

# European Conference of Arab Horse Organizations

## Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome, Italy, at 9:00

### Executive Committee Members - Present

Jaroslav Lacina, President of ECAHO  
Anna Stojanowska, Vice-President of ECAHO  
Jerzy Bialobok, Treasurer of ECAHO  
Nils Ismer, Chairman of EAHSC  
Elisabeth Chat, Chairman of EAHSpC  
Gideon Reisel, Chairman of EAHRIC  
Marianne Tengstedt  
Christianne Chazel  
Renata Schibler

### Ex officio

Zuzana Slavíková, Executive Secretary

### ECAHO Lawyer

Sinan Odok

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  - Al Mannai, Abdulla Hassan (QAT)
  - Al Rouimi, Alaa Hamad (KUW)
  - Bochkarev, Igor (RU)
  - Chazel, Christianne (FRA)
  - Detailleur, Koenraad (BE)
  - Jamar-Demeersseman, Christine (BE)
  - Machmoum, Mohamed (MOR)
  - Tengstedt, Marianne (DK)
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  - Lacina, Jaroslav (CZ)
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*Current version*

11.3 Each Member, seconded by one other Member, may propose a candidate to the Executive Secretary at least sixty days prior to the General Meeting.

*Proposed changes*

11.3 Each Member may propose a candidate from the members of own association. The nomination must be seconded by one other Member. The proposal must be sent to the Executive Secretary at least sixty days prior to the General Meeting.

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## 1. Official conference opening

The meeting was opened by Jaroslav Lacina, President of ECAHO, at 9:15. J. Lacina welcomed all present delegates and thanked them for coming to such an important meeting. In 4 years ECAHO will celebrate 40 years of existence.

J. Lacina further thanked ANICA for excellent organization and great dinner on Saturday evening with nicely decorated cake with ECAHO logo. J. Lacina handed over small gifts to representatives of ANICA – Mr. Francesco Santoro and Mr. Domenico Ciceroni.

(applause from the floor)

J. Lacina noted that the whole meeting is recorded. All delegates are asked to use the microphones in case they are willing to make any comments. Any comments done without the microphone cannot be recorded.

Each Full Member has 2 votes. For open voting the green cards were handed over – 1 green card for 1 vote. The delegates need to show both cards during open voting – if they only show 1 card, it will be counted as 1 vote.

## 2. Confirmation of Presence and Quorum / Apologies for absence

The Executive Secretary introduced the present Member organizations and the delegates:

### Voting Delegates – Full Members

Country	Organizations	Delegates	Votes
Austria	Verband der Vollblutaraber-Züchter Österreich (VVÖ)	Elisabeth Chat	2
Belgium	Belgisch Arabisch Paardenstamboek (BAPS)	Ilse Verbruggen Marc Somerhausen	2
Czech Republic	Asociace chovatelů plnokrevných arabských koní (ACHPAK)	Jaroslav Lacina	2
Denmark	Dansk Selskab For Arabisk Hesteavl (DSAH)	Marianne Tengstedt	2
Egypt	Egyptian Agricultural Organization (EAO)	Khaled Osman	1
Egypt	Egyptian Arabian Horse Breeders Association (EAHBA)	Ahmed Abdelrazik	1
France	Association Nationale Française du Cheval Arabe (ACA)	Christianne Chazel Alain Chatton	2
Germany	Verband der Züchter des Arabischen Pferdes (VZAP)	Sylvie Eberhardt	2
Great Britain	Arab Horse Society (AHS)	Janet Court	2
Hungary	Magyarországi Arablotenyestok Egyesülete (MALE)	Tamás Rombauer Petra Kósik	2
Iran	Equestrian Federation of I.R. Iran (IRIEF)	Saad Ali Al-Kubaisi	2
Israel	Israel Arab Horse Society (IAHS)	Muhannad Darawsha	2
Italy	Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabo (ANICA)	Francesco Santoro Domenico Ciceroni	2
Jordan	Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation (RJEF)	Christina Abu-Dayyeh	2
Kuwait	Bait Al Arab	Abdullah Albraihi Nasser Bourisli	2
Morocco	Association Royale Marocaine des Éleveurs de Chevaux Pur Sang Arabe (ARMECPSA)	Kamal Dassaoui	2
The Netherlands	Arabische Volbloedpaarden Stamboek in Nederland (AVS)	Gideon Reisel	2

Norway	Norsk Araberhestforening (NAHF)	Christine Keyser	2
Oman	Royal Cavalry of Oman	Sulaiman Al Hattali	2
Palestine	Palestinian Equestrian Federation (PEF)	Malak Benamar	2
Poland	Agricultural State Property Agency (AWRSP)	Tomasz Chalimoniuk	2
Qatar	Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club (QREC)	Hassan Al Mannai	2
Russia	Private Breeders Organisation (NOAL)	Igor Bochkarev	2
Saudi Arabia	King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Center (KAAHC)	Abdul Ganiy Y.M. Alfadhil	2
		Abdulaziz Saud Al Muqbel	
Spain	Asociacion Espanola de Criadores de Caballos Arabes (AECCA)	Carmelo Zaragoza Gimezez	2
Sweden	Svenska Arabhästföreningen (SAHF)	Ann Nordén	2
Switzerland	Schweizer Zuchtgenossenschaft für Arabische Pferde (SZAP)	Renata Schibler	2
United Arab Emirates	Emirates Arabian Horse Society	Essam Abdulla	2

#### **Associate Members – Delegates without voting rights**

Libya	Libyan Arab Horse Breeders Association (LAHBS)	Otman M. Bubtena
Morocco	Société Royale d'Encouragement du Cheval (SOREC)	Abderrahim Zejjari Mohammed Oussidhoum
Poland	Polski Związek Hodowcow Koni Arabskich (PZHKA)	Alicja Poszepczynska
Russia	Russian Arabian Horse Breeders Association (RAHBA)	Olga Biriukova Nathalia Zhuk

