



**8th International Workshop on Linear Profiling of Horses
on 14th - 15th April 2026 in Adelheidsdorf / Celle, Germany**
with lead topics: linear description of foals, of jumping (free, under rider),
and in non-Warmblood breeds

– Invitation & Provisional Program –

- Do you want to know more about linear description of foals? (*organization by the studbooks, practical experiences, possible knowledge from data analyses*)
- Do you have your breeding focus on jumping and have questions regarding effective integration of linear description? (*information value of linear description of free jumping in relation to later performance in show jumping*)
- Do you use linear description in other horse breeds than Warmblood sporthorse, want to exchange experiences and practice linear description together with colleagues from other countries? (*best practices for linear profiling of Draught horses and Arabian horses in different countries, options to learn from each other within and across breed groups or types of horses*)

If any of these questions are relevant for you and you wish to update on current practices of linear profiling in horses, then you should join us at the 8th International Workshop on Linear Profiling of Horses (IWSLP) on the 14th - 15th April 2026 in Adelheidsdorf / Celle, Germany!



Photo: State stud Celle / J. Pfeiffer via www.inago-images.de

The State Stud Celle (top) in Celle and the nearby stallion station and center for stallion performance testing (left) in Adelheidsdorf, Germany – sites where theoretical and practical parts of the 8th IWSLP will be organized



Photo from <http://www.lindger-sattel.de>



Background and focus topics of the 8th IWSLP

The use of linear description in horses has continued to increase over the years. Sporthorse studbooks having started with linear description of young horses at, for example, performance testing may have added linear description of foals. Other studbooks have included foals in their routine linear description more or less from the beginning – and are now happy to have done so. Although individual development will surely take effect, the linear profile of a foal is more than a high resolution snapshot from the registration, foal show or similar event. It contributes to the pool of early available phenotypic data that can be used for genetically evaluating stallions and broodmares. Another pro is the lower level of preselection of presented foals when compared to 3-year-olds and older horses presented for studbook registration or performance test.

However, this gain is crucially dependent on proper education, training and regular use of linear description under field conditions. Only then, quality of the linear data will be on such a high level that the benefits of linear profiling will become visible. But how to achieve this? How to balance data quality and data quantity? How to avoid low quality data that may confuse breeders and fail to support decision making?

There are many questions and challenges we encounter when it comes to the foals, but similarly in relation to linear description of jumping, particularly free jumping vs. jumping under saddle, and also to linear description in non-sporthorse breeds, e. g. Draught horse (Coldblood) or Arabian horses. Furthermore, all studbooks and breeding advisor are seeking for explanation and education strategies suitable for today's breeders. Discussion in a larger group of horse experts with mixed background can likely contribute to develop promising solutions. Collaboration may facilitate timely practice transfer, and talks during group work, in breaks between workshop sessions etc. can be the important first step towards long-term contacts. So it is clearly time to meet again in presence – to exchange experiences, present and discuss new findings, and learn from each other in theory and practice.

