



# EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF ARAB HORSE ORGANIZATIONS

## Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 at Hotel Marriott Vienna/Austria, at 8.30 h

### EC - presents:

Jaroslav Lacina, President of ECAHO  
Marek Trela, Treasurer of ECAHO  
HRH Alia Al Hussein, Chairman of EAHSC  
Winand Bijmens, Chairman of EAHRIC

Claudia Darius  
Anna Stojanowska  
Christine Jamar-Demeerseman

### EC - excused:

Essam Abdulla, Vice-President of ECAHO  
Catherine Modderman-van Dorssen, Chairman of EAHSpc  
Christianne Chazel

### Voting Delegates:

Austria (VVÖ)  
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Belgium (BAPS)  
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Czech Republic (ACHPAK)  
Denmark (DSAH)  
Egypt (EAO)  
France (ACA)  
France (Les Haras Nationaux)  
Germany (VZAP)  
Germany (VZAP)  
Great Britain (AHS)  
Great Britain (AHS)  
Hungary (MALE)  
Israel (IAHS)  
Israel (IAHS)  
Italy (ANICA)  
Italy (ANICA)  
Jordan (RJEF)  
Morocco (ARMECPSA)  
Netherlands (AVS)  
Netherlands (AVS)  
Poland (AWRSP)  
Poland (AWRSP)  
Qatar (QREC)  
Qatar (QREC)  
Russia (NOAL)  
Saudi Arabia (KAAHC)  
Saudi Arabia (KAAHC)  
Spain (AECCA)  
Spain (AECCA)  
Sweden (SAHF)  
Switzerland (SZAP)

Anne Heiloo  
Elisabeth Chat  
Winand Bijmens  
Ilse Verbruggen  
Jaroslav Lacina (2 votes)  
Marianne Tengstedt (2 votes)  
Tarek Hamza (1 vote)  
Robert Luchez (1 vote)  
Xavier Guibert (1 vote)  
Michael Kersebaum  
Nils Ismer  
Annette Dixon  
Joanne Lowe  
Tamás Rombauer (2 votes)  
Muhannad Darawsha  
Hammudli Hammud  
Vincenzo Pellegrini  
Gianpaolo Teobaldelli  
Suha Eid (2 votes)  
Mohamed Machmoum (2 votes)  
Gerda Stuive-Verkuil  
Be Blaak  
Anna Stojanowska  
Jerzy Bialobok  
Abdul Aziz Al Boenain  
Mohammad Al Sulaiti  
Irina Stigler (2 votes)  
Mohammed Al Dosary  
Sami Al Nohait  
Carmelo Zaragoza Jimenez  
SAR Teresa de Borbon  
Ann Nordén (2 votes)  
Ursulla Rahm (2 votes)

**41 votes present; quorum 21 votes; 2/3 majority 28 votes**

**Observers:**

Sinan Odok (lawyer, ECAHO)  
Sharzad Amir Aslani (Equestrian Federation of I.R.Iran)  
Nuri Said Wafa (LAHBS Lybia)  
Said Saif Alhamadani (Royal Cavalry, Oman)  
Sulaiman Alhattali (Royal Cavalry, Oman)  
Mirjam Boschini (ANICA Italy)  
Tom Schoukens (ETHA)  
Jacqueline Vandyke (DCIC)  
Janet Court  
Susanne Werth-Hofbauer  
Krystyna Karaszewska  
Izabella Pawelec-Zawadska  
Christina Wale  
Monika Sax  
Reinhard Sax  
Heike Hain  
Mandfred Hain

**Ex officio:**

Zuzana Slavíková, Executive Secretary (minutes)

The meeting was opened by the President at 8:45.

**1. Confirmation of Full and Associate Members**

the following organisations were confirmed as **Full Members** of ECAHO:

Austria	Verband der Vollblutaraber-Züchter Österreich (VVÖ)
Belgium	Belgisch Arabisch Paardenstamboek (BAPS)
Czech Republic	Asociace chovatelů plnokrevných arabských koní (ACHPAK)
Denmark	Dansk Selskab For Arabisk Hesteavl (DSAH)
Egypt	Egyptian Agricultural Organisation (EAO)
Egypt	Egyptian Arabian Horse Breeders Association (EAHBA)
Finland	Suomen Arabihevosyhdistys (SAHY)
France	Les Haras Nationaux (HN)
France	Association Nationale Française du Cheval Arabe (ACA)
Germany	Verband der Züchter des Arabischen Pferdes (VZAP)
Great Britain	Arab Horse Society (AHS)
Hungary	Magyarországi Arablótenyésztők Egyesülete (MALE)
Israel	Israel Arab Horse Society (IAHS)
Italy	Associazione Nazionale Italiana Cavallo Arabo (ANICA)
Jordan	Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation (RJEF)
Morocco	Royal Moroccan Arabian Horse Breeders Association (ARMECPA)
The Netherlands	Arabische Volbloedpaarden Stamboek in Nederland (AVS)
Norway	Norsk Araberhestforening (NAHF)
Poland	Agricultural State Property Agency (AWRSP)
Qatar	Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club (QREC)
Russia	Private Breeders Organisation (NOAL)
Saudi Arabia	King Abdulaziz Arabian Horse Center (KAAHC)
Spain	Asociación Española de Criadores de Caballos Arabes (AECCA)
Sweden	Svenska Arabhästföreningen (SAHF)
Switzerland	Schweizer Zuchtgenossenschaft für Arabische Pferde (SZAP)
Syria	Syrian Arab Horse Association (SAHA)
UAE	Emirates Arabian Horse Society (EAHS)

The following organisations were confirmed as **Associate Members** of ECAHO:

Bahrain	Royal Arabian Studs
Bulgaria	Bulgarian Arabian Horse Association (BGAHA)
Croatia	Croatian Centre for Horsebreeding
Iran	Equestrian Federation of I.R.Iran
Iran	Iran Asil Association
Kuwait	Hunting and Equestrian Club, Arabian Horse Registry
Libya	Libyan Arab Horse Breeders Society (LAHBS)
Morocco	Ministry of Agriculture
Oman	Royal Cavalry of Oman
Poland	Polski Związek Hodowców Koni Arabskich (PZHKA)
Slovakia	Slovak Arabian Horse Association (SAHA)
Tunisia	Fondation Nat. d'Amelioration du Chevaux (FNARC)

## **2. Confirmation of Presence and Quorum / Apologies for Absence**

41 votes were present; the quorum counts 21 votes; 2/3 majority counts 28 votes

### **Apologies for absence received from:**

Iran (Iran Asil Association)  
Egypt (EAHBA)  
Finland (SAHY)  
Norway (NAHF)  
Syria (SAHA)  
United Arab Emirates (EAHS)

### **Not present:**

Royal Arabian Studs, Bahrain  
BGAHA, Bulgaria  
Croatian Centre for Horsebreeding, Croatia  
HEC, Kuwait  
Ministry of Agriculture, Morocco  
Private Breeders Organization, Poland  
FNARC Tunisia  
SAHA Slovakia

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

Proposed vote counter: Elisabeth Chat, Joanne Lowe, Nils Ismer.

***Resolution: The vote counters were unanimously agreed.***

## **4. Minutes of the AGM 2012 in Amman + minutes from the EOGM 2012 in Brussels**

No comments to the Minutes of the AGM in Amman.

