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European Judges Panel
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Introduction
The objective of the EHRC was to establish a European Judges Panel to harmonise European Holstein judging and promotion, within the show-ring, throughout the European Union. The aim of the project was to standardise show-ring protocols, Judge’s assessment and reason giving techniques and ensure the promotion and development of the Holstein is based on sound functional conformation, which is highly correlated with longevity and all aspects of animal welfare.

The project commenced in 1994 with the appointment of an EHRC working group under the chairmanship of Dr Enrico Dadati (Italy), who was followed, in 1995, by Mauro Carra,(Italy) and in 2011 by John Gribbon (UK)

The Working Group consisted of judging experts from throughout the European Union: John Gribbon, (UK), Keld Christensen, (Denmark), Denis Bieri, (France), Ari Hamoen, (Netherlands), Gabriel Blanco, (Spain) and Guido Simon, (Germany). Working Group members are appointed for 4 years, with re-election possible for an additional 4 years. T Sebok, (Hungary) and M Gerber, (Switzerland) have joined the Working Group replacing M Carra and D Bieri in 2011.

EHRC members were asked to nominate two experienced Judges from their organisations to participate in a series of Judge’s workshops and conferences. The format of the events designed to encourage the exchange of information by demonstrating and lively debate, with Master Judges acting as arbitrators to bring sessions to a conclusion.


The attendee’s were asked to judge a number of classes and give reasons as to why they had judged the class in that particular order. The results from the judging sessions were collated and a list of the top performing judges made. It was recommended that a Judge must attend two conferences before being eligible to be included on the European Judges Panel. This list became the official European Judges Panel. Each panel member was asked to supply a CV, including the languages spoken, which were then distributed to all EHRC member countries and posted on the members section of the EHRC website.

The European Judges Panel list has been used by numerous countries during the past decade and resulted in a very successful exchange of judges between member states, one of the fundamental aims of the project. In addition judging throughout the EU has become far more harmonised. The project continues to develop and expand with a number of conferences planned for the future.
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Erik Hansen - Denmark

Erik Hansen is 53 years old and married with Sanne, and they have 5 children. Erik owned his farm together with his father for several years, and since the last couple of year he has a young farmer as part-owner on Højager Holstein. They have 150 Holstein cows with a 365 days production on 12200 kg milk, 488 kg fat and 408 kg protein. For some years the herd was in an organic program, but since ET and breeding was very difficult or impossible the herd became conventional milk farmer.
Breeding and showing is a big and common interest for the owners and their family, and many big results on National show in Denmark was taken to Højager Holstein.
Erik might be even better known as classifier and Chief classifier for many years.He participated several years in the EHRC Judging Harmonization. He has judges all over the country, including the National show for Holstein and 2 years for Red Holstein. Internationally he has judged in Sweden, Finland, Ireland, Germany, Czech, Holland, UK, Luxemburg, Italy, Spain and France. His greatest honor is judging twice the European show, - Holstein 1998 at Agribex and Red Holstein 2006 in Oldenburg. Erik has also been a master judge at EHRC Judging Harmonization Conference.
Today Erik is in the board for AI Dan sire, and he is also chairman for the Holstein breeding committee in AI Dan sire. Additional he is the board for Danish Holstein Association.
Erik Hansen speaks English very well and German comments on gut level
Søren Christensen - Denmark

36 years, is born on a farm with many years tradition for showing cows and breeding good cows in generally. Søren Christensen has shown cows for years, and has had big interest in that work. He has been in "Showmanship competitions" for many years and always been in top 3 persons in his age group. He has been in the board for the "young breeders club" for several years.

Søren Christensen has worked on several farms as herds manager, and also here he has tried to improve the interest for breeding good cows in commercial herds. He worked as a local breed adviser in Viking Genetics and he has since that time done many courses in showing, clipping and judging young breeders. He is now a Holstein Classifier for Danish Holstein Association.

Søren Christensen has participated at EHRC Judging School 3 times until now and always done a good result. At judging schools in Denmark he has been the best judge for the last 5 years, and he now works as one of the two referees at this school in Denmark. He has been a judge at several regional and local shows and he has been a judge at our National Show on eight occasions 6 times Holstein, twice red and white. He has already had a few internationally show as a judge.

He was one of the judges of the Red Holstein Country Groups Championship at European Championship in Cremona and judged regional shows in Sweden and Germany 2010.

Søren Christensen speaks English very well.
Niels Erik Haahr was born 1973 and has always been interested in cattle breeding. 25 years back he bought his first animal and later he bought animals of high quality in Germany, Holland and USA.

