



## EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION

(EAAP)

Barcelona, Spain – August 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*Horse Network Workshop*

*Performance Horses*

*Open questions and challenges for research and practice*

Barcelona, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Organiser: EAAP Horse Commission**

*Chairpersons*

*Nicoletta Miraglia and William Martin-Rosset*

*Secretary*

*Anna-Lena Holgerssons*

### **Introduction and context**

The EAAP (European Association for Animal Production) Horse Network promotes improvements in the use of services provided by horse-sector supporting organisations at the European and global level.

The activities of the Network are complementary to the existing representative structure at the Community level, the existing European and international scientific and technical entities, such as EAAP and major stakeholders of the European equine chain. These institutions are invited to participate to the Network's meetings and to present their views on specific items from their fields of competence.

Meetings of the Network (Horse Network Workshop) are held on the occasion of the EAAP Annual Meetings and on the occasion of other important events.

The first Horse Network Workshop is held in Barcelona at the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> EAAP meeting (August 24<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009), on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

This Workshop concerns: “Performance Horse. Open questions and challenges for research and practice”.

The Workshop represents a rare occasion to join research and practice limiting the “gap” existing between them. The Workshop is structured as follow: after a general introduction concerning “Actual problems of the national and international sport horse” that focus the most important questions arising from competitions (physiology - nutrition - health - infectious diseases - management) a series of topics concerning “Sport medicine and nutrition”, “Management, health and welfare”, “Breeding” and “Ethics” will be presented by scientists and practitioners with the aim to focus the most important aspects and giving possible answers as well as defining open questions.

### **Audience**

*All scientists, teachers, veterinarians, advisers officers, students and practitioners*

*A CD with the scientific presentations will be available at Workshop*

**1st part – Morning session: 8h30 – 12h30**

**Introduction: Nicoletta Miraglia**

**Management, health and welfare of the sport horse**

*Chair: Dominik Burger*  
**(EAAP Horse Commission)**

- 8.40 - 9.05 Michael Due & Alessandra Ramseyer - Health problems of the national and international sport horse  
9.05 - 9.30 Gerit Matthesen - Management and monitoring of the horses at international competitions and at the Olympics 2008  
9.30 - 9.50 Peter Kallings - Medication and doping in sport horses  
9.50 - 10.10 Suzanne Dollinger - The view of the rider, trainer and chef d'équipe  
10.10 - 10.20 Questions for better understanding

**Ethics**

*Chair: Michel Marie*  
**(EAAP Ethic Working Group)**

- 10.20 – 10.30 Michel Marie - Introduction  
10.30 - 10.45 Suzanne Van Dijk - An investigation into the perception of ethic and welfare of the elite competition horse  
10.45 - 11.00 Dominik Burger - The view of the team vets – a survey  
11.00 - 11.10 Questions for better understanding  
11.10 – 11.30 Coffee Break

**Sport horses, research and industry**

*Chair: William Martin-Rosset*  
**(EAAP Horse Commission)**

- 11.30 - 11.45 Castejon, R. Economic impact of the horse industry: A special reference to Spain  
11.45 - 12.00 Lucio, L. P.R.E. horses, from leisure to the Olympic Games  
12.00 - 12.15 Dominik Burger – The “Swiss equine research network”: from the horse to the scientist and back  
12.15 - 12.30 Questions for better understanding

**2nd part – Afternoon session 14h – 17h30**

**Sport medicine and nutrition**

*Chair: Markku Saastamoinen*

14.00 – 14.20 Manfred Coenen - Nutrition of the elite horse. What practice is asking for, is a challenge for science

**Breeding**

*Chair: Dorota Lewczuk*

14.40 -15.00 Ottmar Distl - Prospects of equine genomics for performance horses

15.00 – 15.15 Jim Flanagan - The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses and its expectations from the Scientific Community"

15.15 – 15.30 Questions for better understanding

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

**Round Table: Open questions? EAAP Statement?**

*Chair: Dominik Burger*

**16.00 – 17.00**

Panel: Michael Due (health and regulations)

Gerit Matthesen (official vets)

Jim Flanagan (breeding)

Manfred Coenen (nutrition)

Markku Saastamoinen (nutrition)

Inga Wolframm (ethics)

Peter Kallings (equine industry)

Suzanne Dollinger (practicioners)

Martine Hausberger (behaviour and welfare)

Ottmar Distl (genomics)

Companies (industry)

**17.00 - 17.30**

**TAKE HOME MESSAGE**

*William Martin-Rosset*

**Organisation**

EAAP Horse Commission board:

Nicoletta Miraglia (President)

Dominik Burger, Manfred Coenen, Steven Janssens, Dorota Lewczuk (Vice-Presidents)

Eric Palmer (adjoint Vice-President in the role of industry representative)

Anna-Lena Holgerssons (1<sup>st</sup> Secretary)

Martine Hausberger (2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary)

The Workshop organisation will be supported by:

William Martin-Rosset (Horse Commission Past-President)