#### **Observers and guests:**

Gianpaolo Gubiotti (ETHA)  
Simone Leo (Tutto Arabi, Italy)  
Giorgia Mauri (Tutto Arabi, Italy)  
Christine Jamar – Demeersseman (Belgium)  
Koenraad Detaillieur (Belgium)  
Danny Ghosn (Lebanese Arabian Horse Organization, Lebanon)  
Mathilde Audic (France)

#### **Apologies of absence – Members**

Bahrain – Bahrain Racing & Equestrian Federation (BREEF)  
Syria – Syrian Arab Horse Association

#### **Apologies of absence – Associate Members**

France – Institut français du cheval et de l'équitation (IFCE)  
Iran – Iran Asil Association (IAA)  
Lebanon - Society for the protection and improvement of the Arabian Horse (SPARCA)  
Libya – Arabian Horse Association (AHA-LY)  
Kuwait – Kuwait Arabian Horse Society (KAHS)

In total 28 Member organizations are present which counts 54 votes (Egypt shares 2 votes – each Member organization from Egypt has one vote). The quorum and 2/3 majority are counted from the votes cast.

### **3. Appointment of Vote Counters**

**Jaroslav Lacina** proposed the following vote counters:

Andre Reitermayr  
Ahmed Abdelrazik

***Decision of the AGM: The AGM unanimously approved the above proposed Vote Counters.***

### **4. Minutes of the previous Meeting (Munich, 18.2.2018)**

No comments to these Minutes. The Minutes were approved as true and correct and the version signed by the President is kept at ECAHO Office.

### **5. Matters arising from these Minutes**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The project “ECAHO for Good horsemanship” was presented at the last AGM and was positively accepted. The project is still on-going, some new ideas appeared during the SC meeting held the day before this AGM.

### **6. Unpaid Membership Fees - financial year 2017/2018, previous financial years**

All (Full) Members have their membership fees fully paid and therefore can execute their voting rights.

The following membership fees are not paid yet. ECAHO Office is in contact with the delegate of AHA-LY, the organization has problems with international bank transfers. The membership of KAHS Kuwait will be discussed further in the agenda.

*Unpaid membership fees financial year 2017/2018*

Libya, AHA-LY      500,00 Eur

*Unpaid membership fees financial year 2016/2017*

Kuwait, KAHS      500,00 Eur

Libya, AHA-LY      500,00 Eur

***Noted by the AGM.***

### **7. Changes in Membership**

- Changes in Associate Membership - Applications to become Associate Member of ECAHO
  - b) Lebanese Arabian Horses' Owners Association, Lebanon
  - a) Lebanese Arabian Horse Organization, Lebanon
- Termination of Associate Membership
  - a) Kuwait Arabian Horse Society (KAHS)

*Changes in Associate Membership – Application to become Associate Member of ECAHO*

2 new applications were sent to ECAHO, both from Lebanon. Those 2 organizations applied already earlier but there were no activities in the country. In past 2-3 years the situation improved a lot, several events had been organized. Both organizations are approved by the government. All delegates received the applications together with the agenda. The Executive Committee revised both applications and

required some additional documentation. The main registry in the country is SPARCA which is not concerned with shows.

**Danny Ghosn (representing LAHO):** The organizations was started in 2012 and in 2015 organized its first show. In 2017 it organized the first ECAHO show in Lebanon , the affiliation was approved by SPARCA. Renata Schibler and Nasr Marei were present at the show that time. The organization is seated at Beirut Race Track and is in close cooperation with SPARCA. ECAHO shows are planned also for 2019.

**Ahmed Abdelrazik** was speaking on behalf of the other organization LAHOA, he was asked for by its chairman Chafic El-Mousawi who could not attend personally due to health issues. The organization was founded in 1993 and started its activities in 2010. Due to the political situation in Lebanon the activities were reduced. In total they organized 7 shows (some with ECAHO Officials). Both organizations deserve chance to be accepted. ECAHO should not block the activities of small associations.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The Executive Committee supports acceptance of both organizations. Lebanon is not big country and has limited number of Arabian horses, but the region is complicated. Any organization properly representing the breeders´ (or group of breeders´) which is active and is willing to organize shows and events in the country can become the Associate Member. As long as the shows are affiliated, the jurisdiction of ECAHO may be followed. The plan of the Executive Committee is to have 1 Full Member in each country which will be representing the whole region. The number of Associate Members may be unlimited.

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of acceptance of the Lebanese Arabian Horses´ Owners Association (LAHOA) as Associate Member of ECAHO?*

YES	44
NO	6
ABSTENTIONS	0
NOT PRESENT	4

***Decision of the AGM: The AGM accepts the Lebanese Arabian Horses´ Owners Association (LAHOA) as Associate Member of ECAHO.***

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of acceptance of the Lebanese Arabian Horse Organization (LAHO) as Associate Member of ECAHO?*

YES	51
NO	0
ABSTENTIONS	2
NOT PRESENT	1

***Decision of the AGM: The AGM accepts the Lebanese Arabian Horse Organization (LAHO) as Associate Member of ECAHO.***

*Termination of Associate Membership*

*b) Kuwait Arabian Horse Society (KAHS)*

The organization has no longer any activities in Kuwait. Due Membership fee has not been paid. There is no contact with any of the former representatives. During 2018 the organization was dissolved and therefore the termination of Associate Membership in ECAHO is automatic.

***Noted by the AGM.***

## 8. Membership of ECAHO in European Horse Network

The matter was discussed at the EAHRIC meeting the day before this AGM, the EAHRIC delegates saw the presentation. All delegates of the AGM have leaflets in their files.

The EC supports the membership, the EAHRIC approved it in voting during the EAHRIC meeting. The organization is in contact with the European Union. It serves as representative in the European Parliament for many equestrian organizations within Europe. The EC and EAHRIC concluded that being member of this organization will bring better information about the European legislation. The membership fee is 600 € per year.