During his education as a farmer he worked 12 month in USA and Canada and experienced a lot about styling and showing cattle. Returning back to Denmark he was one of the youngsters to start young breeders clubs.

He became owner of the Anderstrup farm together with his father, and there he continued doing an intensive breeding work. Later Niels Erik Haahr became part-owner of Anderstrup in a family partnership, and they have 250 cows with a very high production. Later they made cooperation with Tirsvad Holstein to the nationally and internationally well-known Tirsvad-Anderstrup Holstein cattle breeding centre. Tirsvad-Anderstrup Holstein is known for many positive bulls in Danish and international AI’s as well as superior results at the National show in Denmark for several years. Today Anderstrup Holstein works on their own and 300 cows have a production in 365 days on almost 14,000 kg milk.

Niels Erik Haahr has participated in judging schools in Denmark for several years. Today he is one of the Master judges at Workshops in Denmark. He has judged on regional shows and the national show in Denmark now for 4 years. Lately he also judged in Portugal and Sweden.

Niels Erik Haahr speaks English very well.
Santiago Garcia Souto – Spain

Santiago is the owner and manager of Farm La Asuncion. He milks 120 cows, all pure breed Holstein (10,000 liters, 4.20 fat, 3.35 protein).

Experience: Is an official judges since 1995 and member of the Spanish Judges Committee since the year 2000.


Languages spoken Spanish and enough English to be understood.
Paulino Badiola Fernández – Spain

Place and date of birth: Candás, Asturias (Spain), 17th November, 1969.
Education: Veterinarian, Master degree in Integral Breeding. UNESCO.
Professional Information:
Breeding Technical Manager
He and his father are the owners of “Ganadería Diplomada Badiola, S.L.” placed in Condres, Luanco, Asturias (Spain). This farm was born in seventies and since the eighties is taking part in the national shows. They have several awards: the award of “Great National Champion Cow” four times (1988, 1994 (Spring Show), 1995 and 2004); 6 awards for the “Best National Breeder”, and eight times they have received the award for “Best National Herd”. Today, “Ganadería Diplomada Badiola” is the “Best National Breeder” and “Best National Herd” 2005. The farm has just obtained the title of “Breeder Master”.
The farm consists of 400 head black and white animals of which 206 are milking cows. Their rolling herd average is 11,200 kg milk; 3,7% fat and 3,2% protein. Today average classification is: 27EX; 112VG. Some bulls of this farm are in the Top rankings (Spanish ICO)
Judging Experience:
He has judged the best Regional Shows last years in Asturias, Cantabria, Galicia.
He was the Technical Manager for the 34th Judging School in Cataluña 2005.
He was one of the judges of the Holstein Country Groups Championship at European Championship in Cremona 2010.
He has taken part in the European Judging Schools of Denmark 2004 and Switzerland 2006.
Jaume Serrabassa Vila – Spain

He was born in 1970 in Vic (Barcelona), where he and his family have a farm called Comas Novas with 20 hectares and a herd of 14 mature cows, 5 heifers and 4 calves. This farm has 4 EX cows, three of them twice EX; one VG-88 and three VG. The average classification score is 87.5 points and the average production is 9,600 kg milk, 3.5 % Fat and 3.15% Protein /305 days.

Jaume Serrabassa and his farm are regular participants in National and Regional Shows since the eighties. They got many awards: Spring Reserve Champion Cow (1995 and 1999), Grand National Champion Heifer (1995 and 2004), Champion Calf in 2003 and Champion Cow in Cataluña five times, and getting the title of Best Breeder in Cataluña.

Judging Experience
He is a member of Conafe Judges Committee since 1998.
He has judged the following shows Regional Show Asturias 2004, Avilés (Asturias) Conafe Nacional Show 2005, Torrelavega (Cantabria) Spanish Spring Show and major shows in Spain 2010 and 2011. Local Shows: Menorca, Renedo, Sarón (Cayón), Chantada, Lalín, Muimenta, Salas, Tineo, Jerez, Pozo Blanco, Treceño, Irún, Gordexola, Campllong, Comillas. Judging Schools in San Miguel (Azores) 2 Judging Schools in Galicia (La Coruña and Lugo)
He judged the Fitting and Showmanship Show in Gijón (Asturias), 2008 International Shows:
Cremona (Italy) where he judges two regional groups and progeny groups.
Regional Show in Susa (Colombia). San Miguel Island (Azores)
Northern Dairy Expo Show (UK)
National Calf, Showmanship & Clipping Show (Ireland) 2009
All Poland Dairy Show 2010 National Holstein Show Finland (July 2010)
Interregionale Codogno, Italy (November 2010)
Portugal[Trofa] 2011.
Antony Le Trionnaire – France