**Ann Nordén (SAHF)** commented that Princess Alia talks about corruption of judges in the Minutes from EOGM Brussels. This sentence cannot be told generally about all ECAHO judges.

**Princess Alia (Chairman of EAHSC)** commented that the Minutes are from August, she does not know precisely how she told that and what the meaning was. There was no recorder in that meeting and the sentence cannot be controlled back if it is written in the minutes the way she told that.

No other comments to the Minutes from the EOGM 2012 in Brussels.

## 5. Matters arising from these Minutes

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** There were few changes in the Constitution that were accepted in Amman, no other matters arising from these Minutes. It was promised to delay the voting about the constitutional changes during the EOGM in Brussels, which was kept.

## 6. Membership

### a) Changes in Membership

#### i. IRIEF Iran application for full Membership

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The Equestrian Federation of I.R. Iran (IRIEF) sent the request to upgrade the membership status from Associate to Full. They fulfilled all the requirements, they are improving. The EC proposes to upgrade them to Full Members.

**Ann Nordén (SAHF):** She would like to say that she was once in Iran, the hospitality was great, everything was very nice and IRIEF tried to have everything prepared.

**Elisabeth Chat (VVÖ):** She was there 3 years ago for the first time; the quality is improving very much.

**Sharzad Amir Aslani (IRIEF):** She is glad that IRIEF is Member of ECAHO, she expressed her thanks to Princess Alia who was the first to suggest upgrading Iran to Full member.

### Voting

Yes	35
No	0
Abstain	6

**Resolution: The Membership status of IRIEF Iran was upgraded from Associate to Full.**

### b) Application for Associate Membership

#### i. SPARCA - Lebanon

#### ii. AHA - Lybia

#### iii. RAHBA - Russia

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** SPARCA Lebanon fulfilled all the requirements to become Associate member of ECAHO. The EC suggests accepting them.

**Tarek Hamza (EAO):** We are happy that they would like to become members but there was also another Lebanese association applying for membership which is not on the Agenda.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** explained that the another association did not sent application form for this year and they were already last year required to provide letter proving that they have cooperation with WAHO registered organization. Until now they have not sent anything.

**Princess Alia (Chairman of EAHSC)** noted that the other organization may organize their shows under SPARCA.

### Voting

Yes	33
No	0
Abstain	8

**Resolution: SPARCA was accepted to become the Associate member of ECAHO.**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** AHA-Libya sent the request to become Associate member of ECAHO. They fulfilled all the requirements. The EC recommends their acceptance.

#### **Voting**

Yes	41
No	0
Abstain	0

**Resolution: AHA-Libya was accepted to become the Associate member of ECAHO.**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** RAHBA Russia sent the request to become Associate member of ECAHO. They fulfilled all the requirements. The EC recommends their acceptance.

**Irina Stigler (NOAL):** So far she knows they did not organize any real show, just something as auction, and kind of breeding day where the breeders evaluated their horses. NOAL offered them support but this organization refused it.

**Ann Nordén (SAHF):** She thinks that it is nice that they are willing to become Member. It is always better to have them under ECAHO and teach them, give them chance.

**Marek Trela (Treasurer of ECAHO):** There is point "registration" on the application form. It is necessary to explain that there already is the Studbook in Russia. The application form must be changed to avoid the misunderstandings.

**Anne Heiloo (VVÖ):** The question is whether there are more Studbooks in the country. Germany has for instance 2 Studbooks.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** They have in total 750 horses and 8 owners, therefore they represent big stables. They may carry out their own registrations or pre-registrations. They are also WAHO accepted organization. In 2013 they promised to organize 6 shows under ECAHO. It is possible to exclude them any time in the future in case they do not comply with the requirements.

#### **Voting**

Yes	21
No	4
Abstain	16

**Resolution: RAHBA Russia was accepted to become the Associate member of ECAHO.**

### **7. Unpaid Membership Fees - business year 2011/2012**

**Executive Secretary** presented the list of unpaid Membership fees 2010 - 2012 (last update of the list - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013):

- Croatia - Croatian Centre for Horse Breeding
  - membership fees for 2010/2011 paid on 22.8.2012
  - 2011/2012 unpaid
- Tunisia - Fondation Nat. d'Amelioration du Chevaux (FNARC)
  - membership fees for 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 unpaid
- Bulgaria - unpaid membership fees 2011/2012
- KSA - only supplement fee 225 Eur unpaid, membership paid in full amount
- Syria - unpaid membership fee 2011/2012 (asking for excuse due to political situation)

- Iran (Iran Asil Association) - unpaid membership fee 2011/2012
- Kuwait - unpaid membership fee 2011/2012
- Morocco (associate Member) - unpaid membership fee 2011/2012
- Slovakia - unpaid membership fee 2011/2012

Croatia and Tunisia were discussed already during the last AGM in Amman, their membership is frozen, and they do not have any further activities. There was revolution in Tunisia, they face lot of complications. Syria suffers from serious military conflict. The EC suggests to postpone the Memberships of Syria and to decide about Membership of Croatia and Tunisia.

The Executive secretary will continue with sending the reminders and try to get in contact with these organizations.

***Resolution: The above mentioned suggestion of the EC was unanimously agreed.***

## **8. President's Report**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** presented his report:

My report will be short this year although covering the whole year of work of the Executive Committee. The previous year was very busy for all of us and probably also for you as the main issue, change of Constitution, raised up very early and took most of the time of our meetings. Important part of this job was done also by all of you - during the EOGM we could see your reactions to this issue and we also received a lot of your inputs for the Constitutional changes. From these inputs the last proposal was formed. This proposal was discussed – and I hope properly – the day before during the open discussion meeting.

But this was not the only really important topic which the Executive Committee had to solve. ECAHO lost its last show in the UAE very soon after the last AGM in Amman. This show was bringing an important income to the budget of ECAHO. This became a big “target” for the EC which resulted nearly immediately in cutting the costs and trying to save money wherever it was possible but surely without any impact on the function of ECAHO. This situation brought me also into the decision to change the Executive Secretary of ECAHO which saved now to ECAHO more than a half of her salary. Finally all those small steps made nearly a miracle, but all this you will for sure get in the Treasurer report.

Among these tasks the EC had also time to prepare few new proposals for the Show commission which could motivate breeders to come again back to ECAHO shows and those initiatives were positively accepted by the SC.

Essam Abdulla resigned on his position of Vice-President of ECAHO and gives therefore the chance to someone else from the EC to become new Vice-President. The election of new Vice-President will be done during the EC meeting after the AGM. To see all this now, I have to say, that I have very good feeling from the current cooperation in the EC and I would like to thank them all for their effort.

**Nils Ismer (VZAP):** Are there ECAHO shows in the UAE in future when Essam Abdulla resigned?

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** It will be further discussed. EAHS received official letter with proposal to renew the cooperation with ECAHO. Mr. Essam Abdulla should have been actually present here, however, yesterday sent his apology for absence; hopefully this is not signal of any problem.

## 9. Report of the Commissions

### a) Show Commission

**Princess Alia (Chairman of EAHSC):** Started by thanking hosts, lovely to be in Vienna and thanks for the wonderful gala evening to Mr. and Mrs. Heiloo. Special thanks also for Mrs. Heiloo and Mrs. Chat arranging the visit to the Spanish Riding School which was so inspiring.

The past year has been difficult for some shows, there were cancellations of some shows in Middle East due to force majeure, and problems for travel in the region in some cases but also some shows had larger entries and the overall NUMBER of shows of Member countries continues to grow to such a degree that it is hard to find space for them on the show calendar. The new "special breeds" shows being allowed is a welcome step, but will crowd the calendar more.

