

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF ARAB HORSE ORGANIZATIONS

Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting

On 6th March 2011, at NOVOTEL Brussels Airport, Brussels/Belgium, at 8.00 h

Those present:

Willy Luder, President of ECAHO
Marek Trela, Treasurer of ECAHO
Dr. Francesco Santoro, Chairman of EAHSC
Toto Moddermann, Chairman of EAHSpC
Winand Bijmens, Chairman of EAHRIC

Essam Abdulla, Vice-President of EC
Sylvie Eberhardt, Member of EC
Christine Jamar-Demeersseman, Member of EC
Ann Nordén, Member of EC
Anna Stojanowska, Member of EC

Voting Delegates:

Austria (VVÖ)
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Belgium (BAPS)
Belgium (BAPS)
Czech Republic (ACHPAK)
Czech Republic (ACHPAK)
Denmark (DSAH)
Egypt (EAO)
Finland (SAHY)
France (Les Haras Nationaux)
France (ACA)
Germany (VZAP)
Great Britain (AHS)
Great Britain (AHS)
Hungary (MALE)
Hungary (MALE)
Israel (IAHS)
Israel (IAHS)
Italy (ANICA)
Italy (ANICA)
Jordan (RJEF)
Jordan (RJEF)
Morocco (ARMECPSA)
Netherlands (AVS)
Norway (NAHF)
Poland (AWRSP)
Poland (AWRSP)
Qatar (QREC)
Qatar (QREC)
Russia (NOAL)
Saudi Arabia (KAAHC)
Spain (AECCA)
Spain (AECCA)
Sweden (SAHF)
Switzerland (SZAP)
Switzerland (SZAP)
United Arab Emirates (EAHS)

Anne Heiloo
Elisabeth Chat
Winand Bijmens
Joelle Dumont
Jaroslav Lacina
Martin Waldburger
Marianne Tengstedt (2 votes)
Dominique Briot (2 votes)
Taina Hindrell (2 votes)
Christianne Chazel
Robert Luchez
Claudia Darius (2 votes)
Annette Dixon
Joanne Lowe
Tamas Rombauer
Sylvie Eberhardt
Khoury Naiem
Muhannad Darawsha
Marco Pittaluga
Vincenzo Pellegrini
Pr. Alia Al Hussein
Ghalia Nooreddin
Mohamed Machmoum (2 votes)
Marianne Dijkmann (2 votes)
Marit Rakvaag (2 votes)
Anna Stojanowska
Jerzy Bialobok
Abdulaziz Al Subaiei
Abdulaziz Al Boenain
Irina Stigler (2 votes)
Sami Al Nohait (2 votes)
Carmela Zaragoza
SAR Teresa de Borbon
Anne Nordén (2 votes)
Didier Thievent
Ursula Rahm
Essam Abdulla (2 votes)

48 votes present / simple majority: 25

Observers:

Ahmed Abdelrazik (EAHBA, Egypt)	Omar Anbargi (SAHA, Syria)
Sulaiman Al Hattili (Royal Cavalry, Oman)	Faten Lasfar (FNARC, Tunisia)
Izabella Zawadzka (PZHKA, Poland)	Sinan Odok (lawyer, ECAHO)
Krystyna Karaszewska (PASB, Poland)	Mohamed Al Dosary (KAAHC, Saudi Arabia)

Ex officio:

Gudrun Waiditschka, Exec.Sec. (minutes)	Viola Speier, Exec. Sec.
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The meeting was opened by the President at 8:10h. He expressed his appreciation for the great interest, as all Full Members were present.

The President asked for a minute of silence for late Major Pat Maxwell, past President of ECAHO. He then welcomed Joanna Maxwell, Ursula Rahm and Izabella Zawadzka as loyal supporters of ECAHO since its inauguration, as well as Francesca Messina and Monika Savier as press representatives.

