



## **Breeding Standing Committee**

Meetings:	Monday May 18 <sup>th</sup> 2009	13.30-16.30
	Tuesday May 19 <sup>th</sup> 2009	13.30-16.30
	Wednesday May 20 <sup>th</sup> 2009	13.40-16.30

Room: "Oppegård"

Standing committee secretary: Per Ole Tysland

Chairman: Ted Smith, Canada

Members: Dominique DeBellaigue (France), Janet Forry (US), Mick Lombardo (Australia), Christina Olsson (Sweden), Brian Peachey (Great Britain/Ireland), Terttu Peltonen (Finland), Jostein Rekstad (Norway)

### Agenda:

- 1. Committee chairman. The committee will need to appoint a chairman.**  
The Committee appointed Ted Smith (Canada) as a chairman.
- 2. Finalization of agenda items (# 10, 11) from the 2007 breeders committee meeting.**  
No outstanding issues from the previous agenda.
- 3. Receipt and confirmation of 2007 Standing Committee minutes from Christchurch.**  
**Review of Chief Executive meeting in Canada 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2008**  
The report was reviewed and accepted.  
**Moved Brian Peachey (GB/Ireland) and seconded Terttu Peltonen (Finland). CARRIED.**
- 4. Receipt of 2008 world statistics**
  - a) Consideration of breeding and racing information**
  - b) Comparison between countries and trends over time**  
The statistics were reviewed. There was a clear trend in most countries that there is a decline in number of stallions, number of matings and registered foals per year.
- 5. Identification of horses**
  - a) DNA, blood typing, micro chipping, branding**



Country	DNA		Branding/tattoo	
	Blood	Hair	Branding/tattoo	Microchip
Finland	x	x		x
Sweden		x	x	
Norway		x		x
France	x			x
US		x	x	
Canada		x	x	
Australia		x	x	
GB		x		x

**b) Unique Equine life number (UELN) update**

UELN is being implemented in Europe but not yet in Canada, US, NZ and Australia. In Europe legislations require UELN to be implemented by 1. July 2009

**6. Breeding vs. sports. Differences in generation intervals Europe/USA and effects on sports from breeding and the other way around.**

The committee has discussed the issue and variations between the different countries without concluding.

**7. International trade of horses. Statistics. Export certificates, passports.**

The statistics were reviewed. There seems to be some errors in the information given from some countries. The secretary will try to receive correct data and distribute it to the all countries at a later stage.

All European countries now have equine passports. Canada and US and Australia and New Zealand will most likely issue passports to their horses within the next few years as their federal governments require them to do so.

**Recommendation to General Assembly:**

*An Export Certificate must be applied for to the breed registry prior to the horse leaving the country of export whether it is for permanent or temporary export.*

*This will enable the country of export to notify the importing country in advance of the horse being imported.*

**8. Genetic engineering and artificial breeding – an ethical question.**

**Cloning, embryo, gene manipulation, anabolic steroids on young horses.**

Cloning is no longer an issue and forbidden in all countries.



Country	Embryo transfer		Gene manipulation	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Finland	X			X
Sweden	X			X
Norway	X			X
France	X			X
US	X			X
Canada	X			X
Australia	X			X
GB	X			X

GB (only within the country) and Australia permit frozen embryos, all other countries allows only fresh embryos. Norway, Sweden and France will in special circumstances allow embryo transfer. If application is approved, the donor mare will not be allowed to race in the year of the transfer beyond four months and until five months after the foal is born (Norway, Sweden).

**Recommendation to General Assembly:**

***In case of frozen embryos, it is only eligible for registration if transplanted into recipient mare within a maximum of one year after the death of the donor mare and in the same country as the donor mare was registered.***

In the case of gene manipulation, the committee reaffirmed its stance.

This committee is unanimous in its opinion that anabolic steroids and growth hormones should continue to be prohibited in developing of young horses.