Although she (Princess Alia) personally was not initially enthusiastic about Handlers group attending SC meetings, the past year has, she feels, proved that their inclusion has been very helpful and created greater input and confidence between all parties. Thanks to the Judges' training group, and the helpful suggestions which Mrs. Tengstedt presented. Some need more work with the details but all are helpful and some innovations for shows have been voted on to be allowed already this year such as allowing those that wish to use 10 with half points instead of 20 with half points (in order to encourage realistic use of the whole scale) and also permitting those that wish, to split the categories for head and neck into individual assessment points and overall average for the two-same for "movement" can be split into walk and trot with one average mark for the two. Dr. Machmoum and the working group presented the results of the assessment of judges distribution and how to address issues for judges, they were interesting and need following up on the various ideas, Dr. Nasr Marei was going to present the results of his working group also but sadly was not able to attend as his suitcase was stolen with passport and he had no possibility to get a Schengen visa in two days. We look forward to hearing it another time. Mrs. Court presented a very clear report on proposed goals of ringmasters' training group and we look forward to the first course in Janów Podlaski alongside a judges training course already in early April. Thanks To Janów Podlaski for hosting both.

The Blue Book 2013 is published and ready to be handed out. Also the new "high-tech" handler's permit is ready and it was agreed to lower the fees considerably from what was decided at the Paris SC meeting. The handlers had understandably objected that they had paid for lifetime ones.

Thanks again to our hosts and to all for their hard work.

### b) Registration & Identification Commission

**Winand Bijmens (Chairman of EAHRIC):** There were 2 important things discussed during the EAHRIC meeting. One of them was the impact of constitutional changes. The conclusion is that the delegates are willing to keep the EAHRIC under condition that only the registrars will attend. The second important thing was the new rules proposed by the European Commission and the reaction of WAHO on these rules. The EAHRIC asks the President of ECAHO to send officially the same reaction as WAHO addressed to the European Commission. The EAHRIC re-elected Winand Bijmens as Chairman for another 4-year term.

### c) Sport Commission

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** read the Annual report sent by Toto Modderman who could not participate. The report is attached.

**Ann Nordén (SAHF)** thanked Jaroslav Lacina for being the perfect substitute for the excused Chairman during the Saturday EAHSpC.

**10. Proposal of EC: Constitutional Changes: All Members are requested to organise minimum one show of C and higher category in two consecutive years in order to maintain Full Member status; otherwise the Member could be reduced to Associate Member. (accepted during the 2012 AGM)**

**Executive secretary** presented the list of countries which did not organize any ECAHO affiliated show in past years.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** This rule was actually accepted during the last AGM in Amman but it was not included in the Constitution. This sentence should be included. The question now is not about the rule itself but only the acceptance in the Constitution. The validity is already since last year, we only need approval from AGM to include it.

**Gerda Stuive-Verkuil (AVS):** According to this sentence the Member could be reduced. The "could" is quite open, it is better to put there it "should" be. The latter was discussed during the last AGM in Amman.

**Claudia Darius (EC member):** It is included in the first version (*Constitutional draft August*) but not in the second version (*Constitutional draft November*). It is little bit different in the Agenda. The version accepted in Amman is: "Any Full Member is requested to organise one C show every two years in order to maintain Full Member status; otherwise the member will be reduced to Associate Member".

**Sinan Odok (lawyer of ECAHO):** We must stick to the Agenda and only discuss what is written there. The rules is valid, there is no change.

**Ursula Rahm (SZAP):** Elisabeth Chat and Joanne Lowe were in Switzerland as judges. Switzerland decided not to have any ECAHO affiliated shows because there were many problems. There was problem with the trainers, horses were trained and shown by private breeders, however, the BB rules were kept, there were ECAHO DC's. Horses were judged longer time in the arena and were described by the judges. In fact there was no year without any show. In 2012 they affiliated C Int. which was a mistake because the EU rules do not allow import/export of horses.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** We understand your reasons; we have several countries which are in very similar situation - Hungary, UAE, Russia. These countries take a risk to be discussed next year on the AGM. Switzerland should think about the national shows (National Championship, C National show). With these shows they can also use the judging system according to their wish. Already last year all the countries got reminder that they should have minimal one show affiliated. It is up to their board to solve it or send the explanation.

**Anne Heiloo (VVÖ):** Switzerland did not organize any shows since 2006, only licensing of the stallions. This is not the principle of ECAHO. If they do not have any ECAHO show, why should they stay the Full Members? There were a lot of fantastic shows in Switzerland but it is long time ago.

**Claudia Darius (EC member):** It is interesting to hear the intentions but there is existing rule for that. So automatically after 2 year without any show the Full Member should be reduced. It started last year so this year there is nothing to discuss.

But we are talking about different wording of this sentence. We are talking about "two consecutive years" , "C show and higher" and the expression "could" instead of "will". The question is if we really want this to be strictly applied or if we give chance to countries like Syria. The rule is fixed, we have modification now.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** For him the "Amman version" is quite a strict one. We have some countries where breeders cannot influence the situation.

**Anne Heiloo (VVÖ):** In the case of Syria, it is matter of force majeure, and therefore the rule should not be applied to them.

**Annette Dixon (GB):** The sentence is not well written in English. The meaning is clear but the wording is not correct.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** This motion should be rejected from the Agenda and postponed until the next AGM, where the sentence will be written in the Agenda in the corrected form.



### **Voting**

Yes	31
No	0
Abstain	10

**Resolution: The motion was rejected from the Agenda**

*(coffee break from 10:30 till 10:55)*

**11. Proposal from RJEF, Jordan: The proposals of the National Organisations brought forward as possible changes of the 2012 Constitution should be discussed as individual articles, not as a package.**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** It was already discussed during the open meeting the day before why it is not possible to vote one article after another. This motion, however, requires discussion about the separate articles. Should the articles be discussed once again now?

**Suha Eid (RJEF):** Let us discuss the three proposals as options. The options are the following: we will stay with the old one, we vote about proposal from August and about proposal from November. Now the EC wants from us to choose the November version..

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** No, there are not three options and we are not discussing them. We do not have any decision about the way of voting in the Agenda. The proposal of Jordan is to discuss the articles one by one and that is what we should vote about.

**Gerda Stuive-Verkuil (AVS):** Probably it was meant not to "discuss" item by item but "vote" item by item. But the Agenda contains "discuss" in the wording.

**Claudia Darius (member of EC):** Yes, precisely. We are now going to decide if we will discuss the proposals item by item as we did the evening before.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** We have still the valid Constitution. If neither of the proposals is accepted, we will have the old one and there will be no change. We do not have the current Constitution on the Agenda, just the 2 proposals.

**Muhannad Darawsha (IAHS):** The Constitution should be voted section by section. There are many things in the proposal that are good and should be accepted but not as package with the rest.

**Claudia Darius (member of EC):** The proposal of Jordan requires discussion item by item which we actually did. The question is if we want to do it now again and discuss the articles one by one here.

### **Voting**

Yes	0
No	35
Abstain	6

**Resolution: It was decided not to discuss the individual articles during the AGM (as they were discussed already the day before).**

**12. Proposal of EC: Constitutional Changes: acceptance or rejection**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** Will the voting be secret?