1-(11,1) Confirmation of Full and Associate Members –

the following organisations were confirmed as **Full Members** of ECAHO:

Austria	Verband der Vollblutaraber-Züchter Österreich (VVÖ)
Belgium	Belgisch Arabisch Paardenstamboek (BAPS)
Czech Republic	Asociace chovatelů plnokrevných arabských koní (ACHPAK)
Denmark	Dansk Selskab For Arabisk Hesteavl (DSAH)
Egypt	Egyptian Agricultural Organisation (EAO)
Finland	Suomen Arabihevosyhdistys (SAHY)
France	Les Haras Nationaux (HN)
France	Association Nationale Française du Cheval Arabe (ACA)
Germany	Verband der Züchter des Arabischen Pferdes (VZAP)
Great Britain	Arab Horse Society (AHS)
Hungary	Magyarországi Arablótenyésztők Egyesülete (MALE)
Israel	Israel Arab Horse Society (IAHS)
Italy	Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabe (ANICA)
Jordan	Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation (RJEF)
Morocco	Royal Moroccan Arabian Horse Breeders Association (ARMECPSA)
Norway	Norsk Araberhestforening (NAHF)
Poland	Agricultural State Property Agency (AWRSP)
Qatar	Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club (QREC)
Russia	Private Breeders Organisation (NOAL)
Saudi Arabia	King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Center (KAAHC)
Spain	Asociacion Española de Criadores de Caballos Arabes (AECCA)
Sweden	Svenska Arabhästföreningen (SAHF)
Switzerland	Schweizer Zuchtgenossenschaft für Arabische Pferde (SZAP)
The Netherlands	Arabische Volbloedpaarden Stamboek in Nederland (AVS)
UAE	Emirates Arabian Horse Society (EAHS)

the following organisations were confirmed as **Associate Members** of ECAHO:

Bahrain	Royal Arabian Studs
Bulgaria	Bulgarian Arabian Horse Association (BGAHA)
Croatia	Croatian Center for Horsebreeding
Egypt	Egyptian Arabian Horse Breeders Association (EAHBA)
Iran	Equestrian Federation of I.R. of Iran
Kuwait	Hunting and Equestrian Club, Arabian Horse Registry
Libya	Libyan Arab Horse Breeders Society (LAHBS)
Morocco	Ministry of Agriculture
Oman	Oman Equestrian Federation
Poland	Polski Związek Hodowców Koni Arabskich (PZHKA)
Romania	Asociatia Crescatorilor Si Proprietarilor De Cai Arabi Din Romania
Syria	Syrian Arab Horse Association (SAHA)
Tunisia	Fondation Nat. d'Amelioration du Chevaux (FNARC)

- 2-(11,1) **Confirmation of Presence and Quorum / Apologies for Absence -**
see page 1, Voting Delegates
48 votes were present, Quorum 25 votes.
Apologies for absence were received from the Croatian Center for Horsebreeding and the Libyan Arab Horse Society.
- 3-(11,1) **Appointment of Vote Counters -**
Nadette Berrevoets and Ahmed Abdelrazik were proposed as vote counters; no objections from the floor. Joanna Maxwell was appointed as vote counter for item 6 as Ahmed Abdelrazik has a conflict of interest there.
- 4-(11,1) **Minutes of the previous Meeting – of 27th AGM on 7th February 2010.**
The Minutes were accepted as a correct and complete record of the meeting and signed by the President.
- 5-(11,1) **Matters arising from these Minutes -**
Jaroslav Lacina (CZ) stated that he had sent a letter to the President (the day prior to the AGM, i.e. Saturday, 6th February 2010, 23:54h) with comments on item 20 a) and b) to be read at the meeting. This did not happen.
- 6-(11,1) **Membership -**
a) Application for Membership – all votes were done by secret vote; voting papers were distributed.
i) SAHA – Syria (upgrade Associate to Full Member) – It was explained that SAHA had organised seven C national and international shows since 2005. According to the decision of the AGM 2010 (item 21) the conditions for the conversion of Associate Membership into Full Membership was laid down as having organised three National Championships. The EC felt that the conditions were not fulfilled by SAHA and therefore recommended not to accept the application. Omar Anbargi (SYR) explained that they haven't had fully understood the difference of the categories and the shows were regarded in their country as national Championships.
It was agreed by 27 ayes, 13 noes, 6 abstain to accept SAHA as Full Member of ECAHO.
ii) EAHBA – Egypt (upgrade Associate to Full Member) – It was explained that EAHBA had organised 7 National Championships since 2003. The EC therefore recommended accepting the application. Ahmed Abdelrazik (EGY) explained that EAHBA exists for about 25 years, they have 120 members and about 5000 horses; they have organised shows for the last 10-12 years.
It was agreed by 37 ayes, 9 noes, 0 abstain to accept EAHBA as Full Member of ECAHO.
iii) LAHBS – Libya (upgrade Associate to Full Member) – It was explained that LAHBS has organised 5 C national and international shows as well as one B show since 2007. The EC felt that the conditions for upgrade were not fulfilled and therefore recommended not to accept the application. No representative from Libya was present.
The motion was rejected with 8 ayes, 28 noes, 10 abstain, and therefore LAHBS will remain Associate Member of ECAHO.
iv) Royal Cavalry of Oman (new Associate Member) – It was explained that we lost contact to our present member, the Equestrian Federation of Oman, due to the unfortunate demise of Mr. Negm El Din. The EC therefore recommended accepting the Royal Cavalry as Associate Member, especially as they are concerned with shows. Mr. Sulaiman Al Hattili was introduced as representative of the Royal Cavalry.
It was agreed with 35 ayes, 9 noes, 2 abstain to accept the Royal Cavalry as Associate Member of ECAHO.

