

# World Holstein Friesian Federation



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Welcome to the second Newsletter of 2011 to keep you up to date with the ongoing activities of WHFF. Following the February 2011 Council meeting in Argentina the Genomic Task Force report has been compiled and emailed to all members. The content of the document addresses the impact of genomics on Holstein breeding and Holstein Associations, and the opportunities this offers to the Associations and Herdbooks to embrace the technology and develop programmes to enhance services to members.

### Genomics Parentage Identification

WHFF is a member of the ICAR parentage Working Group, which is aiming to establish international protocols for parent identification by SNP's. The development of this program is ongoing, however it appears that reliable parent verification may be achieved from 95 – 100 SNP's. The project is ongoing, so watch our web site for any new information.

### Electronic Data Exchange

The Working Group continues to work on the development of an electronic data exchange between Herdbook Associations. WHFF has a timeline of completion for the prototype of the project as the 2012 World Conference. The service should offer Holstein Associations the opportunity to maintain up to date performance records on all imported animals.

### Genetic Recessives

New Brachyspina testing procedure and protocol information is available on the WHFF web site. [www.whff.info](http://www.whff.info)

### 2012 World Conference

Hosts for the 2012 Conference, Holstein Canada, have already completed the initial planning. The programme of events is between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2012, which is divided into three sections. The WHFF Conference section is held between 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and includes for the first time a 'World Youth Holstein Conference.' These

events are preceded by visits to the Quebec International Holstein shows and farm visits, concluding with the Toronto Winter Fair.

### Early Bird Registration – September 2011.

There is a full programme of events and booking details which are available on [www.whff/info](http://www.whff/info)

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### 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)

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## European Holstein and Red Holstein Confederation – EHRC

EHRC held its 29<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and Conference 4-7<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 in Stockholm Sweden. The Conference theme 'milk production in an animal welfare friendly environment' attracted over 170 Delegates, with topics covering a wide range of diverse subjects from genomics to the impact of different breeds on climate change.

### EHRC 2011 Conference



In addition to the Conference the General Assembly voted to strengthen its ties with WHFF, which must be of increasing benefit to all member organisations and Holstein breeders worldwide. The Conference papers are available on [www.euholsteins.com](http://www.euholsteins.com)

## XI Congreso Holstein De Las Americas

The Herdbooks of America held its biannual Congress in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. Eleven countries, including Spain as a guest, discussed during two days everything related to the latest knowledge on Genomics, Holstein breeding in the Tropics, feeding, production efficiency and heat stress, exportation to third countries, registration, milk recording, ICAR, Interbull and WHFF. Gabriel Blanco (CONAFE Spain) was welcomed to the conferences as a part of the Congress, giving a lecture on morphology/classification the global harmonization of dairy cattle from the point of view of WHFF and ICAR.

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### WHFF Asia Council Member retires

WHFF is sad to lose the services of one of its great supporters and Council member for the Asia region, Tadahiko Fujimura, Senior Managing Director of HCAJ Japan who retired from his post on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. We all wish him and his family a very long and happy retirement

### Forthcoming Holstein Events

CONAFE'11 National Show. Gijón (Asturias), Spain.

29<sup>th</sup> September - 2 October 2011

World Dairy Expo, Madison, USA  
October 4-8, 2011.

Eastern European Classifier Workshop  
Slovakia  
October, 2011(date to be confirmed)

Toronto Royal Winter Fair  
4-13 November, 2011.

EHRC Committee Meeting  
1-2 November, 2011  
Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Australia International Dairy Week  
15-20 January 2012.

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

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