### **Voting**

Yes	37
No	4
Abstain	0

**Resolution: It was decided that the voting about constitutional changes will be secret.**

#### **a) version August 2012**

There were no comments to the draft of constitutional changes I - "version August 2012".

### **Voting**

Yes	1
No	38
Abstain	2

**Resolution: The draft of constitutional changes I - "version August 2012" - was rejected.**

#### **b) version November 2012**

There were no comments to the draft of constitutional changes II - "version November 2012".

### **Voting**

Yes	18
No	22
Abstain	1

**Resolution: The draft of constitutional changes II - "version November 2012" - was rejected.**

*(During vote counting the President introduced the KAAICID organization. The materials about this initiative were available for all the participants.)*

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** asked the delegates if those who refused the proposal could tell the real reason and where they see the danger of the proposal. Yesterday it seemed that it was understood and everybody got the answers. Now it is little bit strange. We try to give you the clear explanation and now we hear almost always "no". This was the same last year in Amman where the changes were voted separately. Some of them were just technical and could not change the system but were rejected as well. Is there anybody willing to tell us the reason to get the feedback? To hear all the time "no" is little bit tiring. We should keep all the politics out.

**Annette Dixon (AVS)** appreciates the concern but noted that Jaroslav Lacina is asking for breaking of the secret vote.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The EC would like to know what the vision of Members is - how ECAHO should look like, in their opinion, in future. We are all here to promote the Arabian horses, sport, and shows. No change in the system will break this. Therefore it is not understandable why the proposals are mostly refused.

**Ann Nordén (SAHF):** Sweden is usually always against everything. But we have elected the EC and she respects them. If something is not clear, we can always ask. We have the

EC, we wanted them to make the changes and now we say no. Sweden appreciates the work of the EC.

**Anne Heiloo (VVÖ)** expressed her frustration. The EC worked hard. All those who refused the proposals do not trust the EC which is not acceptable. The EC works hard and with the lawyer and we are only sitting here and mostly do not know anything about the work.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** We just want to know the feedback but this quorum will probably never make any compromise. The same was in Brussels and he cannot imagine bigger chance how to integrate the Members inputs. We understand your worries but it is not understandable why the delegates are not willing to tell it openly.

**Winand Bijmens (BAPS):** He agrees with Jaroslav Lacina. But to continue our work, we need no changes at all. No matter if we name it sub-commission or working group, we still can work the way it was proposed in the "November" draft – to use experts outside the commissions, work in smaller teams etc. Let's think about that. The change must be in our minds.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** Agreed but pointed that this is now up on the Commissions Chairmen to use mentioned system.

**Nils Ismer (VZAP):** He understands that Jaroslav Lacina is disappointed because it was work of all the EC members. The situation is really to think about and discuss it further.

### **13. Proposal from SZAP, Switzerland: Retention of the Constitution 2012 that is currently valid.**

**Ursula Rahm (SZAP):** She can understand the disappointment, but the original constitution is not such bad and it was prepared by the intelligent lawyer. But the new version has not the logical sense and changes the basis of ECAHO. She is glad that the Constitution remains in the original version. We should go through it point by point and let people work on it.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** There was request to change ECAHO Constitution already 6 years ago. But in fact the current version, which was accepted approx. 5 years ago, did not change anything. Two years ago people also complaint about constitutional imperfections. So the EC made few proposals to change it. But again, the AGM in Amman refused most of them.

**Anna Stojanowska (EC member)** thanked Mrs. Rahm for the opinion but this comment is really touching the EC. We grew up with ECAHO, she is (such as Jaroslav Lacina) already for some 15 years part of it. The proposals were prepared because the Members required the changes. Nobody told that the current Constitution is bad. But its system was prepared 30 years ago and in the meantime everything changed.

**Ann Nordén (SAHF)** does not agree with Mrs. Rahm. This EC consists of good people and we have good lawyer. We want to have the changes and when we get it offered, we are angry. If anybody from the EC is against the changes, it is not the good sign.

**Muhannad Darawsha (IAHS):** The proposal contains many good articles that could be accepted but for him it is not acceptable to vote for the whole "package".

**Sinan Odok (lawyer of ECAHO)** asked Ursula Rahm to consider rejection of the motion from the Agenda. We, as association, need the basic document. If this motion will be voted, there is potential risk that the majority will say "no". At that moment ECAHO has no Constitution and it could lead to liquidation of ECAHO.

**Resolution: The motion was rejected from the Agenda.**

### **14. Proposal from VVÖ, Austria: Constitutional Changes**

**Resolution: The motion was rejected from the Agenda.**

## 15. Proposal of President: Acceptance of prize-money in Europe

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** This topic was already twice on the Agenda, in the meantime the situation changed. It is more and more clear to the EC that this step should be accepted (prize-money in Europe with % for ECAHO). Sometimes it could have influence on the entries but sometimes not, it is always about the individual decision of the breeders.

**Nils Ismer (VZAP)** fully supports this idea. The sponsors should have chance to support also the smaller shows and motivate those shows. It is the same in sport events. There is no reason to talk about corruption. It is the same as with judges - if any judge wants to be corrupted, he/she will in any time.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** There were some comments in the past that ECAHO "sells" itself - but if we have sufficient income, we can on the other hand invest those money in the activities and officials of ECAHO.

**Elisabeth Chat (VVÖ)** asked if the EC plans to support sport in future as well.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The EC has already made several proposals how to support the sport activities. The EC suggests supporting the European Championship in Vilhemsborg by 5.000 €.

**Ann Nordén (SAHF):** She is maximally supporting this idea. You have it everywhere - in dressage, show-jumping etc., always you have some small reward.

**Muhannad Darawsha (IAHS):** He is also supporting it but we should also think about the height of entry fees. This matter should be investigated. The Show Commission should discuss it and not let the organizers to collect sometimes incredibly high entry fees.

### Voting

Yes	37
No	0
Abstain	4

**Resolution: It was agreed that the prize-money are allowed also in countries within Europe, with 3 % fee for ECAHO.**

## 16. Election of one EC Member:

- a) Anna Stojanowska (PL)
- b) Dr. Nasr Marei (EGY)
- c) Annette Dixon (GB)
- d) Tom Husebye (NO)

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** introduced the candidates for election. Dr. Nasr Marei could not participate because he lost all his documentation in the stolen suitcase. Tom Husebye was excused.

**Anna Stojanowska (EC member)** told that she was in the EC for last 4 years and she always asked herself what she could do for ECAHO.

**Annette Dixon (AHS):** She is interested in ECAHO, she is willing to help, be part of the team. She is chairman of AHS and B-list judge.

### Voting

Anna Stojanowska	16
Dr. Nasr Marei	15
Annette Dixon	8
Tom Husebye	2

In total 41 valid votes.

**Resolution: Anna Stojanowska was re-elected as EC member for the term of 4 years.**

#### **17. Confirmation of election of Chairman of EAHRIC**

No additional comments.

##### **Voting**

Yes	32
No	2
Abstain	7

**Resolution: The AGM confirmed Winand Bijmens as the Chairman of EAHRIC for the term of 4 years.**

#### **18. Arab Horse Universe - show-results project**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** This matter was already discussed during the Show Commission. Mr. Gozdziński came with the offer to develop the show software. The project is very good. The EC is negotiating with him for some time already, we require trial version, Mr. Gozdziński would like to have the contract undersigned first and then the trial period, which is not acceptable for the EC. This software would mean a great help for each organizer. Mr. Gozdziński is not willing to sell the license but requires running it himself. The EC requires back-up of the data. The contract is planned for 3 years and in the meantime EC would like to have own ECAHO system developed.

