

World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses
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The CWHBA continues to be an active and prominent member of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses. After serving on the Board for six years our representatives, Chris Gould with Edward Kendall have authored a State of the Industry report for the WBFSH. The report which will be published digitally later this spring, is intended to become an annual review of the industry, it's issues and opportunities. Designed to be used by studbooks and allied associations it should become a tool for influencing government policy decisions as well as focusing the development of the industry on issues such as social licence and climate change.

Due to covid restrictions the Annual General Assembly has been run as a streaming online meeting for the past two years. While this made possible participation by many that would not normally attend, the face to face interaction was missed. This year the GA is scheduled to take place in Dresden, Germany in October.

The priority projects for the WBFSH are:

- Establishing a data sharing platform between studbooks and the FEI. A trial is being done with the German and Belgian studbooks.
- The development of an International Breeding Value system. This is a very challenging project due to cost and the fact that each studbook uses a slightly different calculation system for their internal estimated breeding values (EBV). Canada, lacking such a system, will first have to access our sport results from EC and then do our calculations before we can participate.
- Expansion of the Horselink studbook data sharing platform. The CWHBA will be able to access this through our Equis system.

Although our representative, is no longer a member of the Board, our participation will be undiminished as we continue to participate in some of these projects and have an ongoing role in producing the Annual State of the Industry Report.