

# World Holstein Friesian Federation

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Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> WHFF Newsletter to keep you up to date with the ongoing and future activities of WHFF. This edition concentrates on the activities for 2012, the introduction of the Virtual Cow linear training program on the WHFF web site, the next World Classifiers Workshop and the forthcoming WHFF Conference and General assembly.

### **Type Harmonisation Workshop**

Council have arranged the Head Classifiers workshop for the beginning of November 2012, to enable classifiers to attend the Conference and visit the Toronto Winter Fair.

The workshop is being organised by USA Holstein Association at a location close to the Canadian border. Full details will be sent to you as soon as they are available.

### **Linear Type Training Aid**

WHFF is pleased to announce the introduction of a linear type training aid in the members section of the WHFF web site. The training module is based on a 'Virtual Cow' computer program which provides an interactive linear module allowing the user to linear score the 'Virtual Cow' and see the effect on the individual traits the scores make.

### **Electronic Data Exchange**

Development of the program continues

### **Registration Working Group**

WHFF welcomes the appointment of a new chairperson for the group; Linda Markle from Holstein Canada. The role of the group has been expanded to include the reporting, defining and coding of hereditary defects, in addition to the requirements of registration procedures of member organisations, which are of increasing importance as the expansion of genomic evaluations requires the collection and storage of additional information.

### **Early Bird Registration – Available NOW.**

**Look for, and click on, the logo for more information.**



### **2016 Conference**

The tradition of WHFF is to nominate the next hosts of the WHFF Conference at the 2012 General Assembly. Hosting the conference provides Holstein associations with a unique opportunity to promote their Holstein breeding and dairy industry to the Holstein World. Are you interested? Then email [whff@btinternet.com](mailto:whff@btinternet.com) and apply for organising the 2012 WHFF Conference. Applications before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. (New date)

Australia International Dairy Week  
15-20 January 2012.

<http://www.internationaldairyweek.com.au/>

WHFF Council Meeting  
27-28 April 2012  
Rome, Italy.

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