

2024
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, Ireland in 2019, Italy in 2022 and UK in 2024.

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.

It is very important that all requests for Judges are made through the contacts below. This ensures that EHRC are informed of all Judging appointments.

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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), Judge of the Holstein championship – international Fair of SPACE (France). September 2021 Judge of the Holstein championship – international Fair of SPACE (France); June 2023 : Judge Holstein départemental Finistère (Bretagne FR); September 2023 Judge of the Red Holstein championship – international Fair of SPACE (France); March 2023 Nuit de la Holstein (Libramont).

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, Germany 2017 and Northern Ireland 2024.
He participates with animals regular on shows with successes on local, national and international shows.

Judging career:
Nationally: 2011: Belgium National, Benelux show Nuit de la Holstein;: 2013 Belgium
Internationally: 2009: CRV Cow-expo Holland; 2011: CRV Cow-expo Holland, 2012: National show of Holland NRM, Agro Nord show; 2013 Denmark, Agriflanders, Gent; 2015: Russian Dairy Show, Nizhny Novgorod; 2018: HHH-show Young Breeders (Holland); 2019: HHH show red Holstein (Holland); 2024: Fokveedag Hoornaar(Holland).

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; 2021: Feiradeza of Lalin in Spain (September 2021)

Languages spoken: French 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. In 2020 become a member of Czech AI company Jihočeský Chovatel a.s..

Judging Career:

Nationally: several Czech shows
Internationally: Slovak National Holstein Show (twice), one regional show, Croatian National Show, Shows in Russia; 2020 (virtual): Poland, Slovakia; 2023: Georgia; 2024: Szepietowo, Poland, Slovakia.

Languages spoken: Czech, 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: 2013: Sweden, Portugal, 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; 2019: National show Belgium and Tjekkiet ; 2022: Scotland; 2024: Ireland.

Languages spoken: Danish and 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; 2020: Dairytech in Moscow; 2023: Show Okra, Finland; 2024: Dairy & Poultry Expo Bangladesh.

Languages spoken: Danish and English.

Anthony Le Trionnaire – France



Born and raised on a 80 Holstein dairy farm in Brittany, Anthony spent his teenage years fitting cattle for shows as well as doing the genetics matings. He has a diploma in Superior Agriculture and a MBA.
In partnership with his older brother, Anthony is managing the herd genetics. Together, they have bred champion cows and AI bulls. Anthony's passion for genetics comes from the heritage of his parents. The farm was founded in 1807, and in 1970 Holsteins were introduced. The family farm was the first European farm to export embryos to Canada.
Anthony has been working for many years in the export and import of genetics.
French official judge since 1998 and official European judge since 2006, he has judged in numerous International, National, Regional exhibitions in France and abroad (Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Spain, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, India, Ireland, Mexico, Morocco, Netherland, New Zealand, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, Tunisia, UK).
He has participated at 10 European judging schools organized by EHRC and was Master Judge three times.

Judging career:
Nationally: The French National Holstein show in 2004, 2009 and 2017. And many Regional, local shows.
Internationally: 2002: Brazil ; 2003: Brazil, Chile ; 2004: Belgium, Spain ; 2005: Finland ; 2006: Spain, Australia ; 2007: Hungary, Morocco, Belgium ; 2008: Spain, UK ; 2009: Estonia, New-Zealand ; 2010: Portugal, Ireland ; 2011: Portugal, Switzerland ; 2012: Mexico ; 2013: Portugal ; 2014: Spain ; 2019: Netherland ; 2022: India ; 2023: Paraguay.
Language spoken: French, English, Spanish, Portuguese.

Andrea Uhrig – Germany

Andrea Uhrig was born in 1984 . Together with her brother, she runs the Brühhof farm with 110 Holstein and Jersey cows near Frankfurt. She has been a member of the national judging pool since 2015. In 2016 and 2021, she judged the national young breeders' competitions and in 2019 was the first woman to judge the Germany Dariy Show in Oldenburg.

