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European Judges Panel

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The European Judges Panel

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 ensuring the promotion and development of the European 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). The Judges Panel Working Group consists of judging experts from throughout the European Union. The current composition of the working group can be found on the EHRC website.

EHRC members are asked to nominate up to three experienced Judges from their organisations to participate in a series of Judge's workshops. These judges usually have attended and passed with success their organisations own National Harmonization workshop. Organisations with no National Harmonization workshop are urged by EHRC to send their participants to the European Holstein Judges School, before applying to attend the Holstein European Judges Workshop. The format of the events designed to encourage the exchange of information by combining demonstrations with lively debate, with Master Judges acting as arbitrators to bring sessions to a conclusion.

European Holstein Judges Workshops have been organised in the following Countries: Italy 1995, Belgium 1996, 1998, 2000, United Kingdom 1999, France 2001, Portugal 2002, Denmark 2004, Switzerland 2006, Poland 2007, Spain 2009, United Kingdom 2011, the Netherlands 2013, Hungary in 2015, Germany in 2017 and Ireland in 2019.

The attendees' are asked to judge a number of classes and give reasons as to why they had placed the animals in that particular order. The results from the judging sessions are collated and a list of the top performing Judges is made. A Judge must qualify at two conferences before being eligible to be included on the official European Judges Panel. Each panel member is 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.

In the first instance, countries wishing a particular Judge are asked to contact the responsible Breed Association, as specified below. If there is no response, then countries may contact the Secretary General who will email the Judge directly, copying in the Breed Association.

In 2013 a European Showmanship Panel was established, listing qualified Judges who are recommended to officiate at European Showmanship competitions.

During the past decade the European Judges Panel list has been used by many countries, which has resulted in a 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 workshops planned for the future.



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CV OF PANEL MEMBERS

Bruno Deutinger – Austria



Bruno was born and grew up on a dairy farm in Saalfelden Austria. There he got his passion for Holstein cows. He works for the breeder organization “Rinderzucht Tirol eGen”. His tasks are: breeding program Holstein and cattle sales for several breeds.

Judging Career:

Internationally: Nacht der Holsteins in Buchloe (Germany), Agrialp in Bozen (Italy) in 2017; Zukunft Rind in Alsfeld (Germany), Jerseyopen in Erfurt and Thüringer Holsteinschau (Germany) in 2018; RBW Holsteinschau in Bad Waldsee (Germany) in 2019

Languages: German and English

Pierre Creppe – Belgium



Pierre was born in 1980 and is married with three children. He lives in Louveigné, near Liège in Wallonie, in the South of Belgium. He comes from a farming family and has been passionate about genetics and cow shows since he was a child. Pierre has worked for AWE, Genetic Walloon Association for breeders in Belgium, as a sales representative for 16 years and is now a Sales Manager. He has a very good knowledge of showmanship, and won the European Young Breeders School in Battice, Belgium where he became a coach for many years. Pierre started to Judge in 2008 as an official Belgian judge.

Judging Career:

Nationally: Ath by night, Open Show Wavre, and many local shows

Internationally: National Show in Czech Republic BRNO, Swiss-Expo Lausanne Showmanship Young Breeders 2018; Lisieux (Normandie), La-Roche-sur-Yon (Vendée), Metz (Moselle), Arras (Pas de Calais), Sedan (Ardennes), Verdun (Meuse), Habsheim (Alsace), Feurs (Loire), Senonches (Eure et Loire), Open Château Gonthier (Mayenne), ...

Internationally: Judge of the Holstein championship – international Fair of SPACE (France)

Languages: French and English



Tjebbe Huybrechts – Belgium



Tjebbe was raised on a family farm in Geel, Flanders, which milked about 60 black Holstein cows and bred 2 bulls for AI in Germany and the Netherlands. Tjebbe's passion and enthusiasm for 'Holsteins' resulted from working with the cows on the farm and participating in many shows.

Tjebbe attended Judging schools in Spain 2009 and UK 2011.

In 2011 Tjebbe graduated from University of Leuven with a Master of Bioscience-engineering degree which specialized in Livestock production. He is now working on a PhD.

Judging career:

Nationally: Belgium National, 2011, Benelux show Nuit de la Holstein, Belgium 2013

Internationally: CRV Cow-expo Holland 2009 and 2011, National show of Holland NRM 2012 and Agro Nord show, Denmark 2013, Agriflanders, Gent 2013, Russian Dairy Show, Nizhny Novgorod 2015

Languages spoken: Dutch, French and English.