#### **19. Treasurer's Report**

**Marek Trela (Treasurer of ECAHO)** read his Annual report (attached). He thanked Mrs. Mengia Riedi (accountant of ECAHO) for her good job and perfectly prepared documentation.

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**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** thanked Marek Trela for his report. He pointed out that the EC managed to lower the costs by ½. The budget is divided into 2 parts - the income from show affiliation should cover the costs (office, travel costs, meetings), the income from prize money should be used for activities and courses for the officials.

**Suha Eid (RJEF):** Why the costs of ECAHO are not paid from the affiliation fees?

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The income from the affiliation fees covers the costs of ECAHO. The EC also managed to lower the travel costs.

**Ann Nordén (SAHF)** thanked the EC for lowering of their costs, which is fantastic.

## **20. Accounts Oct. 2011 to Sept. 2012 & 21. Approval of Accounts and granting discharge to the Executive Committee**

(Balance sheets were distributed with the Agenda).

The President asked the delegates for granting discharge to the Executive Committee.

**Resolution: It was unanimously approved to grant discharge to the Executive Committee.**

## **22. Budget 2012/2013**

**Marek Trela (Treasurer of ECAHO):** The total income planned for the year 2012 – 2013 is CHF 166 100,00. Our expenses in the coming year will be CHF 142 740,00 and the net profit will amount to CHF 23 360,00. We have to plan our costs of legal actions for an amount of CHF 20 000, because of the risk of court cases we can face in future. Presenting this Budget to AGM for approval we have to present a hope that following years will be not as difficult as last year and financial situation of ECAHO will constantly improve with an increasing income from our statutory activities and there will be no need for shortages of costs being crucial for an improvement of our activities.

**Resolution: The budget for 2012-2013 was unanimously agreed.**

## **23. Appointment of Auditors**

**Marek Trela (Treasurer of ECAHO)** recommended the current auditors Weber Treuhand AG.

**Resolution: It was unanimously agreed to appoint the current auditors Weber Treuhand AG.**

## **24. Cooperation between ECAHO and AHO**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The EC received only one letter from AHO, in August and had one meeting with the AHO Chairman. AHO wants, more or less, cooperation on the technical matters (such as ban to participate in the shows for doped horses etc.).

**Nils Ismer (VZAP):** There were differences between both shows. They have special origin shows, judges, prize money - ECAHO now changed those things. Why not to ask AHO come under ECAHO?

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** AHO organized only one show in Europe during 2012 and few in the Middle East. The EC will send them letter again with offer to cooperate.

**Nils Ismer (VZAP):** Since when the rule about prize money is valid?

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** Since the day after the AGM.

## **25. Report on SDC Cases**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** There is no representative of SDC present in the AGM. He only got information from Christina Wale that there is no opened case, except the case from Middle East Championship which was already solved by the SDC. There is no case for the discussion at the moment.

## **26. Report on Judges and DC Courses**

**Marianne Tengstedt (DSAH, member of Judges Instructors group):** There was judges course level I in Brussels in 2012 and level II will be organized in Janów this year in April.

It was also decided to organize Judges Workshop which took place in Moorsele (BE), 15 judges were present. The discussion among the judges was very good and brought many new inputs. We have got request to organize the Level I in Cairo, the term was postponed due to unstable situation in the Egypt, so far it is not sure whether it will be possible to organize it. It was recommended to set the date for Autumn. The number of qualified participants was also low. It was recommended to EAO as well to organize the National course.

The Instructors group asked the Members to send their rules for qualification of national judges' courses in order to prepare the guideline for future judges' education.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** New members were added to the Instructors group (which was agreed by the Show Commission).

**Nils Ismer (VZAP):** New things were recommended during the workshop - but since when they will be valid?

**Princess Alia (Chairman of EAHSC):** All the changes are actually valid, we will see how will they work, afterwards it will be published on the website and in the Blue Book.

**Jackie Vandyke (DCIC):** We have possibility to organize the DC course in the UK and in Belgium, the day before also one proposal came from Morocco. The workshop for judges was very good.

She also commented the question of Nils Ismer - if the rules are clearly described in the show schedule, they can be used.

DCIC asked Marianne Dijkmann (The Netherlands) to become new member of the DCIC group.

**27. Proposal from ACA, France: Creation of a group gathering voluntary countries in order to give a new dynamic to this sporting activity by organizing regional and national competitions.**

No other comments. The motion was discussed during the EAHSpC the day before. For further actions they should contact the Chairman of EAHSpC to give more detailed proposal.

**28. Proposal from SAHF, Sweden: The Executive Secretary is responsible for the Minutes of all the Commissions of ECAHO. The Minutes should be mailed not later than three (3) weeks after the meeting by the Executive Secretary.**

**Princess Alia (Chairman of EAHSC):** Chairmen of any session are always by definition the ones responsible for the minutes. However if you all want to vote to have poor Zuzana the Executive secretary to chair the SC meetings and be responsible for the minutes that is another matter and I would be happy to hand it over to her. (*General sympathetic laugh*).

**Ann Nordén (SAHF):** Why do the Chairmen of the commissions do need other secretary than the official one. We should keep our Official secretary to take the minutes.

**Princess Alia (Chairman of EAHSC):** That is a matter which is not up for voting on nor discussion here. The item refers to who should be "responsible" and that is the Chairman. The reason for having a professional minute taker other than the Executive secretary has been discussed in other meetings already. Since the time of Gudrun being Executive Secretary it was clear that the role involves too much work for one person to be putting up charts and answering items as well as taking down every word for the minutes. Also the English language needs to be very precisely recorded as sometimes items were recorded from way back which were not precisely as remembered and did not make sense. Janet is both a professional minute taker and a DC and Judge so it is easier for her to follow the points and to record what is said and decided precisely. Ann has been constantly referring to something which she says I said in Jordan about Judges being corrupt. I checked the minutes and found that it was recorded NOT as Jordan but as Brussels the EOGM (which Ann did attend and I am sure would have commented on at that time if I had said it). It states that I said judged are corruptED - not corrupt- which is quite different. However actually I was responding to Madame Chazel in Brussels and

specifically referred to her statement that all judges manipulate the marks somewhat even she. (She stated this openly and did not deny it) and that was what I was objecting to as not being acceptable. Some other sentences were also not written the way I said for example I certainly did not say horses were "thrilled" in the ring. However it is not at all Zuzana´s fault as I speak too fast and she did a great job with her new arrival on the job.

**Nils Ismer (VZAP)** thinks that this decision is up to the Show Commission, who are they willing to appoint as the minutes taker. The Executive secretary has other function during the SC.

**Anne Heiloo (VVÖ)** noted that it is maybe about the expenses, too.

**Princess Alia (Chairman of EAHSC):** There are no costs for the minutes taker for SC as Princess Alia has taken care of them from the beginning.

**Anne Heiloo (VVÖ):** That is something that should not happen. No member of the Executive Committee should pay for any other person.

**Elisabeth Chat (VVÖ):** Of course the Chairman is responsible for the minutes because he signs the minutes. There should be time frame. It is not possible to receive the minutes just 10 days before the meeting.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** He does not want to give any promises. It is very short time, the minutes must be controlled by the Chairman or him before distribution. We will try to send it within 3 weeks but he cannot promise it.