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of ECAHO membership in the EHN?*

YES	52
NO	0
ABSTENTIONS	0
NOT PRESENT	2

***Decision of the AGM: The AGM approves the membership of ECAHO in the EHN.***

## 9. President's report

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The Executive Committee was working during the whole last year. In 2018 it met 5 times. Here is the overview of topics that were discussed during the meetings:

- Insurance of Officials is still effective, it will be seen in the budget.
- Education for Officials – the EC feels it is necessary to improve the system of education and minimal requirements for National Judges. Also, the Workshops which are compulsory in order to prolong the Contracts must be revised. To keep the Officials updated, they need to meet and discuss.  
There are 4 Workshops planned in 2019. One DC Workshop on Thursday before the World Arabian Horse Championship in Paris, second one in the Middle East, probably in Kuwait. Judges Workshops terms will be announced (1 in Europe, 1 outside Europe). The same number of Workshops should be offered also for 2020. The Workshops are planned as 1-day event with given agenda.
- The EC approved the costs of DCIC meeting which seemed to be very necessary. The DCIC member have not met personally since several year. The meeting was held before this AGM meeting.
- DC section on the website will be discussed with AHR (provider of the website). This section protected by password should contain all necessary information for the DC's. It could also contain reported cases from past shows.
- The structure how to deal with complaints was clarified with cooperation with SDC. The flowchart is published on ECAHO website.
- The EC was dealing with 1 Appeal Committee case, it will be mentioned further in the program.
- One of the topics was the GDPR and its influence on ECAHO. Although ECAHO is registered in non-EU country, the ECAHO Office is placed in the EU and part of the ECAHO Member also belong to EU countries. The privacy policy is published on the website and the EC is in contact with companies providing GDPR audits and connected services.
- ECAHO Breeders' Fund: Thanks to the idea of Nils Ismer, this project has been started. All National Championships (upon request) and European Championship will be supported financially. The prize money is intended for the exhibitors, not for the organizations. For 2019 season 150 000 Euro can be distributed. One part comes from the 3 % contribution from prize money and the other part is coming from the sponsorship. The EC is already working on the sponsorship money for 2020 season.

- New concept of ECAHO Championship: There was meeting with representatives of ANICA about the organization of European Championships 2019 (which will be organized as joint event of ANICA and ECAHO). The topic will be further on the agenda.
- Show results – there were several discussions how to input data which are not sent in required format. The ECAHO database is only able to upload the data sent in .json. The show results are very important but if sent in different format, it is impossible to use them on the website. The EC is in contact with AHR to find some solution.
- There was meeting with Essam Abdulla/EAHS in October 2018 about the UAE shows and the ways how to affiliate them.
- ECAHO was contacted by Berengere Fayt about concerning the research of Arabian horse skulls to investigate the influence of the shape on the breathing. The research is made in cooperation with Liège University. The research is on-going, the results will be surely very interesting.
- Last year after the AGM the ECAHO Bulletin was distributed, new edition will be sent after this AGM. Proposals from the Members what should be included are welcome.

## 10. Reports of the Commissions

### a) Show Commission (EAHSC)

- **information about election of EAHSC Chairman**

### b) Registration & Identification Commission (EAHRIC)

### c) Sport Commission (EAHSpC)

#### *Show Commission report*

**Nils Ismer (Chairman of EAHSC):** EAHSC met 3 times during 2018. The SC meeting the AGM in Munich discussed the Show calendar changes and latest Blue Book changes. New affiliation scheme was added to the Blue Book. It counts on earlier dates of affiliations for various categories of shows. The reason is to avoid clashes as much as possible. The SC approved proposal to appoint one A DC at each A and Title show. BAPS presented the sound level measuring. Several sound level measuring devices were bought and sent to pre-selected DC's who promised to collect data at ECAHO shows during the year 2018. The data were evaluated, and it was found out that the measurements did not exceeded the limit which may hard the hearing of neither people nor horses, moreover, the sound level reaches the limits only occasionally and for limited period. However, the research will continue. it is at least very helpful to give feedback to show organizer – whether the music in the ring is acceptable or too hardly played.

The SC in Brussels discussed rules for black-listing of shows – in case any of the show organizers do not wish to cooperate, their shows may be black-listed. ECAHO reserves the right to have such list. Officials participating at black-listed show will be suspended from ECAHO lists for one 1 year and horses presented at black-listed show will be banned from participation at ECAHO shows for 1 year. Championships rules (open method) were adjusted – horse which gets the most preference votes from majority of Judges will be declared Gold Champion. This will be applied in cases when the winning horse by points is not the one which gets the most preference votes from the Judges.

At this meeting the ECAHO Breeders' Fund was introduced. We believe it is high time to take care for the breeders and support them. The Breeder's Fund was already presented during the previous reports and budget. We are looking also for sponsors from outside the Arabian horse business.

Paris SC meeting was surprisingly easy-going, also thanks to the new affiliation procedure. It is obvious that this system works. During this meeting the SC decided that breedings donated at he shows as prizes will not be included in the prize money from which the 3 % fee must be paid.

During 2018 Judges' course and DC course were organized; the reports will be presented later in the program.

The future challenges are education of Officials, transparency, support of breeders, future development.



### *Registration and Identification Commission report*

**Gideon Reisel (Chairman of EAHRIC):** Not much has happened since the last EAHRIC meeting in Munich. There were no specific topics which would need detailed discussions.

New documents for transport of horses, oocytes, semen and embryos are effective since November 2017, they will be available on ECAHO website.

European Horse Network was presented at EAHRIC meeting. This organization is good lobby instrument and connection between the European Union and member organizations. The EAHRIC approved membership of ECAHO in this organization.

All Members will be contacted by ECAHO Office concerning the equine influenza vaccination terms. Authorities in some countries require 6-month terms between the vaccinations, some require 12 months. The data will be then evaluated and possibly the Blue Book may be adjusted.