Invitation to the 8th IWSLP

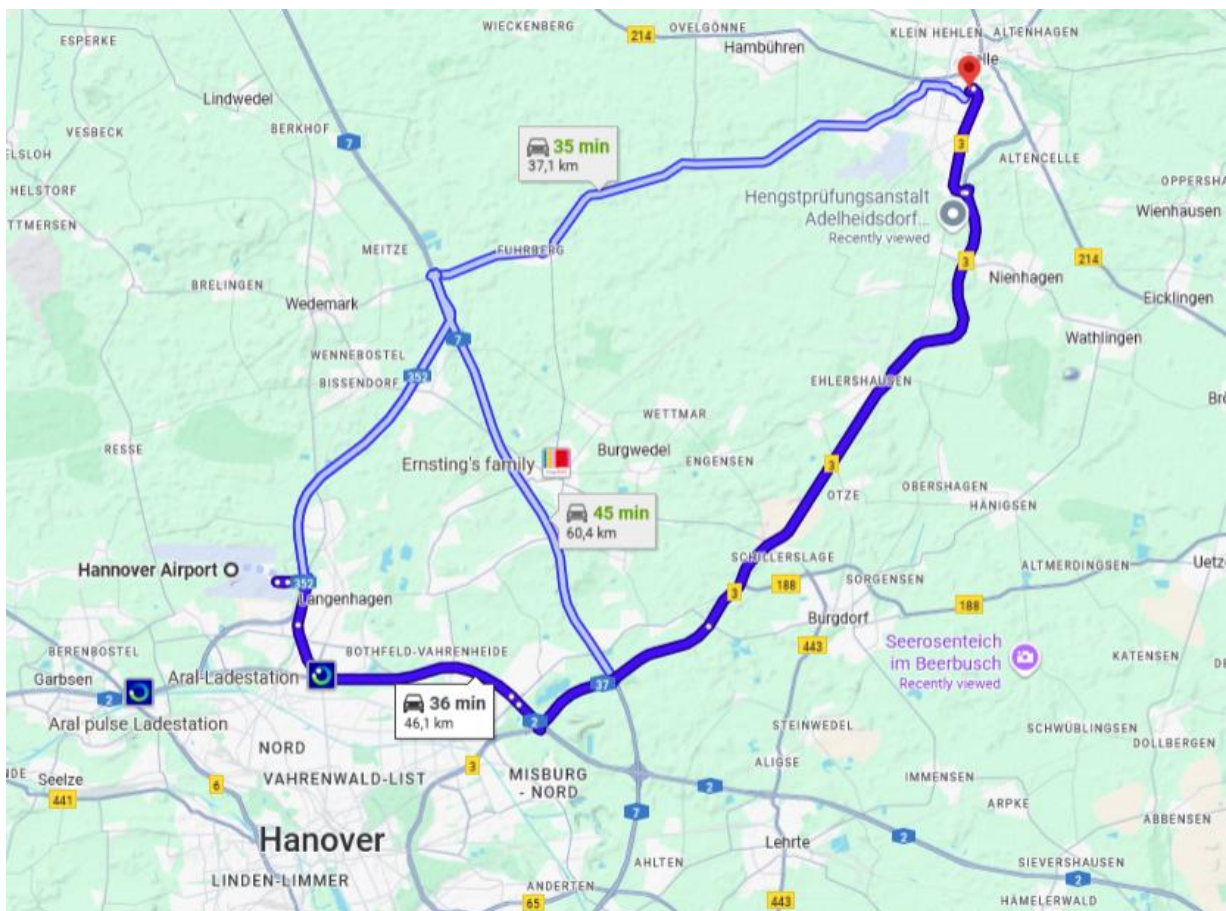
The benefits of an open exchange of experiences, knowledge and thoughts across countries and studbooks and between science and practice have made the previous meetings memorable for every participant. Because the digital format may work very well for staying in touch and update, they surely cannot replace live meetings: Practical linear description, comparison and discussion in front of different horses are integral parts of the IWSLP event series. We are therefore very pleased that we can now express a very warm welcome to **studbook representatives and judges practicing linear description** as well as **researchers**. Through a balanced, practice-oriented program we will ensure that the participating studbooks can gain a lot for their daily business – and we encourage the associations to send people allowing them to contribute to and benefit from the exchange and learning from each other. And for researchers in touch with linear data and related questions, the workshop will be a great opportunity for bringing science to practice and practice to science. If you have interesting results to share, please contact the organizers to discuss how to fit your presentation to the program. When doing so, please keep in mind that clear focus is supposed to be hands-on information for the studbooks and their judges.

In spring 2026, the workshop will be held in Adelheidsdorf and Celle in Lower Saxony, Germany. Local host for the practical part will be the State Stud Celle (<https://www.landgestuetcelle.de>), and we thank

Dr. Axel Brockmann and his team very much for their hospitality. Concerning the relation between talks and practical exercises of linear description, we will keep the very much appreciated format with longer time slot allocated for the practice (afternoon on day 1). Sessions with presentations from different countries, grouped according to the focus topics, will provide input for discussion; submissions for suggestive presentations titles are still welcome (contact see below). Complementary group work will allow the participants to exchange on specific questions.

