



**8th International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse
on 14th - 15th April 2026 in Adelheidsdorf / Celle, Germany**
with knowledge transfer on linear description and
linear description in non-Warmblood breeds as lead topics
– **FINAL PROGRAM** –

Tuesday, 14th April 2026 Adelheidsdorf ('Hengstprüfungsanstalt Adelheidsdorf')

- 10:00 - 10:30 Registration; coffee and refreshments at Hengstprüfungsanstalt Adelheidsdorf
- 10:30 - 10:45 Welcome and introduction to the 8th International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse (IWSLP)
- Theory session I: presentations on different topics around linear description (scientific findings and new routine applications)**
- 10:45 - 11:05 A. Weigt, A. Brockmann, J. Tetens, A. O. Schmitt (Germany):
Assessing inter- and intra-rater reliability of linear scoring in Warmblood horses
- 11:10 - 11:30 S. Bonow, E. Hernlund, S. Eriksson, E. Strandberg, Å. Gelinder Viklund (Sweden):
Can linearly scored traits be used to predict orthopaedic health?
- 11:35 - 11:55 S. Janssens, R. Meyermans, M. Brys (Belgium): Chronic progressive lymphoedema (CPL) in draught horses: need for a systematic, standardized data collection
- 12:00 - 12:20 M. Sabbagh, A. Ricard (France):
New foal indices for Selle Français: Better understanding inheritance of stallions
- 12:25 - 12:45 K. F. Stock, M. Wobbe, H. Alkhoder (Germany): Genomic breeding values for linear conformation and performance traits in German sport horses
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch break
with lunch served in the lunchroom (canteen) of the Hengstprüfungsanstalt Adelheidsdorf
- Practical exercises on linear description**
- 14:00 - 15:45 **Practical exercises part I** (4 groups):
Linear description of conformation, gaits and jumping in Warmblood horses
- 15:45 - 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 - 17:45 **Practical exercises part II** (4 groups):
Linear description in non-Warmblood horses: Coldblood breeds and Arabian Thoroughbred
- 18:00 - 19:15 Time to check in at accommodation
- as of 19:30 Conference dinner (optional) at Hof Wietfeldt in Bennebostel
(street address: Hof Wietfeldt, Bennebostel 1, 29227 Celle)

Wednesday 15th April 2026 Adelheidsdorf ('Hengstprüfungsanstalt Adelheidsdorf')

- 08:30 - 08:35 Brief summary and discussion of the practical exercises
- Theory session II: presentations on different topics around linear description (experience reports of studbooks, collection and use of linear data)**
- 08:35 - 08:55 A. Pajanen, C.-H. Frey (Finland): Linear profiling of Finnhorses
- 08:55 - 09:10 K. Jamnik Cerk, B. Schielke (Slovenia): Linear description of trotters in Slovenia
- 09:10 - 09:30 M. D. Gómez, M. Arcos, D. Perdomo-González, M. Valera, I. Cervantes (Spain): Comparing linear conformation systems in Spanish horse breeds: The current status of the Arabian horse



- 09:30 - 09:50 *J. Perey (Switzerland):*
Field applications of tools for the linear description in the Franches-Montagnes horse breed
- 09:50 - 10:10 *P. Zechner (Austria):*
From scores to profiles: Linear description for improving horse evaluation skills - Differences between breeds
- 10:10 - 10:25 Joint discussion of all talks of theory session II
- 10:25 - 10:45 Coffee and refreshment
- Theory session III / group work: Linear description in the breeding programs – How to support proper understanding and use of available data by breeders?**
- 10:45 - 11:05 *J. Workef, M. Schlender, K. Tosberg (Germany):*
Information and consultation of breeders: practices and experiences of breeding organizations
- 11:05 - 11:25 *E. Thorén Hellsten:*
Engaging breeders, harmonizing systems and exploring AI
- 11:30 - 12:00 Group work on questions relating to knowledge and practice transfer (10 groups)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Presentation of results of the group work, followed by general discussion
- 12:30 - 12:40 *K. F. Stock (Germany) / EAAP HC:*
Summary and wrap-up, closing remarks
- 12:45 - 13:30 Lunch break
with lunch served in the lunchroom (canteen) of the Hengstprüfungsanstalt Adelheidsdorf
- 13:30 - 14:15 Guided stud tour through the State Stud Celle (optional)

How to get to the workshop venue?

For the 8th IWSLP (all sessions), we will meet at the Training center and testing station in Adelheidsdorf ('Hengstprüfungsanstalt Adelheidsdorf') which is approx. 7 km from Celle city center. It takes about 12 minutes by car and 25-30 minutes by bus (bus line 600) from Celle city center to get there. Coordination of transfers (Hanover airport, Celle train station, hotels to venue) is ongoing. The seminar room (registration and theory sessions) is in the building with the riding hall – in the first floor on the right.

Street address: Hengstprüfungsanstalt Adelheidsdorf, An der Hengstprüfungsanstalt, 29352 Adelheidsdorf

The **conference dinner** will start on April 14, 2026, at 19:30 h at Hof Wietfeldt, Bennebostel – well known for its amazing atmosphere and very delicious food served in historic farm buildings (<https://hof-wietfeldt.de/>). Car transfers will be coordinated to allow everybody who has registered for the dinner to have a relaxed and enjoyable evening. Nobody needs to be worried about how to get there. We will be enough people with cars, implying that there will be someone who can give you a ride.

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For all those who have registered for the **guided stud tour** (late entry possible): On April 15, 2026, we will meet after lunch at the State Stud Celle ('Niedersächsisches Landgestüt Celle') which is located directly in Celle, about 5.6 km from the workshop venue in Adelheidsdorf. Because we will have many participants travelling by car, nobody needs to worry about how to get there. We are confident to find a solution for everyone. And we clearly recommend not to travel back home without having taken the great opportunity to visit the famous stud (founded in 1735 by royal decree 'exclusively for the improvement of horse breeding for farmers').

Street address: State Stud Celle / Niedersächsisches Landgestüt Celle, Spörckenstraße 10, 29221 Celle

Conference fee

Invoices have been issued using the billing address entered in the registration form. Invoices and information on the payment have been sent by e-mail. Individual receipts will be handed over on-site.

If you have any questions concerning the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact the organization team of the 8th IWSLP, reached through the representative of the EAAP Horse Commission, Kathrin F. Stock (E-mail: friederike.katharina.stock@vit.de; phone: +49 4231 955623).