v) Iran Asil Association (new Associate Member) – It was explained that despite their name they confirmed that they will organise shows open to all bloodlines according to ECAHO Rules. The EC recommended accepting the Iran Asil Association as Associate Member.

It was agreed with 30 ayes, 13 noes, 3 abstain to accept the Iran Asil Association as Association Member of ECAHO.

b) Unpaid Membership Fees business year 2009/2010 -

It was explained that the Iran Equestrian Federation and the Private Breeders in Romania did not pay their membership fees prior to the meeting. It was proposed to give them three more months to settle their debts, if they don't pay within three months, their membership will be suspended until the next AGM and their shows will lose their affiliation.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

[Addendum after Meeting: The Membership Fee for the Iranian Equestrian Federation was received on 18.03.2011]

7-(11,1)

Presidents Report -

The President touched upon some issues such as

- our duty to maintain the qualities of the Arabian horse;
- the market for the Arabian Horse and missed opportunities – he pointed out that the Quarter Horses have overtaken the Arabians by numbers;
- ECAHO's position in the global Arabian Horse scene – Europeans should be proud that the "European style" horse is sought after world-wide;
- ECAHO is too much occupied with details and loses the whole picture - ECAHO is often hampered in its progress by personal agendas;
- Some innovations at shows are needed and conflicts of interest between sponsors, organisers, judges and exhibitors minimized;
- Judging and judges – to become aware of the responsibility the judges have for the future of the breed; is there indeed only one type of Arabian horse with just a pretty face?
- Why is a small group of 15 judges judging the most important events and therefore have such a great influence on the "industry"?
- Analyzing the judges scores becomes more and more important; where there are "certain patterns", the judge needs to be warned and sanctioned.
- More input from the basis – what is the purpose of our shows? Is it "show bizz" and a "spectacle" or should it be an assessment of breeding stock?
- The President suggested that the EC should establish an independent and credible ad hoc committee, to review the main objectives of the association, its legal set-up and operational structure, etc.; its members to be independent, credible and respected persons from all areas of the "industry".

Queries from the floor:

a) Marianne Tengstedt (DK) asked why there is no **Yearbook** anymore?

The President explained that the publisher, Simone Leo, told him in September 2010 that he needs about 25.000 € sponsor money or otherwise he cannot publish the ECAHO Yearbook anymore. He stated that the value of the Yearbook has declined as the last issue was only 87 pages with articles of Tutto Arabi, compared to the first issues in 2004, when all results and many editorial articles were included.

Anne Heiloo (AT) asked if there is a written statement of Simone Leo; one should not accept just a verbal statement. The President stated that he will ask Simone Leo for a letter in this matter.

He further stated that far fewer copies were sold than in the early years, due to reduced content; the last two years apparently Dubai Stud was sponsoring the Yearbook.

b) Christianne Chazel (FR) queried about the **Scoring Software** of Guillaume Robbe. The President explained that Mr. Robbe had given a presentation of the program to the EC, and he had received 6000 € for his efforts, but he was not willing during the contract negotiations to give the source code and therewith some security that ECAHO will be able to make changes. This appeared to be dangerous, as he is a "one-man-company" and ECAHO had made similar (bad) experiences with SARO (Salzer).

Christianne Chazel stated that every show in France is using it now and are immediately online. But on the ECAHO Website the results are missing. The President explained that this is the duty of Viola Speier and he had criticized this before. Robert Luchez stated that ACA France has the source key of the software.

8-(11,1) Confirmation of Chairman Election of EAHSC -

It was reported that Dr. Francesco Santoro was elected Chairman during the EAHSC Meeting. There were only two candidates left, Princess Alia (JOR) and Francesco Santoro (CZ). After the first round the result was even (12 : 12), the election was therefore repeated with the same result. The decision was then sought by lot, which fell upon Francesco Santoro.

