



WHFF 5213a WG changes

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Email correspondence with Council

FRIS.ITAL.I WHFF membership

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Before the General Assembly in France you need to decide whether you can admit FRIS.ITAL.I to membership of WHFF, and by extension to EHRC. If you agree they can become members, they need to have the opportunity to attend the WHFF Conference in November, 2023 in France and give a presentation explaining their herd book, breeding goals, aspirations and explain how they will follow the aims of WHFF.

I have now received the breeding specifications from FRIS.ITAL.I and have attached them. There are two documents, both in English.

Please can you read and consider these documents, and send me your comments. I may have to call a zoom meeting in September to discuss.

Martino has commented as can be seen in the email thread below.

In the document the FRISITALI_WHFF Member Application Form, there are an overestimation of members and animals due to a final verification of the ministry, for the 2023 FRISITALI has as official proxies of 67 herds and 27.405 heads of Holstein.

Take in mind that Agriculture ministry do not funds this association because of they have lower than 33% of Italian Holstein population under control and in their herd book.

email from Jos

Dear Suzanne, Martino and All,

I don't think there is a need that all board members are going to read the enclosed documents.

For me the main question is: if they are recognized as an official Herd Book or not... Since FRISITALI is a European Herd Book, they have to fulfill the demands of the EU-Regulation 2016-1012.

If they have received official Herd Book Recognition, by the Italian Authority (the responsible authority of the EU-member state); in my opinion they can become a member of both EHRC and WHFF.

If they have not received official Herd Book Recognition I don't see why we should accept them as a new member.

Martino, Laszlo and others; please comment where needed.



Best regards, Jos

email from Martino

Theoretically and using a simplicity approach Jos is right, but

I think everybody know the politic how work, and Ministries around the world is politic. Therefore, FRISITALI has the herd book recognition by Italian Agriculture of Ministry, but they did not received any funds for it, due to the limit of herds and animals involved and this last part is important to know.

Italian Agriculture of Ministry is only interested to favorite the competition in every sector, to support the suggestion of the European Union policy, but they did not consider the negative effect on genetic program, management, genetic progress, the possibility to realized a genetic program with very limited number of animals (more conservation than selection actions), and so on.

I think that WHFF it is not a political entity, and need to decide on its aims in enrolling news members.

If WHFF declare on its web site that "The objective of the Federation is to improve, develop and promote the Holstein Breed" which is the contribution on this objective of this application member in a country where there is already a member for the same breed?

Secondly, which is the so new approach respect to the present association of Holstein in Italy ?

I think, if there is nothing to new, we are interesting to accept double associations for the same country just to get what? more conflict inside in WHFF and EHRC? or for new improvements? which are?

I conclude that we can give the opportunity present their news and after to decide in function at our mission.

Best regards
Martino

email from László

Dear All,

I agree both Jos and Martino.

There are 2 approaches:

- 1., simple logical steps and no question should be asked or,-
- 2., thoughtful considerations and/or a meaningful debate about values.

1., If they fulfil the minimum legal requirements, and they apply for the membership: fine - you are welcome. (Jos approach)



2., Martino's approach based on values and WHFF/EHRC makes political decisions at the end...

The first is easier with a tick box, easy to make a positive or negative decision and easy to defend and justify our decision.

The choice issuers!

Best wishes,
Laszlo

Dear All,

We agree that FRISITALI has been recognised by the Italian Ministry as a certified herd book.

I have asked them to come to the General Assembly to present their breeding plan, objectives, etc.

Therefore if they make a presentation and the General Assembly vote to make them members, we have our decision.

If they do not attend, we have a decision that they do not become members.

While I do sympathise with Martino, I do not see what else we can do.

best wishes Suzanne

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Dear Suzanne and dear All,

I agree with the respect our rules.

Best regards
Martino