### *Sport Commission report*

**Elisabeth Chat (Chairman of EAHSpc):** EAHSpc is quite young Commission within ECAHO but sport deserves consideration. Show horses not successful in show may be very good riding horses. During the meeting, several new rules for the Green Book were accepted – such as local rules for special disciplines which may be used by any country (such as British Classic Pleasure, Tent pegging etc.).

In 2018 the High Point Horse award continued, the winners got not only certificates but also jackets with embroidery. For 2019 also the prize money will be given to the winners.

European Championships 2019 will be organized on 25.-28.7.2019 in Wiener Neustadt. Delegates are welcome to send the invitations to organize the event in 2020 but they should be aware that big events need to be affiliated to the National Federations very soon.

**The EAHSC elected the Chairman of the Commission during the meeting the day before this AGM. Nils Ismer was elected as Chairman for the period of 4 years.**

Nils Ismer (Chairman of EAHSC) thanked all the delegates for support.

## **11. Treasurer's Report + 12. Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

The report was presented by ECAHO treasurer Jerzy Bialobok.

The audit of all accounting records and financial statements for the year 2017–2018 has been performed by Weber Treuhand AG, the statutory auditor with the conclusion as follows:

“Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that cause us to believe that the financial statement and the proposed appropriation of available earnings do not comply with Swiss law and the company's articles of incorporation.”

The auditors recommended that the financial statements could be submitted for approval to the Annual General Meeting of ECAHO.

During the reported period the person responsible for accounting was Mr. Dominik Meli, who prepared the balance sheet presented at this General Meeting.

The delegates received the complete overview of accounts by e-mail before this AGM.

The balance of assets and liabilities during the reporting period was 537 073,36 CHF. The profit and loss statement shows an amount of 344 128,35 CHF compared to the 274 291,49 CHF from the previous year and is greater by 69 836,86 CHF. Equity capital has increased from 403 905,85 CHF to 478 610,55 CHF.

Total income amounts to 344 128,35 CHF compared to 274 291,49 CHF of last year and is greater by 69 836,86 CHF. The increased income was mainly due to the increase of fees: memberships, affiliated shows; courses, handler permits and very large increase of commissions from prizes from 134 806,10 CHF of last year to 186 401,60 CHF, which is greater by 51 595,50 CHF. The assumed budget of 223 000,00 CHF compared to the executed budget of 344 128,35 CHF has been exceeded by 121 128,35 CHF due to the reasons mentioned above.

Our costs amounted to 269 423,63 CHF and are significantly greater than last year when they amounted to 180 413,90 CHF and have been exceeded by 89 009,73 CHF. The planned budget of 212 369,00 CHF has been exceeded by 57 054,63 CHF. Compared to last year costs increased in the following areas:

- re-building of the website
- software and homepage maintenance
- insurance
- General Meeting
- EC accommodation
- judges' courses, DC courses, workshops
- legal services

We are closing it with a profit of 74 704,72 CHF, which is much greater than the 10 631,00 CHF planned in the budget. This results from carefully planning the income from prize commissions. Our profit is smaller than last year by 19 172,87 CHF which is the result of cost increase mentioned above. Profits from the last three years are at a good level and have amounted to 85 284,08 CHF; 93 877,59 CHF and 74 704,72 CHF).

### **13. Approval of Accounts and granting discharge to the Executive Committee**

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of approval of Accounts (financial year 1.10.2017 – 30.9.2018) and granting discharge to the Executive Committee?*

YES	48
NO	0
ABSTENTIONS	0
NOT PRESENT	6

***Decision of the AGM: The AGM approves the accounts and grants discharge to the Executive Committee.***

### **14. Budget for the financial year 2018/2019**

All delegates received the budget for financial year 2018-2019 by e-mail before this AGM.

The budget for 2018-2019 has been presented to the delegates and should be voted on at the Annual General Meeting to make it valid and binding. We are basing on the experience from previous years, referring to last year. Our income will be 394 600 CHF compared to 344 128,35 CHF of last year, assuming that the commission from prizes will be 130 000,00 CHF. There is also a new item on this list – the Breeders' Fund – amounting to 113 500,00 CHF, which is intended for prizes. The planned costs will amount to 388 134,00 CHF compared to last year's 269 423,72 CHF. There is also a new item on this list – the Breeders' Fund Donations – amounting to 164 500,00 CHF, which is intended for prizes for breeders. Our profit will amount to 6466,00 CHF.

Jaroslav Lacina thanked Jerzy Bialobok for the report and explained some individual items in the budget. Besides usual items there are some significant changes. As mentioned before ECAHO will

start with the ECAHO Breeder's fund. It will be partly financed by part of the prize money commissions and partly from sponsorship.

Rebuilding of website seen in the results for 2017-2018 was only one-time expenditure and should not be repeated in 2018-2019. Costs for SDC, DCIC and Judges' IG meetings are planned as the EC feels it necessary to enable members of these commissions to meet personally to discuss.

Extra costs are also planned for promotion and media. The EC feels the promotion is very important, but it also has financial part. Having professional worker only ensuring the promotion and media needs financial resources. We are still working on the improvement of the website.

As promised when the contract for officials was first presented, each Officials will receive the badge with ECAHO logo made of sterling silver. It is just a small appreciation of their work. There are also brass badges which are available for sale.

**Hassan Al Mannai (QREC Qatar)** thanked Jaroslav Lacina and Jerzy Bialobok for the presentation. He thinks that the prize money should reflect the amount reached in the past financial year and promotion on the website should bring more income.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** explained that the EC is willing to present realistic and achievable budget. If there are financial sources, the budget can be adjusted for next financial year. It is also necessary to realize that the current financial year is already in its half. The EC is working on more options for possible sponsors which should increase requested income from website and other media.