Born and raised on a Holstein farm in Brittany. Antony Le Trionnaire spent his teenage years fitting and grooming cattle for shows. He studies in Superior Agriculture in Animal Production. He is involved in his family farm in partnership with his older brother. They have bred many champion cows and AI bulls. A breeder’s son, he manages the genetics for the herd. The farm was started in 1807 and introduced Holstein cattle in 1970. Today they have a 180 head consisting in 80 Holstein cows and 100 Holstein heifers. The herd is in the top 1%/ in France for ISU (synthetic global index), top 1% total score with 86 average classification of the herd. The first embryos exported from Europa to Canada came from their herd.

Antony Le Trionnaire has also been an official judge in France since 2001. He has judged many shows in France and the French National Show in 2004 and 2009 where more than 500 cows were in competition (the biggest show in the world by number of cows; only cows in milk, no heifers). He also judges the National Holstein Show in Belgium, Finland, Chile, Australia, Hungary, New Zealand 2009, Estonia 2009 and Morocco. Many regional shows in France, 2009-2011, Spain, Brazil, UK, Portugal 2010, 2011 Ireland 2011, Belgium and Switzerland 2011.

He has also judged Jersey and Brown Swiss in France, Chile, Australia and N. Zealand. In addition, he has traveled to Argentina, Mexico, Canada, Portugal, United Kingdom, Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy Switzerland, Australia, Vietnam, Morocco and Tunisia for breeder seminars and for judging assignments.

He has participated to the Prim’Holstein France (French Herd Book) judging formations and has participated to the last workshop on harmonization of European Judging in Bulle (Switzerland) from March 20 to April 2, 2006. He judged 2006 in Mexico, Brazil, Spain, Belgium and France.

2008-2010 he judged five Regional Shows and one National Show in France.

He speaks French, English, Spanish, Portuguese and little German.
Guido Simon is born in 1970 and a well-known judge in Europe. Before he starts farming he studied Agriculture at the University for applied Science in Osnabrück. On his farm he has 170 cattle. He will extend his dairy herd in 2008 to 80 cows farmed on an organic system. Guido has judged already shows in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland and Turkey. He was the judge of the German Holstein Show in 1999 and 2007. He also has judged nearly all larger association shows in Germany. Guido is part of the German judging panel and integrated in the preparation and execution of the German judging school. He is also member of the Working Group of the European Judging School since 1996 and acted as a Master judge in Poland 2008-2009 he has judged two Regional Association shows in Germany, an International show in Germany. Red and Whites in Belgium 2007, France [Quimper] 2008 National shows in Germany, Argentina 2009, and also in The Netherlands, in Denmark and in Sweden, and a Regional in Portugal. He also judges Brown Swiss. He speaks and understands German, French and English very well.
Christian Fischer was born 1974. He is a well-known farmer from near Hamburg. The farm is a family property since 250 years. In 2007 Christian and his wife Steffi are managing a herd of 75 cows with an average milk production of 11.800 kg (highest production in Germany in herds from 60 to 100 cows). In his herd 11 cows are classified EX, 48 VG and 14 GP. With some cows he participated at German Holstein Shows as well as at the European Championship in 2000.

Christian has judged several shows in Denmark; he was the judge of the German national Holstein Show in 2002 and has judged nearly all larger association shows in Germany. He took part in the four European judging schools from 1999 to 2004. Since 2000 Christian has successfully participated in six German judging schools. Judging National show Denmark 2012.

Speaks English
Markus Mock is born in 1972. With his wife and family Markus is managing the farm “Stueblehof” in the very south of Germany near Lake Constance with 120 Holstein cows. Before that, Markus got a very solid agricultural education with a bachelor degree. Besides his successful farming, he bred some plus proven bulls, several champions on German Holstein Shows and ALL-German cows as well; Markus has judged many shows in Germany and other European Countries: Switzerland, Austria, France, Italy and Luxemburg.

Markus is a member of the German pool of judges; he took part in 6 German judging schools and carried out judging workshops for young breeders in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Three times he participated at the European workshops on harmonization in judging and in 2009 he was one of the master judges.

