FECTU BOARD Skype meeting 21 February 2019

**REPORT**

 **( in blue: extracts from the AGENDA )**

**Logos**

The Logos of the following FECTU members are still missing:

 *AGATRAN* Galician Association *IDAC* – no logo existing for the moment

**Equid Power Network**

The next step will be to send the links to manufacturers and to ask them to fill some templates in. This would allow a last testing under real conditions and at the same time provide some examples for the official presentation of the website. Joao will contact Dale Stoltzfus in the US to inform him about the state of play and to exchange about the next steps. Joao plans to attend the Horse Progress Days in 2019 if ever possible.

**EIP-Agri Focus groups, workshops, seminars**

No announcement regarding an interesting event for FECTU. As soon as there will be an opportunity for FECTU to get involved Pit will inform the board.

**AGM in Poland**

A question to be answered is about the way back from Szreniawa to Cracaw and about the place to stay for the night on Sunday evening. Matthias will drive back to Cracaw. A decision regarding the place to stay over night will be taken later.

A FECTU-Info will be sent around the 10th of March giving the 7th of April as the deadline for registration. Another FECTU-Info will be sent shortly before the meeting.

**Working horse expert ?**

Manu de Meulenaer provided his CV. Wolfgang Ehmeyer and Jenny Göransson have nearly finished their CV and will send them very soon. Erhard Schroll and Jean-Louis Cannelle will be reminded by Pit.

**FECTU -booklet:**

IGZ promised to contribute articles on agriculture and horse-logging. A reminder will be sent.

The articles on: Renewable energy, climate change, biodiversity, rural development - Horses in urban surroundings - Horses in vineyards - Breeding and choosing the right horse – have been updated and are ready in French and German.

Next steps: Joao intends to write an article on Animal Traction in mountainous areas.

**Directory for choosing “the right horse”.**

Manu de Meulenaer is very interested in collaborating ( he already collaborated to the draft of the directory ). Cesc will get in contact with Manu and with Abel Marti in order to discuss basic questions: to what purposes the existing draft can it be used and how to implement these purposes.

**Guidelines harness and bits**

Joao suggests that FECTU should create Guidelines regarding animal friendly bits and harnesses. As there are still some examples if abusive use of bits and harnesses it would be a foresighted strategy that FECTU acts before being attacked by animal welfare/rights movements.

The board decided to ask the FECTU members to provide any documents on the subject they use or recommend. Delegates of the associations attending the AGM in Poland should bring the documents, the others should send them in.

**Oxen Clinic in Uganda**

Cesc was asked if FECTU could help an Oxen Clinic in Uganda regarding the use of oxen. Pit will write down some hints and send them to Cesc who will forward to the organization in Uganda.

**Wood World in Austria**

The Austrian organization will hold a stand and do presentations at the Wood World fair.

Matthias will be sent the remaining German FECTU booklets, the FECTU banner and the DAN banner. If the banners are not needed before end of August, he can bring them to the PferdeStark.

**Next FECTU-board meeting**

The next board meeting will be on March 21st 2019

 Schoos, March 3rd 2019