



**EHN Annual Meeting
9th October 2014 - Brussels**

Attendees:

Bo Helander - EEF, European Equestrian Federation
Roly Owers – WHW, World Horse Welfare
Florence Gras – EPMA, European Pari Mutuel Association
Paul Khan - EMHF, European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation
Pit Schlechter – FECTU, European Draught Horse Federation
Stefan Johanson – HNS, Swedish Horse Council Foundation
Tim Richardson – EFTBA, European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders' Associations
Mark Wenten - Confédération Belge du Cheval
Klaus Miesner – WBFSh, World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses
Lone Hogholt - FEIF, Icelandic Horses
Jesper Moller Nielsen- FEEVA, Equine Vets
Nancy de Briyne – FEEVA
Astrid von Velsen-Zerweck – European State Studs Association
Constance Popineau – EEF, European Equestrian Federation
Torbjorn Froysnes – UET, European Trotting Union
Guillaume Maupas – Cheval Français (UET)

Max Hennau – European trainers Federation

Excused:

Sanna Mäki-Tuuri - Hippolis
Audrey Aussibal – Hippolia, French Horse Cluster
Harald Muller - FEI, International Equestrian Federation
Philippe Casier - EMHF
Pierre Lekeux, Hippolia Foundation
Markus Scharmann, - EEN
Marcello Hinxman-Allegri, FERPI (Italian Horse Regions),

Invited during afternoon seminar:

Julie Girling, Member of the European Parliament
Philippe De Backer, Member of the European Parliament
Anne Van Aperen, Adviser of Mr De Backer
Alf-Eckbert Füssel, DG SANCO, European Commission
Andrea Gavinelli, DG SANCO, European Commission
Alexandra Korstoz, DG SANCO, European Commission
Lina Christensen, Eurogroup for Animals
Joe Moran, Eurogroup for Animals
Marc Paoloni & Coline Craeye, Business Bridge Europe

The Chairman opened the 5th Annual meeting by welcoming the 12 organisations attending and new representatives.



Round Table about 2014 activities of members and future projects:

CBC – The Belgium Horse structure worked on the central databank (255 000 horses registered – ¼ of existing horses are not registered) although breeding is down 10% in BE, riding activities have increased by 8%. The Federation is concerned by end of life issues and asks to review legislation on food chain exclusion (cost around 750€ per horses destroyed).

EPMA – Amendments to the EU anti-money laundering specifications applying to gambling. Impact of the legislation means less money going back to the horse industry.

ESSA – Association is growing (32 institutions) – Big show in Marbach with 7500 spectators to promote cultural and horse heritage.

A project was deposited inside “Creative Europe Culture” programme on 1st October: promote an equine trail in Europe through State Studs.

EEF – 70% of the equestrian competitions take place in Europe showing the increasing importance of the EU Fed inside FEI.

EMHF – 27 Horse racing gallop authorities in Europe and Mediterranean countries, of which 16 are EU members, Regional Federation of International Federation of Horseracing Authorities. EMHF will provide input for the Horse Welfare report by pointing out the efficient self regulation existing in the gallop sector – ongoing review to find evidence from different countries. EMHF is seeking involvement at the EU Sport Forum and the Economic Sport WG.

FECTU – Publish a promotion leaflet for the 10th anniversary of FECTU, in different languages. Also busy re-editing a magazine.

FEEVA – Federation is working on the harmonisation of education and training methods and the responsible use of antimicrobials (Guidelines have been published). Guidelines for transport are also being finalised with WHW.

FEIF - Icelandic Horses – The access to riding and to nature facilities remains an issue to fight for. In welfare, FEIF has an agreement with a research center in Denmark to work on specific welfare improvements (shoes).

Big event in Berlin in May with 250 horses.

EFTBA – Members are focusing on education and training

HNS – The Foundation has organised a common development plan to promote horses – 11 places visited, 250 people met, and politicians as well.

HNS is working on improving database and bringing more professionalism into breeding and horse keeping.

WBFSH – Young Horses Championship is organised next week at the Lion d’Angers in closer cooperation with FEI.

World Horse Welfare – Key EU activities in 2014: Equine Welfare Expert meeting in May, Equine ID regulation, Welfare/End of life discussions (euthanasia on racecourses).



EHN Annual Meeting

1. Election of a chairman for the Annual meeting

Stefan Johanson is chosen to chair the meeting

2. Election of a secretary

Florence Gras is writing the minutes

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda, sent out, discuss item 11 before 10 - was then approved by participants

4. Report from the chairman

All members validated the activity report (attached).

