



WORLD HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN FEDERATION PRESS RELEASE

WHFF Council gets new President, Vice President and Secretary General

The General Assembly and Council of the World Holstein Friesian Federation (WHFF), meeting last week in Buenos Aires (Arg.) renewed its governmental organisation. Jos Buiting from the Netherlands was elected as President, Ann Louise Carson from Canada as vice-President and Suzanne Harding (UK) was appointed Secretary General.

The 14th WHFF General Assembly and Conference, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was attended by over 400 delegates representing 37 countries who enjoyed the hospitality of the Argentinean people and the excellent Conference programme. Organised by the Asociacion Criadores de Holando Argentino (ACHA), the Conference provided a fascinating insight into the development and expansion of the Holstein breed in Argentina. The theme of the conference was 'Imagine the Future'. A series of international speakers gave presentations concerning the future for Holstein breeding with particular focus on genomics. Other important issues were: what constitutes a useful cow, the effects of the environment and animal welfare, how to produce milk more efficiently and lowering the carbon footprint. Conference papers will be available from the WHFF web site soon.

The General Assembly witnessed the retirement of Matthew Shaffer, who had been President since 2012, as well as Council members Keld Christensen and Liliana Chazo. The new President is Jos Buiting of the Netherlands, with Vice President Ann Louise Carson from Canada. Joining the Council are Cherilyn Watson (New Zealand), László Bogнар (Hungary), Peter Cole (USA) and Felipe Ruiz (Mexico).

In addition David Hewitt, former Secretary General, retired after giving eight years service to WHFF. The General Assembly confirmed the appointment of a new Secretary General, Suzanne Harding, from the United Kingdom, who takes over the administration of the organisation for the next 4 years.

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Note to Editors

The World Holstein Friesian Federation (WHFF) as an independent organisation representing the interests of the Holstein Breed and Breeders Internationally. Currently the Holstein Associations/Herdbooks within EHRC represent over 14 million Herdbook registered Holstein dairy cows and 250,000 members in 42 countries. WHFF organises a Holstein Conference every 4 years, the 2020 conference to be located in Switzerland. WHFF offers workshops on the Harmonisation of Type Assessment, defines genetic recessives and it also actively participates in the harmonisation of technical programs to assist in the international reciprocity of Herdbook information.