

WBFSH International Young Breeders' World Championship

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The KWPN studbook's JongKWPN hosted the WBFSH International Young Breeders (IYB) World Championships sponsored by 'Horses2fly' from July 7-9. Totalling 139, participants between the ages of 15 and 25 represented 20 different studbooks from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Sweden, and host country the Netherlands.

The JongKWPN (and KWPN) hosts provided a superb welcome for all, and a truly educational as well as competitive championships, showcasing also presenting the strengths of the KWPN horse. The National Hippisch Centre in Ermelo provided a wonderful setting with its world-class and beautiful facilities of stables, arenas, and indoor schools.

Competitors arrived in Ermelo on Thursday, July 7, first completing a multiple choice assessment, including questions on breeding/reproduction, feeding/nutrition, stable management, the anatomy of the horse, equine health, and international sport. Friday followed with an traits assessment of conformation and athleticism (loose movement and jump). The aim of contestants in these assessment disciplines was to achieve the smallest differentials to the judge's scores.

Teams were then tested on their abilities to collectively groom, plait, and present a horse, and although this does not form part of the overall championship scores, it's still an

important aspect of the event in which great pride is taken by contestants who delivered some very skilled presentations.

Saturday concluded with a presentation of horses in standing, walk, and trot, testing participants showmanship skills, control, and ability to encourage the best performance from the horses in this situation. Some masterful displays of horsemanship were witnessed in this discipline adding to the overall high standard and creating a very close-run race.

The international judges' panel included Bart Henstra (KWPN), Tiernan Gill (Irish Sport Horse), and Matthias A. Werner (Trakehner Verband). According to Henstra; "The teamwork, fun, and the educational part make it an excellent event. The young breeders make a lot of new friends for life."

National KWPN judge Marian Dorresteyn and Danish judge Laura Juul appraised the turnout discipline, with the former saying; "It was fun to watch how every team did their best to groom and present the horses in the best possible way."



Winning ISH Studbook teams – l-r: Colin Doyle, trainer Philip Scott, Shane Donohue, Maria Cairns, Amy Finn, Camilla Snow Coyne, Aoife Kirby, Annie Madden, team manager Wendy Conlon, trainer Edward Hennessy, Lorraine McMahon (ISH)



Baden-Württemberg team, l-r: Vanessa Buckmayer, Maike Reiner, Jasmin Gross, Carla-Louise Walter, Hanna Reiff, Sandra Maneke, Kathrin Kreuzer, Carolin Wolpert, Lisa Banzhaf. Lion Mascot Julia Bezler, with team leader Antje Kurzweg behind

The judges panel was completed by Stefaan de Smet representing the Belgian Warmblood Studbook for assessment of the in-hand presentation, and everyone played a pivotal role in ensuring an informative yet relaxed atmosphere for all.

Likewise, under the watchful eyes of chief steward René Schuiling and his team of assistant stewards the event ran smoothly from start to finish.

In the final reckoning, the Irish Sport Horse Studbook team emerged victorious as World Champions, represented by team members: Maria Cairns, Shane Donohoe, Colin Doyle, Amy Finn, Edward Hennessy, Aoife Kirby, Annie Madden and Camilla Snow Coyne.

Pferdezuchtverband Baden-Württemberg e.V. were on the podium as joint World Championship runners-up studbook alongside the Hannoveraner Verband. Bad-Wü included Lisa Anna Banzhaf, Jasmin Casandra Gross, Kathrin Kreuzer, Sandra Maneke, Hanna Reiff, Maike Reiner, and Carolin Wolpert, while the Hanoverian team comprised Monja Ahlf, Merlin Campe, Jette Odile Fischer, Wiebke Poppe, Karl

Hendrik Rollwage, Rike Sander, Sarah Scherer and Laura Schuldt.

Team and individual rankings within both age-groups (juniors 15-19 years; seniors 20-25 years) are as follows:

Team seniors

1 Hannoveraner Verband e.V. (HANN)

Merlina Campe, Sarah Scherer, Laura Schuldt

Wiebke Poppe

2 Pferdezuchtverband Brandenburg-Anhalt e.V. (BRAND)

Lina Nebe, Lukas Paulix, Deniza Saddey, Jule van Os

3 Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH)

Maria Cairns, Colin Doyle, Amy Finn, Annie Madden

Team juniors

1 Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH)

Shane Donohoe, Edward Hennessy, Aoife Kirby, Camilla Snow Coyne

2 Trakehner Verband e.V. (TRAK)

Lisa Scharps, Femke Dusterwald, Stella Porath, Gwendolyn von Feilitzsch

3 Pferdezuchtverband Baden-Württemberg e.V. (DSP/BAD-WÜ)

Sandra Maneke, Hanna Reiff, Jasmin Cassandra Gross, Maike Reiner

Senior Individual

1 Yannick Pferdminges (RHEIN)

Rheinisches Pferde im Hannoveraner Verband

2 Lukas Paulix (DWP/BRAND-AN)

Pferdezuchtverband Brandenburg-Anhalt e.V.

