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The President's Editorial

Dear friends,

At this time of the year, everybody in the different studs or in the horse breeding world is very busy with events or meetings or usual work. I still hope you will find some time to read this newsletter because it contains a lot of very interesting information.

I would like to insist on two points: the German-French partnership is clearly enhanced at the occasion of the Marbach Stallion Parades. This strong link is a good example of the way our network can be used - and it can be used by all our members to prepare a lot of actions, presentations, carrousel, expositions, training or exchange programs, research and so on in order to strengthen their own projects. Good projects are always the right way to get support or subsidies from your national or regional authorities.

Another important point that I would like to underline: one of our role as State Studs is to do what private breeders can't do alone: for example to support endangered breeds. Please read carefully the pages about the Maremma horse, with their breeding association who is so well organised to support this breed and whom we will help as much as possible. Read also the article of Werner Hess about the World Congress of Percheron horses. Our colleagues of the National Stud of Le Pin, one of the first ESSA members, where we had a very successful General Assembly in May this year, can see in this success the result of years of support of French State Studs services, but also the result of the fantastic energy of the breeders to promote and save their own breed of this prestigious draught horse and - that's the prominent message - everybody can see in this success the result of the old and good partnership between the national stud and the breeding association.

Anyway, I hope to see most of you at LIPICA for the Heritage Symposium!

Bernard Maurel



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New ESSA member from Italy: The National Association of Maremmana Horse Breeders

The ESSA-network keeps growing. The National Association of Maremmana Horse Breeders (A.N.A.M.) has recently joined our association as the first member from Italy. Thus, ESSA currently counts 30 partner institutions from 14 countries!

The National Association of Maremmana Horse Breeders is an Italian non-profit association composed by 19 Provincial Breeding Associations. A.N.A.M. aims to promote and implement initiatives that can contribute positively to the improvement, enhancement and dissemination of the Maremma Horse. In particular the association improves and selects the breed by managing the Maremma stud book. It also promotes and encourages research and studies in partnership with the relevant state and regional boards. Thus, A.N.A.M. carries out the tasks and functions delegated by central or regional government bodies. The association preserves cultural heritage and tradition, promotes and organises cultural and sport events.

The Maremma Horse is a breed originating in the Maremma area of Tuscany and Lazio in Italy. Traditionally a hardy working horse used by the Maremma cattle men, the “Butteri”, for livestock management, it is today principally a saddle horse. Extensive crossing with Thoroughbred and other breeds has led to a more athletic type, the “Maremmano migliorato”, or “Improved Maremmano”.

The history of the Maremma breed is not fully known, but it is thought that they were developed from North African stock that was combined with Spanish, Barb, Neapolitan and Arabian blood. During the 19th century, Thoroughbred, Norfolk Roadster and other blood was probably added.

For more than a century the original Maremma type has been crossbred with additional Thoroughbred blood, resulting in a taller and more refined type, but at the expense of the hardiness and stamina of the original breed.

The Maremma Horse generally stands between 15 and 15.3 hands (152 and 160 cm) and is usually bay, brown, dark chestnut or black, although gray and roan are occasionally seen. It has a long, slightly heavy head, a muscular neck that is broad at the base, high, well-muscled withers, a full chest and sloping shoulders. The back is short, the croup sloping, and the legs solid and sturdy with good joints and strong hooves. The breed is known for its solidity and their ability to adapt to bad weather and rough terrain.



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The Maremma Horse is the traditional mount of the Maremma cattle men, known as “butteri”, and is also used for light draft work. Horses of this breed have often been used as cavalry mounts and today are used by the Italian Mounted Police.

To find out more about A.N.A.M. see <http://www.anamcavallomaremano.com/>

Register now for the “Days of European Stud Culture”!

With the support of the Slovenian Ministry of Culture the “Days of European Stud Culture” will take place from October 12th to 14th at Lipica National Stud. The event aims to bring together experts and decision makers from the field of culture with people responsible for the national and traditional studs of Europe and to raise awareness for the cultural significance of the European State Studs.

The symposium on Thursday will be the kick-off event for the application of the European State Studs for the “European Heritage Label”. Representatives of the highest national and international heritage bodies as well as representatives of different partner studs will contribute to the presentations and discussions.

The symposium will be added on Friday by a guided stud tour including the newly opened museum “Lipikum” and a performance of the Classical Riding School. In the afternoon, the participants can enjoy an excursion to the World Heritage site of Škocjan in close proximity to the stud. Registrations are possible until October 9th.

More information about the symposium, including the detailed programme and the registration document can be downloaded from www.europeanstatestuds.org.

Review: Marbach Stallion Parades with partner country France and ESSA-Quadrille

On September 25th as well as October 2nd and 3rd Stallion Parades took place at Marbach State Stud. This year France contributed to the show programmes as partner country. The studs of Les



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Breviaires, Rosières-aux-Salines, Saint-Lô and Uzès, as well as some private breeders sent 25 horses to Germany, accompanied by riders, carriage drivers and grooms.

On September 24th a welcome evening opened the Stallion Parade week in the historic riding house of Marbach. Bérengère Lacroix (IFCE) gave an overview about the horse country France and Alexandra Lotz (ESSA-office) presented the background and the activities of our association.