Judging career:
National: 2014: Masterrind Konvent; 2016: Osnabrücker Schwarzbunttage, RUW Färsenschau, RBW Schau
International: 2018: St. Lorenzen/Südtirol ITA, Ostschweizer Ringer Night Show, Wattwill Switzerland, 2023: National Show Tchechia; 2024: Dornbirn/Voralberg Austria, Lëtz Holstein Show

Cord Hormann – Germany



Living in Warmsen, 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's 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: 2003: Denmark, National Show Russia; 2004: Jönköping Show Sweden; 2007 Agro Nord Denmark; 2010: Luzerner Junior Expo Switzerland; 2012: Castlewellan Show Northern Ireland; 2013: Royal Ulster Winterdfair, Northern Ireland; 2015: Junior Winter Show Luxembourg; 2016 Agro Nord Denmark, Grand Prix Sargans, Switzerland, Austria, Country Judge at European Show in Colmar; 2018: National Show R&W Holland; 2019: National Show Spain; 2022: National Show Denmark, Swiss Jersey Night, Switzerland; 2023: International Dairy Show Montichiari, Italy, National Show Hungary, National Show Luxembourg.

Languages spoken: German and English, 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; 2022: Associated Judge Cremona Fair; 2023: Poland National Show

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; National Holstein Show Germany.

Nationally: DHV-Jungzüchterwettbewerb 2009; German Dairy Show 2019
Internationally: Foire Agricole Ettelbrück, LUX 2012; 2015:Agrosemana Show, 2023: Portugal.

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; 2022: National Show, Gijon Spain.

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, Farmari, Finish National Show (only Showmanship); 2016: 5th Open Junior Show, Cremona. Regional Show in Slovenia, (Slovenska Bistrica); 2018: Croatian National Show (Gudovac) ; 2019: National Show, Latvia; 2021: National Show, Udmurtia; Agro-Volga, Tatarstan; 2023: Reginal Show, Ptuj, Slovenia; National Show, Slovakia; 2024: All Poland Dairy Show, Poland; Agro-Volga, Tatarstan; National Show (Junior), Gudovac, Croatia.

Language spoken: Hungarian and English.

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 actives 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). 2023: April Czech Republic National Holstein Show, June Poland Regional Show.

Language spoken: Italian and English

Marco Ladino – Italy



Marco Ladina grew up on the family farm in Pandino in the province of Cremona. During his stay in Canada on the farm that the family Ladina ran in Ontario has had the opportunity to become passionate about the world of Holstein cows. During the last years with the M.E.DAL Farm has had the chance to win numerous titles both as breeder that as exhibitor at the National show. The cows most successful that won lots of shows in Italy are: Elevation Janet, Inspiration Janette, Starbuck Janet and Stormatic Ilma, the last Grand Champion at the National show in Cremona 2012 and Intermediate champion European Contest in 2010. The M.E.DAL Farm placing prestige to WDE in Madison and the Royal Toronto placing subjects of property at the top of the charts.

Judging Career:
Nationally: judged many different important shows. In 2016 and in 2022 he judged the National Show of Cremona and in 2017 judged the 12th National Junior Show. In 2015 and 2021 he judged the National Show of the Jersey breed.
Internationally: October 2013 Cordoba (Spain).

Languages 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: 2011: Spain, 12th Feria Regional Argentina; 2015: June Regional Show dell' Asturia Gijon, Spain; 2019: Italian Country Group Judge at European Show in Libramont, Master Judge at European school in Ireland.

Languages spoken: Italian and English.

Anne Kalsbeek – Netherlands



Together with his family, Anne owns a farm with 85 hectare of land, in the north of the Netherlands.
The herd has 130 black and white and 15 red and white Holsteins cows with an average production of 10000 kg milk with 3.50 protein, with 85 head of youngstock.
The cows are milked by 2 robots.

Judging career:

Nationally: All-Holland Dairy show (NRM) 2010; CRV-Koe Expo in 2009 and 2015
Regional show Oldebroek 2019 and 2023

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: 2015: Agro Nord Denmark, Agriflanders Gent Belgium, National Show Hungary, 2016: National Show Poland. 2019: Excellent Shau Leer, Germany; RUW Shau te Hamm, Germany.

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:

Nationally: 2016 Carlow Kilkenny Calf Show, Cork Calf Show, Dundalk Show; 2017 IHFA National Open Day Stock judging.
Internationally: 2015 Regional Show Portugal; 2016 Western Holstein Show UK; 2024: Shropshire Herd Competition, UK.