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of approval of the budget for financial year 1.10.2018 – 30.9.2019?*

YES	50
NO	0
ABSTENTIONS	0
NOT PRESENT	4

**Decision of the AGM: The AGM approved the presented budget for financial year 2018-2019.**

#### **15. Appointment of Auditors**

**- Rotmonten Wirtschaftsprüfung AG (replacement of Weber Treuhand AG)**

**Jaroslav Lacina** explained that the Auditors must be change due to resignation of Weber Treuhand AG which was substituted by Rotmonten Wirtschaftsprüfung AG. These Auditors will first prepare the audit for ECAHO AGM for the financial year 2018/2019.

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of appointment of Rotmonten Wirtschaftsprüfung AG as Auditors for the financial year 2018/2019?*

YES	54
NO	0
ABSTENTIONS	0
NOT PRESENT	0

**Decision of the AGM: The AGM appoints Rotmonten Wirtschaftsprüfung AG as Auditors for the financial year 2018/2019.**

#### **16. Change of Domicile to c/o Rotmonten Treuhand AG (instead of c/o Weber Treuhand AG; address remains).**

In connection with the previous change of the Auditors the domicile of ECAHO needs to be changed as stated above.

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of change of domicile to c/o Rotmonten Treuhand AG?*

YES	52
NO	0
ABSTENTIONS	0
NOT PRESENT	2

***Decision of the AGM: The AGM approves the change of domicile to c/o Rotmonten Treuhand AG.***

*Coffee break 11:40 – 12:10*

### **17. Report on SDC cases, report on EAC cases**

The Executive Secretary reported about SDC and EAC Cases closed in 2018

#### *SDC cases*

##### 1) Shows in Sweden in 2017 (Bränninge Cup, Swedish Nationals)

- member of show organizing team acting as DC – warning to DC sent
- possible conflict of interest of Judge – not proven
- organizer showing own horses – not applicable to shows others than A and Title

##### 2) El Zahraa Egyptian National Championship, 16.-17.11.2017 – Medication case

- horse AMOUR EL SHERUK (Mr. Cherif El Rady Aly AbdElRazik)
- blood samples from EAO sent to lab in March 2018
- horse found positive on presence of BETAMETHASONE, no B test requested
- penalty of 2000 Euro imposed
- the horse is banned until 17.12.2019

##### 3) Saudi National Championship, 8.-10.3.2018

- Inappropriate behaviour of owner – the DC's request punishment for the concerned person
- according to the DC report there was no action on site done by the DC team
- the SDC cannot impose any additional punishment if there is no previous action by the DC's

##### 4) Italian National Championship, 15.-16.9.2018 – Medication case

- horse VIRGINIA MONISCIONE (Mr. Giancarlo Buzzi)
- horse found positive on presence of TRIAMCINOLONE
- no B test requested
- penalty of 2000 Euro imposed (fully paid)
- the horse is banned until 17.12.2019

#### *EAC Cases*

##### **Irina Stigler vs ECAHO**

- concerned show: Città di Castello 2016

- after conciliation both parties agreed on ban of 1 year (imposed by EAC); penalty of 2 000 CHF; each party bears its own costs
- penalty fully paid
- Judge banned until 8.3.2019

**Ann Nordén (SAHF Sweden)** asked whether the deposit must be paid to start the SDC investigation which was confirmed by **Jaroslav Lacina**. A. Nordén noted that the deposit was mentioned to discourage unnecessary complainants. In case of Swedish complaint this was sent by strange person, the EC sent it to the SDC, the SDC did not make proper investigation and did not call all concerned persons mentioned in the complaint. A. Nordén thinks this is not the correct procedure. In her opinion the SDC does not have right to recommend not to use National Judges.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** Any decision of the SDC is always done by the whole Committee and not by individual members. The EC has right to send any matter to the SDC for investigation and the SDC makes independent decisions. The decision of the SDC was that no conflict of interest of the Judge had been proven. The SDC gave recommendation to the show organizer which is fully in competence of the SDC. It is up to the show organizer to follow the recommendation or not. The possible conflict of interest is generally problem of each small country with only limited number of breeders and horses.

J. Lacina further noted he fully understood the point of A. Nordén. But people who cannot raise their complaint at the show should get right to direct their worries somewhere.

**Ann Nordén (SAHF Sweden)** reacted that the complainant made the SDC letter public. Still, there was no telephone call to the concerned Judge.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The Executive Committee does not interfere in the cases. This is to ensure independence of SDC. A. Nordén has right to send appeal to the ECAHO Appeal's Committee if she thinks the procedures were not followed correctly.

No other comments to the SDC/EAC cases.

## 18. Report on Judges' / DC Courses & Workshops

**Marianne Tengstedt (speaking for Judges' IG):** There was very successful Judge's course Level I and Level II held together in Ströhen in May 2018. The report has been already presented during the Show Commission meeting the day before this AGM. It is planned to organize both Levels again, at the same venue, the date is 10.-12.5.2019.

There was also Workshop organized in Aachen, the main topic were the conflicts of interests. The Workshops will be repeated in 2019, the dates will be announced soon to give the Officials more time to organize their travel plans.

The Judges' IG plans to unify the requirements for National Judges. The National organizations will be contacted via ECAHO Office and asked to send the overviews of their national education systems. The Judges' IG will then evaluate it and set the minimal criteria that each National Judge should fulfil. The EC recently approved the costs of the Judges' Instructors meeting. It is very necessary to discuss all the matters together and agree about the future education plans.

**Janet Court (DCIC):** There was DC course at Elran Cup in July 2018, with 12 participants from several different countries. Janet Court thanked to all Instructors, to the show organizer and to ECAHO Secretary. There is lot of invisible work behind the organization. Most of the participants were well prepared, all passed, with different number of probations. Some of them are already accepted to the B list.

The DC courses in 2019 will be held in Prague (18.-19.5.2019), in Kuwait (2.-3.11.) and in Egypt (31.10.-1.11.).

The Workshop for DC should be organized before the show in Paris and one more should be organized in Kuwait. The dates will be confirmed soon.