=3 Sarah Scherer (HANN)

Hannoveraner Verband e.V.

=3 Laura Schuldt (HANN)

Hannoveraner Verband e.V.



Hanoverian Team Senior: Merlin Campe, Wiebke Poppe, Laura Schuldt, Sarah Scheerer



Hanoverian Team Junior: Jette Fischer, Monja Ahlf, Karl-Hendrik Rollwage, Rike Sander

Junior individual

- 1 Antonia Ritter (DSP/BRAND-AN)
Pferdezuchtverband Brandenburg-Anhalt e.V.
- 2 Aoife Kirby (ISH)
Irish Sport Horse Studbook
- =3 Shane Donohoe (ISH)
Irish Sport Horse Studbook
- =3 Lea Schweig (DSP/ZWEIB)
Pferdezuchtverband Rheinland-Pfalz-Saar e.V.

Additional prizes were also awarded to those who placed within the individual disciplines:

Conformation Senior

- =1 Yannick Pferdmeiges (RHEIN)
Rheinisches Pferde im Hannoveraner Verband
- =1 Emile Vandorpe (BWP)
Belgian Warmblood
- 3 Carolin Wolpert (DSP/BRAND-AN)
Pferdezuchtverband Brandenburg-Anhalt e.V.

Conformation Junior

- 1 Sophie Brandt (MECKL)
Verband der Pferdezüchter Mecklenburg-Vorpommern e.V.
- =2 Mikayla Helene Brummund (CWHBA)
Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association
- =2 Lova Halvarsson (SWB)
Swedish Warmblood
- =2 Nikki Klaaskate (KWPN)
KWPN
- =2 Tayler Mundt (CWHBA)
Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association
- =2 Amandine Wolf (STUD BOOK SELLE FRANÇAIS)
Selle-Français Studbook

Athleticism Senior

- 1 Eline Pouw (KWPN)
KWPN
- 2 Merlin Campe (HANN)
Hanoveraner Verband e.V.
- 3 Linnea Kampgaard Jansa (DWB)
Danish Warmblood

Athleticism Junior

- 1 Eva Maria Speck (Holst)
Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes e.V.
- =2 Lova Halvarsson (SWB)
Swedish Warmblood
- =2 Franziska Schwarz (DSP/Bavar)
Bayerischer Pferdezüchter e.V.

In-hand Senior

- 1 Marie Determan (OLDBG)
Verband der Züchter des Oldeburger Pferdes
- 2 Jaqueline Breimer (WESTF)

- Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch e.V.
- 3 Lukas Paulix (DSP/BRAND-AN)
Pferdezuchtverband Brandenburg-Anhalt e.V.

In-hand Junior

- 1 Shane Donohoe (ISH)
Irish Sport Horse Studbook
- 2 Sandra Maneke (DSP/BRAND-AN)
Pferdezuchtverband Brandenburg-Anhalt e.V.
- =3 Edward Hennessy (ISH)
Irish Sport Horse Studbook
- =3 Aoife Kirby (ISH)
Irish Sport Horse Studbook

Those who completed 100% correct theory papers included 19 seniors and 22 juniors; an excellent achievement by everyone.

For the JongKWPN/KWPN, it was an honour to be able to welcome young breeders from across the world. The organising committee led by Muriël Koelen, supported by Killian Freriks, Sander Hoogenberg, Caithlynn Hoop, Jarno Ilbrink, Froukje Kroondijk, Anne-Will Renskers, Jasper van der Waaij, and Kim Falkena, mastered the challenge with great competence.

IYB President Inge Madsen summarised her impression of the event by saying; "It has been a great experience to be here and to see the young people work together as teams and perform so well. They all did a great job. They were very focused on what they had to do and produced some very fine results. The whole event has been almost perfect and it has been very enjoyable to be here with the nice areas and the people to work with. I hope all the studbooks go home filled with good memories and continue the work with their young breeders. We need them for the future."

It was a highly successful and enjoyable event, delivered by the JongKWPN/KWPN with absolute professionalism, in a most welcoming atmosphere at Ermelo. Competitors, trainers and supporters also enjoyed a superb visit with VDL to conclude their visit to Holland on Sunday July 10, where they were treated to both hospitality and a fantastic display of both horses and horsemanship.

Though not everyone returns home a 'competitive champion', participants made new friends from different parts of the world, broadened their experiences around horses, and were each welcomed within the spirit of inclusiveness and the learning together that underpins the aims of the International Young Breeder community.

With happy participants all round, and with successful results, the 10th World Championships for International Young Breeders 2022 drew to a close. It was a pleasure to see, yet again, young breeders from studbooks from across the world competing and sharing their passion for sport horse breeding.

Full results: <https://www.wbfs.com/iyb-results>



Clockwise from top left: • All the competitors; • In-hand judging with l-r Bart Henstra, Stefaan de Smet and Tiernan Gill; • Individual juniors' podium; • Senior team podium; • Mascot winners – BWP; • Trophy table; • Junior team podium; • Individual seniors' podium