew.

Three years ago in Orlando, I stood for election as Vice-President of the Department of Breeding, succeeding Paul Hubert, on a simple commitment: to defend the values of transparency, integrity and performance on behalf of breeders worldwide, and to put my experience of international competition at the service of their recognition. I would like this candidacy to be judged not on that promise, but on what has followed from it – and on what I believe still needs finishing.

A thread pulled across three General Assemblies

In 2024, in Cascais, our Department presented to you the results of a survey we had carried out among member studbooks on the practices surrounding assisted reproductive techniques – work that led directly to a shared conclusion in the room: that insemination techniques should start being recorded as part of the equine passport, and that studbooks should keep contributing to a clearer, common understanding of these techniques and their impact on the industry and on equine health. That conversation did not stay on a slide. It became, in 2025, concrete work on the transparency and traceability of reproductive techniques, which allowed our General Manager to bring the WBFSH's position directly to Members of the European Parliament before the summer – and then, in October, at the General Assembly in South Africa, the adoption and ceremonial signing of our Responsibility of Commitment to Equine Welfare in Breeding, which I was honoured to help present to you. I see this as one continuous piece of work, not three separate ones, and I would like the chance to see it through. That same traceability work also feeds, together with our Department of External Cooperation, the data exchange platform with the FEI, on which the accurate recognition of breeders'

names on international starting lists depends – a concrete way of carrying through, onto the field of sport itself, the commitment to breeders' recognition I made back in 2023.

What I have tried to bring to that work

Before the Board – our President and fellow Vice-Presidents – I have consistently held positions that I believe can speak to studbooks of every size and legal tradition, not only the largest. On traceability, that ambition must be paired with practical answers – who can reliably be identified as entitled to hold and share information on genetic material – and that we should identify and promote the good practices already in place among our members, rather than set principles that cannot be verified or enforced. On the Welfare Charter, that our shared commitment must stay strong – welfare as a genuine responsibility of every member studbook, not simply something we encourage others to pursue – while its implementation stays realistic about what any one studbook can actually monitor and enforce, within its own authority and national legislation. And on governance more broadly, that our rules should be proportionate and workable, and should respect the genuine differences between our studbooks' breeding programmes and legal environments, rather than imposing uniform requirements that do not solve the problem they set out to address.

I remain an entrepreneur in the communications sector, and continue, with my wife, to run the Haras des Coudrettes, which we founded in 2005. Now in our twentieth year, we remain breeders and stallion owners of top-level 5* horses in show jumping, eventing and voltige under the HDC affix – a hands-on engagement with the realities our breeders face, which I believe continues to serve this Board well.

Looking ahead

Should I have the honour of being re-elected, I do not see this as a new mandate so much as the continuation of the one under way: turning the Welfare Charter from a signed commitment into common practice across our membership; carrying the traceability work through to something studbooks can actually implement; and continuing to insist, in every discussion, that our shared ambitions be built to work for all of us, not only some of us. This, I believe, is how our Federation keeps the trust of the breeders and studbooks it exists to serve.

If re-elected, Bérengère Lacroix, Director of the Selle Français Stud Book, will continue to accompany me on this adventure alongside you as an executive.

Yours sincerely,

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