Martine Lambot – Belgium



Martine, her husband and two children have a farm in the south of Belgium in "Wallonie". They have seventy-five milking cows, averaging 10 400 kg with seven EX, forty VG, with a classification average of 85.3 and seventy-five young stock. We participate in different shows in Belgium with our own cows and regularly have good results: Grand Champion Libramont 2011, Reserve Champion "Nuit de la Holstein" 2012 and more. When she was younger she was three times at the European Young Breeder School in Belgium and her best place was 5th. She attended three times at the Belgium Judging School and participated four times at the EHRC Judging Schools (Spain, UK, Netherlands and Hungary). Martine aims to breed equilibrated cows and research longevity. Breeding Holsteins is her passion.

Judging career:

Nationally: Several shows in Belgium

Internationally: Including Libramont 2009, Ath by night 2013, Open Battice, provincial Malmedy, two regional shows in France. Judge of the FEFRIGA - Regionale Holstein show of Galicia (Spain), Junior Wintershow Ettelbruck (Luxembourg) in 2019.

Languages spoken: French and English



Danny Verstegen – Belgium



Danny (born in 1976) owns a dairy farm with 60 Red Holstein cows in Leffinge, Flanders. In 2004 he took over this farm from his parents after a career as classifier at CRV. His herd is ranked in the top 5 for highest average classifications of Flanders in 2014 and 2015. Danny was a successful contender at the European Judges Conferences in 2015 and 2017.

Judging career:

Agriflanders Gent Belgium 2003, CRV Cow-Expo Holland, 2006 and 2015. All provincial shows in Belgium from 2010 to 2017.

Languages spoken: Dutch and English

Zdeněk Schaffelhoffer – Czech Republic



In 2006 Zdeněk finished Agriculture University. After graduation he became Holstein cattle classifier for the Czech and Moravian Breeders Association. In 2016 Zdeněk became part of Holstein Canada classifiers team for several months and since 2017 he has been working for Holstein Cattle Breeders Association of the Czech Republic.

Judging Career:

Nationally: several Czech shows

Internationally: Slovak National Holstein Show (twice), one regional show, Croatian National Show, Shows in Russia

Languages spoken: Czech, English



Søren Christensen – Denmark



Søren was born on a farm with a tradition for showing and breeding good cows. Søren has exhibited cows for many years and has a very keen interest in this type of work. He has competed in "Showmanship competitions" for many years, achieving great success. Søren has worked as herd manager, and here he has tried to develop the interest in breeding good cows in commercial herds. Today he works as a classifier.

Søren has participated in 5 EHRC Judging Schools. At Judging Schools in Denmark, he works as a Master Judge.

Judging career:

Nationally: 2013 National Show Denmark Holstein judge, 2014 National show Denmark Jersey, 2015 - National Show Denmark Red Danish Breed 2016 National show Herning DK - cows (Jersey), 3 x Local show; 2017 6 x local shows
Internationally: 2013 - Judged 2 regional shows in Sweden, 2014 - Sweden a regional show and on Azor Island, 2018 – National show Hungary in connection with EHRC congress.

Languages spoken: Danish and English.

Niels Erik Haahr – Denmark



Niels Erik Haahr has always been interested in cattle breeding. From the age of 15 he started investing in the best genetic from Germany, Holland and the USA. During his education as a farmer, he worked 12 months in the USA and Canada gaining experience in cattle presentation and showing. Returning to Denmark he was instrumental in starting young breeders' clubs and showmanship competitions. Today, in family partnership, he owns Anderstrup Holsteins. They have a herd of more than 600 cows. The herd has an average 365-day production of more than 16,000 kg. Anderstrup are historically one of the most winning herds with more than 30 championship titles at National show. Niels Erik Haahr is one of the Master Judges at workshops in Denmark – he has participated in several Europeans workshops – in 2013 he was one of the Master judges.

Judging career:

Nationally: 2014 - National shows in Denmark.

Internationally: Sweden, Portugal, 2013 - European Championship Switzerland, National show in Spain, 2014 - National shows in, Hungary, Netherlands, UK, 2016 National HHH NLD National Show, Finland, 2017 National show NRM NLD

Languages spoken: Danish and English.



Jean-Phillippe Duchange - France



After a career as a classifier, Jean Philippe returned on the family farm in Normandy with his wife and their 3 children. They manage 70 cows and 180 Ha of land. Their cows' milk is used to make "Camembert" a famous French cheese.

Judging Career:

Nationally: French national show in 2006 and 2014. Paris SIA show in 2016. Space in 2015. Sommet de l'élevage Cournon in 2017 and many regional shows.

Internationally: Czech national show in 2013, Belgium show at Libramont in 2017; 2018 Andalousie (Spain) in 2018.

Languages spoken: French and English

Anthony Le Trionnaire – France



Born and raised on a Holstein farm in Brittany, Anthony spent his teenage years fitting and grooming cattle for shows. He has a diploma in Superior Agriculture. Anthony has worked for French AI semen export for many years; he works now in France for Bovec that sell North America bull semen.

