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Summary of the 1st Eastern European Judging Workshop Slovenia 10-13. July 2014.

Following the decision of the working group meeting in Fribourg which was confirmed in Holland in September, the Judging Workshop for the Eastern European countries was organized in Slovenia, 10-13 July 2014.

The working group was represented by Arie Hamoen, Gabriel Blanco and Tamás Sebők. The following countries joined the program: Slovenia – as hosts country – Poland, Estonia, Serbia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia and Hungary, all together 33 people.

The program includes a theoretical part, a practical session and finally visiting the Slovenian National Show.

The most important parts of **theoretical session** were:

- European judging philosophy (Presented by Gabriel B.)
- European show cows (Presented by Gabriel B.)
- Main traits (udder, feet & legs, body, dairy strength) and weights of the different traits in the ring (Presented by Gabriel B.)
- Main characteristic of judges (Presented by Arie H.)
- The most important parts of the Code of Ethics (Presented by Arie H.)
- How to create perfect reasoning (Presented by Tamás S.)
- Most popular ring procedures (Presented by Tamás S.)

After every part there was discussion of the issued involved.

Practical session:

The practical session was prepared by young breeders. The environment was excellent to practice well during the day (ring, sound system, animals, leading ect.)

During the day the members of the working group works together with the participants. We focused on the practice. There was no competition to give way for the free and really open discussion. The conclusions were based on the working group members' rankings.

During the judging we talked about the ring procedure, the ranking, the reasoning. Every member had chance to give reasons about their own ranking. Five groups were judged by the group:

- heifer group
- two first calving groups
- one second calving group
- one mature cows group

The groups contained 5 animals.



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Slovenian National show:

It was perfect event to the participants to check what we learned before, due to Gabriel Blanco, who judged the show in a perfect way. Beside this due to the organizers all of participant country had chance to work in the ring. One person from the participant country was member of the awards ceremony after each class. Beside this the Country Groups competition was judged by the group of the all foreign judges from the workshop, like in the European Championship. It was a positive feedback for the participants.

Conclusion:

This was an attempt, a special edition of the judging workshop. At the end of the program all of participants indicated that they would like to continue this event, they wanted to be the member of the following course. We agreed that the next workshop will be organize about in two years, host by Poland or Croatia.

The recommended main points of the following workshop are:

- more focus of the details of the main traits
- to practice more the most important part of the judging: the reasoning.
- recommendation was to the country to develop the English skills for the better discussing and reasoning.

We really appreciate the work of the Slovenian Holstein Association – special thanks for Marija Klopčič and Slovenian Young Breeders – for the great organizing of the first Eastern European Judging workshop.

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