In 2008 and in 2009 he judged two State shows and the National show in Germany He was one of the judges of the Holstein Country Groups Championship at European Championship in Cremona 2010. Judged Regional shows Italy, Spain, Switzerland 2010. Noord show Denmark 2011.

Judged National shows in UK, Finland, Portugal 2011

Speaks English.
John Cousar – United Kingdom

I have worked on and managed our Family run business for over 25 years. The Dairy Farm in the heart of Ayrshire extends to 216 acres of owned land and 100 acres of rented land with 120 Milk Cows and Followers.

Herd Awards: Premier Herd Scotland 2006, Hon Mention UK Premier Herd 2006, West of Scotland Herd x 4, All West of Scotland Herds Individual Prizes, Numerous Show Champions & Champion of Champions, 4 year old cow nominated All Britain 2006

Judged: Ireland National Calf Show, Royal Welsh, European Dairy Farming Event, South West Dairy Show, United Counties Show, Dumfries Show, Aberdeen Christmas Classic, Isle of Man Show, National Clipping Final

Various other County Shows, Numerous Herds Competitions

Achievements: Training Young Members and Young Farmers teams to win 6 Glasgow Hearld Trophies at the Royal Highland Show, 6 National Young Members Team Awards and 4 Stockman of the Year Awards.

As Scottish Young Members Coordinator for 9 years I hosted, organized and ran a YMA Weekend Rally. I have also been Chairman of Crossroads Young Farmers Club, Ayrshire District Young Farmers Club, West of Scotland Holstein Club and Scottish Holstein Club. For several years I have been a Director of the Royal Highland Show.

I am a board member of Holstein UK and have been for 6 years, 2 years of Chairman of Ethics, 4 years Chairman of Show & Sale and 4 years Chairman National Holstein Show.

Also for 12 years I have been on the National Judges Panel of Holstein UK. I have attended the Judges Conference in Switzerland and Poland and UK. Has judged major shows in UK in 2009-2011 including Royal Highland, Great Yorkshire and many others. National Herd Competition in Eire 2009.
John Gribbon – United Kingdom

1993 – Present: Holstein UK, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 3BB
I joined Holstein UK 19 years ago as a Classifier and was Head Classifier from 2001 to 2012.
1962 – 1993 I started working with a pedigree Holstein herd in Norfolk with my father in 1962. The herd won the Gold Cup for best herd in the UK on 3 occasions.
I managed the Sharcombe herd for 11 years, also winning the Best Herd in the UK on 3 occasions. Harold Jackson Trophy four times for highest yielding cow in UK. Sales animals held record prices for females and males in UK for 10 years. Won the Royal Show on 3 occasions and European Dairy Farming Event 9 times. The herd sold for record sale average of £4800 for 450 head. Went into partnership with Whitbyroyal herd and won the Dairy Event and many major shows. Herd was sold due to death of partner.
I worked freelance for 6 years for leading breeders winning every major show in the UK including the Royal Show and 56 championships at major shows.
Judging: Member of WHFF working Committee for classification 2005 to 2012.
Member of European Judging School Committee for 10 years and made Chairman 2011
Have judged Holsteins at many Major Shows in the UK including the Royal Show 2004 and 2008 have judged many Jersey shows in the UK including Dairy Event 2003.Great Yorkshire and Jersey Island National 2006 and 2011 and many major Shows.
Am a member of the European judging Panel and have judged National shows in Holland, Sweden, South Africa, Kenya (Nairobi), Portugal, Belgium, Eire, European Conference Show Czech Republic, Finland, Rumania and Poland.
I have also judged many Regional Shows in Europe in Holland, Italy, Sweden, Finland, Flanders, France, and Ireland.
He judged the European Conference Show in Denmark, National in Zambia 2007.
National Shows 2011 in Denmark, Poland, Rumania, HHH Holland, and World Championship Holstein International
Also judges many Jersey, Brown Swiss, and Shorthorn and interbreed classes.
In 2010 he was the judge for the Individual Championship at European Championship in Cremona both black and white and red and white [first time for both]
Hobbies: - Breeding Blue Face Leicester sheep
Airfield Herd.
I farm in a family partnership {Robert Paterson} Airfield Holsteins. We won the National herd competition in 2001. 300 cows Yielding 11336 Kg 4.48 BF 3.14 P twice a day milking.
53 cows classified EX.
We show at our local shows and the National Holstein show., Royal show, Dairy event. Famous cows Dohbell Lindy Angie. Airfield Rox Ring.
Judging Career: National stockman of the year 1979 {Y.F.C.}
National BeefJudging 1983 (Y.F.C.), Represented Eastern Area in the young judges {H.F.S.}
Senior career: Judged 23 county shows and some minor shows.
Royal Show 2003, Royal Welsh 2002, Royal Ulster 2003
International shows : Baileys Classic ,Tullamore, National herd competition Eire.
HHH show in Holland {Red and White}, Malmo show in Sweden, Farmari show in Finland and National shows in Hungary, Estonia 2011.
Herd competitions: Judged 26 County and Regional Herd Competitions.
Breed Society involvement: Board member, Non Executive Director for Research and development. For breed development, Member of the unification Task force {amalgamating two breed societies} President Holstein UK Centenary year 2009 and Holstein Show Director 2003 and 2004.
**Farming background**
For the last 16 years I have worked full time on family dairy farm after graduating from Reading University with HONS Degree in Agricultural Economics. The farm consists of 180 hectares and 3 generations are involved in its management.

