



**Network Meeting
16th November 2010 - Brussels**

Attendees:

Harald Muller, FEI – Equestrian Federation
Cathy McGlynn, EFTBA – European Thoroughbred Breeders
Roly Owers, World Horse Welfare
Florence Gras, EPMA - European Pari Mutuel Association
Frederic Chauvel, Pole-Filiere Equine representing the Network of European Equestrian Regions
Manu De Meulenaer, European Draught Horse Federation
Stefan Johanson, Swedish Horse Council Foundation

Excused:

Marko Mazeland, FEIF – Icelandic Horses
Bo Helander, European Equestrian Federation
Torbjorn Froysnes, UET – European Trotting Union
Graham Cory, British Horse Society
Philippe Casier, IFHA- EMHF - European and Mediterranean Racing Federation
Klaus Miesner, WBFSH – Sport horses Breeders

1. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting in September were agreed.

2. Conference preparation

List of participants: 59 registered.

Speakers/programme was discussed. Some changes were done.

Decision was made to let speaker's profile list be included in the material to the participants in the conference.

3. Future Structure

Guidelines were prepared by Stefan, Harald and Klaus.

- **Mission statement** to be completed by a vision sentence: Become a competence centre to increase the visibility and effectiveness of the horse industry in Europe
- **Membership:** add all “national” associations
Avoid mentioning the number of years of existence of the structures applying
How to terminate a membership: could be the decision of 80% of voting members
- **Representation** – the 5 proposed thematic areas were agreed
- **Application** – it was agreed that every organization, which already is a member or will be a new member, must send in the questionnaire,
- **Finances** – add that the amount of the members' fee will be decided at the annual meeting every year. Give examples of costs that the organization has to cover for an executive board member.



- **Structure** – agreed that the EB should consist of maximum seven members preferably representing the 5 thematic areas, Add that the chairman of the board is responsible for the finances and that the annual members meeting will be held in the second part of October.

Decision was made that;

- Harald and Stefan will update the document and send it to all for comments (approximately 3 weeks deadline).
- After the deadline will eventual point of views be taken in consideration and maybe a new document will be sent out with a new deadline.
- After this procedure the document with guidelines should be seen as accepted by all members in the network.

4. Equus 2013 – Irish Presidency

Official agreement should be given next Tuesday in Newmarket

A meeting is organised in January with HRI, Horse Sport Ireland and the Irish Government to progress the idea.

The idea is to include the Conference and horse issues in the programme of the Irish Presidency.

Location of the University is ideal, easy access, close to the National Studs.

5. Next meeting/action plan 2011

1st February 2011 (annual meeting) in Brussels

Agenda proposal: action plan 2011, organisation and structure of the network, election for an executive board 2011, new members applications...

A core group will meet on 11 January to prepare 2011 Action Plan: Roly, Stefan, Harald, and Florence. The group will consult Cathy on future EU actions related to Health and Transport.

Next steps:

- **EHN structure – document reviewed by Stefan and Harald and sent to all for comments**
- **Send the PR of the conference to all your members and contacts**
- **Thanks the speakers and participants to the Conference (Florence, Stefan)**
- **Post presentations and photos on the web site (Stefan)**
- **Translate the key figures document in French and German (Florence and Marko)**
- **Action Plan 2011 to be prepared by the core group – 11 January 2011**

Next EHN meeting in Brussels: 1st February 2011 - EPMA building in Brussels