The question was raised how the confirmation should be established, by election or by acclamation. Martin Waldburger (CZ) stated that the Constitution does not foresee another vote, and therefore the election cannot be repeated. The President asked the floor, if anybody opposes the result of the election of the EAHSC; none were brought forward and the Francesco Santoro was confirmed by acclamation. The President asked him if he accepts the election, and **Francesco Santoro (CZ) confirmed that he accepts the election as Chairman of EAHSC.**

9-(11,1) Confirmation of Chairman Election of EAHSpC -

It was reported that Catharina "Toto" Modderman-van Dorssen was elected Chairman during the EAHSpC Meeting. There were only two candidates left, Anne Heiloo (AT) and Toto Modderman (NL). Toto Modderman was elected with 13 : 8 votes.

Toto Modderman was confirmed by acclamation. The President asked her if she accepts the election and **Toto Modderman (NL) confirmed that she accepts the election as Chairman of EAHSpC.**

10-(11,1) Election of President -

As Francesco Santoro (CZ) was elected Chairman of EAHSC, there were only two candidates remaining, Jaroslav Lacina (CZ) and the present President, Willy Luder (CH). The President explained that he has nothing more to say than in his Presidents Report and invited Jaroslav Lacina to introduce himself.

Jaroslav Lacina stated that he is not new to ECAHO, as ACHPAK is a member of ECAHO since 1998, and he is the delegate since. Since 2001, he is an ECAHO B list judge, show organiser, etc. He further explained his goals if he becomes elected as President:

- re-unification – this weekend with bad memories should be left behind and all should look forward to a common goal
- transparency – the discussions in the meetings are very important, but the information from EC must also reach all Members
- economic stability – ECAHO must run on fees only, any extra money to be used for DC and judges training; costs to be carefully reduced
- membership fees – the present proposal is still not the right one, he would prefer a scheme based on members (breeders) per country
- revision of the Constitution – there are some weaknesses to be solved
- shows – support of the "industry"; simplifying Blue Book rules; improvement of the show pyramid; improvement of communication with trainers; ECAHO Cup on different levels; statistics

- website – needs to be improved, more useful, discussion forum
 - protection and welfare of horses not to be neglected
 - all EC Members need to have their special tasks and area of responsibility
- He emphasised that there will be only changes if the members are changing.

Before proceeding with the actual elections, the President gave the chair to the Vice-President Essam Abdullah, as he has a conflict of interest being one of the candidates himself.

Query from the floor - Ursula Rahm (CH) asked, if it is correct that Dr. Francesco Santoro, as delegate of Czech Republic, has just been elected and confirmed as Chairman of EAHSC and as such a member of the EC. This was confirmed. She further queried if it is correct that another delegate of Czech Republic, Jaroslav Lacina, can stand for election.

Sinan Odok explained that this question refers to Constitution art. 11.1: "Not more than one representative of the same Member may serve in the Executive Committee in the same term." He further referred to the discussion at the AGM 2009 in Warsaw, where this article was interpreted in such way that the "same term" means serving during the same four-year-period (i.e. 2011-2015). The President clarified that this does not apply to the different terms of Marek Trela (2008-2012) and Anna Stojanowska (2009-2013).

Sinan Odok explained further, that the election of a further member of the Czech Republic may be challenged in a Swiss court.

Martin Waldburger explained that two Polish and two Belgian representatives serve at the same time, but overlapping terms. If this long-term practise is accepted it should not be changed.

Marek Trela stated in case the interpretation about the overlapping terms is being changed, he will step down.

Jaroslav Lacina stated that in case he will be elected, there will be an answer to this problem within the hour.

Ursula Rahm (CH) added a very personal comment, and stated that she is very sad about the recent developments within ECAHO and the rift going right through, ripping apart friendships. She felt that the issue is not Lacina vs. Luder, but Essam vs. Luder, as in her opinion Jaroslav Lacina is only being used.

Jaroslav Lacina denied any such thing and emphasised that he has no problem with the common interpretation of the "same term" and the two EC Members from Belgium and Poland serving in overlapping terms. He explained that in case both Czech delegates will be elected to serve in the EC, one of them will step down.

Essam Abdullah explained that the Constitution says "Not more than one representative of the same Member may serve in the Executive Committee in the same term", it does not say may be elected. He asked if Jaroslav Lacina would breach the law if he is elected, but does not serve.