**Farm Facts**
Moorshard Herd comprises of 190 holsteins (including 20 red and white) and 5 brown swiss

Herd Average 11900kgs  4.15  3.2  (2x a day milking)

The herd has been 5x finalists in the HUK National Herd Competition and at present includes 50 EX and 105 VG

**Breed Involvement**
At area level I have been chairman, secretary and young breeders co-ordinator at different times for the South West club. As a young member I won the National Junior Stockjudging competition and was Reserve Champion Showman at the All Britain Calf Show.

**Judging Experience**
I have been a member of the National Judges Panel since 2000 and have judged approximately 50 shows including:-

- UK National Dairy Event
- Western Spring Show
- South of England
- Staffordshire
- Shropshire and West Midlands
- Suffolk
- Charleville (Ireland)
- Tullamore (Ireland August 2011)

Also judged 10 All Britain qualifiers and judged breed classes for Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey and Jersey's
Sebők Tamás – Hungary

He was born in Budapest, in 1970, he is father of three daughters. He has got a diploma of agriculture since 1992. He collected his experience in a herd of 600 cows, near Budapest. He has been working as a classifier for the National Association of Hungarian Holstein-Friesian Breeders since 1996. He has been signed to a classification system developer from 2004 and from the beginning of 2012 he became regional manager of North West Hungary. He has been a member of the Harmonization Program of the European Judging School since 1999. During that program he was a member of judging group in Paris, and Brussels, judged a progeny group in Cremona. He was the country judge for groups for the European Championships in Brussels, Oldenburg and Cremona. He has judged regional shows in Russia, Finland and Sweden. Beside this he judged many regional and national shows in Hungary. He judged the National in Poland 2008, Czech Republic, Croatia and Hungary 2011 and a regional show in Finland.

He speaks fluently English.
Kőrösi Zsolt – Hungary

He was born in Mezőhegyes, in 1971. He had got a diploma of agriculture since 1996. He has been working as a classifier for the National Association of Hungarian Holstein-Friesian Breeders since 1996, and as Breeding Director and Head Classifier since 2000.

He has been a member of the Harmonization Program of the European Judging School since 1999. During that program he was a member of judging group in Paris, and Brussels, judged an Osnabrücker Schwarzbunt Tage, progeny group in Rennes, and a show in Slovak Republic, Czech Republic. Beside this he judged many regional and national shows in Hungary, Croatia and Finland. He has given courses for junior handlers in Finland and Sweden.

He speaks English and German.
David Boyd, with his brother Kenneth operate a poultry and dairy farm enterprise at Glaslough, County Monaghan, Eire close to the border of Northern Ireland. Together they farm the high yielding Glaslough Herd on 60 hectares and milk 50 cows and run 80 younstock with current production of 11,269Kgs 3.83F 3.33P on 60 hectares high yielding Holsteins IN 2011 the herd had 20 heifers scored VG including two at 88 points.

The herd is renowned for its excellent conformation with 90% of the herd classified VG or EX presently The current classification is 14 Ex up to 94 points 33 VG and 3GP. Internationally renowned cow families being developed at Glaslough include Delia, Raven, Susie Mist, Fran, Sweet, Impala, Carmen, Kimo etc.

David has attended judging schools in Denmark, Switzerland, Poland and UK. He is past President and Chairman of the Irish Holstein Friesian Association (IHFA). 2008-2009 he judged the National show in Portugal and two Regional shows in England Royal Norfolk and Great Yorkshire

David Has judged most of the major provincial shows in Ireland and Regional show in Italy 2011.

He has been on IHFA judging panel for 20 years and is currently Chairman of brred promotion for IHFA.