In partnership with his older brother, Anthony is involved in his family farm, managing the herd genetics. Together, they have bred many champion cows and AI bulls. The first embryos exported from Europe to Canada originated from their herd. Their farm was founded in 1807, and in 1970 Holsteins were introduced. They have reached high synthetic global index (ISU) and conformation scores with 85% of the herd (80 dairy cows) classified VG or EX presently including 7 EX cows and an average of 86.3 pts. He participated at 5 European judging workshops (Switzerland, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom and The Netherlands) and was one of the Master Judges in 2007 and 2009.

Judging career:

Nationally: The French National Holstein show in 2004 and 2009; 2017 Paris.

Internationally: Chile (2003), Belgium (2004), Finland (2005), Australia (2006), Hungary (2007), Morocco (2007), New-Zealand (2009), Estonia (2009) and Ireland (2010). Regional shows in Brasil (2002, 2003), Belgium (2007), England (2008), Spain (2004, 2006, 2008, 2014), Portugal (2010, 2011, 2013) and Switzerland (2011). 2017 Paris, 2013 Portugal; NRM Show in June 2019 in Netherland

Language spoken: French, English, Spanish, Portuguese and understand, better than speaking, German and Italian.



Cord Hormann – Germany



Living in Warmssen, Lower Saxony, Germany, Cord is the owner and operator of Wilcor Holsteins with 30 milking cows and female offspring plus 70 ha farmland. He attends shows regularly with his own cattle. The current production is 11.500 kg; 14 EX, 34 VG, 2 GP. Cord graduated from the University of Applied Sciences in Osnabrück, Germany in 2009 with a bachelor degree in agriculture. He spent 10 months in North America during High School and worked with cows at shows like World Dairy Expo, Royal Winter Fair, Swiss Expo. Cord has been a member of the German Judging Panel since 2008.

Judging career

Regional shows: RUW-Schau, Hamm; Hessens Zukunft, Alsfeld; Osnabrücker Schwarzbunttage, Neumünster am Abend, Excellentschau, Leer, Schau der Besten, Verden

Nationally: German National Holstein Show 2017 in Oldenburg.

Internationally: Castlewellan Show, Northern Ireland; Luzerner Junior Expo, Switzerland; Steiermark Show, Austria; Summershow Jön-Köping Sweden; Luxembourg, Moscow Show, Russia.

Languages spoken: German and English, very little French

Torben Melbaum - Germany



Torben is from the Masterrind area in the northern part of Germany. He came into the dairy business through a young breeders competition and friends in the dairy business. After high school he went to North America and had an internship at Siemers Holstein for 3 months in the USA and at Crasdale Farms for 8 months in Canada. After that he studied agricultural Dairy science at the University in Göttingen where he obtained a Bachelor and Master degree. Following that Torben worked at Masterrind GmbH for 3 years. Today he has his own business with two friends running the company Bullseye Genetics GmbH which sells semen all over the world.

Judging career

Nationally: Germany

Internationally: Ireland, Austria, Luxemburg and Switzerland

Languages spoken: German and English.



Thomas Hannen - Germany



Thomas is 40 years old, married and has 4 children. He lives in West Germany (NRW) near the Dutch border. Thomas has 250 Holstein cows (black and red), 150 young stock (female) with a herd average of 10.500kg with 4,2%F and 3,5%P. His farm is 145ha with wheat, corn, grass and potatoes.

Judging Career:

Regional Shows: WEU-Konvent, Oldenburg; Neumünster am Abend 2012, 2020, 2022; Hessens Zukunft, Alsfeld; Rind Aktuell, Karow; Blickpunkt Rind 2017, Paaren; Hessens Zukunft 2022

Nationally: DHV-Jungzüchterwettbewerb 2009; German Dairy Show 2019

Internationally: Foire Agricole Ettelbrück, LUX 2012; Agrosemana Show 2015, Portugal

Manfred Uhrig - Germany



Manfred and his sister are currently managing a dairy farm near Frankfurt with 200 ha farmland and 110 cows. Since 2004, Manfred has been a member of the German Judges Panel. He also is a member of the board at Qnetics (former ZBH).

Judging career:

Local shows: Färsenschau Krefeld (RUW), Excellent-Schau, Leer (VOST), Rind Aktuell, Karow (RA), Hessens Zukunft, Alsfeld (ZBH), RUW-Schau, Hamm (RUW), Neumünster am Abend, Neumünster (RSH), Blickpunkt Rind, Paaren (RBB), Schau der Besten, Verden (MAR), Nikolausschau Bismark, Osnabrück Schwarzbunntage

Nationally: German National Holstein Show 2015 in Oldenburg

Internationally: Estonia; Romania 2010; Northern Ireland 2011; Country Judge European Show 2013, Fribourg, HHH Show 2013 (NL), Moscow 2015, NRM Show 2017 (NL), Luxembourg Summer Classics, Ettelbruck

Languages spoken: German and English.