Sinan Odok stated that this is up to the AGM to decide.

Martin Waldburger stated that Jaroslav Lacina is eligible for election, as his term would only start one day after the meeting. He therefore may stand for election.

Teresa de Borbon stated that she feels it is not the intention of the Constitution that someone should go to another country and ask to be their representative just for the sake of being eligible for election. The President stated that the Constitution allows this manoeuvre; however, future amendments should probably aim at a more liberal approach, as the nationality should not matter. Vincenzo Pellegrini (IT) warned that there is no election without serving – with this manoeuvre we are forcing them to go around the rule; but we should respect the rules!

Essam Abdullah stated that we need to carry through the election; in case Jaroslav Lacina is being elected, the two Czech representatives will chose among themselves who of them will serve. He asked the floor if there were any objections against this procedure. None were brought forward.

On demand the elections were secret; voting papers had been distributed.

The result of the election was:

Jaroslav Lacina 28 votes; Willy Luder 20 votes.

Essam Abdullah thanked Willy Luder and welcomed Jaroslav Lacina as new President. The President Willy Luder took the chair again, and congratulated Jaroslav Lacina and wished him good luck.

Fransesco Santoro explained that he resigns from his position as Chairman of EAHSC. The problem of the void chair of EAHSC was postponed until the end of the Meeting.

11-(11,1) Election of three EC Members -

Vincenzo Pellegrini (IT) stated that he will no longer stand for election for the Executive Committee. The remaining candidates were:

Sami Al Nohait, Christianne Chazel, Claudia Darius, Sylvie Eberhardt, Ahmed Hamza, Michael Harris, Christine Jamar and Ann Nordén.

On demand the elections were secret; voting papers had been distributed.

The candidates with the three highest numbers of votes will be elected. The following person were elected:

Claudis Darius 27 votes;

Christianne Chazel 25 votes;

Christine Jamar, 22 votes.

The President congratulated the newly elected and re-elected EC Members.

12-(11,1) Election of SDC Members -

a) The President explained that Nils Ismer resigned due to workload and possible conflict of interest.

The EC had previously discussed to propose Kerstin Wisniowski, DC and lawyer from Germany, and Christina Wale, known breeder and judge from Sweden.

The floor was asked if there are any objections against the two persons – none were brought forward and Kerstin Wisniowski and Christina Wale were accepted by acclamation.

b) Confirmation of the remaining SDC Members

The President explained that the office when preparing the Agenda, accidentally omitted the name of Ali Shaarawi as present SDC Member; he should be included in this list. Therefore the list of present SDC members reads: Princess Alia Al Hussein, Ursula Rahm, Dr. Abdel Wahab Amira, Ali Shaarawi and Izabella Zawadzka. Those newly elected will be used as replacement when needed. The five members were accepted by acclamation.

13-(11,1) Election of EAC Members

a) The President reported that Bianca ter Laan has resigned. The EC had previously discussed to propose Deirdre Hyde, well-known and respected judge from Great Britain, living in the UAE. The floor was asked if there are any objections against the candidate – none were brought forward and Deirdre Hyde was accepted by acclamation.

b) Confirmation of the remaining EAC Members

The President stated the names of present EAC Members as Xavier Guibert, Teresa de Borbon, Jaroslav Lacina and Carl van Roosbroek. Jaroslav Lacina stated that he as newly elected President steps down from the EAC panel. The floor was asked if there are any objections against the candidate, it was stated that Carl van Roosbroek does not react on any e-mails and has not submitted any DC Reports. It was stated that an EAC Member must obey by the rules, for which reason it was felt that if he does not fulfil all his duties as DC, he should not be in the appeals body. It was unanimously decided that Carl van Roosbroek should be removed from the list of EAC Members. Xavier Guibert had sent an e-mail to Christianne Chazel stating that he wishes to resign from the EAC. The remaining name, Teresa de Borbon, was confirmed by acclamation.

Therefore the EAC comprises of only two persons at present, Teresa de Borbon and Deirdre Hyde.