He speaks English.
Tom Kelly is 53 years old and married to Rhona. They have 4 children. Tom’s father, the late J.J. Kelly was a noted breeder and his Moneymore herd was one of Ireland’s leading herds for over 40 years successfully transforming from a pure Friesian to a Holstein herd in his own lifetime.

Tom farmed with his father for a few years after finishing school before purchasing his own farm adjacent to his father's. The farm consists of 300 acres owned plus 300 rented mostly in grass and crops mainly wheat for cattle feed.

Tom developed his own herd under the Monamore prefix utilizing many of the best cow families from his father's herd as well as buying into many of the breeds most noted cow families whenever the opportunity arose. These cow families and his breeding policy has elevated the Monamore prefix to the top echelon of Holstein herds in Ireland. The herd has had numerous successes in shows, sales and herd competitions and in the past 16 years has never been out of the top 3 in the IHFA National Herds Competition and been the winner on seven occasions. It consists of 200 cows averaging 9,600kgs @ 3.60%BF 3.30%Pr mainly fed grass and home grown beet and wheat. There are presently 60EX cows and 80 VG cows in the Monamore herd.

A household name in Holstein breeding in Ireland, a past Chairman of the Irish Young Farmers Association and a past Chairman and President of the Irish Holstein Friesian Association (IHFA).

A true cattle man who loves judging and has judged shows all over the world including Royal Show, England, N.R.M. Holland (twice), Winter Fair, Germany, Morlaix Spring Show, France, Winter Fair, Portugal, Dairyscot, England and Royal Norfolk, England and 2006 European Championships, Oldenburg. 2008-2010 Regional shows in Belgium, Ireland, Spain; National shows in Poland and in Denmark. In 2011 Sima Paris and Great Yorkshire UK.

He speaks English and French.
Herd Information

Owner of the Lisalty Herd, 130 cows with current classification of Ex-49, VG-72, GP-9. Herd Average 2010: 13000 Kgs  3.72BF 3.20%PT

Show Successes
Regular winning Cows in all the leading Irish shows including Milstreet x3, RDS x3, Baileys x 1

Judging Experience
I am a member of the Irish Judging Panel since 1991 having judged all leading shows in Ireland including the National YMA Calf Show, Kildare, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny and Waterford. I have also judged the All Ireland Heifer in Milk at Clonakilty Show.

Judged Royal Norfolf UK AND Regional show in Spain in 2011

I have been Master Judge at the Irish National Stock judging Final in 2007 and 2009.

I was Master Judge at the IHFA Judging School 2011.

Judging of Club Herd Competitions include all Irish regional clubs and The Lancashire UK Club.
Giuseppe Quaini was born March 3, 1955 in Cremona, Italy. and he is the owner if the internationally known Castelverde Holstein herd. Many show winners in Italy come from this herd. He is vice-president of A.N.A.F.I. and president of the local Association of Milano. He has a long experience as a judge in Italy, where he has judged all the official shows. He has judged the National Holstein show in 1990, 2000 and 2004, and the first edition of the Dairy Show in Verona, 2002. He is very known at an international level: in Europe he has judged some important shows in Great Britain, NL, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain. 2008-2010: two Interregional shows in Italy, Associate judge at the Italian National show and he judged the National show in Spain. In 2010 he was one the judge for the Holstein Country Groups Championship at European Championship in Cremona. In 2011 he judged National in Croazia and Cremona Italy. He has attended judging schools in Belgium 1996/8 and,2000 Italy 1995 and UK 1999 He is one of the few European judges that has been invited in the U.S.A. ( associated judge in Madison ) and in Canada ( International Quebec Show ).

He speaks English fluently.
Massimo Capra – Italy

Massimo Capra was born November 7th 1962, and lives in Cremona, Italy. He started as a classifier for the Italian National Holstein Association, and after this experience he worked for an Italian A.I. organization, C.I.Z. Since 1991 Massimo Capra is responsible for the marketing of livestock (1.200 - 1.500 Holsteins per year ) and for technical activities of the cooperative C.A.F.R.I. - Breeders Association of Cremona.

He judged the Italian National Show in Cremona in 2003, and all the major shows in Italy. He has also judged in Spain Turkey and Netherlands, and he is an official judge of A.N.A.F.I. since 1998. Participation at the Harmonization Work Shop in Denmark and Poland. In 2009 he judged the National show in Poland, an Interregional in Portugal and the Italian National show. He was associate judge in Cremona 2011.