Around 30.000 visitors attended the three stallion parades featuring impressive, atmospheric and spectacular performances. Proud stallions, noble mares and lively foals of many different breeds enchanted the spectators. A highlight of every show was the four-in-hand-driving-quadrille representing the European State Studs Association. Carriages from France and Germany drawn by Cob Normand, Comtois, Lipizzan, Percheron and German Warmblood horses demonstrated the diversity of Europe's horse breeds.

The directors of the present partner studs met at the joint ESSA-IFCE information tent next to the Marbach arena. The Baden-Wuerttemberg Minister of Rural Areas, Food and Consumer Protection, Alexander Bonde, was among the spectators, as well as many other representatives of politics, economy and media. The Marbach director, Dr. Astrid von Velsen-Zerweck, ESSA president Bernard Maurel and office manager Alexandra Lotz used the opportunity to campaign for our association.

For more information see www.gestuet-marbach.de

Review: Percheron World Congress at Le Pin

50 000 visitors, 20 foreign nations and 500 horses – these are the key figures of the 15th “Percheron Mondial” which took place in its fullest splendour in the finest autumn weather one can imagine. The stage could not be set more beautiful with the towering of the castle of Le Pin in the background.

Delegations from all over the world were present from September 23rd to 25th. The delegates covered Canada to down under Australia to the south of the globe, South Africa. An enormously rich selection of future stallions and broodmares with foals by foot were judged in many different classes. The heavy “Debardage etalon” the horse for logging, as well lots of “Diligencier” the classic coach horse



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could be seen, the latter distinguished in two different traits and even coat colour ratios: grey, dappled grey and jet black.

The Percheron is the real king among the approx. 40 draft horse breeds of Europe with his worldwide population figures probably reaching beyond 50.000 heads entered in the various stud book registers. Even though the breed hit a snag after World War II and really considered in "dire straits" it seems well on the go these days. Especially the incredible elegance, energy and docility of the Percheron and his nobility win him hearts all over the world. His versatility and capability resulted in exports even to Colombia and Romania as of recently, showing that the marketing evaluations of the Percheron Horse Society must have reinforced the conviction, that the Percheron horse is an equine factor of incredible versatility! In the Anglo-Saxon world Percherons are still cross-bred with English Thoroughbreds, producing capable sport-horses for many equestrian disciplines. Alone in Japan there is a number of approx. 9000 Percheron horses appreciated mainly in the BANAI weight sleigh races of Obihiro.

All in all it was a wonderful and worthwhile experience to visit this event. CHAPEAU A LA FRANCE ET UN GRAND MERCI!

by Werner Hess

Image campaign of the German State Studs

At the German championships of young horses, the "Bundeschampionate" in Warendorf, the ten German state studs started a joint image campaign pointing out their unique role in the fields of horse breeding, education and heritage preservation. Leaflets, posters, magazine advertisements and the website www.die-deutschen-landgestuete.de are part of the campaign.

ESSA will be present at the heritage, conservation and museum's fair "Exponatec Cologne"

From November 16th to 18th the International Trade Fair for Museums, Conservation and Heritage "Exponatec Cologne" will take place. It is the leading trade fair for museums, conservation and



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heritage in Europe, where the industry's time-honoured knowhow is backed up by best-practice examples from museums and institutions from around the world. Enriched by numerous symposia, lectures and presentations, the Exponatec Cologne is the leading fair of its kind throughout the German speaking part of Europe and maintains its position as a European networking platform. Some 4,200 visitors from 24 countries and more than 200 companies and institutions from 18 countries will encounter the future and get together for a dialogue in Cologne.

The fair is a special forum for specialists from the museum, exhibition, restoration, conservation and cultural heritage sectors. It showcases strategic approaches with prospects for the future and, in a simultaneous convention programme, offers a platform for an open dialogue between representatives from the worlds of politics, economics, science and media as well as consumers on the current themes in the market. The comprehensive support programme provides added value for exhibitors and visitors alike. Relevant current topics provide new and innovative approaches to solutions that promote further professionalisation in the fields of museums, conservation and heritage.

As Europa Nostra member ESSA has the opportunity to present itself at the information stand of Europa Nostra, together with 4 other heritage institutions: Deutsche Burgenvereinigung (German Castle Association), Förderkreis Kultur & Schlösser (Support group for culture and palaces), Bund Heimat und Umwelt (Association for home and environment), Bauhütte Dreipass / Kinderakademie für Denkmalpflege (Children's academy for conservation). The Exponatec Cologne will be a good opportunity for ESSA to get in touch with other cultural institutions and to raise awareness for the European State Studs as unique heritage sites of European significance.

For more information see www.exponatec.com

Announcement: 2012 EEAP congress in Bratislava

ESSA board member Dominik Burger could achieve to organise a joint meeting of ESSA with EAAP (European Association for Animal Production) at the next EAAP annual congress at Bratislava in August 2012. The topic will be "Genetic research – from science to practice", a very important matter which will occupy the European State Studs in future more and more and where National Studs can play an important role.



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ESSA dates 2011 and 2012

- October 12th to 14th Days of European Stud Culture at LIPICA
- November 16th to 18th ESSA presence at the Europa Nostra information stand at the International Heritage Fair EXPONATEC in Cologne
- May 7th to 9th 2012 General Assembly at BUCHAREST
- August 2012 EAAP annual congress at BRATISLAVA