3rd International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse on February 24-25, 2017, in Gomadingen / Germany

Friday, February 24, 2017
10:30 - 11:00 Arrival and registration
11:00 - ca. 12:30 Welcome and introduction. Theory part I (5 presentations)
ca. 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break
13:30 - 15:00 Theory part II (4 presentations)
14:55 - 15:15 Coffee break
15:15 - 17:30 Practice / group work in the riding arena: Linear profiling of conformation and performance
19:30 Conference dinner (Restaurant & Landhotel Winter, Gomadingen)

Saturday, February 25, 2017
9:00 - 10:15 Group work on focus topics
10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break
10:30 - 11:00 Summary and discussion

Group work on the focus topics

- Monitoring of linear data collection
  - How to establish efficient data screening and identify need for action?
    - suggestions and experiences (early and long-term approaches)
    - theory and practice: consolidation through motivation?!
  - Critical points of linear data collection that require special attention
    - How to meet the challenges in practice?
      - 'easy' and 'not so easy' traits or trait groups
      - preselection of events / horse samples or specific handling of collected data
  - Education and regular training
    - How to address and improve comparability and reliability of linear profiling in the individual studbooks?
      - options of mutual support across studbooks
      - roles of 'super-ordinate' initiatives and organizations (EAAP HC, WBFSH, ...)
Summary & Discussion (I)

- results of the group work
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Summary & Discussion (II)

- results of the group work
- impressions from the theoretical and practical part of the workshop
  → implications for
    - linear profiling routines and
    - use of linear data by the studbooks

- Was / Is it worth coming to such workshop of science-to-practice / practice-to-science approach for studbook representatives, judges, scientists?
- How to keep and improve attractiveness?
Summary & Discussion (III)

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- plans for the future
  - 4th IWSLP in 2018 → Yes / No?!
  - suggestive date: February → alternatives?
  - suggestive place → criteria: reachability (proximity to airport), connection to horses (practical part), volunteer host
  → suggestion at 2nd IWSLP of moving through European (State) studs, recent invitations from Denmark (connected to WBFSH annual meeting), France (connected to National horse show), ...?

Concluding remarks

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