## 19. Appointment of two EAC members

- **Dixon, Annette (GB)**
- **Cieslak, Irena (PL)**

Term in office of 2 EAC members is ending at this AGM. Both ladies agreed to continue in the EAC work. The EC recommends the AGM to approve the appointment of Annette Dixon and Irena Cieslak as EAC members for the period of 5 years.

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of appointment of Annette Dixon as EAC member for the period of 5 years?*

YES	54
NO	0
ABSTENTIONS	0
NOT PRESENT	0

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of appointment of Irena Cieslak as EAC member for the period of 5 years?*

YES	54
NO	0
ABSTENTIONS	0
NOT PRESENT	0

***Decision of the AGM: The AGM appoints Annette Dixon and Irena Cieslak as EAC members for the period of 5 years.***

## 20. Election of three Executive Committee members

The term of Christianne Chazel and Marianne Tengstedt ended in accordance with Art. 11.1 Sec. 3 Constitution. Francesco Santoro resigned from his position of Executive Committee member on 27.12.2018.

Christianne Chazel finished her second term and may be re-elected.

Marianne Tengstedt finished her first term and may be re-elected.

Nominees

- Abdulla, Essam (UAE)
- Al Mannai, Abdulla Hassan (QAT)
- Al Rouimi, Alaa Hamad (KUW)
- Bochkarev, Igor (RU)
- Chazel, Christianne (FRA)
- Detailleur, Koenraad (BE)
- Jamar-Demeersseman, Christine (BE)
- Machmoum, Mohamed (MOR)
- Tengstedt, Marianne (DK)

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** thanked on behalf of the EC to Francesco Santoro for his work in the Executive Committee. He was always very helpful and hopefully the cooperation with him and with ANICA will continue.

All nominees introduced themselves:

*Essam Abdulla*

E. Abdulla has been Chairman of EAHS since 22 years ago. During this time, he helped to increase the number of breeders and shows in the country. In past years he's been working on the renewal of cooperation of EAHS and ECAHO. He will work on returning the UAE shows under ECAHO and make EAHS internal partner of ECAHO again.

*Hassan Al Mannai*

H. Al Mannai is responsible for shows organized by QREC. He is also National Judge and breeder. Qatar is the oldest Middle Eastern member of ECAHO, since 1992. In case he is elected he would like to improve and support the education- He would like to support and work on creating the application which can ease the work of the show organizers. He would like to work also on the creation of stable financial background. It is time to make ECAHO visible.

*Alaa Al Rouimi*

He is serving as board member of Bait Al Arab and he is also breeder himself. His goal is to support ECAHO in the communication and collaboration between breeders and lovers of the Arabian horse and event organizers in Europe and those based in the Near & Middle East and North Africa. It's a known fact that Kuwait is playing a major role in acting as a mediator in the conflict in the world which seems to also have an effect on the participation at shows. He would like to contribute especially in this field through his contacts and organizers in Europe and in the Gulf region. He is also very interested to support the educational system of ECAHO for training judges, DC's and Ringmasters, as well as support the sport activities in Europe, Middle East, North Africa and in the GCC.

*Igor Bochkarev*

I. Bochkarev is Chairman of NOAL for 15 years a delegate in ECAHO Commissions. NOAL started with shows in Russia already in 2003. He himself is also breeder, focused on show and racing bloodlines. In his private life he is working for investment company (cryptocurrencies). He is concerned with organizing of the biggest horse fair in Russia (not only Arabians, in total 700 horses). As ECAHO EC member he would help with promotion and media.

*Christianne Chazel*

She is connected with ECAHO for more than 30 years and has always supported the organization through winds and storms. This is her last nomination, but she is still willing to continue now. She can offer her knowledge and experience.

*Koenraad Detailleur*

Breeders for 34 years, 16 years in the board of BAPS, show organizer for 25 years (National Championships, West Coast Cup). He is independent and neutral, he has lot of experience. It is time to bring ECAHO to more international level. He is willing to work on professionalization of ECAHO. He has vision and looks into the future. We lost small breeders and need to get them back. The confidence of the breeders must be gained back.

*Christine Jamar*

In the past she was delegate in the SC and also member of the Executive Committee. She believes we need to know the past to create the future. She is breeder, show organizer (B shows, European Championships). She has lot of ideas how to promote the Arabian horses. She has contacts in China which is becoming new interesting market.

*Mohamed Machmoum*

M. Machmoum could not have been present by himself, he had to leave Rome due to very serious health issues of his family member. He sent his vision by e-mail to Jaroslav Lacina, who presented it to the delegates: M. Machmoum is delegate in ECAHO, A Judge and Judge's Instructors. As EC member he would like to continue working on perfecting of the judging system, by developing kind of regulation system that depends on the analysis of the retrospective data we've been gathering through the years and which have proved the flaws of the current system. He would like to contribute to the establishment of a positive synergy and equilibrium between Europe and the Arab world.

*Marianne Tengstedt*

She was serving in the EC for last 4 years and feels it is not necessary to introduce herself too long. She was president of DSAH, she is show organizer and sport event organizer. In the EC she was responsible for education. She is willing to continue and work hard.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** thanked all nominees and repeated the process of the voting. All delegates received voting sheet with names of all candidates. 3 names could be chosen at each of the voting sheets. Nominees with the highest number of votes will be elected as EC members. The voting was secret.

*Break for 20 minutes.*

***Results of the voting:***

In total 54 voting sheets were returned by the delegates. The votes were counted by the vote counters Andre Reitermayr and Ahmed Abdelrazik. The counting was supervised by ECAHO lawyer Sinan Odok and Executive Secretary Zuzana Slavíková.

Abdulla, Essam (UAE) – 21 votes  
Al Mannai, Hassan (QAT) – 21 votes  
Al Rouimi, Alaa Hamad (KUW) – 17 votes  
Bochkarev, Igor (RU) – 5 votes  
Chazel, Christianne (FRA) – 28 votes  
Detaillleur, Koenraad (BE) – 6 votes  
Jamar-Demeersseman, Christine (BE) – 17 votes  
Machmoum, Mohamed (MOR) – 17 votes  
Tengstedt, Marianne (DK) – 15 votes

Empty (not used) – 15 votes.