Zsolt Kőrösi – Hungary



Zsolt received, in 1996, a diploma of agriculture. He has worked as a classifier for the National Association of Hungarian Holstein-Friesian Breeders since 1996 and since 2000 as Breeding Director and Head Classifier.

He has been a member of the Harmonization Program of the European Judging School since 1999.

Zsolt is responsible for the young leadership training in Hungary.

Judging career:

Nationally: National Hungarian Holstein Show and many regional shows

Internationally: Young Breeders competitions in Finland, Sweden and Germany; Shows in Osnabrücker Schwarzbunt Tage, Germany; SPACE - progeny groups – in France; National Show in Croatia, Slovakia. 2013: Estonian National Show. 2015: Regional show of Cantabria, Spain; Czech National Show. 2016: European Championship Colmar Showmanship Judge. 2017: 5th Open Junior Show, Cremona; Swedish National Show. 2019: 7th Open Junior Show, Cremona.

Language spoken: Hungarian, German and English.

Tamás Sebők – Hungary



Tamas received, in 1992, a diploma of agriculture. He gained his experience managing a herd of 600 cows, located near Budapest. Since 1996 he has been working as a classifier for the National Association of Hungarian Holstein-Friesian Breeders.

Tamas has been a member of the Harmonization Program of the European Judging School since 1999.

Judging career:

Nationally: National Holstein Show, Hungary.

Internationally: Shows in Russia, Finland and Sweden. All Poland Dairy Show, 2011 Czech National Show, 2013 Croatian National Show, 2014 Agromek, Denmark, 2015 Flemish Holstein Show, Belgium, 2015 Farmari, Finish National Show (only Showmanship); 2016 5th Open Junior Show, Cremona. Regional Show in Slovenia, (Slovenska Bistrica); Croatian National Show (Gudovac) in September 2018

Language spoken: Hungarian and English.



Giuseppe Beltramino - Italy



Giuseppe grew up on a dairy farm in Northwestern Italy (Bel Holstein-Buriasco, Turin), and is still involved with the family herd (genetics and showing). He now works as Export manager for Gènes Diffusion and Intermizzo. His passion for showing cattle started when he was 16 and since their first participation in a county show in 1986 Giuseppe never stopped showing their cattle at local, national and international level. Despite his young age Giuseppe used to prepare, look after and lead their animals into the ring completely on his own. Prior to becoming an export manager, he worked for many years as professional dairy cattle fitter in Italy and Europe. Giuseppe started judging in 1998 and he has been an ANAFI official judge since 2005. Thanks to his previous career as fitter, Giuseppe has been requested many times to judge Youth Shows and has officiated as a judge at Shows.

Judging career:

Nationally: 2012, 2017 Italian National show Cremona.

Internationally: Belgium: National Show Tournai, Foire Libramont, La Nuit de la Holstein, 1999: R gional Rhone-Alpes (F). 2002: Sidney regional show (Australia). 2004: Regional show Porto (Portugal). 2007: R gional Gruy re Bulle (Switzerland). 2008: R gional Arc Juracien (F). 2009: Gotthard Open (Switzerland). 2010: Rennes r gional Bretagne (F), Open show G nisses Saint Etienne (F), Villa Maria show (Argentina), Regional show (Sweden). 2011: Eurog n tique Epinal (F), October 2011 Northern Dairy Expo (UK). 2012: SPACE Rennes (F). 2013: Moexmu Show Muimenta (Spain). 2015: Libramont (Belgium), part of the Master Judges panel during the Latin America Holstein Judges workshop in Uruguay. 2016: March Coulommiers (F), July Azores (Portugal), September Brienne le Ch teau (F), October Pontivy (F). 2017: October San Jose di Motevido (Uruguay). 2018: April Spring Show Cheshire (UK). 2019: February Concurso Fefriga Gandagro (Spain), Interregional Aquitanima Bordeaux (F). 2021: Autumn Show Hainaut (Belgium), Associated Judge National Holstein Show (Canada).

Languages spoken: Italian, English and some Spanish

Massimo Capra – Italy



Massimo was part of the body of "provincial experts" in 1980 and when he finished his study, in 1983 he becomes "ANAFIBJ classifier". Since 1987 he has been active in an Italian A.I. company with technical-commercial assignments and since July 1991 has been responsible a cooperative which mainly deals with the commercialization of bovine animals conferred by the members of the cooperative, as well as other services including the distribution of semen. He is an "official ANAFIBJ judge" since 1998, and he judged the most important Italian shows. He is part of the ANAFIBJ Consultative Committee of Experts until 2003.

