



July 2016 NEWSLETTER

The past month has been busy, with the European Championship Show, European Young breeder Showmanship Competition and the associated EHRC Committee and Secretary meetings in Colmar, France. EHRC have some interesting events coming up in the next year including the Judging School in Croatia this October and the EHRC Conference and General Assembly in Hungary September 2017.

European Championship, Colmar, France, 17th to 19th June 2016

The 12th European Championship was held in Colmar, France and was a resounding success. A huge amount of credit goes to the French Organising Committee, aided by the European Championship Working Group.

At the European Championship show the following was implemented.

1. A Patrol Group with members from each participating country.
2. A Welfare Group comprising of a French Vet, a member of the European Judges Panel Working Group, and a member of the EHRC Committee. The purpose of the Welfare Group was to examine all animals before they entered the ring for any welfare issues – for example over filled udders.
3. Ultrasound and blood testing of top placed animals.

More than 180 animals took part from twelve countries, with 29 Young Breeders taking part in the European Young Breeders Showmanship Competition.

Many thanks to our judges; Erika Rijnveld aided by Zsolt Korosi (European Young Breeders Showmanship), Jaime Serrabassa Vila (European Red Holstein Championship) and Markus Mock (European Holstein Championship)

Results

The European Young Breeders Showmanship Competition was won outright by Ireland, when Paul Murphy and Thomas Neville, who

won the Junior and Senior titles respectively, also won the overall Country competition.

2016 European Holstein Grand Champion was Galys-Vray (Switzerland)



The European Holstein Country Group was won by France.

2016 European Red Holstein Grand Champion was Suard-Red Jordan Irene (Switzerland)



The European Red Holstein Country Group was won by Switzerland.

Full results can be found on <http://colmar2016.com>.

The EHRC Committee held a half day meeting in Colmar, and discussed amongst other things the new EU Breeding Regulations, the 2017 EHRC Conference and the forthcoming European Show. The Committee welcomed Torben Balling Lund as the new representative from the Danish Holstein Association, replacing Keld Christensen.

A half day Secretaries Meeting was held on 17th June. Thirty representatives from 19 countries attended. Presentations were made on Genomic Evaluations, the new EU Breeding Regulations, and EHRC activities since the last EHRC Conference and Assembly in Gijon, Spain. There was a good discussion on various topics, including the difficulties when organising Shows, Judging Schools and how to encourage Young Breeders to continue farming. The EHRC Committee will be following up the suggestions in their next meetings. All presentations are available on the EHRC web site under the members' login.



Keld Christensen (Denmark) and John Gribbon (UK) were honored at the European Championship Show with presentations by Jos Buiting and Egbert Feddersen respectively.

Keld was an EHRC Committee member for 13 years between 2003 and 2016. He also served as Chair of the European Judges Panel Working Group.

John was Chair of the European Judges Panel for three years between 2011 and 2013. John is a well-respected Judge and was the Judge at the European Championship 2010 in Cremona.

The EHRC Committee wishes to thank Keld and John for their contributions to EHRC, and wish them both a happy and healthy

New EU Breeding regulations are available on the EHRC web site, together with a short guide to the document. The Regulation is important for all breeding organisations and will come into force on 1st November 2018.

2016 / 2017 Planned Events

A Judging School is to be held in Croatia on 11th to 13th October 2016. The school is open to any member country, but is aimed at those countries without a national Judging School. If you are interested, please look on the web site under Information Updates for the Croatian Invitation and Registration form.

The next EHRC Conference and General Assembly will be held in Budapest, Hungary in September 2017 and promises to be an interesting conference and cultural experience. There will be more details to follow later this year.

The next Workshop on Harmonisation of European Judging will be held in autumn 2017 in Germany. The membership will be informed as soon as the date is settled.

12th and 13th April 2019 is the date for the next European Championship Show in Libramont, Belgium. More information will be available nearer the time.



Please remember to send in details of any National Shows and your National Champions so that the web site can be updated.

Best wishes Suzanne (Secretary General)