



## **PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**This notice is intended to brief WHFF members of the forthcoming workshop and enable scheduling and planning for the event.**

### **10<sup>th</sup> WHFF Type Harmonisation Workshop**

WHFF Council is pleased to announce that the WHFF Head Classifiers Type Harmonisation Workshop is to be held near to Niagara Falls, USA. The Workshop precedes the 2012 WHFF World Conference and General Assembly which are being held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012, followed by the opportunity to visit Dairy farms in the locality and the Toronto Winter Fair.

#### **Travel Dates and Details:**

- Nearest Airport: Buffalo, USA
- Arrival: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.
- Workshop: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012.
- Depart: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

#### **Workshop Programme (draft)**

- 2 day practical and theoretical workshop focused on the improvement of linear evaluation techniques to improve the quality of information.
- A focus on the practical evaluation and scoring of low heritability traits
- Panel discussions.
- International classification survey results and debate.
- Classifier monitoring.
- Examples of classification programs in which the linear score suggests the score for the general characteristics and final class.

#### **Eligible Participants**

- Head Classifiers of fully paid up members of WHFF. A maximum of 2 representatives per country will be permitted.

#### **Booking Forms:**

- To attend the Workshop you will be required to complete a booking form, which will be emailed to you in the near future. The booking reservations are being administered by USA Holsteins. Please note there are discounts for early bookings.

The WHFF Type Harmonisation programme has been the foundation to the improvement in International sire information. The workshop provides a unique opportunity to be part of the development of international programs at the same time as developing the skills and professionalism of classifiers. Do not miss out; make sure your organisation is part of it.