Judging career:

Nationally: The Italian National Show in Cremona in 2003, 2009, 2015, 2021, and all the major shows in Italy.

Internationally: Portugal (Agroleite - 2007), in Spain (Galizia - 2005, Cantabria - 2009 and Gijon - National Show 2015), in Turkey, in Netherland (NRM - National Show 2006), in Poland (Poznan - National Show 2015), in Argentina (Expo Pozo del Molle - 2017), in Czech Republic (Kralovice - National Show 2019), in Hungary (National Show 2021).

Language spoken: Italian and English.



Attilio Tocchi - Italy



Attilio grew up on a dairy farm in Tuscany, Italy (Toc-Farm Holstein). During his life he has travelled around the World and especially in North America, visiting farms and Holstein Shows. He now works full time in his farm in addition to being involved in some boards of directors in the agricultural world. The passion for showing cattle started when he was 15 and since their first participation to a provincial show in 1989 Attilio never stopped showing their cattle at local and national shows. Despite his young age Attilio used to prepare, look after and lead into the ring their animals completely on his own. Attilio always enjoyed washing, feeding and leading cows and clipping at home. In over thirty years of participation in the shows Attilio has worked side by side with many of the best trainers in the world as well as worked in 1994 for Quality Holstein in Canada. Attilio has always believed in cow families and from these he has tried to develop show animals

but also bulls.

Judging Career:

Nationally: ANAFI official judge since 2005. Since 2007 Attilio judged National Show, inter-regional, regional, inter-provincial and provincial shows. Attilio has judged Youth Shows everywhere in Italy including the International Dairy Show in Verona and the National Show in Gonzaga.

Internationally: in Spain and September 2011 12th Feria Regional Argentina, 2015 June Regional Show dell' Asturia Gijon, Spain.

Languages spoken: Italian and English.

Anne Kalsbeek – Netherlands



Together with his family, Anne owns a farm with 65 hectare of land, in the north of the Netherlands.

The herd has 110 black and white and 10 red and white Holsteins cows with an average production of 9700 kg milk with 3,50 protein, with 65 head of youngstock.

The average score for the cows is 84 pts.

Judging career:

Nationally: All-Holland Dairy show (NRM) 2010; CRV-Koe Expo in 2009 and 2015

Language spoken: Dutch and English



Jan Steegink – Netherlands



Together with his wife Irma and son Thomas, Jan owns a farm with 100 milking cows and 70 head of youngstock, with an average production of 9,600 kg. The farm consists of 50 ha, of which 40 ha grass and 10 ha maize. The average type score of the herd is 86.8 pts. In 2005 he was named as the Red and White Holstein breeder of the year in the Netherlands.

Judging career:

Nationally: All-Holland Dairy Show (NRM) 2012, HHH-show 2012 and All-Holland Dairy Show (NRM) 2017.
Internationally: Agro Nord Denmark 2015, Agriflanders Gent Belgium 2015, National Show Hungary 2015, National Show Poland 2016. Excellent Shau Leer, Germany 2019; RUW Shau te Hamm, Germany 2019.

Languages spoken: Dutch and English.

Paul Hannan - Republic of Ireland



Paul is the owner of 'Lisnalty Holsteins' with herd average of 13,000kg for 140 cows of which 48 are EX and 87 VG. The herd has been in the top 2 of the last 6 National Herd Competitions and was the winner in 2009, 2010 and 2011. The herd has competed in all major Irish shows, gaining consistently successful.

Judging career:

Nationally: Numerous local shows, including showmanship and stock judging competitions; 2017 IHFA National Herds Competition
Internationally: Royal Norfolk and Lancashire Herds Competition, UK and Cantabria in Spain. 2015 March Agronord Show in Aars Denmark, June NRM Zolle Holland; 2016 Danish National Show; 2021 Agro Nord, Denmark

Language spoken: English.



Garry Hurley – Republic of Ireland



Garry has judged in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Wales and Portugal.

Garry hails from the Clonpaddin Herd, in Wicklow the beautiful Garden of Ireland where they milk 100 cows of which 40 are classified EX. The herd is represented at all the major shows in throughout the country.

Judging career:

National: 2016 Carlow Kilkenny Calf Show, Cork Calf Show, Dundalk Show; 2017 IHFA National Open Day Stock judging.
International: 2015 Regional Show Portugal; 2016 Western Holstein Show UK.