**Princess Alia (Chairman of EAHSC):** Totally agrees that the minutes need to be issued faster and that aspect will be addressed. However she repeats that the choice of who should take the minutes is not on the agenda here.

***(Agreed by the delegates)***

**29. Proposal from SAHF, Sweden: All Commission Meetings has to be recorded in case of any conflict or problem. If recorded - possibility to verify exactly what was decided.**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The meetings of the EC are already recorded, it is very helpful. It is quite the good idea, we can always get back even the meeting was 5 years ago.

***Resolution: The proposal to record all the Commission meetings was unanimously agreed.***

**30. Proposal from NAHSR, Russia: Proposal to pay the officials involved in ECAHO shows (Judges, DC´s, Ringmasters) - min. 100,- Euro per day and max. 500,- Euro per day. The costs should be paid by show organizer.**

The matter was already discussed during the SC the day before. The matter will be discussed further in the next SC meeting.

***Resolution: The motion was rejected from the Agenda.***

**Nils Ismer (VZAP):** We need the clear definition, if we can pay or have to pay. The Blue Book is refusing to pay the judges.

**Princess Alia (Chairman of ECAHO):** The Show Commission must decide first. At the moment it is possible to cover the extra costs of the officials, which is in accordance with the Blue Book.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** Mrs. Marianne Tengstedt was asked during the SC meeting to prepare the written proposal that will be discussed further during the next SC.



**31. Proposal from ANICA, Italy: Regulations about case of conflict of interests that forbids a person from being a member of EC and ECAHO commissions.**

**Proposal from RJEF, Jordan: Persons serving on a board of any Arabian Horse Organisation whose activities are in direct competition to any of the activities of ECAHO are not eligible to serve in any ECAHO Committee, Commission or working group. To be effective from the time of voting.**

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** asked Mr. Pellegrini, to say few words to this topic submitted by ANICA.

**Vincenzo Pellegrini (ANICA):** He is not sure if he would come next time because he is not nominated. He thinks that ECAHO has at the moment problem of identity - if it is the institution that only gives standards or institution where the members must keep the regulations. The goal is the promoting via the regulations. We are bringing down the feeling of identity. He has already heard that there is no sense to keep the rules because ECAHO is not the institution that can embrace its members. ANICA organized 15 shows and stopped one (which was not according to the requirements) - this way we show the solidarity with the rules. If the thoughts are not changed, not even the modification of the Constitution will help. He know very well how difficult is to lead such organization. Nobody working for such organization has any profit from it but the people must be convinced that this person is really working only for them.

We do not have any rule for conflict of interests but the basis should be understood. If we are organizing anything under ECAHO rules, we must keep them (with exceptions).

We must set the rules that the EC members cannot be board members of other organizations, ECAHO must have possibility to stop it. ANICA has also chance to terminate membership of any show organizer who is in conflict with the rules. The EC should keep this on the account.

*(Mr. Pellegrini was commenting all 3 topics submitted by ANICA)*

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** The conflict of interest was incorporated in the draft of the Constitution which is already proof that the EC keeps this in mind.

There are 2 things that are essential. Topic nr. 33 was, for instance, already discussed within the SC commission in Rome and Amman. It is difficult to forbid it because there are a lot of non-ECAHO shows around the world. It is hard to make the rule which shows are accepted and which not.

Considering topic nr. 31 - it was incorporated in the draft I (August). But why shouldn't people be members of the EC and the Commissions at one moment? If they are professionals skilled in certain area, why should the countries rather send another person without such experience just to have different delegate? If the EC members are representing their countries, there are also increased costs for their national organizations. EC members want to help their national organizations as well.

Topic nr. 32 is matter that must be discussed, it is very delicate issue. Each case must be reviewed individually.

**Vincenzo Pellegrini (ANICA):** The matter of conflict of interests results from each Constitution automatically. But ANICA submitted the issue because it is not obvious that the rule is applicable. It is not about discussing it but applying it.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** It was already discussed in Brussels last August. Mr. Pellegrini should not be afraid to name the person or describe the case directly.

**Vincenzo Pellegrini (ANICA):** He told it in Brussels and got the reply there.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** He thinks that it is all about Essam Abdulla who does not see any conflict of interests. We discussed it several times in the EC and we are also trying to think about the breeders in the UAE. They probably do not know anything about this problem and probably not even about future consequences of not having any ECAHO show. But when we decide about some action, we must take the responsibility for possible loss of the whole country. We can lose them for sure very quickly but we want to keep them under ECAHO membership. Now the EC is trying to

improve the contacts with UAE. Not even one thing discussed in the EC was used against ECAHO until now.

As was already told on the EOGM in Brussels, any Member who is not satisfied or sees the conflict of interest of the EC members, can forward his requests to the AGM and let the AGM decide about the individual EC member.

**Suha Eid (RJEF):** It is logical that we should not accept it.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** Would it be acceptable if the EC makes some proposal to the items 31 - 33? The EC will discuss the implementation in the Constitution.

**Suha Eid (RJEF):** Surely, it would be good.

**Joanne Lowe (AHS):** There should be also some flexibility.

### **32. Proposal from ANICA, Italy: Regulations about shows/initiatives organized by members not under ECAHO rules.**

*(please see discussion under topic 31)*

### **33. Proposal from ANICA, Italy: Regulations about the ECAHO's officials (judges/DC's/ring masters) concerning their participation in shows/initiatives not organized under ECAHO regulation.**

**Proposal from RJEF, Jordan: ECAHO officials (Judges, DCs, Ringmasters) that officiate at non ECAHO shows in ECAHO Member or Associate Member countries, can do so, but they will be sanctioned by being removed from the ECAHO lists of officials.**

*(please see discussion under topic 31)*

**Nuri Said Wafa (LAHBS):** He fully understands the intention of ECAHO to widen the membership base. But ECAHO already is a big body. But the newly accepted Libyan organization has the same goals as our organization which is member already for few years. LAHBS is not against decision of the EC and AGM but LAHBS feels this important. The other organization is not representing the whole Libya but acts only regionally in Benghazi area.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** It is pity Mr. Said Wafa did not raise any comments when the AGM voted about this matter. But this organization sent all the documentation and it was discussed a lot within the EC. For the future we have problem with the Constitution - it does not solve the rules for Full Membership. In future we can have 20 applications for associate membership from one country. This is target of the EC to solve this problem. It seems to be more and more popular to send application for membership and solve this way the internal problems within the country.

**Nuri Said Wafa (LAHBS):** The voting started immediately without previous discussion. LAHBS is already for long time member and nobody contacted them to ask. It would be good to ask first for the opinion of the current member.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** Everybody could make any comments. Essam Abdulla was authorized by the EC to investigate everything concerning the AHA-LY, the EC did not get any feedback. Now the LAHBS is active again but there were e-mails sent in the past to LAHBS without any reaction.

### **34. Proposal from AHS, GB: 14. The introduction of a Code of Conduct for Commission Members, Committee Members, Working Group Members and ECAHO Officials.**

**Annette Dixon (AHS):** The activities and membership of ECAHO have grown over the years creating a need to have a Code of Conduct which will bring us into line with other organisations. It will give guidance on how members of commissions, committees and working groups can work together. It will not necessarily introduce any changes but will put into a written document the well-established practices already known in ECAHO.