14-(11,1) Report of the Commissions

a) Show Commission – Francesco Santoro explained that one of the major problems is that we do not have enough professional DCs (ca. 70) for the big number of shows (131 affiliated, 9 cancelled). He emphasized that the welfare of the horse has been one of the main concerns of the Show Commission and the Blue Book was changed in this respect, e.g. with regards to the foals, although this was not always welcomed by show organisers. With regards to yellow and red cards, he stated that only four yellow cards, no red card, were issued during the year 2010.

b) Registration and Identification Commission – Winand Bijmens reported that there were 22 delegates, most of them Registrars, attending the Registrar's Meeting. They were discussing the Rule 29 of WAHO about horses in transit and came to the conclusion that the rule is not adequate and WAHO should review it. Secondly, several genetic disorders (CA, SCID, LFS) were discussed and the different standpoints discussed. A guest lecturer from Progenus (testing lab) was invited to present the technical side of it. The political aspect of the problem was discussed, which includes WAHO's standpoint (i.e. against testing by registries, no publication of results), while some registries have a different approach and have compulsory testing of all stallions or even breeding stock. The conclusion is to "advise WAHO at the Registrars Meeting in Qatar (Nov. 2011) that every country must have the right to choose themselves how to deal with the diseases".

The third point, reduced VAT for horse related products, has been just decided in the European court the week prior to the meeting, with the result that all countries have to apply normal (not reduced) VAT.

c) Sport Commission – Toto Modderman reported that there has been an increase in interest in the Sport with Arabian horses over the last four years. In France, there is a Sports Commission of ACA very active, organising ridden show classes and promoting the ridden Arab horse in a newsletter. Belgium has succeeded in getting affiliation with the Belgian FN. In Sweden, there was the European Championships 2010 with strong competition from the Scandinavian countries. Unfortunately, none of the Sport Commission Delegates attended; only the President and herself. The competition in Aachen during the ANC is accepted by FN and enjoys good participation. In Moorseele, the Ridden Classes are organised since 2002 and drew last year competitors from five countries. In Sweden, they will organise a Scandinavian Championship in Bökeberg in July 2011. However, unfortunately, the proposed European Championships in Marbach/Germany had to be cancelled as the sponsorship couldn't be realized.

15-(11,1) Treasurer's Report -

The Treasurer Marek Trela gave a report of the financial activities for the business year 2009 – 2010, which ended on 30.9.2010.

During the reported period the person responsible for accounting was Mrs. Mengia Riedi. The book keeping for this period was assessed by the auditors to be of the highest quality. Mrs. Riedi also prepared the balance sheet, income statement and the Budget for 2010-2011 which have been distributed with the Agenda for this meeting.

The Treasurer explained some figures: **The balance sheet** of assets and liabilities resulted in CHF 244 038,50 (compared to CHF 247 186,38 in the previous year). The income statement shows a decrease of CHF 82 832,33, to CHF 273 616,02 (compared to CHF 356 448,35 in the previous year), mostly due to lower income from price money. Expenses during the reported year reached CHF 256 360,58 which means an increase by CHF 15 270,61 compared to the previous year, but lower as provided for in our 2010 Budget.

The main cost was obviously for the office in general. It is commonly known that this particular type of costs is very difficult to reduce without negative effect on its the efficiency. A slight decrease of CHF 4398,22 can be considered a positive phenomenon, especially as it is lower than initially planned in the Budget for 2009 - 2010.

Total costs of legal advisors was CHF 32390,62 (compared to CHF 46 000 as stated in the Budget and 45 450,45 in previous year). These costs are generated not only by legal actions, but also as a result of consultancy fees necessary to create new regulations for judges and DC's. However, in order to avoid further legal problems it is crucial to confront and consult every conflict or new rule with the legal advisor.

The increase in costs for the Executive Committee, including costs of travel, accommodation, meeting rooms and other, was partly caused by more meetings than in the past, but mostly because of higher travel and accommodation costs of AGM in Cairo.

The reported year concluded with a profit of CHF 17 255,44.

The Budget 2010 - 2011 has been distributed among the delegates together with the income report 2009 - 2010 and has to be approved by the AGM before it will become obligatory.

The Treasurer explained that the current situation forced us to plan our budget without the income from Middle Eastern shows. It was therefore necessary to build our next Budget on higher income and lower expenses. We have to double our efforts to increase our income especially from the Website Advertising Banner and Patronage and at the same time reduce costs, e.g. reduce even important constitutional activities, as judges courses, seminars, salaries of executive secretaries, costs of EC and costs of legal actions.

With presenting this Budget to the AGM for approval we point out the difficult situation which ECAHO will have to face in the next years and the necessity for huge efforts by the EC and all members to operate as economically as possible. The Treasurer asked if there are any questions from the floor; none were brought forward.

