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1. Introduction

The department of External Cooperation is run by German Equestrian, the umbrella organization of sport horse breeding in Germany represented by Nobert Camp (Trakehner/German Equestrian) and Klaus Miesner (German Equestrian). The aim of this department is to bring external stakeholders and the WBFSH closer together. Especially organisations like FEI, EEF, EU Commission, European Horse Network and further umbrella organizations like Weatherbys, World Arabian Horse Organisation. Contacts with these organisations are often handled in conjunction with the General Manager of the WBFSH and as well with other members of the Executive Committee or the Board.

2. Activities & Assessment

a) Executive Committee

Cooperation within the Executive Committee and with the WBFSH Office is going well. Executives meet online every month to discuss ongoing projects or to prepare initiatives, appointments, events, webinars or meetings. Once a year, the meeting takes place in person. Unfortunately, due to the Executives' full-time commitments, the WBFSH Office sometimes has to wait longer than agreed for feedback. Nevertheless, the General Manager is highly skilled at obtaining the necessary feedback and information.

b) Cooperation with FEI

Our collaboration with the FEI remains consistently good. In June, the FEI-WBFSH Council had a meeting in Lausanne. FEI and WBFSH have exchanged information on their current projects. Equine Welfare, Transport of Horses, Collaboration with ISBC and WAHO, the WBFSH State of Industry Report, the FEI Equipass and the forthcoming Data Exchange Project have been among other topics on the agenda. The topic of Breeders' Premium was given considerable attention.



Both organisations consider this to a broader strategic issue for the entire equestrian community. The FEI will organize a dedicated session at the FEI Sports Forum 2027, taking place on 26 and 27 April in Lausanne. Relevant stakeholder representatives will be invited. WBFSH should be prepared early enough, which representatives from the breeding sector should be invited to participate.

Cooperation with the FEI Discipline Departments in the run-up to the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Horses is going smoothly. Changes to the guidelines and schedules are prepared and implemented jointly, so that there are no misunderstandings during the championships themselves that cannot be resolved.

In August, the pVerd-Event GmbH was again host of the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses in Verden (Germany). The event took place from 5 to 9 August 2026 and offered ideal conditions for horses, riders and visitors. This year saw the highest number of entries across all three age groups. We had 47 five-year-old starters, 45 six-year-old starters and 41 seven-year-old starters in the Qualifiers. But for the first time, there was also a significant number of horses that were eliminated in the Qualifiers. This issue should be discussed with the FEI well in advance of next year's championship. The comprehensive review of the FEI Dressage Tests across all levels of competitions will also apply to the Young Horse Tests. FEI and WBFSH will provide information in good time so that riders and trainers can make the necessary arrangements.

The medal table showed the following picture: DWB and HANN (each 1x gold, 1x silver, 1x bronze), OLDB (1x silver, 1x bronze) and KWPN (1x gold).

The result lists are available under <https://fn-erfolgsdaten.de/show/274164>.

In September, Stoeterij Zangersheide organised once again the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Jumping Horses in Lanaken. New in this year have been the requirements for five-year-old horses. The impact of these changes implemented must be reviewed with the FEI and the OC soon.

In the first qualifications 218 horses started in the group of five-year-old horses. In the group of six-year-old horses, 246 horses started and 195 horses started in the seven-year-old age group, so that the number of horses that started was not much lower than the previous year's level.

The medal table showed the following picture: ZANG (2x gold), BWP (1x gold, 2x bronze), ISH, KWPN and WESTF (each 1x silver) and SBSF (1x bronze). The result lists are available under <https://www.longinestiming.com/equestrian/2026/fei-wbfs-h-jumping-world-breeding-championship-for-young-horses-lanaken-zangersheide>.

In October, for another time the FEI/WBFSH World Breeding Championships for Young Eventing Horse will take place in Lion d'Angers (France) from 15 to 18 October 2025. The well-established event organizer will once again provide many future championship horses with an ideal introduction to international eventing from all over the world. More information will be available under <https://www.mondialdulion.com/en/>.



c) Cooperation with European Horse Network and EU Commission

Membership and involvement in the European Horse Network is proving increasingly valuable. Through the collaboration of 34 member organisations from a wide range of sectors within the EU's equine industry, it is possible to address general policy and legislative initiatives and challenges more effectively. With the support of the Network's Legal Group, the WBFSH has been able to initiate important statements and position papers, for example in the ongoing revision process of the EU Animal Transport Regulation and in consultations with the European Commission regarding the need for Transparency concerning reproductive techniques.

Together with other representatives from the EHN, the WBFSH was able to discuss the need for transparent data collection on assisted reproductive technologies (ARTs) during a meeting with DG AGRI. Regrettably, the Commission's DG SANTE, which is responsible for this matter, was not available for a discussion, as this Directorate-General of the Commission did not consider there to be a need for regulation. The representatives of DG AGRI, on the other hand, understood the WBFSH's concerns and recommended that work on the issue continue. As some of the WBFSH members already record ARTs in Chapter V of the Equine Passport, the studbooks should agree on a standardised format approach under the umbrella of the WBFSH and coordinate this with their relevant authorities.

This year's European Equine Conference took place in Dublin (Ireland) in September. Ireland holds the current EU Council Presidency for the second half of 2026. The participants had the opportunity to discuss about actual matters like CAP, Transport Regulation, Digital Traceability and as well to report about Statistical figures of European Equine sector.

The support from the MEPs' Horse Group is helpful in targeting statements and position papers as well in contacting the European Parliament and the Commission.

In future, it would be desirable for the WBFSH to also channel key statements and position papers through its members to the relevant authorities in the respective Member States, in order to exert an even more targeted influence on the European Parliament and the Commission.

More information about the European Horse Network is available under <http://www.europeanhorsenetwork.eu/>

d) Cooperation with International Stud Book Committee

The WBFSH and the International Stud Book Committee plan to expand their cooperation and to involve the World Arabian Horse Organisation in their existing collaboration. The aim is to develop ideas, initiatives and address challenges for the mutual benefit of stud books and breeding associations, and to strengthen the common ground between these three organisations. This is another important step in strengthening the representation of the interest of breeders of Sport Horses, Thoroughbreds and Arabian Horses worldwide and should definitely be taken forward.