

The WHFF Council sends you, your families and colleagues their best wishes during the COVID19 pandemic. Please keep safe and healthy.

The Council were disappointed that the WHFF 2020 Conference had to be postponed due to the COVID19 pandemic. It is hoped that rescheduling to 2021 will enable us to all to meet in Switzerland. The aim is to retain the program, hopefully with the same speakers.

The General Assembly and Type Harmonisation Workshop will be held together with the Conference in 2021. The dates of these events will follow in due course.

The Membership have agreed by email the WHFF 2016-2019 Financial Accounts and Budgets and the proposed WHFF 2020-2021 Financial Budget

There will be some changes to the WHFF Council over the following year.

To enable continuity and avoid more disruption in this extraordinary year, the Council have decided the following.

Jos Buiting (Netherlands) will remain as WHFF President until the 2021 General Assembly. There will be two Vice Presidents until the 2021 General Assembly - Cheryl Watson (New Zealand) and László Bognár (Hungary). The main reason that the Council have chosen two Vice President's is because the WHFF Council will have four new members in the coming year and it seemed fair to wait with voting on all positions until the new Council members have taken over.

Vice President Ann Louise Carson (Canada) retired in May 2020 and her replacement on the Council is Vincent Landry, the new CEO of Holstein Canada.

The Council member from Latin America and Africa has changed from Dr Felipe Ruiz (Mexico) to Luis Alfonso González (Colombia).

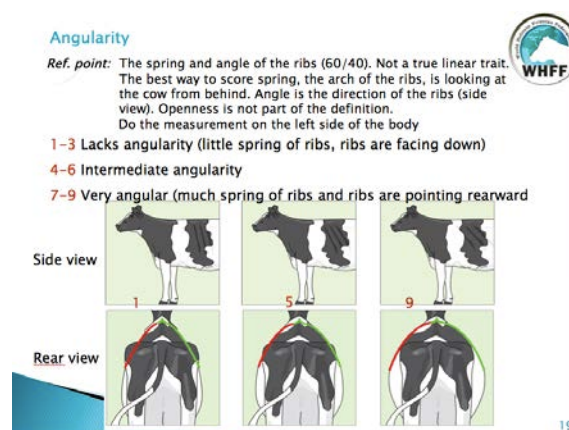
In the following year there will be two more Council members retiring - Egbert Feddersen (Germany) and Denis Bieri (France). Their replacements have not yet been announced.

Please join with me to say thank you to Ann Louise and Felipe for all their input into the Council meetings, and to congratulate Jos, Cheryl and László on their positions in the Council.

Since the 36th Council meeting in March 2019, the Council has met four times, all using Skype. Topics discussed included reaction to the COVID19 pandemic, the presentation of WHFF Trends, preparation for the 2020 Conference and General Assembly. The usual depth of topics cannot be discussed during a telecom meeting, so many topics are held over until a face to face meeting can be held. If you have any concerns you wish the Council to discuss, please either get in touch with your regional representative or email worldholstein@gmail.com

Reduction of 2020 WHFF Membership fees by 30%. In recognition of the pressures that all Breed Associations are under during the COVID19 pandemic, the WHFF Council have made the decision to reduce all 2020 WHFF Membership fees by 30%. If you have already paid, you will be able to have a credit against next year's invoice or a refund into your bank account.

A new definition of Angularity has been agreed by the Type Harmonisation Working Group.



A report on the “World Inbreeding Trend in Holsteins” was to be presented at the General Assembly of the World Holstein Conference 2020 by Egbert Feddersen. It is proposed to send the information out to the membership and to have a presentation on the WHFF website. This will be available in the next month or so.

The Analysis of World Holstein Trends, undertaken by Gerben de Jong for WHFF will soon be available on the WHFF website.

The Genetic Trait and Registration WG is completing a review of their section of the WHFF website, to enable navigation of topics to be easier and more logical.

Dates for your diary are subject to change but planned as below:

2021 21-27 March	WHFF Conference and GA, Switzerland
2021	WHFF World Classifiers Workshop, Switzerland
2021	Harmonisation of European Judging and Judges Panel Workshop, Italy
2022 - August	European Judging school, Latvia
2022 – 22 / 27 November	European Show in Verona Italy

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