He speaks English.
Guido Oitana was born on the 29th of March, 1957, and he lives in the north west of Italy, in Scalenghe, near Torino, where he has a farm of 150 milking Holsteins together with his brother and uncle; average milk production of the herd, Fantasy Holstein, is 10,000 kg. 3.7 fat and 3.2 protein. Guido Oitana is the breeder of Fantasy Britt Gap et, second bull in Italy for PFT.

He regularly participates at the most important shows in Italy with his cows, and he has won the Regional Show last year, two Provincial Shows and Reserve Champion at the Interregional Show.

He attended judging schools in Switzerland and Spain.

At the moment he is part of the Anafi board, he is official judge of Anafi since 1997, and he has judged several shows in Italy. Regional show in UK. Judged national shows in Finland, Hungary 2010. Winter show in Denmark 2010.

He speaks English.
Jan Steegink – The Netherlands

Jan Steegink is 42 years old (January 1966) and married to Irma with who he has a farm with 90 cows in production and 80 young stock, with a Milk average of 9,200 kg, 4.60% fat and 3.60 protein. He farms 50 ha, of which 40 ha grass and 10 ha corn. In 2005 he was Red and White Holstein breeder of the year.

Among other shows, he has judged various local and regional cattle, for example three times the All-Holland Dairy Show and a regional show of Denmark. He participated in a lot of shows with his cows with good results, and he had a champion and a reserve-champion at the HHH-show. He welcomes a lot of visitors on his farm, both Dutch and foreign.

He has visited the harmonisation workshops in Bulle and Poznan. He is the chairman of the red-and-white cattle platform and of the wintershow in Zwolle (The Netherlands). In his free time he plays in a band (drums and vocals).

During 2008-2010 he judged Regional shows in Belgium, Denmark. He speaks fluently English.
Jos Knoef – The Netherlands

Jos Knoef, (March, 1960), farms 90 cows, 110 young stock and 20 proven bull, with a milkquota of 883.000 kg. The average milk yield is 10.956 kg at 4,24% fat and 3,62 protein (87 cows). He owns 86 ha of land and 650 pigs for meat production.

His average score for heifers is above 84 points, his cows above 86 points. On his farm Jos has 33 cows that produced more than 100.000 kg milk and 11 cows produced more than 10.000 kg fat and protein, of which three gave more than 150.000 kg milk.

Mr. Knoef is a member of the breeding counsil of CR Delta as well as a couple of other dairy organisations. From the age of 25 he is active as a judge on shows. Among other shows, he has judged various local and regional cattle, twice the All-Holland Dairy Show and the national shows of Poland, Estonia and Czech Republic. In 2000 he was judge by the country-groups of the European Championship in Brussels.

He speaks English, as well as German.

He participated in a lot of shows with his cows with good results, and he had a reserve-champion at the HHH-show. He welcomes a lot of visitors on his farm, both Dutch and foreign.

He produced some bulls for AI, of which one to Estonia, Lambro, proven sire.

2008-2010: he judged Regional shows in Denmark and in The Netherlands and All Holland Dairy Show. In 2011 awarded champion herd at HHH show.

Jos is married to Ingrid and has five sons and one daughter.

He speaks English and German.
Markus Gerber was born in 1972. He grew up bilingual, French and German, in the Jura. Markus is married and has two daughters. He completed an agricultural education with a bachelor degree and forms apprentices. Markus manages a dairy farm with 80 Holstein and Red Holstein animals in the mountain area of the Jura. The milk he produces is transformed into a special cheese, the "Tête-de-moine". Markus Gerber is an active member of different breeding organisations. Among others, he is the president of the Swiss Red Holstein Committee, of the "Arc Jurassien Expo" and of the Red Holstein and Holstein breeding commission of the Swiss Red & White Cattle Breeders' Federation. Markus Gerber has judged different shows not only in Switzerland, but also in Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria, Germany and Czech Republic. He participated in the European workshops on judging in Denmark, Switzerland and Poland.

2009-2010 Swiss Expo Red Holstein, RBW Holstein Dairy, RUW Red Holstein Dairy, Swiss Expo Montbéliard, the National show in Austria and the NRM in Holland.