Signed protocol is kept at ECAHO Office.

***Decision of the AGM: The following candidates were elected by the AGM as Executive Committee members for the period of 4 years: Christianne Chazel, Essam Abdulla, Hassan Al Mannai.***

Christianne Chazel accepted the results of the election and agreed to take over the function of the EC member for the period of 4 years.

Essam Abdulla accepted the results of the election and agreed to take over the function of the EC member for the period of 4 years.

Hassan Al Mannai accepted the results of the election and agreed to take over the function of the EC member for the period of 4 years.



**Jaroslav Lacina** thanked and congratulated to all elected nominees. He also thanked to Marianne Tengstedt for her hard work in the EC and her support to ECAHO.

There will be short EC meeting after the AGM.

## **21. Election of the President of ECAHO**

- Lacina, Jaroslav (CZ)

All delegates received the voting sheets. The voting was secret.

### **Results of the voting:**

In total 50 voting sheets were returned by the delegates. The votes were counted by the vote counters Andre Reitermayr and Ahmed Abdelrazik. The counting was supervised by ECAHO lawyer Sinan Odok and Executive Secretary Zuzana Slavíková.

Jaroslav Lacina received 46 votes. 4 votes were unused.

***Decision of the AGM: Jaroslav Lacina was elected as the President for the period of 4 years.***

Jaroslav Lacina accepted the results of the election and agreed to take over the function of the EC member for the period of 4 years.

**Jaroslav Lacina** thanked all delegates for their support. It can be seen from the results that not everybody is agreeing with him, but he is ready to help everyone who needs it. He is also open to any comments, proposals or critics which will lead to ECAHO improvements.

## **22. ECAHO Honorary membership**

The “ECAHO Honorary membership” is awarded for the third time already. It is awarded to people who significantly contributed to the development of ECAHO. The Executive Committee agreed to award minimally 2 persons and max. 4 persons at every AGM. All Members have right to propose the people who should be awarded. The EC received several proposals but unfortunately those persons were active mostly locally and certainly did a lot for their countries but their impact on the ECAHO as whole was not that recognizable. This year 3 people are awarded unfortunately in memoriam.

*Mrs. Ursula Roberts*

Coming from a hunting family, she's been involved with horses all her life. She began judging in 1945 and, for the next fifty years, assisted in running various horse shows. She was on the Judges' and Disciplinary Panels of ECAHO. In 1983 she was asked to be Chairman of ECAHO's newly formed Show Commission and remained in that position until her resignation in 1998. The aim of the Show Commission was to form an acceptable method of judging throughout Europe that could be understood and enjoyed by everyone. In 1991 she helped start the UK International Show at Towerlands, which is now the UKIAHS. In 1994 she was asked to run an International Show for Arab horses in the Middle East, in Qatar. This she did for several years, and now the Qataris themselves run that show.

The certificate was given over to Janet Court who will ensure the delivery to Ursula Roberts.

*Mrs. Izabella Pawelec-Zawadzka (1937-2015) - IN MEMORIAM*

Izabella inherited her lifelong passion for horses from her father, a former cavalry officer. In 1972 she

started to work in Warsaw in the Horse Breeding Department of Animex, and so her long association with the Arabian horses and State Studs of Poland began. Before long, Izabella was a highly respected international judge, something she thoroughly enjoyed for 35 years as she travelled all over the world, looking for the positive aspects in every horse she judged. After 25 years in the post of Breeding Inspector at the Polish State Administrative Boards of Horse Breeding, Izabella formally retired in 1998 but continued to work at the Polish Arabian Stud Book Registry Office as a Breeding Specialist and Consultant. A highly respected world authority on Arabian horse breeding, Izabella rose to senior positions in both ECAHO and WAHO, being involved with both from their foundation.

**Anna Stojanowska:** Izabella chose A. Stojanowska as her deputy. They were in touch for more than 30 years. She was not only very knowledgeable person but among all great personality who will be always missed.

The certificate was given over to Anna Stojanowska, she will bring it to the Jockey Club in Poland.

#### *Major P.W.S. (Pat) Maxwell (1929 - 2010) - IN MEMORIAM*

He was a passionate horseman who, back in the late 1950's, bred steeplechasers and rode in show jumping events. In 1967 he married his wife Joanna, who at the time already owned Arabians and introduced him to the breed. Together, and later supported by their daughter Emma, they were breeding and showing Arabian horses for more than 40 years. When in 1983 some countries joined for the first time to create the European Arabian Horse Show Commission, he was with them. Two years later became the organization's first President. ECAHO became his "baby" and he gave ECAHO a face. He was the driving force, and ECAHO grew steadily from 13 countries in 1985 to 28 countries in 2001 when he resigned for health reasons.

The certificate was given over to Janet Court who will ensure delivery to Joanna Maxwell, wife of Pat.

#### *Mr. Peter Stössel (1944 - 2013) - IN MEMORIAM*

Peter Stössel was born in 1944. For sport lovers he was perhaps best known as the president of one of the leading FEI events, CSIO5\* St. Gallen, which he chaired for 25 years from 1987 to 2012. In addition to being an exceptional organiser (among other the European Championship for Arabian horses in Frauenfeld), Peter Stössel was also a passionate breeder of Arabian horses. He was one of the founders of ECAHO and long-time its Treasurer.

The certificate was given over to Renata Schibler who will bring it to Switzerland to wife of P. Stössel.

### **23. Proposals of the Members**

#### **Constitutional change (by EAHS UAE)**

**Essam Abdulla (EAHS UAE):** The main idea of his proposal was to nominate persons to EC election only from the members of own organization. No individuals without support of their National organization would be eligible for the election.

