



World Holstein Friesian Federation

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WHFF Council met for the second time during 2009 at the World Dairy Expo, Madison, USA, clearly demonstrating the commitment of Council to deliver the changes expressed by members at the last General Assembly. Council approved the Strategic Plan which is pivotal to managing the dynamics of change, concentrating on the delivery of services to Holstein organisations. In addition, closer collaboration with other international organisations through Working Group structures was agreed. The main topics discussed were:-

Genomic Selection

The rapid development of this technology will undoubtedly impact on the future activities of all Herdbook Associations. There are many aspects associated with genomics that require authenticated recording programs to be developed and implemented. Council has approved the formation of a Task Force under the chairmanship of J Meyer (USA) to concentrate on the activities and developments of this significant advancement in Holstein Breeding techniques. In addition the Task Force will also be responsible for collating information concerning the fertility of the Holstein breed.



Type Harmonisation

The success of this working group continues as it has particular relevance to our organisation members' herds. The 2010 Classifier Workshop will concentrate on the assessment of feet, legs and locomotion, a really hot topic amongst Holstein breeders. This is an extremely important and in many ways, a unique workshop, ensuring the continued success of the WHFF Type Harmonisation program. Council encourages all member countries to attend as it provides an opportunity for like minded people to discuss and express their views and opinions.

2010 Classifiers Workshop

The programme and booking form are now available from the website www.whff.info Please follow the instructions on the web page and book direct with Prim' Holstein, France. Remember to book early to avoid disappointment and obtain the best prices.



Electronic Data Exchange (EDE)

Council have approved investment in the development of the electronic data transfer project, which will offer tremendous benefit to all members. The aim of the project is to develop a system based on Business to Business (B2B) technology to exchange and regularly update data exchange between international organisations. Council anticipates that this project will be developed in collaboration with other agencies.



Website

Please give it a try at [www.whff/info](http://www.whff.info). The new design promotes our activities and has links to all Holstein Associations, including video and electronic Journal information. Find out more about Holstein activities in Argentina, Australia, and the USA. Go to the 'Members' section and click on the icon to open the link. It really opens the World of Holstein Associations and the services they provide. Why not be part of this international promotion and link your service to the page. It's free and provides excellent publicity. Contact the Secretary at whff@btinternet.com.

Genetic Recessives

Council paid tribute to the success of the working group and particularly its retiring chairman, Glenn Cherry (Canada). The current situation in respect of recording recessive information is detailed on the web page and bears testimony to the group's work. There have been a number of updates that will require organisations to take action on. In future, the work of the group will be included within a new working group entitled 'Registration'. The remit for the new group encompasses the former Herdbook working group activities, including cloning. The new chairperson of the group is Liliana Chazo (Argentina). Council also paid tribute to the outstanding work of the Herdbook Group and its chairperson Irma Robinson (USA). Further details of the group's activities will be available on the web.

DIARY DATES

28th February - 2nd March 2010.
Classifiers Workshop, France.
BOOK BEFORE 31st December 2009.

2nd - 3rd March 2010.
WHFF Council Meeting, France

3rd March 2010.
WHFF Task Force Meeting, France

3rd March, 2010
EDE Meeting, France

Advanced Notice
4th - 10th November 2012
World Conference, Canada

A full schedule of events will take place, including for the first time an International Youth section.

WHFF would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a very...



**Merry Christmas
& a prosperous New Year**

Welcome to New Members

Council approved two new applications for membership: Croatia and Korea.

Korea:

The Korea Animal Improvement Association is part of the larger National Animal Improvement Association. It has registered over 1 million animals since 1960, and has an active membership of 3238. The Association is working on registration and performance testing of Holsteins

Croatian Holstein Breeders Federation:

This is a new organisation being established in Jan 2008. It has 300 members with just over 50,000 registered Holsteins. It is managed by an elected committee of 7 and an elected President. The Federation is responsible for many aspects of Holstein breeding and is currently researching the introduction of a Type Classification programme.

Further contact details for both organisations are available from the members WHFF web page.

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