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, 2015: Northern Ireland UK, South Wales UK, Oswestry UK, Open Junior Show Cremona Italy. 2017 October Associate Judge Quebec Fall Show Canada. 2024: Asturia, Spain

Languages spoken: English

Javier Alvarez - Spain



Javier comes from a family farm in Galicia, with a herd of 26 milking cows and 19heifers, farmed on pasture, with an average yield of 9,200 kg milk and a 84,3of 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

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). 2022: Hungarian National Show; 2023: Isla Terceira Show (Portugal).

Languages spoken: Spanish and English at cattle show level.

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.

Pol Collell - Spain



Pol was born in Sant Martí Sescorts, in 1985. He's the owner and manager of Campgran farms with 180 milking cows, the average of yield is 13.000 kgs of milk and 84,5 points. He has more than 90 VG cows and 10 EX.
He regularly attends shows with his own cattle in Spain, Italy and Switzerland. In Swiss Expo 2020 two of his heifers were first and third in this show. His professional career began in 2004. Pol is the manager of the farm and he has an industry of pastry milk, cheese and some dairy products at same place where the Campgran farm is located.
He has been judging since 2015.

Judging career:

Nationally: 2015: Campllong-Girona, Tineo-Asturias, Villaviciosa-Asturias; 2016: Cospeito-Lugo, Valle de Carriedo-Cantabria, Regional Show of Euskal Herria, Moexmu-Lugo; 2017: Usías-Córdoba; 2018: Renedo-Cantabria; 2019: Menorca-Baleares; 2021: Treceño-Cantabria, Spanish National Show; 2023: Moexmu-Lugo, Regional Show of Cantabria; 2024: Regional Show of Euskal Herria, Regional Show of Galicia.
Internationally: 2016: Isla Terceira-Portugal; Arazede-Portugal; 2017: Trofa-Portugal; 2018: Braga-Portugal; 2021: France in Foix; 2022: Isla Terceira-Portugal. 2025: Dansk national show 2025, Landsskuet Showmanship Dansk national show 2025.

Languages spoken: Spanish and English.

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; 2019: Northern Netherlands Summershow; 2020: The alternative Danish National Show (in Corona time) 43 herd groups all over the country in 4 days; 2022: Finnish National Summer show, Zuidenveld show in the Netherlands; 2024: Royal Cheshire Dairy show in England.

Coming in 2025:
Finnish Holstein and Ayrshire winter show
Winter evening show in Drenthe the Netherlands

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; 2022: Agromek Denmark; 2024: Norway , Latvia.

Languages spoken: Swedish and English.

Bruno Charriere - Switzerland

Judging Career:
Nationally: 2023: Arc Jurassien Expo, Marché concours Bulle; 2022: Expo Red-Holstein Veveyse, Expo Bulle, Neuch'Expo, 120th anniversary of Holstein club Estavannens, Altjahresschau Burgdorf; 2021: Aargauer Eliteschau, Marché-concours bovins Delémont, Junior Expo Aargau; 2020 – 2014: many other regional shows.
Internationally: 2019: Concours départemental de la Manche, Lessay, France, Concours Ath by Night, Ath in Belgium.

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 herdboook 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: 2019:Gruyere Expo,125- years Federation Neuchatel. 2021: Jubiläum Hergiswil, Switzerland. 2022: Jubilée Chatelard, Switzerland. 2023: Sarine Expo, Switzerland, Junior Bulle Expo, Switzerland. 2024: Emmentaler Starparade, Switzerland, Luzerner Herbstschau, Switzerland.
Internationally: 2020:Expo Hinterland, Willisau. 2021:Sommet d'Elevage France. 2023: National Showmanship, DHV-Schau Germany, Expo Hinterland, Willisau, Concours Departmental Habsheim, France. 2024: Schau der Besten, Germany, UK Dairy Day United Kingdom.

