



The WHFF Council sends you, your families, and colleagues their best wishes for a safe Christmas and a prosperous 2021.

The WHFF Council regret that the WHFF 2020 Conference was definitely cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic. The next WHFF Conference will be in 2024.

It is still hoped that the Type Harmonisation Workshop will be held in 2021. The date will follow in due course.

As the General Assembly (GA) has not been held, the Council decided to ask the WHFF membership to agree to postpone the GA until 2024. In addition various items needed membership approval. All documents and a link to vote are available on the website at <https://www.whff.info/login/index.php#go1>

The Membership has already agreed by email the WHFF 2016-2019 Financial Accounts and Budgets and the proposed WHFF 2020-2021 Financial Budget. The accounts have been officially filed.

There will be some changes to the WHFF Council over the next couple of months.

Denis Bieri (France) retired at the end of October 2020. The new CEO of Prim Holstein and member of the WHFF Council is Thierry Menard. Egbert Feddersen retired from Bundesverband Rind und Schwein on 30th November 2020. His replacement on the WHFF Council is Jens Baltissen. Please join with the Council to thank Denis and Egbert for all their hard work over the past years, and to welcome Thierry and Jens as new Council members. A full list of Council members is available on the WHFF website.

The council would like to welcome Latvian Holstein Association as a new member of World Holstein Friesian Federation.

Since the June 2020 newsletter, the Council has met twice using Zoom. Topics discussed included availability of the Virtual cow, World Inbreeding trends, Changes to the Constitution, and the WHFF Conference. The usual depth of topics cannot be discussed during a

telecom meeting, so many topics are held over until a face to face meeting can be held. If you have any concerns you wish the Council to discuss, please either get in touch with your regional representative or email worldholstein@gmail.com

A report on the “World Inbreeding Trend in Holsteins” was to be presented at the General Assembly of the World Holstein Conference 2020 by Egbert Feddersen. This presentation and data are now available on the WHFF website.

The Analysis of World Holstein Trends, undertaken by Gerben de Jong for WHFF is now available on the WHFF website.

The Genetic Trait and Registration WG have completed a review of their section of the WHFF website. Please take a look <http://www.whff.info/documentation/genetictraits.php#go1>

Dates for your diary are subject to change due to the COVID 19 pandemic, but planned as below:

Planned 2021	WHFF World Classifiers Workshop, Switzerland
Planned 2021	Harmonisation of European Judging and Judges Panel Workshop, Italy
2022 - August	European Judging school, Latvia
2022 – 22 / 27 November	European Show in Verona Italy

WHFF and ICAR have signed a Memorandum of Understanding. WHFF agrees to collaborate with ICAR to further the harmonisation of recording / registration guidelines among the individual country members of ICAR. Following this MoU, WHFF will be connected to ICAR as an umbrella organisation and as such will not pay any

membership fees. Further details can be viewed on the WHFF website.

WHFF Web Site

Please remember to send in news stories, show details, and pictures of your Holstein Champions for the web site: www.whff.info

Thank you to ANAFIJ and Holstein New Zealand for the Christmas Cows



Merry Christmas to you all.