



**FECTU – INFO Jan 2024**

## ***Dear members of the FECTU***

First of all, happy New Year! we really hope that all of you and your families are doing fine and healthy, as well as all the members of each one of your NGOs.

2023 is now gone, so throughout this new FECTU info we would like to update you and to share some news for 2024.

### ***1 - FECTU Annual General Meeting 2024***

The AGM will be held in Denmark by our member Dansk Køre Forbund ([www.koererforbund.dk](http://www.koererforbund.dk)). It will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April at the Open Air Museum Hjerl Hede (<https://hjerlhede.dk/>).

The address is Hjerlhedevej 14, 7830 Vinderup, Denmark.

The nearest airport is Billund Airport. From there it is 100 km (75 minutes) by car to Hjerl Hede.

The nearest train station is Holstebro train station, where we can pick up those arriving by train.

If you don't drive by car from Billund Airport, it is possible to take the bus to Vejle train station, and from there the train to Holstebro.

Otherwise it is possible to fly to Aalborg Airport. From there it is 130 km (2 hours) by car to Hjerl Hede. There is no public transportation from Aalborg to Hjerl Hede.

Detailed program and registration form will be shared soon!



## **2 - European Logging Championship**

In 2024 the European Logging Championship will take place between the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June, at Gammel Estrup (<https://gammelestrup.dk/en/>).

The address is Randersvej 2, 8963 Auning, Denmark.

On Saturday the preliminary rounds will take place, where everybody can participate.

On Sunday the final will take place. There are two places to each nation who participates and the 5 best from the preliminary rounds from Saturday will also be qualified to the finals.

If there is any questions to event you are welcome to send an email to the organisers at [sekretaer.oeks@gmail.com](mailto:sekretaer.oeks@gmail.com), or you can call

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More information will be available in the beginning of 2024 at <http://www.oeks.dk/>

## **3 - New FECTU bank account**

FECTU has a new bank account, in a Danish bank called "Sparekassen Danmark".

The payment of the FECTU annual fee should now be done to the new bank account, called "Federation Européenne du Cheval de Trait pour la promotion de son Utilisation"

The details are:

Account number: 9070 1638688774

IBAN: DK9190701638688774

BIC code: VRAADK21



#### ***4 -Elections for the new FECTU board 2024-2027***

The FECTU AGM will elect the new board for the period 2024-2027, during the next Annual General Meeting in April 2024, in Denmark.

- 1 - Every member association that has paid it's annual fee can nominate one of it's members as a candidate for the elections to the board.
- 2 - The number of board members to be elected was fixed by the AGM of the year preceding the elections (in 2023 the AGM decided that the FECTU board should have 5 members).
- 3 - Members of the existing board have the right to be candidate again for the next board.
- 4 - If more than five ( meaning the number fixed by the previous AGM) candidates apply for the elections, there is a secret vote at the AGM. The 5 candidates gathering the higher number of votes are elected.
- 5 - Members of the previous board have the right to be candidates again, but they stay not automatically board-members, they must be on the list of candidates to be elected.
- 6 - If there are only five candidates, there is no vote, only a confirmation by the AGM.
- 7 - Every voting delegate has the right to also vote in the name of one other ( absent) FECTU member if he can present a written procuration.
- 8 - It will be up to the new board to decide who will be president, vice-president, secretary etc.

Names of the candidates should be sent to [info@fectu.org](mailto:info@fectu.org) by the end of March 2024.

Note: João Rodrigues and Pit Schlechter will not be candidates for the the FECTU board 2024-2027.



## ***5 - FECTU annual fee***

In 2023 the AGM decided that the 2024 Annual fee should remain of 120 euros.

For those FECTU members who didn't have the chance yet to pay the 2023 annual fee (or any other pending annual fee), please proceed with the payment using the new bank details given at point 3.

**Note:** please make sure you send us the proof of transfer to [info@fectu.org](mailto:info@fectu.org)

## ***6 - Webinars and Youtube channel***

Since July 2020, FECTU has been promoting a monthly webinar, covering different topics focused on health and welfare of working animals, but also on different uses in all kinds of activities. Today, more than 20 talks are available in our YouTube channel

[FECTU European Working Animals Federation – YouTube](#)

and these webinars will continue in 2024, as part of our continuous training programme. Please follow the information regarding the next webinars on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Fectu>





## **7 - FECTU annual grant**

The FECTU AGM decided to create and implement the FECTU annual grant, to support its members in carrying out training, informational, and dissemination activities, among others. Any active member of the FECTU, with the annual fee paid and who has been an active member for at least one year can be a grant beneficiary.

Applications should be presented to the FECTU board using the application form, during the month of January of each year. All the complete information available on <https://www.lectu.org/who-we-are/services/>

## **8 - EUnetHorse – 1st Physical Meeting of the European Advisory Board**

FECTU attended the first meeting of the European Advisory Board of the EUnetHorse project, in Lyon, France. Three topics were considered regarding the project to improve the perception and reputation of the equine sector within the European Union. These topics are the socio-economic performance and the environmental sustainability within the equine sector, as well as the health and welfare of horses. Nine countries and 15 partners partake in improving the situation. Furthermore, nine equine organisations support the project. The whole project lasts from March 2023 to February 2027. Its goal is to draft a report on horse-keeping. During the project, the specific needs of the sector are examined. The scientific partners inform them about the existing solutions and provide them for implementation. The Advisory Board, which consists of the representatives of the nine equine organisations, discussed particular needs and the public's actual perception of the equine sector. Several topics, like the humanisation of equids and the lack of knowledge in the public, were discussed as the necessity for the equine sector to stay a member of the agricultural sector. The misrepresentation of various applied practices by the people and the lack of knowledge were recognised as reasons that have caused a negative perception of the equine sector and have harmed its reputation. Furthermore, the discussion focused on the ecological footprint of keeping large animals like equids.