**Francesco Fantoro (ANICA Italy):** ANICA thinks that the system of elections should be changed. Our (ECAHO) system is not clear. The candidate should have support of his National organization. Before accepting the nomination, the candidate should send request to his National organization to confirm the nomination.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The procedure is in the Constitution. The Executive Committee will work on the proposals but at the moment change of the election system is not on the agenda and may not be voted.

Francesco Santoro is asked to send the proposal of ANICA by e-mail to ECAHO Office so the

Executive Committee will have chance to discuss it in detail at one of the next meetings.

**Nils Ismer (Chairman of EAHSC, Germany)** express his worry how this EAHS proposed new system should practically work. He understands that not all nominees have support of all countries, but this UAE procedure seems quite complicated.

**Anna Stojanowska (EC member, Poland):** In Poland it is the government who is the Full Member of ECAHO. The Minister of Agriculture would have to choose the person but there is no possibility to choose from own members because there are no individual members. It practically means that Poland will be excluded from the right to nominate any person for EC election.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The Executive Committee discussed this issue already several times. The current rules for election in the Constitution leave it open. Any change would bring the limitation to certain part of nominees who are standing outside the National organization. There are countries where this proposed system is simply not possible to apply. Some people who are knowledgeable and could bring lot of positives to the Executive Committee would not be able to be nominated even though they would have support from many countries.

**Essam Abdulla (EAHS UAE)** would like to avoid situation that people appear as nominees, but they have no support from the National organizations.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** As already said, the AGM may only vote about topics which are on the agenda. For now, the only possibility to vote about is the proposal of EAHS UAE in the presented version. The wording cannot be adapted.

The proposal should be first discussed in the EC in detail and also the proposal by ANICA (when sent) should be taken in consideration.

**Essam Abdulla (EAHS UAE) asked to withdraw the item from the agenda of this AGM.**

*Noted by the AGM. The item will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting.*

## **24. Code of Conduct – update**

The proposal of new version was sent to all delegates together with the Agenda. It was necessary to clarify the moment when the decisions come into effect. The changes were prepared by the lawyer.

*VOTING (the voting was open): Are you in favour of the changes of the Code of Conduct?*

YES	48
NO	0
ABSTENTIONS	0
NOT PRESENT	6

***Decision of the AGM: The AGM accepts the proposed changes of the Code of Conduct. Code of Conduct in valid version will be published on ECAHO website.***

## **25. ECAHO Breeders' Fund (information)**

ECAHO Breeders's Fund was in detail presented already at the Show Commission meeting

## **26. ECAHO European Championship 2019 (information)**

The European Championship 2019 will be organized as joint event of ECAHO and ANICA. ECAHO will ensure all paperwork (schedule, conditions, entries etc.). ANICA will ensure the technical part. ANICA will send the budget. The venue will be Vermezzo – Milano, same venue which is used for the SEWC. The arrangements of the VIP sector will be organizer differently – the plan is to build VIP sector for exhibitors and other part for VIP guests, the exhibitors will not be separated.

The Judges will be selected in cooperation between the EC and ANICA. There will be also gelding classes and riding classes. The livestream rights and income from advertising will be further discussed. Sponsors must be found both by ANICA and ECAHO. Prize-money from ECAHO Breeder's Fund will be used for first few horses in each class. Division should be known and published together with the show schedule.

Proposals for this event from delegates are welcome.

## **27. Future of ECAHO (presentation)**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** presented the idea for ECAHO future:

ECAHO was established in 1983 by 10 European countries (Austria, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland); the main goals for establishment was the horse welfare, fair play rules and show conditions. First non-European Members (Jordan, Israel and Morocco) were accepted in 1988 in Cannes, 1st non-European Full Members (Jordan, Qatar) were accepted in 2001 in Antwerp. Up to this AGM, ECAHO has 29 Full Members from Europe, North Africa and Middle East, and 9 Associate Members.

The show scene has developed from development from passion to business which brings new challenges and more possibilities but also require more knowledge, rules and training.

Current activities are: improvement of horse welfare, development of educational system, development of jurisdictional system, focus on financial stability.

In 2023 ECAHO will celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is big responsibility for all of us. Main goals for the future years are: high standard of animal welfare, adaptation of the Constitution, education on professional level, faster decision-making process, motivation of breeders in ECAHO countries, professional PR & social media, financial stability via the independent partners, increasing of interest in Membership, increasing of interest in sport activities.

But we will achieve it only together.

**Igor Bochkarev (NOAL Russia):** J. Lacina mentioned PR. Should this be organized by full-time specialist?

**Nils Ismer (Chairman of EAHSC):** It is necessary. Some specialist not only for social media and PR but also for sponsors' acquisitions.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** This topic was discussed within the EC several times. ECAHO needs more financial stability to be able to afford full-time PR worker. Strategic partner would be very helpful. EC has this item as one of the priorities for upcoming 4 years.

**Muhannad Darawsha (IAHS Israel)** thanked all EC members and ECAHO President for their work. He also thanked Marianne Tengstedt for her work as EC member in past 4 years.

## **28. Membership ("friendly membership") for countries temporarily not active**

The EC prepared the following proposal how to deal with temporarily inactive Members:

The Member/Associate member may stay as "sleeping". During this period their delegates may attend ECAHO meetings (without voting rights), the organization may keep its National Judges' list and they can receive the minutes from the meetings. After 2 years the membership may be renewed or terminated.

*Noted by the AGM.*

## **29. Next Meeting**

The Executive Committee received several proposals, but the venue and date are not decided yet. Members will be informed about the decision as soon as it is made. All invitations are very welcome

but all Members inviting ECAHO for next AGM should consider the visa requirements in their countries. All ECAHO Members must be able to attend the meeting.

### **30. Any Other Business**

No other business.

*Jaroslav Lacina thanked all the delegates and once again the hosting organization and closed the AGM 2019 at 14:55.*

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Jaroslav Lacina  
President of ECAHO

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Zuzana Slavíková  
Executive Secretary