



Newsletter 2/2018

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A directory “Choosing the right horse”

Some time ago we created a kind of checklist regarding the level of training of a horse. The draft is attached to this Newsletter. If members of your organization are interested in collaborating to this project, they should contact Cesc ALDABO (cesc.aldabo@gmail.com) in order to discuss the content of the list, its objectives as well as different ways of presenting, disseminating and using it.

The deadline for applying as a collaborator in this working group is the 25th of November.

Expert for working horse issues Guidelines for working with horses

In 2017 the FECTU AGM in Portugal discussed the issue of working horse drivers being involved in accidents and possibly being on trial. Two procedures were kept in mind:

- a) Following the advice of lawyers we should work out specific guidelines for working with horses if ever possible on an international level. One idea could be to collect the existing training programmes and guidelines of our organizations and use the relevant parts to formulate guidelines that would be approved by our AGM as the official FECTU guidelines. These guidelines would be very important and helpful as a reference, even if we are not able to have our own acknowledged expert.
- b) Find people in our member associations who have the experience and proven competence to possibly act as experts on trial. Then the conditions for becoming acknowledged as an expert should be explored. In case of a trial the expert would rely on the Guidelines and on his experience to express his opinion.

If members of your organization are interested in being part of a working group on this issue please contact the FECTU board via info@fectu.org. (deadline 25th November)

European Horse Network

At the Annual General Meeting of the *European Horse Network* in Brussels on 16 October the annual fee to be paid by EHN member associations was one of the topics. According to a decision taken by the board the FECTU president declared that FECTU would in any case pay more than 25% of its yearly income. The negotiations ended with the result that EHN members with a yearly income below 10.000 € should pay 300 € as annual fee instead of the “normal” fee of 600 € paid until this year and to be paid by other EHN members.

Recent news about the activities and projects of the EHN are available on the EHN website www.europeanhorsenetwork.eu The latest EHN leaflet on Horses in Agricultural Policy (June 2018) is attached to this newsletter.

Reminder: feedback from your organization

In the first Newsletter Fectu member associations have been asked :

1. *Please send in the logo of your association via info@fectu.org*
2. *If your association is announcing an event or activity, please mail your poster (bearing your own logo and the FECTU logo) to info@fectu.org and provide a link to a web address where further information (e.g. programme) is available and it will appear on the FECTU Facebook.*
3. *Please also add info@fectu.org to the mailing list of your organization.*

The feedback until now is very poor.

Documents attached to this newsletter:

*Checklist “choosing the right horse”
EHN leaflet “Horses in Agricultural Policy”*