16-(11,1) Accounts Oct. 2009 to Sep. 2010 - (distributed with the Agenda)
The Treasurer reported that the audit of all accounting records and financial statements for the year 2009 - 2010 have been performed by Weber Treuhand AG and they confirmed that all accounting records and financial statements complied with the Swiss law and the articles of the association.
The auditors recommended that the financial statements could be submitted for approval to Annual General Meeting.

The President asked to approve the accounts as distributed and to grant discharge to the Executive Committee.

This was accepted with 42 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstains (some delegates had left the meeting room).

17-(11,1) Budget 2010/2011 - (distributed with the Agenda)
The President referred to the Treasurer's report and asked to approve the budget as distributed.

The Budget was approved with 41 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstains (some delegates had left the meeting room).

18-(11,1) Appointment of Auditors -
The President reported that the Executive Committee recommends to appoint again Weber Treuhand AG, St. Gallen, for the business year 2010-2011.
This was approved with 41 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstains (some delegates had left the meeting room).

19-(11,1) Report on SDC Cases -

The Chairman of the SDC, Dr. Nils Ismer, had submitted a report which was read by Ursula Rahm, Member of the SDC.

Sadly, two doping cases had to be dropped because rules were not followed.

Travagliato 2010 - The SDC received a complaint concerning horses with Panda Eyes that were disqualified. The SDC made its ruling; the complainant then lodged an appeal and the case was forwarded to the Chairman of EAC.

EIRan Cup, Hasselt 2010 – the SDC dealt with a complaint concerning the Championships of this show; the complainant was right and the Championships results were corrected.

Spanish Nationals 2009 – As it was a fault of the organiser, the SDC has forwarded the whole file to Dr. Francesco Santoro for him to bring it forward to the EAHSC. So far, the case has not been treated by EAHSC.

20-(11,1) Report on EAC Cases -

Jaroslav Lacina, Member of the EAC, reported that the EAC members did not receive the Travagliato case; he is only aware of the resignation of Bianca ter Laan in which she referred to the circumstances around this case as reason. A complaint about the publication of nominations was received, but not dealt with by the EAC.

The subject of publication of the nominations was picked up by the floor. The President therefore explained that the Executive Committee had decided by "round-e-mail" that the details of the nominations ("who has nominated whom") shall not be published, because the Constitution does not request to do so; it has never been practice to do so; some members did not bring forward their nomination, because they were afraid of repressions; one member explicitly declared that his nomination shall not be published, as it is the property of the member; it appeared to be illogical to publish the nominations and thereafter having secret elections. The Executive Committee, considering all aspects and decided with 7 ayes, 2 noes, 1 abstains, not to publish the nominations.

21-(11,1) Report on Judges and DC Courses -

Sylvie Eberhardt, head of the Judges Instructor Committee, reported that the planned Level I course in Brussels 2010 had to be cancelled because the minimum number of participants was not reached. It is expected that in 2012, the need for such a course will be bigger.

A Level I course was held in Sharjah 2010 with 6 participants from Egypt and one from the UAE.

The next courses for Level II and Level III will be held early April 2011 at Janow Podlaski Stud, and Sylvie Eberhardt thanked Marek Trela and the stud for their continuous support.

Jackie Vandyke, member of the DC Instructor Committee reported that they held DC Courses in Sharjah/UAE, in Sickendorf/Germany, Towerlands/GB, and Vichy/France. Among the total number of participants there were some very good ones.

22-(11,1) Sami Al Nohait – Future Vision for the Arabian Horse -

Sami Al Nohait apologized but felt that after he had spoken to some participants of the meeting, he would prefer to reconsider his vision and will send a report in writing to all Members.

23-(11,1) Motions from Austria (distributed with the Agenda) -

a) "Only one Delegate per member country can be elected in the EC" –

The lawyer explained that the motion was not submitted in a form that would actually permit a proper vote on it, because it is not clear if this motion refers to a change in the Constitution. If yes, it should quote the old paragraph concerned and the proposed new paragraph.

The President asked Anne Heiloo to explain her motion. Anne Heiloo preferred to withdraw the motion.

b) "The annual membership fees should be in Euro and not anymore in Swiss Francs" – The Treasurer explained that two different currencies has proven to be a buffer against fluctuations in currency exchange rates, and therefore very beneficial. Further, ECAHO needs Swiss Francs to pay the lawyer and other invoices from within Switzerland. Also, the balance sheets must be in CHF.