5. Financial report for 2014

Report approved by all.

Income – membership fee from 18 members

Expenses – MEP Horse Group lunch, web site and leaflets.

6. Applications of new member organisations to EHN

European Trainers Federation

ETF Chairwoman, Christiane Head-Marek was excused by Max Henneau (representing ETF today) as she is still enjoying the fantastic victory at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe of the horse she is training, TREVES. TREVES is the second mare to win this race twice after "Corrida" in 1936/1937.

On the initiative of Belgium in 1996, 7 horse trainers structures from 7 different countries, met in Brussels to create the European Trainers Federation (Germany, FR, UK, IT, IR, SW)

Today 12 members (BE, Czech Republic, France, Germany Hungary, Ireland, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and UK) 2 more structures could also join.

Its objectives are:

1. to represent the interests of all member trainers associations in Europe
2. To liaise with political and administrative bodies on behalf of European trainers
3. to exchange information between members for the benefit of European trainers
4. to provide a network of contacts to assist each member to develop its policy and services to members trainers

A General Assembly meeting holds every year in a different country hosting the event. The Board is elected for 3 years.

2014 General Assembly is in Gent on 22nd November and 2015 in Ireland.

Since 2002, publishing a magazine with the help of Giles Anderson: Trainer Magazine

It is distributed to ETF members, 3500 members of the Horse racing industry and 1500 trainers

In 2015 planning to create a web site and to:

- Harmonise rules (on medications)
- Harmonise VAT rates as well as common procedures for the structures involved.

British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA)

BETA was established in 1978 to represent the interests of the equestrian trade in the UK and beyond. They now have over 800 member companies covering retailing, manufacturing,



wholesaling and the service industry. In the UK the members are responsible for over 80% of the turnover of the market 95% of the feed industry market turnover. Alongside their British members they also have members from Ireland, Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, Holland and Denmark.

BTA offers their members a range of benefits and run 3 quality marks for body protectors, hi viz and horse feed and the BETA logo on a product is a sign of quality and reliability. Although they lobby on a range of topics and are particularly influential in lobbying on issues connected to the production of equine feed.

Together with their wholly owned subsidiary Equestrian Management Consultants they have a turnover of over £1.5m and alongside the trade association and run an international trade fair (annually) – BETA International – and publish a monthly trade magazine and trade directories.

The Association is non-for-profit.

Both structures are welcomed inside EHN

7. Exclusion of member organizations

No reasons to exclude organizations.

8. Election of members to the Executive Board

Candidates for 2014 mandate: Stefan Johanson (HNS), Florence Gras (EPMA), Bo Helander (EEF), Roly Owers (WHW), Klaus Miesner (WBSFH), Jesper Moller-Nielsen (FEEVA). Pierre Lekeux from Hippolia Fondation

All are elected at the Board of EHN for 2015.

Stefan Johanson stays Chairman for 2015 but he announced that he will not chair EHN after 2015. Board members need to discuss and prepare the next Chairmanship for 2016.

Next Board meeting is organised in January 2015 in Brussels (Date to be confirmed).

9. Adopt the Action plan for 2015

A proposal is described to members (attached).

The 2 next MEP Horse Group meetings could be on Veterinarian Medicine, Economic growth and impact of the Horse Industry (Julie Girling suggestion), social benefits of horses, environmental impact.

10. Setting the annual membership fee for 2015

Membership fee stays at the same level: €500/per year

Stefan will send the invoices after the meeting.

11. Budget 2015

Provision:

15000€ to organise a big conference in Brussels

6000€ to co-organise a workshop on Research with EAAP in August 2015

3000€ to organise next AGM in a different location

The Budget proposal was validated by members

12. Amend EHN principles

Change the provision on the maximum number of Board members.

Amendment validated by participants.



End at 12.45.

Next steps:

- **Update web site with new members information - Roly**
- **Contact FITE, European Association for Equestrian Tourism for EHN membership - Constance**
- **Contact Julie Girling for next MEP Horse Group meeting in January 2015 – Florence**
- **MEP Horse Group on Veterinarian Medicine (FEEVA will contact potential speakers)**
- **Finalise EHN leaflets – Environment + social benefits – Pit and Florence**

Next EHN Board meeting in Brussels (EPMA office): January 2015 - From 11.00 am