Languages spoken: English

Victor Jackson – Republic of Ireland



Victor Jackson has worked with dairy cattle all his life and is owner of the Crossnacole herd of 150 milking dairy cows. The herd has won the Irish National Dairy Herds Competition on numerous occasions, most recently the Large Herds Section in 2017 and Overall Inspection winners in 2017. The herd is made up entirely of top North American and Canadian bloodlines. Victor has shown cattle all his life and has taken championships at most of Ireland's premier shows, including – National Livestock Show, Royal Dublin Society Spring Show, Bailey's Champion Cow, Galway Show, Limerick Show, Charleville Show and National Dairy Show. Victor was selector for Ireland's winning team at the European Show in 1998.

Judging career:

National: 2015 Cork Club Herds Competition; 2016 Tullymore National Show, Ireland; 2016 Cork YMA Calf Show. Galway Show, Limerick Show, Cork Show, and Clonakilty Show. He has also judged in Northern Ireland and has judged many Herds Competitions.

Languages spoken: English



Gary Jones – Republic of Ireland



Gary from Gorey, Co. Wexford, Ireland was born and raised on the 50 cow Hallow farm. He now lives in the UK with his wife Izzy and son Ted where they now occupy the Jones prefix. The family also owns a number of animals with Izzy's parents (200 cow Knowlesmere herd) where Gary acts as the breeding advisor and helps manage the show animals. The Jones prefix has owned/bought/sold and bred numerous National champions throughout Europe. Gary has been a full time cattle fitter/ merchandiser for 11 years and has been privileged to fit and prepare many grand champions and junior champions worldwide, in countries such as USA, Canada, Mexico, Switzerland, Ireland, United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium, France, Spain, Poland, Columbia, Holland, Austria, Germany, Sweden, Slovenia, Brazil, Denmark. Gary is a member of judging panels in Ireland, UK, Europe and USA

Judging career:

Nationally: Clonakilty, Breffneil Oriel, Cork, Limerick /Clare, North Eastern, Kildare.

Internationally: Associate Supreme Latier, Quebec, Canada; Nantwich UK, Scotland South UK, Northern Ireland UK, South Wales UK, Oswestry UK, Open Junior Show Cremona Italy.

Languages spoken: English

Javier Alvarez - Spain



Javier comes from a family farm in Galicia, with a herd of 26 milking cows and 19 heifers, farmed on pasture, with an average yield of 9,200 kg milk and a 84,3 average classification. His professional career started in milk recording and then embryo transfer units. Since 2013 Javier has been team manager of the Ponderosa Holsteins farm, where research is a main activity. Javier has been a teacher at Spanish National Young Breeders School since 2004 and Showmanship Judge in accordance with American and Battice School Rules. He has belonged to the Spanish judges' panel since 2006 and to the EHRC panel since 2013. Javier has taught at many Young Breeders and Showmanship Schools in Spain and Portugal. He has been a Master Judge in the following Judging Schools: 2005, 2006 and 2007: Sao Miguel Agriculture Association,

2009: Portuguese National Judging School, 2014: Spanish National Judging School. He has been involved in the teams participating in the EHRC Championships since 2010.

Judging career:

Nationally: All major local and regional shows; 2011 13th CONAFE National Spring Show; 2015 Treceño, Cantabria Spain, Llanera Asturia Spain; 2017 Moexmu Lugo Spain, Valle de los Pedroches Córdoba Spain. 2018: 39th National Show Conafe 2018

Internationally: Portugal 2006, 2007 and 2011 Isla Terceira, Azores, Portugal. Conducted the 2010 Judging School in Azores; 2013 Coimbra Show; 2014 National Show Sweden. 2019: National Holstein Calf Show (UK).

Languages spoken: Spanish and English at cattle show level.

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Paulino Badiola - Spain



Together with his father, Jose Ramon, Paulino owns Ganadería Diplomada Badiola. The herd has 225 milking cows, with a yield average of 12,344 kg milk; 3.99% fat; 3.33% protein. Their classification average is 87.1 points. They have been awarded 24 times the Best Breeder and 25 times Best Herd at the Spanish National Show. Paulino has been awarded Master Breeder. Paulino has a Veterinary degree and MSc in Integral livestock production by UNESCO.

Judging career:

Nationally: All major local and regional shows; National Judging School 2005.

Internationally: 2002 Chiquinquirá, Colombia; 2004, 2012 Agroleite, Portugal; 2005, 2007 Gándara, Azores, Portugal; 2010 Spanish Judge at the European Championship, Cremona; 2019 Fona Holstein Show, Querétaro, Mexico.

Languages spoken: Spanish, English at Cattle show level.

Jaume Serrabassa - Spain



Jaume owned the Comas Novas farm, Barcelona, until 2010 and still keeps some of his best cows in Cal Marquet farm (Best Breeder 2013), where he has been technical director. Today he is Breeding Adviser at Triangle Holstein, and also he is a teacher at the Spanish National Young Breeders School and European School in Battice, Belgium.

