



**5th International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse
on 22nd - 23rd January 2019 in Flyinge, Sweden,
with focus on practical linear description of the sport horse without and with rider
– Invitation & Provisional program –**

- Do you want to know more about linear description in both practice and theory?
- Do you regularly evaluate horses in a breeding context and want to practice linear description together with colleagues from other countries?
- Do you want to know more about the latest advances in linear description and the use of data collected by linear description for genetic and genomic evaluation?

Then you should join us at the 5th International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse on the 22nd - 23rd January 2019 in Flyinge, Sweden!



Flyinge Equestrian Centre in wintertime

Background

The use of linear description of sport horses for breeding purposes has become more and more common. Studbooks and individual breeders appreciate the more objective and detailed information on their horses. In the beginning, linear description was used mostly for conformation traits as well as free jumping and gaits at hand and/or in freedom. Now, linear description of traits under rider has been introduced by a number of studbooks.

While most or all of the major studbooks now have applied the linear description system in at least part of their breeding programs, challenges remain in terms of interpretation of the information across countries. Equestrian sport and sport horse breeding are international, so it is important that we get an opportunity to discuss these issues in an international context. Even if we use similar names for the traits, the definition of the traits and the meaning of the linear values assigned may differ between studbooks. Also, we have different descriptive scales and variation in what our judges consider 'average' and 'extreme' expression of the traits.



About the workshop

At the 5th International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse, we will try to address these issues. Our aim is to improve transparency and possibly increase comparability of linear description. This time we will therefore extend a particularly warm welcome to the **people that work with the practical part of the linear profiling – the judges**. We would like to encourage all studbooks to send judges to this workshop, **along with the studbook representatives**. We have allocated more time to practical exercises in the program this year, which means we will assess horses linearly together, led by moderators. We will go through the assessment of young horses both without and with rider, and time is also allocated for discussion of the assessments.

The experience of previous years has shown that meetings of science and practice can valuably contribute to progress in the field of linear profiling in the Warmblood horse. The program therefore also includes some theory on how studbooks can work with and benefit from linear profiling in their breeding programs. Part of this is that the studbook representatives will be asked to report on advances in linear description and genetic evaluation based on linear data in their studbook. Presenting is surely optional. However, we all benefit from the open exchange on everything around linear description and the use of linear data, and the international setting is making our workshops kind of unique. So, everybody, who would like to share ideas and use the opportunity to discuss them with colleagues, may help compiling an attractive program and submit a suggestive title of her / his presentation to the organizers (contact data given below).

On behalf of the international working group on linear profiling, it is a pleasure for us to kindly invite you to the **5th International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse** which will take place **on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019, and Wednesday, 23rd January 2019, at Flyinge Equestrian Centre in Sweden.**

Flyinge Equestrian Centre is located in the small village of Flyinge, about 10 minutes (15 km) northeast of Lund in the very south of Sweden. It is approximately one hour by car or train from Copenhagen Airport (53 km). You may get to Flyinge by train from Copenhagen Airport to Lund and then by taxi from Lund to Flyinge. Alternatively, you may rent a car at the airport. Detailed information on Flyinge Equestrian Centre can be found online at: <https://flyinge.se/in-english/>



Flyinge Manor House in the winter



Provisional program

Tuesday, 22nd January 2019 (*Manor House and nearby facilities, Flyinge*)

- 10:00 - 10:30 Coffee and refreshments; *Manor House*
- 10:30 - 10:45 Welcome and introduction to the 5th International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse (IWSLP)
- 10:45 - 11:00 Introduction to linear description of the young horse in hand, in free movement and free jumping
- 11:15 - 12:45 Practical exercise 1 on linear description of the young horse: Conformation, gaits and free jumping; *Main Riding Hall*
- 12:45 - 13:45 Lunch at *Flyinge Restaurant, next to the Main Riding Hall*
- 13:45 - 14:30 Summary and discussion of Practical exercise 1; *Manor House*
- 14:45 - 16:15 Practical exercise 2 on linear Description of the young horse: Gaits and jumping under rider, rideability; *Main Riding Hall*
- 16:30 - 16:45 Coffee and refreshments; *Manor House*
- 16:45 - 17:30 Summary and discussion of Practical exercise 2; *Manor House*
- 17:30 - 18:00 Supporting advances in linear description and the use of linear data: Information from the EAAP Horse Commission
- 18:00 - 19:00 Time to check in at accommodation or stay in *Manor House* for aperitif
- 19:30 Dinner buffet at *Flyinge Restaurant next to the Main Riding Hall*

Wednesday 23rd January 2019 (*Manor House, Flyinge*)

- 9:00 - 10:30 Theory: Presentations from the studbooks on the use and usefulness of linear description in sport horse breeding
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee and refreshment
- 11:00 - 12:00 Continuation of the theory session with presentations from the studbooks
- 12:00 - 13:00 Follow up on the previous workshop, summary of this year's workshop and further plans for the IWSLP event series
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch at *Flyinge Restaurant, next to the Main Riding Hall*
- 14:00 - 15:00 Optional: Guided Tour on Flyinge (minimum of 10 persons in total). Must be booked in advance, so please indicate when registering for the workshop.

Please register online by filling in the [online registration form](#), if possible **until 10th December 2018**.

Registration will close on Monday, 31st December 2018.

Registration fee for the workshop is 55 € until 10th December 2018 and 70 € after that date. Individual invoices will be issued and sent to the billing address you indicate in the registration form.

Please organize travelling and accommodation by your own.

Hotels and B&B are listed at <https://flyinge.se/besok-flyinge/boende-i-narheten/> (in Swedish) or can be found for example via [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com).

If you have any questions concerning the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact the organization team: Emma Thorén Hellsten (E-mail: emma.t.hellsten@swb.org) or Elisabeth Olsson (E-mail: elisabeth.olsson@swb.org) as local hosts from the Swedish Warmblood Association, or Kathrin F. Stock (E-mail: friederike.katharina.stock@vit.de; phone: +49 4231 955623) as representative of the EAAP Horse Commission.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in Flyinge!