

Infobulletin ECAHO decisions AGM Abu Dhabi 2022

*Including important changes for Exhibitors,
Organizers, Officials and Handlers at affiliated events*

SPORT COMMISSION: MEMBERS. PLEASE RELAY THIS INFO TO YOUR SPORT COMMISSIONS AND RIDERS

Election of the Chairman:

Mrs. Elisabeth Chat has been elected as the Chairman of the Sport Commission for a period of 4 years.

Sport season:

- ECAHO Sport European Championships will be held in Austria, on 1 – 4 September 2022.
- 21 events were affiliated in 2021, 6 were cancelled. 5 events were affiliated as the National Championships, and 1 was the European Championship.
- Events were organized in 6 countries (AUT, BEL, CZE, GER, NED, POL)
- European Championship hosted 69 participants, Stadl Paura 40 participants, Michalow 39 horses, Futurity Heilbronn 30 horses.
- Annual High Point Horse 2021: ECAHO donated 9910 Euro), and the riders of the winning horse have received the trophy jacket.
- Since 2021 ECAHO offers donations from the ECAHO Breeders' Fund for the 3 best placed horses in each category at the National Sport Championships. The minimum level is Advanced, and the minimum number of participants in a class is 3. The donation is 200 Euro, equally to the donations at the halter shows. In 2021 ECAHO awarded the prize money at 4 National Championships (AUT, BEL, CZE, NED).

Green Book Updates:

- AHPHY rules had to be adapted (if the horse wins in Novice and Advanced one year, the next season only results from Advanced will be counted. Or again in two levels in the higher level Master. The horse may start in Novice again, but the results will not be counted to AHPH; similarly Advanced - Masters). Receiving money for 2 levels is only possible twice (N & A and A & M).
- Rules for the National Championships have been created (3 horses in the class to get the prize money).
- Disqualified horses are not eligible to get the prize money from EBF.
- Minimum percentage to have the scores counted: Dressage over 50 %, Reining over 60 %, Trail over 65 %
- New format of the Green Book (half size similar to (AQHA rules book) - will be prepared as try out.
- Lead line class for kids 7 years old and under – there will be try out of this new class at the event in September in Austria possibly to be added to GB 2023.

REGISTRATION COMMISSION: IMPORTANT FOR MEMBERS WHO ALSO ARE WAHO REGISTRIES

- No major changes since the last AGM in Frankfurt in September 2022
- The EAHRIC agrees on sending a proposal to the WAHO conference on behalf of the EAHRIC members – making the horse database public and enabling communication online, instead of paper forms sent by courier.
- WAHO conference will be held in Jordan in October 2022. The EAHRIC could send some good topics for discussion. One of the topics could be: to announce the number of embryos allowed, for one mare each year. WAHO has a very strict policy on this topic, and it should be an equal number of embryos, for all breeders, in all WAHO member countries.

SHOW COMMISSION: IMPORTANT INFO FOR OFFICIALS, EXHIBITORS AND SHOW ORGANIZERS:

Shows and Show calendars

- Calendar 2022 changes were discussed.
- Calendar 2023 – list of Title and A show was presented.
- Nils Ismer (Chairman of SC) reported about the case which had happened shortly before this AGM at Souq Waqif Festival. There was an accident where three horses were killed by electricity when touching the iron frame of the boxes.

It was found out that it was caused by an individual person not belonging to the show organizer's team - This case should warn all show organizers to be aware of the safety conditions.

- World Championship 2023-2025: The delegates were notified at the last meeting that there was a request for change of the venue of the World Championship. In 2023 and 2025 the event is planned to be organized in Qatar. In general, the delegates are in favour of this project. Details must be discussed with the show organizer and the SC will be informed. In future, the World Championship may be organized in different countries every other year.

Blue Book

- Hereditary diseases: there was a discussion about hereditary diseases, specifically severe over/underbite and cryptorchidism, during the previous meetings, which continued at this meeting as well, followed by on-line lecture by Dr. vet. Cyril Ververs. The SC accepts that all horses older than 2 years will have to have a vet certificate confirming the absence of severe over/underbite and cryptorchidism.
- The SC discussed that the organizers should ask for ICE ("in case of emergency") phone number in case it is necessary to contact the exhibitor at any time.
- Reimbursement per kilometre will be adjusted in accordance with the actual costs.

Officials:

- Confirmation of current JIG members: The EC appointed 2 JIG members (Joanne Lowe, Claudia Darius) who were confirmed by the SC at this meeting.
- Officials' contracts are prolonged until 31 December 2023.
- Workshops for ECAHO Officials: 2 workshops for Officials are planned in 2022 (1 in Europe, 1 outside Europe)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : IMPORTANT INFO

Most notable agreements of the 39th AGM in Abu Dhabi on 26 March 2022:

The AGM elected 1 new EC member – congratulations to Mrs. Christine Jamar-Demeersseman (BEL).

- The EC made a statement concerning the Russian aggression towards Ukraine; the statement has been published on the website and social media.
- Creation of new show system: the current show pyramid is very limiting and does not reflect the demand for high-category shows, and the number of quality horses, mainly in the Middle Eastern countries. The EC appointed a working group that will focus on the creation of different system for shows. The results will be communicated to the delegates as soon as a proper draft will be made.
- Appointed SDC members: Mr. Bart Beckers, Mrs. Line Brunsgaard, Mr. Turki Almuqbel.
- Appointed EAC members Mrs. Joanne Lowe, Mrs. Bianca ter Laan, Mr. Muhannad Dawawsha.
- ECAHO Honorary membership for extraordinary support of ECAHO, shows and Arabian horses in general was awarded to Mrs. Anne Heiloo and Mr. and Mrs. Watts.
- The EC presented the idea of changing the name from ECAHO to ICAHO ("I" for International) which corresponds to the current composition of the membership base. The AGM supports the idea; the EC will prepare the plans which will be later presented to the delegates.

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