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Dear members of the FECTU

2019 is almost gone but the FECTU board would like to send you a final FECTU - INFO, so we can share with you some very interesting news!

1 - FECTU Annual General Meeting 2020

The AGM will be held in Galiza – Spain, and organized by the *Asociación Galega de Tracción Animal – A Molida*. Our Annual Meeting will happen on the 17-19 of April 2020, at the *CITRAN - Centro de Interpretación da Tracción Animal* (Animal Traction Interpretation Centre)

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More details about the program will be send soon during 2020, but for those members who would like to attend, here you have the closest airports:

Distances to International airports:

- Porto International Airport (Portugal): 144 km (1h48m); Vigo International Airport (Spain): 123 km (1h41m); Santiago de Compostela International Airport: 170 km (1h54m).





2 - Equid Power Network

The Equid Power Network (EPN) is a coalition created by the FECTU, The Donkey Sanctuary and World Horse Welfare to highlight the benefits of working equids by promoting their responsible use and care, recognizing them as a valid, affordable, clean and renewable power source, as well as their value in human livelihoods through their contribution to financial, ecological and social capital.

The Equid Power Network aims to promote the recognition of the importance of working equids by demonstrating that healthy working equids play a key role in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by increasing productivity and income (reducing poverty and hunger), by reducing time and human labour in production chains, by empowering women and enabling education (by greatly reducing the working effort of family members, mainly women and children), but also by promoting working equids as an affordable, clean and renewable energy source, able to carefully manage and protect natural resources, including soil, water, landscape and biodiversity.

In this context the Equid Power Network will launch very soon an International Database for Implements and Harness, where manufacturers from all over the world are represented, promoting modern, small-medium scale, welfare-friendly equipment. Please visit www.equidpower.org for more info!





3 - An European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP) project

A consortium of partners from Poland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Serbia, Belgium Austria, Slovenia, France, UK and Luxembourg plans to apply for an EU program Horizon 2020, mainly university departments. The basic idea is to improve the agricultural potential of heavy horses. The project will focus on meat and milk production as well as on work. FECTU is the leader of the team that deals with “horses at work”. Application deadline is end of January. A final decision is expected for September 2020.



4 - New members / leaving members

New members:

Tourist Center Clervaux (Luxembourg) www.horsepower.lu

Verein Schwerer Zugpferde Schweiz www.zugpferde.ch

Ländliche Reiter und Fahrer Oesterreich (Austria) www.dielandlichen.at

Leaving member:

the French Fédération Nationale des Chevaux Territoriaux focused on horses used in urban surroundings stopped its activities and thus left FECTU.

The FECTU board wish an excellent 2020 to all its members!!

Happy New year!