The President asked for a vote, **who is in favour to change the currency for membership fees to EUR** (simple majority required):

17 ayes, 13 against, 0 abstain (some people had left the meeting room).

Therefore membership fees will be invoiced in EUR, the exchange rate to be determined by the Executive Committee.

24-(11,1) Motion from Austria and Germany (distributed with the Agenda) -

a) "Deletion / Termination of EAHRIC" -

Claudia Darius, as representative of one of the countries submitting the motion, explained that they are not sending anybody to this meeting, as Germany feels it is not necessary; she suggested working groups in case there is an imminent problem; the working group could then advise the Executive Committee. She explained that a group of 30 people is not working effectively.

The President referred to the report of the Chairman of EAHRIC, Winand Bijmens, and felt that he had given valid reason to continue. Winand Bijmens explained that they have this discussion every year. He stated that it is beneficial to meet once a year during the AGM as it makes communication easier.

Didier Thievent (CH) explained that he had attended the Registrar's Meeting for the first time because before, he thought that nothing important is going on there. But with yesterday's meeting, which was attended by 22 people and yielded some result, he looks at it now positively.

The President called for a vote, and asked who is in favour of the motion, i.e. **to terminate EAHRIC: 18 ayes, 22 noes, 3 abstains** (43 votes present; some delegates had left the meeting room).

The Motion was therefore rejected and EAHRIC will go on with its work.

25-(11,1) Motion from Czech Republic (distributed with the Agenda) -

a) "Explanation of the request for the EOGM"

Jaroslav Lacina stated that he withdraws the motion.

26-(11,1) Membership Fees -

a) Proposal for new Scheme for Membership Fees based on 2010 AGM decision (distributed with the Agenda) -

The Executive Secretary explained that the aim was to fulfil the order of the AGM last year, without increasing the total amount. This resulted in 1600 CHF for all Full Members – big or small – and 600 CHF for all Association Members (which is almost the same as today). The President stated that he feels it is not just for the small countries. It was feared that some small members may even terminate their membership for financial reasons. The EC had discussed the proposal in their meeting and does not have any recommendation.

It was proposed to postpone the subject and stay for the time being with the present system: This was agreed with 33 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstain (some delegates had left the meeting room).

27-(11,1) Registration of ECAHO in the "Handelsregister" (Commercial Register of St. Gallen -

The President reported that it was a rather difficult task, because ECAHO asked for registration 28 years after its inauguration. The Minutes of 4-5 years had to be submitted, in English and German; the approved signatures of all EC Members had to be submitted; etc. **With date of 25.02.2011 ECAHO is now registered in the Commercial Register of St. Gallen.**

28-(11,1) Next Meeting -

The President explained that they had an invitation from Saudi Arabia. However, when looking deeper into the details, the Executive Committee renounced the invitation, as it seems to be too complicated to guarantee that all delegates from all Member countries would get visa, etc.

Israel offered to invite ECAHO for the AGM 2012, but feared that there might be similar obstacles.

Princess Alia from Jordan then invited ECAHO to hold its AGM 2012 in Jordan. This invitation was gratefully taken notice of.

10-(11,1) Election of President – (continued)

The problem of the void chair of EAHSC was taken up again.

Jaroslav Lacina suggested that the EAHSC Delegates present at this meeting should vote again. In the following discussion it was pointed out that the commonly accepted and morally correct procedure would be to ask the runner-up if he accepts the chair, especially as Christianne Chazel, Anne Heiloo and Jaroslav Lacina have withdrawn their candidacy before the election in the EAHSC took place, and as Francesco Santoro has resigned from his position as chairman of EAHSC (see above).

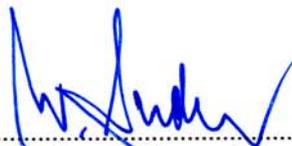
Didier Thievent suggested a pragmatic approach, especially as the trust of EAHSC was equally with both candidates (result of election twice 12:12) and it was the lot which decided. He therefore proposed to confirm Princess Alia.

The President called for a vote, although pointing out that the result may be challenged in court. **The vote resulted in 32 ayes, 0 noes, 3 abstains** (some delegates had left the meeting room) **in favour of Princess Alia as Chairman of EAHSC.**

The President thanked all Delegates for coming and wished the new team good luck and lots of success. Jaroslav Lacina thanked the leaving President.

The meeting was closed at 14:00h.

Date and place: Neuhansen, 5.4.2011


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President Willy Luder


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Exec. Sec. Gudrun Waiditschka (minutes)