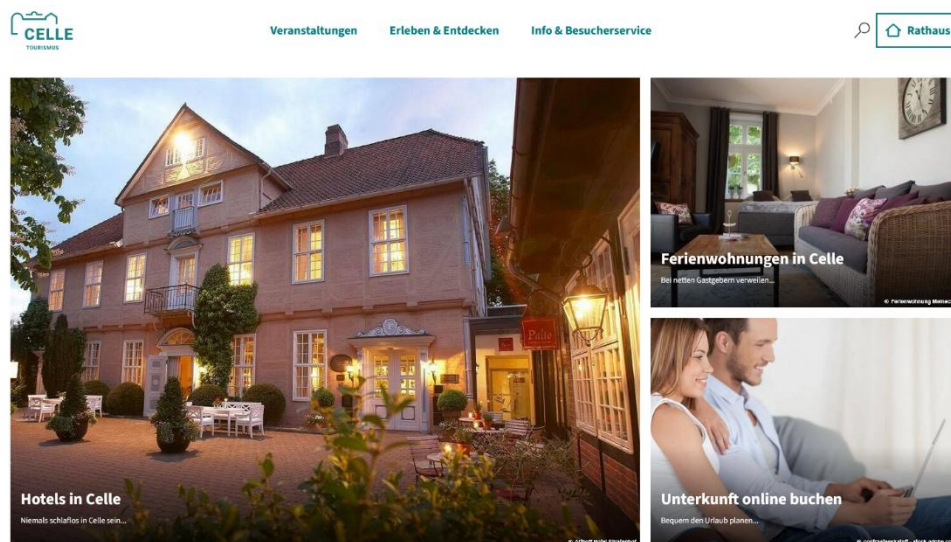
On behalf of the international working group on linear profiling and the whole Horse Commission of the European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP), it is a pleasure for us to kindly invite you to the **8th International Workshop on Linear Profiling of Horses (IWSLP)** taking place on **Tuesday, 14th April 2026, and Wednesday, 15th April 2026, in Adelheidsdorf and Celle, Germany.**

The theoretical and practical parts of the workshop will take place in distinct locations in the proximity of Celle in Lower Saxony in Northern Germany. Celle is located about 42 km from Hanover city and 46 km from the airport of Hanover (worldwide connections). Distances to further airports with international flight connections are 141 km for Hamburg and 114 km for Bremen. Getting to the venue will be most convenient by car, and we will support coordination of joint transfers if needed.



In the area, you have many hotels, guest houses and holiday apartments. As an alternative to the general web tools for accommodation search, you may use the Celle tourism platform (<https://www.celle-tourismus.de/info-besucherservice/tourist-information#c49636>, see screenshot

below) to make your choice. The provided list of hotels in the table below may be helpful as well, though we did neither negotiate special reservation conditions nor take any responsibility regarding quality or availability of rooms in the given time period. When checking and comparing the prices for rooms on the hotel websites, regional and global platforms like <https://www.booking.com/>, we have found remarkable price differences. Cross-checking may accordingly be worth the extra time, especially if you plan to travel and participate in the IWSLP with studbook team members.



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Provisional program

Tuesday, 14th April 2026 (Adelheidsdorf)

- 10:00 - 10:30 Registration; coffee and refreshments
- 10:30 - 10:45 Welcome and introduction to the 8th International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse (IWSLP)
- 10:45 - 12:45 Theory session I: presentations on different topics around linear description
- 12:45 - 13:45 Lunch
- 14:00 - 18:00 Practical exercises,
with coffee break at about 16:00 h
- 18:00 - 19:00 Time to check in at accommodation
- 19:30 Conference dinner (optional)

Wednesday 15th April 2026 (Celle)

- 9:00 - 9:45 Summary and discussion of the practical exercises
- 9:45 - 10:30 Theory session II: presentations on different topics around linear description
(experience reports of studbooks, results of routine analyses and their use in the breeding programs)
- 10:30 - 10:45 Coffee and refreshment
- 10:45 - 12:15 Continuation of the theory session II, followed by group work
- 12:15 - 13:00 Summary discussion and wrap-up; further plans for the IWSLP event series
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

Please register by filling in and returning the registration form provided below.

Registration until Monday, 2nd March 2026, is appreciated; early bird conditions will be granted.

Registration will close on Monday, 30th March 2026.

Registration fee for the workshop is 70 € until 2nd March 2026 and 85 € after that date. Individual invoices will be issued using the billing address entered in the registration form. When registering, please indicate whether or not you intend to join the conference dinner on day 1 (at own costs) and you are interested in a guided tour through the State Stud Celle (presumably after lunch on day 2). If there is reasonable interest in such tour, we will ask the team of the stud and organize it. Please organize travelling and accommodation by your own.

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).

Looking forward to seeing you soon in Adelheidsdorf / Celle!



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 – Registration form –**

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Kathrin F. Stock (Fax: +49 - 4231 - 9559623; Email: friederike.katharina.stock@vit.de)

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