He was one of the judges of the Red Holstein Country Groups Championship at European Championship in Cremona 2010.
Markus Hitz was born in 1951. He received his BSc in animal Breeding at the Swiss College of Agriculture. He has been working for Holstein Association of Switzerland for many years, starting as a herd book coordinator. He was a key person for the introduction of linear type classification in Switzerland and has been head classifier for ten years. He works as a sire analyst for Swissgenetics, he’s in charge of the domestic Holstein program as well as the import of foreign Holstein semen. His work has led him to many different countries and given him a deep insight into Holstein breeding. He’s responsible for the training of Swiss judges and has participated in many European judging workshop. He has numerous regional and national show in Switzerland as well as in Germany, France and Italy.
In 2009 he judged the Holstein Dairy show in Portugal.
Simon Brugger – Switzerland

Simon Brugger was born in 1969. He grew up at his parent’s dairy farm in Willadingen, a village in the Berne region. He now owns the family farm with 30 Holstein cows and 30 heifers. Every year, a young farmer works as an apprentice on his farm. He is very active in Holstein breeding; he’s president of the local breeder’s club and a member of the daughter evaluation group of Holstein Association of Switzerland. He has been an official judge since 1997 and attended European judging workshops in Bruxelles and Paris. He has judged many shows in Switzerland as well as abroad. In 2008 he judged the National Holstein Dairy in Finland.
Luís Miguel Vasconcelos Mota - Portugal

Personal Information:
Born in 1976 in Oliveira do Bairro, where his family has wine cellars and a dairy farm. He is married and has three childrens. Lives in a village called Febres, near the town of Cantanhede, center of Portugal.

Professional Experience:
Have a graduation in Viticulture Technology, by the Bairrada E.V.E.. In 1994 he began working in the family business, first in the vineyards and the wine cellars, named Caves Barrocão.
In 2000 he left the vineyards and started to manage the family dairy farm, “Quinta do Rio”. It was then that he became interested in Holstein cattle and dairy shows. Since then he has participated in all the National Schools of Holstein Judges. In 2005 he has three schools with classification B and two schools with classifications A.
He is a member since 2008 of the national breeding board, responsible for the selection of future males to the national bull’s center.

Quinta do Rio Farm Information (June 2007):
The farmland area has 25 ha, 21,5 ha with maize in summer and ray-grass in winter and the other 3,5 ha with alfalfa.
It has 175 animals which 75 are milking cows.
The production average 2010 was 9.402 Kg of milk with 3.91 % of Fat and 3.36% of Protein in 305 days.
Actual morphological classification:  3 Cows with Excellent (EX)
40 Cows with Very Good (MB)
32 Cows with Good Plus (BM)
The cows of this farm have good longevity, so usually sells animals with the farm name QR.
Show prizes:
- National Vice-Young Champion in 2006 and 2009.
- National Great Champion Cow in 2006.

Judge Experience:
He is judge from the Holstein Portuguese Association since 2005.
He has judged already all the shows that we organize in Portugal and Azores Islands.
Josè Manuel Simoes Dias – Portugal

Born in 1957 on the south of Angola, where his family has a beef farm. In 1975 with the independence of Angola, immigrate to Portugal. He is married and has two daughters. Live in a village called Ouca, near the town of Vagos, center of Portugal.

Professional Experience: Have a graduation in Agronomic Engineer, by the Lisbon Technical University. Have a specialization in Genetic and Animal Breeding, by the Guelph University in Ontario – Canada. Actually work as technician on LACTICOOP, in the Artificial Insemination Department, responsible for the mating cooperative programme. Is a teacher too, in the Animal Production Department of the Agriculture High School of Vagos (E.P.A.V.) and is the manager of school dairy farm.

Judge Experience: He has judged all the shows that we organize in Portugal. Abroad he was the Portuguese judge in the 1994 European Confrontation in Barcelona and the 1998 European Confrontation in Brussels. He has already judge in France. Since 2002 in the Holstein Association, he coordinate with the Secretary of the Herd book the Portuguese Holstein Friesian judging program and Judge Schools.
Tjebbe Huybrechts – Belgium

Tjebbe was born in August 1987 and grew up on a Holstein farm in Geel, Flanders, Belgium. On the family farm they milked about 60 black Holstein cows and delivered 2 bulls to AI in Germany and the Netherlands. On the farm and participating in many shows he developed the passion for Holsteins. In 2011 he graduated from the University of Leuven with a Master of Bioscience-engineering specialized in Livestock production. Now he is working on a PhD project.

He attended judging schools in Spain 2009 and UK 2011. On the side of an experienced college he already started judging at the age of 16. Today he has judged lots of local shows and all the regional shows in Flanders. He judged CRV Cow-expo Holland 2009 and 2011 from the south region of the Netherlands, followed by other shows in the Netherlands. Belgium National in 2011.

He speaks Dutch, French and English.