Judging career:

Nationally: Jaume is official CONAFE Judge since 1998 and since 2002 is a member of the Spanish Judges Committee. He has also judged showmanship competitions in Spain. He has judged all major local shows and regional shows, including the Spring National Show CONAFE 2005 and 2009.

Internationally: Colombia, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Finland, UK, Portugal and Hungary. 2011 Trofa Show, Portugal ; 2012 Portuguese judging School, Acores, Portugal; 2012 Regional Show Holstein Centro, Aveiro, Portugal; 2013 Hungarian National Show; 2014 Spanish Holstein Show, Gijón, Spain; 2015 Eurogénétique, France; 2016 Wintershow FVZH Holland, 2016 European Championship (Red and White); 2017 MIL Los Morteros-Córdoba Argentina.

Languages spoken: Spanish, English and Italian.



Albert Kuiper – Sweden



Albert was raised on a dairy farm in the Netherlands and worked as an advisor in the dairy industry until 2006. In 2006 his family bought a 60 cow dairy farm on the west coast of Sweden. In this organic family farm they are now milking 125 cows on 190 ha land and 65 ha of forest. Albert is also a member of the board of the Swedish Holstein Association.

Judging career:

Nationally: several shows

Internationally: 2016 Koe Expo in Roesselare Belgium; 2017 Agro Nord in Aars Danmark,

Languages spoken: Swedish, Dutch and English.

Gill Zeilon - Sweden



Gill was born in the city. After ending University she worked in a regional farmer cooperation as a breeding and feeding/milk advisor. After a few years she was working with breeding and checking young bull daughters, bull mother selection, et- calves, etc. Later she was responsible for all breeding advisors and breeding information communicated to the farmers.

In 2004 Gill started working for The Swedish Holstein Association, as CEO and is responsible for everything in the Association. Gill judges, classifies, and is responsible for the National Show, magazine, year meetings, shows and much more. She oversees all the Young Breeders' activities including competing with young breeders abroad, camps for youngsters and meetings to teach them to classify, judge and show cows. Gill has commissions in many different boards.

Judging career:

Nationally: Sweden

Internationally: all different breeds and showmanship, in different countries since 2004 Finland, Norway, Hungary, Portugal, Estonia, Azores and United Kingdom.

Languages spoken: Swedish and English.



Jacques Rouiller – Switzerland



Jacques is owner of Illens Holsteins. He is forty-five years old and is married with four children. Jacques is a breeder and has been a Swiss Federal Master Farmer Judge for Holstein Switzerland since 2006. He farms 64 Hectares, located at an altitude of 700m. The herd of 160 Holsteins, with 65 milking cows has a milk production of 600'000 kg (without silage). Two thirds of the milk goes to Gruyère AOC, and one third for industry milk. The average milk production is 9500 kg, 4.00 % MG, 3.3 % P. His herd is classified with 15 EX, 25 VG, 20 G+ cows. He has had success at shows with Grand Champion Swiss Expo 1997, Grand Champion Expo Bulle 1998, Grand Champion Junior Bulle Expo 1993 and 2014. Jacques was named Master breeder in 2010.

Judging Career:

Nationally: Expo Arc Jurassien, Junior Bulle Expo 2017; Marché Concours Bovin, Regioschau, Olma 2018;
Internationally: Concours Départemental Habsheim 2017; Concours Régional de Bretagne 2018.

Languages spoken: German, French and English

Marcel Egli - Switzerland



Marcel Egli was born and raised in Buttisholz in the canton of Lucerne in Switzerland. His parents and brother run the Holstein farm Woodhouse Holsteins there with around 50 cows and 35 ha of land. Marcel has two apprenticeship qualifications as farmer and retail specialist. Since 2014 he has been working for the breeding association Swiss herdbook as a breeding advisor throughout Switzerland. He has been an official judge for Swiss herdbook since 2017. During this time, he also travelled all over Europe to livestock shows and was responsible for the show team at the well-known Swiss Holstein Farm Ptit Coeur Holsteins. Since 2020, he has taken over his wife Fabienne's farm in Les Breuleux, Jura, where he manages around 22 ha and raises around 60 heifers for his parents and brother. The two farms work very closely together. Marcel has also been heavily involved in the auction business since 2020 ; under the name Genetics Sale, he and two partners offer auction organizing services throughout Europe, with Marcel often also acting as auctioneer. Over the years, Marcel has also been able to celebrate some show successes, both with animals from his parents' farm or with animals he co-owns.