ECAHO needs written guidelines on working practices. We will keep the well tested elements that we all trust and record them in a written document which will be available for each person involved in ECAHO meetings. All members know what is happening. It will put in writing all the procedures that are already used in meetings such as the taking, approving, signing, keeping and distribution of Minutes. How we elect officers, appoint delegates, nominate candidates, etc.

And the same is for the Office. Our current secretary is doing great job but when she started, she might have it easier with such manual. In case she is sick it or something, someone can do the important thing and when she is back, the things will still happen.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** Considering the office, he asked already the previous Secretary to prepare such list during exchange of the office. She did it but the work is in reality triple. He understands that it is also protection of the Secretary - she should know what her tasks are. He will ask the current Secretary to make the manual of the working procedures.

He asked the delegates if they agree that AHS will help to prepare the documentation as mentioned in previous motions.

No objections from the floor.

### **35. Proposal from AHS, GB: The introduction of a Manual of Working Procedures for Commissions, Committees and Working Groups.**

*(please see discussion under topic 34)*

### **36. Proposal from AHS, GB: The introduction of a Manual of Working Procedures for the ECAHO office.**

*(please see discussion under topic 34)*

### **37. Proposal from SZAP, Switzerland: The introduction of a working group to develop the ECAHO Disciplinary Code. Election of the most suitable members.**

**Ursula Rahm (SZAP):** The Constitution states that the Disciplinary Code must be followed. It is absolutely necessary; otherwise the Blue Book will be soon overloaded. Many things should be in the Disciplinary Code (such as behaviour of the officials, sanctions). It is not possible to have it in one document. The EC should really think about it seriously.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO):** Actually the same topic was discussed during the Show commission (judges' ethics etc.). The EC will start to produce something like that.

### **38. Next Meeting**

Qatar offered to organize the AGM 2014 during the Arabian horse days in February. They will send the offer officially.

*(applause from the floor)*

### **39. Any Other Business**

**Tarek Hamza (EAO):** There are big problems with import/export of horses to/from Egypt. Therefore EAO asks the EC for help, e.g. with EU.

**Jaroslav Lacina (President of ECAHO)** asked Tarek Hamza to send their requirements and all the information by e-mail.

The President thanked all the presents for their interest and attendance and for this nice meeting.

The meeting was closed at 14:30 hrs.

Date and place: .....

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Jaroslav Lacina (President)

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Zuzana Slavíková, Ex. Secr. (minutes)

## ANNUAL REPORT SPORTS COMMITTEE

The cancellation of the European Sports Championships in Zweibrücken was a great disappointment to all of us, but it is not possible to hold a European Championship with only 30 entries divided between Western and Classic classes.

If we are serious about organising European Sports Championships, than all the delegates of this Sports Committee will have to do their utmost to train riders in their own countries to be able to compete at European levels, by organising sufficient regional and national Western and Classic competitions.

The Sports Committee is important not only to the riders, but also to our breeders, who will find a market for those pure-bred Arab horses that are not of sufficient quality to be shown, but nonetheless will make a useful mount.

It is widely known that Arabian horses excel in Endurance events, but these competitions are organised by the national equestrian federations or the FEI.

Our sport, which is supposed to demonstrate the versatility of the Arabian horse to a wider audience, should be promoted and supported by every country's Stud Book.

A point of note is that the majority of the riders of pure-bred Arabian horses that take part in sport are amateurs, not professionals. They bond and form a team with their horse, which means not many of the successful horses are sold. Trade, therefore, is not a goal.

In the course of time the sport has definitely grown. Austria, Denmark, Spain and the Netherlands have all had national championships for many years, and even have sports clubs that organise competitions.

Poland has joined this group and hopes to hold its 5<sup>th</sup> national championship this summer at the Janów Podlaski Stud, led by the Janów Podlaski Riding Club.

This last year a group of Austrian Western riders travelled to Janów, where they very clearly demonstrated the suitability of the Arabian horse for Western sport.

England has organised dressage and show jumping competitions during the national in-hand championships at Malvern, with a combined result again this year.

Italy has also held its first major competition, in Verona, during the well-attended Equestrian Fair. The Italian Stud Book wonderfully supported this event, as they see the value of paying more attention to non-show horses.

The international dressage and show jumping competitions during the All Nations Cup in Aachen see more entries every year. Every year, riders from the surrounding countries look forward to this unique event in the large dressage arena. It has to be mentioned that part-breds, Shagyas and Anglo-arabs may also take part, and are judged in separate categories.

It is not only in Europe that Arabian horses are being used for sport; this is also happening more and more in both North and South America.

In a few months time, July 26–28, Denmark will be organising the 2013 European Sports Championships in Vilhelmsborg, together with the Danish National Show Championships.

Let us hope that many riders will make the journey to Denmark and that these European Sports Championships will be a great success. It is a bonus that many successful rider-and-horse teams reside in Scandinavia.

At the end of this report appears once again the question: *When and where are you organising competitions?* We would dearly like to collate a Diary of Competitions which can be published on the ECAHO website, enabling riders to find (international) competitions not too far from home. Please notify our general Secretary of any dates and places.

## **The ECAHO Treasurer's report for the year 2011-2012**

The following document is the report of financial activities of the ECAHO for the reporting year, that ended on the 30.09.2012.

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**St Gallen February 4, 2013**

Signatures: Silvio Weber / Auditor in charge /

and

Dominik Meli /Admitted audit expert /

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

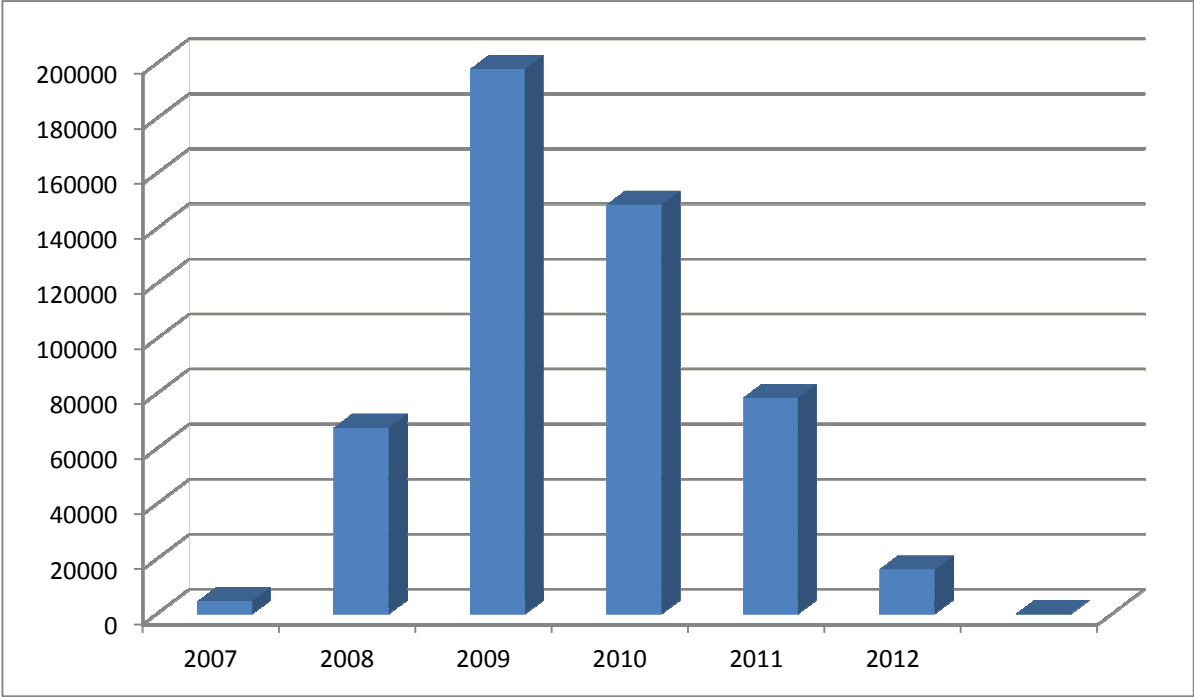
During the reported period the person responsible for accounting was Mrs. Mengia Riedi. The book keeping for this period was the highest quality. Mrs. Riedi also prepared the balance sheet, income statement and the Budget for 2012-2013. All documents are legible, well organized and provide easy control of particular costs and the general financial status of ECAHO.