Language spoken: German, French, English

Thomas Ender – Switzerland



Thomas obtained his Bachelor of Science in Animal Production in 2008 and has been Head Classifier for Holstein Switzerland and Swissherdbook from 2010 – 2022, where he was responsible for a team of 16 classifiers. From 2018 - 2022 he has also been a member of the WHFF Type Harmonisation Working Group.
Before being named as Head Classifier, he worked as a cattle fitter at Shows throughout Europe. Thomas has led numerous show winners in the ring. He also co-managed the Swiss Team at the European Show in Libramont 2019. Since 2012 Thomas is an official judge for Holstein Switzerland.
Together with his brother Andreas he owns and operates Hellender Dairy Farm, which includes 40 ha of farmland, 35 Holstein cows and 60 young stock. Marketing elite genetics is one of the main goals of their farm. Hellender Holsteins was among the first group of six Master Breeder herds in Switzerland. So far, they bred over 60 EX cows in their home country. With Hellender Juror Jurgolin EX-92 7E 44* they bred the most decorated brood cow in Switzerland and developed a world known cow family. The herd was nominated as one of the 100 Most Influential Herds of the past 25 years by Holstein International (2019).

Judging Career:

Nationally: Junior Expo Aargau; GP Sargans; Holstein Expo Sarine, Bulle; Innerschweizer Junior Expo, Zug; JunExBa Balsthal; Junior Arc Expo, Saignelégier; Holstein Expo Schwand; Eliteschau Ostschweiz; Tier & Technik, St. Gallen; Junior Expo Zürich; Holstein Expo Glâne-Veveyse, Bulle; Holstein Expo Bière; Comptoir, Lausanne; Olma, St. Gallen; Eliteschau Aargau, Brunegg; plus numerous local Shows.
Internationally: 2013: National Show Luxemburg (LUX); 2015: Masterrind Konvent, Oldenburg (DE); 2016: Tag der Züchterjugend, Alsfeld (DE); 2017: Open Junior Show, Cremona (IT), National Show Agribex, Brüssel (BE); 2018: National Show Hungary, Hódmezóvásárhely (HU); 2020: Jungkuhexplosion, Imst (AT), Cremona International Livestock Exhibition, Online Show (IT); 2021: Online Show HHH Young Breeders competition (NL); 2022: Bavaria Young Breeders Night Show, Wertingen (DE), HHH Young Breeders und Red Holstein Show, Leeuwarden (NL); 2023: Judges panel election Supreme Champion Cremona Dairy Show (IT); 2024: Agro Noord Show, Aalborg (DK); Cantabria Regional Show, Torrelavega (ES).

Languages spoken: German, French and 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). He works for Swissgenetics .

Judging career:
Nationally: Several regional and national shows within Switzerland (Holstein and Brown Swiss as well)
Internationally: 2023: Agriflanders show (BE), National show Denmark (DN).

Languages spoken: English, German, French

Jacques Rouiller – Switzerland



Jacques is owner of Illens Holsteins. He is married with four children. Jacques is a breeder and is Swiss Federal Master Farmer and has been a 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: 2015: Concours régional Pays de la Loire, Chemillé (FR), Concours interdépartemental Ath by Night (BE); 2016: Concours régional de Normandie, Lessay (FR); 2017 Concours Départemental Habsheim (FR) ; 2018 Concours régional de Bretagne, Pontivy (FR) ; 2023 : Agrimax Metz (FR), Expo Agribec (BE).

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.

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, The National Holstein Show, Uk Dairy Day. All Breeds Calf Show twice and bred three, AgriScot four times, U.K. Dairy Expo six times, 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 over 80 all Britain Competition nominations, five 97 point cows and has 40 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. 2024: Royal Welsh Show.
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. 2022: Holland Holstein Show. 2023: Westerner Dairy Showcase Canada, New Zealand Dairy Expo. 2024: National Dairy Show, Ireland.
Languages spoken: English

Hefyn Wilson – UK



Hefyn Wilson lives at Tregibby Farm, South Wales. He owns the Tregibby Herd of Holsteins and Jerseys, which averages 11200 4.25% butterfat 3.30 protein. The herd is 100% VG or EX. The herd has had numerous All Britain Holstein & Jersey winners over the years. They were Premier Exhibitor at UK Dairy Day 2024, UK Premier Herd Winner 2011 & Master Breeder Award 2017.

Judging Career:

Nationally: Judged Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss and Shorthorn All Britain Calf Show; Great Yorkshire show ; Royal Cornwall show; Royal Bath and West show ; Devon County show; Anglesey Show; Staffordshire county show; Judged UK Premier Herd; Jersey Autum Show, Jersey Island.

Internationally: 2017: Chariville show; IHFA National Herd Competition; 2022: Tullamore show, 2023: Emerald Expo Southern Island.

Language spoken – Welsh & English