Judging Career:

Nationally: Aargauer Eliteschau, Gruyere Expo, 125 ans Neuchexpo, diverse kleinere lokale Schauen
Internationally: Sommet d'Elevage France, Castlewellan Show Northern Ireland, Jungzüchter Triathlon Germany, Tarmstedter Ausstellung Germany, 20 Jahre JZ Innsbruck- Land, Austria

Language spoken: German, French, English



Patrick Gubelman - Switzerland



Patrick grew up on a dairy farm and worked for several household names in the Holstein show scene across North America. (Pierre Boulet, Ferme Jacobs, Ferme Boulet, Regancrest, Luck-E Holstein to name a few). Now he works for Swissgenetics and is responsible for a territory.

Judging career:

Several regional and national shows within Switzerland (Holstein and Brown Swiss as well)

Languages spoken: English, German, French

Thomas Ender – Switzerland



Thomas obtained his Bachelor of Science in Animal Production in 2008 and has been Head Classifier for Holstein Switzerland and Swissherdbook since 2010. Before that he worked as a cattle fitter at Shows throughout Europe. Since 2018 he has been a member of the WHFF Type Harmonisation Working Group. Thomas has led numerous show winners in the ring. He co-managed the Swiss Team at the European Show in Libramont 2019. Together with his brother Andreas he owns and operates Hellender Dairy Farm, which includes 37 ha of farmland, 35 Holstein cows and 50 young stock. Hellender Holsteins was one of the first group of Master Breeder herds in Switzerland. The current herd classification is 15 EX, 7 VG, 9 GP. The herd was nominated as one of the 100 Most Influential Herds of the past 25 years by Holstein International (2019)

Judging Career:

Nationally: numerous regional shows

Internationally: Belgium, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg

Languages spoken: German, French and English



Andrew Cope – UK



Andrew Cope owns and runs the 250 cow Huddlesford herd in the UK. The herd bred the European Intermediate Champion in Colmar and has produced many prize winners in the UK including 1st 4yr old and Reserve Champion at the 2017 UK National Show.

Judging Career:

Nationally: Many UK shows including Royal Norfolk, Royal Yorkshire and East of England as well as Royal Belfast and Northern Ireland National Calf Show, the Royal Three Counties and Lincolnshire Show.

Internationally: 2019 Hungarian National Show, Cantabria Regional Holstein Show, Spain and Southern Ireland National Livestock Show

Language spoken: English.

John Cousar – UK



Breeder of the 'Howcommon' Herd, which received the Honourable Mention in the UK National Herds and Premier Herd, Scotland, competition. John received the Master Breeder Award and has competed at and won numerous shows.

Judging career:

Nationally: Judged herd competitions all over UK, Royal Welsh, Royal Highland and Dairy Farming Event. 2017: Royal Manx, UK

Internationally: Poland, Azores, Ireland. 2016: Country Group Judge for European Championship, Colmar, France

Language spoken: English.



Michael Gould - UK



Mick farms alongside his wife in Shropshire, England. The Woodmarsh prefix was first registered in 1970 and today the herd is well established as one of the breeds most consistently high performers in the UK; it currently milks 300 head with a rolling herd average of just over 12,800kg.

Mick has sat on Holstein UK's National judges' panel for many years.

Judging Career:

Nationally: Royal Show UK, National Holstein Show UK.

Internationally: Australia (International Dairy Week and the Interbred Championship at the Sydney Royal), Ireland.

Languages spoken: English

Mark Nutsford - UK



Mark owns and helps to run Celltech Embryo Transfer, Kingstreet Sires, and Riverdane Holsteins with his wife Susan.

He was born 22nd May 1963 and is a trustee of Holstein UK. He is a keen showman and his UK show winnings include the National twice, the Royal Show, All Breeds Calf Show twice and bred three, AgriScot four times, U.K. Dairy expo, UK Livestock event, Cheshire show five times, Western show three times, Northern Expo twice Nantwich three times

International shows include European 4yr class Fribourg.

Mark has had 54 all Britain Competition nominations, three 97 point cows and has 30 maximum scored cows including 13 VG89 two year olds.

Judging Career:

Nationally: Northern Ireland National , UK National Holstein Show 2008, UK Calf Show 2012, 20 major shows in the UK, 2016: Border and Lakeland calf Show, UK.

Internationally: Southern Ireland Baileys, National at Millstreet, Tullermore, South Africa Cape dairy experience, Spain Asturias, Sweden National calf show, Elmia lantbruk Holland, HHH(R&w), HHH(calves), Zwoller veekeuring , Germany, Canadian judging school twice. 2016: Cantabria, Spain. South of Sweden; Master Judge at the 2017 European judging school; Finland national show 2017. 2019: Black and White Judge European Show, Libramont Belgium.

Languages spoken: English