

THE FURTHER STEPS OF
EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF ARABIAN HORSE ORGANIZATIONS

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***D**uring the last few months there were quite a lot of talks about the future of ECAHO appearing. In this short article we would like to inform all ECAHO enthusiasts about the upcoming changes of ECAHO structure and if possible about its future development. All changes have been proposed by the majority of the Executive Committee and should be accepted or rejected by the Members of ECAHO during the Extraordinary General Meeting which will be organized on 25-26th of August in Brussels. This date was discussed many times by the EC members as during the same weekend the ECAHO A show in Great Britain is to be organized. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the British Society for their proposal and effort to organize such a meeting there, however, we*

decided to keep original place as for members of ECAHO would be more easy to get to Brussels. All proposed changes are Constitutional changes, for their acceptance is necessary to get 2/3 of Members votes, so we hope that all Member countries will send their regular representatives to be able to discuss the matter properly.

The biggest problem for ECAHO nowadays is, in our opinion, its slow structure. The times has changed and require now the need to make certain decisions practically immediately and without any delay. Such as steps are not possible for the moment and whole procedure of ECAHO is sometimes very counterproductive and inefficient.

*The main body of ECAHO is **Show Commission** where this is very well*

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seen as discussion of so many people often takes completely from the core of the problem so final decision does not solve the problem. Many times member countries are represented by delegates who have no knowledge on the topic but finally they have the right to vote about it. For many years, there were also a lot of fights concerning the decisions taken by commissions and the EC as the final responsibility for the decision by the Commission, has always been on the Executive Committee. This caused many disagreements and delays which did not make a good reputation to ECAHO.

Because the members of the Executive Committee are not indifferent to this development, they decided to change the Constitution as soon as possible so that the ECAHO would get the chance to

became more efficient, flexible and professional. Proposed changes are not changing original principles and objects of ECAHO and ensure the preservation of democracy, transparency and fair-play game.

*The main change should be for everybody abolishment of **three commissions of ECAHO (EAHSC, EAHSpC, EAHRIC)**. With this step all responsibility for the current Commission takes over the EC, which will be more in the form of working groups to solve actual cases (assembled professional teams). In the event of disagreement with the decisions of the EC, majority of members of ECAHO have the right to change this decision in the course of using AGM. All members should be informed about the minutes from every EC meeting except legally open causes. To preserve greater*

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objectivity and transparency the current EC has decided on increasing the number of its members from the existing 10 up to total of 14 members. Last important decision is limitation of the scope of the EC members to represent only ECAHO, so they should no longer be allowed to be a voting delegate of their country.

*Next change has already been done as **the office of ECAHO will move since 1st August to the Czech Republic together with new Executive Secretary.** Whole detailed information has been send to all ECAHO members in time and is also published on ECAHO official website. For sure such as change will bring some problems in the beginning, however, finally I hope that it will work as in the past.*

We believe that proposed changes will help again to restart ECAHO show scene, as for the moment we can see decrease of participants in our shows and total loss of small breeders interest. We should support European breeders more and help to our show organizers to come up with new ideas which will make shows more attractive for everybody. For sure ECAHO has to protect horses and their welfare and has to keep same conditions for every competitor, but new incentives for shows should be found and implemented. Only this could bring the joy again into our show-rings.

*Based on the letter of
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