



The 1st International FEIF seminar for sport judges, trainers and riding instructors

Time and place:

10th – 11th of April 2010, Islandpferdereitschule Lipperthof, Uli and Irene Reber, Reiterweg 2, D-92715 Wurzburg, Germany.

Aim:

Bringing judges, trainers and instructors closer together, create dialogs and exchange of views.

Main speaker:

The well-known German veterinarian Gerd Heuschmann will be the seminar's main guest. Dr. Heuschmann is the author of the best selling book "*Finger in Der Wunde*", first published in Germany in 2006 and since then translated into several European languages. In his approach Dr. Heuschmann focuses on the biomechanics of the horse and the biomechanical background of classical riding instruction. He also looks at today's modern methods used in riding and training in comparison to the basis of classical knowledge. His DVD "*Stimmen der Pferde*", where amazing animations are used, has also been a huge success. The lectures of Gerd Heuschmann will be a unique opportunity to get acquainted with his refreshing and somewhat stirring views and to witness how his ideas do apply to training, riding and judging of Icelandic horses.

Programme

Saturday 10th of April

09.00 Opening

09.30 Theoretical lecture of Gerd Heuschmann

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 Theoretical lecture of Gerd Heuschmann continues

12.45 Lunch

14.30 Practical lecture of Gerd Heuschmann with selected Icelandic horses

During the practical session horses will be shown in different gates and the importance of a correct shape will be explained and discussed. Only few of the questions that will be raised are: How to evaluate a horse when it is working in incorrect shape? Uneven hind legs – what is causing this problem? What is the influence of over-bending on the different gates?

Coffee break will be in-between

18.30 Finish

20.00 Dinner / Party



Sunday 11th of April

9.00 Topline – Shape – Collection

Are those elements sufficiently considered in today's sport competitions, both in guidelines and practical judgments? Is the importance of correct functioning topline fully recognized by riders and/or judges? Is forced shape still too much practiced by riders and accepted by judges? Is there a difference in the understanding of the term collection (between countries, professional groups, individuals)? Does the sport guideline reflect correct basic training (building up) and does it penalize the lack of these sufficiently?

This part will consist of short lectures followed by discussions in mixed groups and a plenary conclusion round. This will be a much wanted chance for judges, trainers and riding instructors to exchange views and have dialogs about some of the most important elements of training and riding of Icelandic horses. This part of the seminar might be the first step jointly taken by judges, trainers and riding instructors in order to form the Icelandic horse sport of the future. All those wishing to be a part of those developments should grab this opportunity, sign in for the seminar and make a contribution.

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Evaluation

14.30 Closing of the seminar