The balance sheet of assets and liabilities of the reported period resulted in the amount of **CHF 189 447,74** as compared to **CHF 236 915,92** in the previous year.

In our Budget for 2011 – 2012 we expected a total income of **CHF 237 100,00** and reached a decrease of **CHF 111 607,32**.

The income statement shows an amount of **CHF 125 492,68** which is lower of **CHF 75 595,1** in comparison to the income of **CHF 200 987,78** in previous year and **CHF 148 123,34** less than two years ago. This was due to reduced year by year income from price money of the Middle East Shows. We had lost first an Abu Dhabi and Sharjah shows and now Dubai show, so the only remaining ECAHO affiliated show is Al Khalediah Arabian Horse Festival. The rest of the shows at the Middle East has not been affiliated by ECAHO.

**Our total income from price money was CHF 16 120,00 which is CHF 62 261,00 less, then previous year 2011 resulting CHF 78 381,00 in comparison to CHF 148 524,83 in 2010, CHF 197 831,34 in 2009, CHF 67 537,26 in 2008 or CHF 4 514,54 in 2007.**



The other income which was planned and not achieved was CHF 15 000 for Website advertising banner. In the reported year there was no income at all (CHF 0,00).

Total expenses during the reported year reached **CHF 147 890,18** which means an decrease of CHF 66 492,41 ( 31% ) to the previous year, and CHF 108 470,40 ( 42,3% )to the year 2010. Compared to our 2012 Budget, expenses were lower by the amount of CHF 89 209,82.

The most significant cost was obviously the cost of the office which amounted to CHF 53 693,81. It is commonly known that this particular type of costs is very difficult to reduce without negatively effecting the efficiency of day by day activities of the society. A significant decrease – CHF 15 730,48 of personal costs in comparison to the previous year - CHF 69 424,29 and CHF 29 757,33 less than 2010 ( CHF 83 451,14 ) can be considered as a positive phenomenon, especially as it is less than CHF 58 500,00 initially planned in our Budget for 2011 – 2012.

In the reported year the costs of Executive Committee, including costs of travel, accommodation, meeting rooms and other, where lower than previous year. These costs

reached CHF 21 153,92 and were slightly lower than previous year ( CHF 22 504,52) and significantly lower than year 2010 (CHF 37 862,9 ) and also lower to the costs planned in Budget ( CHF 26 500 ).

Costs of commissions activities ( meeting rooms and other costs ) decreased – Show Commission from CHF 7 116,23 to CHF 2 167,80 and Sport Commission from CHF 1 892,00 to CHF 490,05.

Costs of legal action and consultancy fees showed a substantial decrease during the reported year. In the Budget for 2011-2012 we planned CHF 30 000,00 and finally reached CHF 19 503,57 which is very positive result comparing to CHF 51 303,22 in previous year.

Another cost generated was the necessary cost of judges and DC courses. Such costs seem's to be necessary in order to educate our officials as judges and DC's and it's our most important statutory activity of ECAHO.

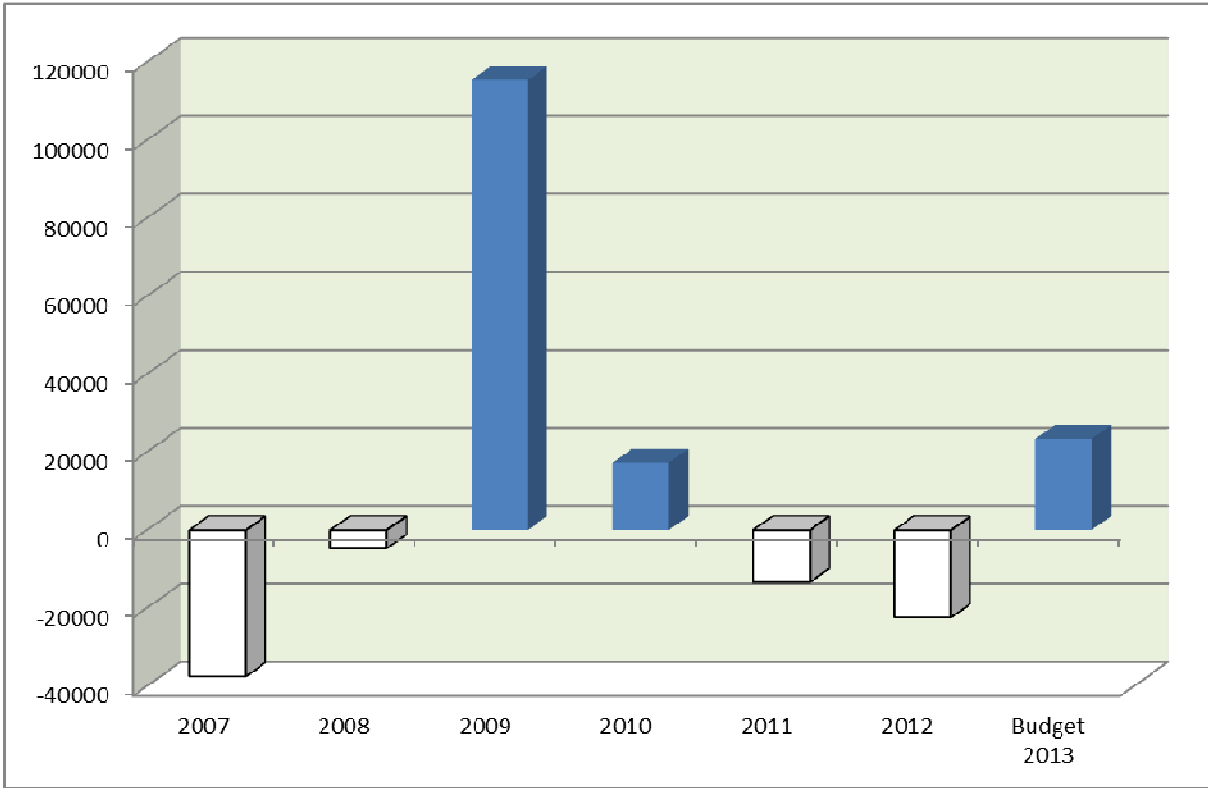
An unstable global financial situation is causing a high risk of the costs of exchange differences from year to year, but we had been lucky to meet a decrease last year, so those costs reached the amount of CHF 7 166,11 comparing to CHF 16 669,76 in the previous year.

Reported year concluded with the net loss of CHF – 22 397,50

Net loss of the previous year was CHF - 13 394,81. Net profit of the year 2009- 2010 was CHF 17 255,44, of the year 2008 – 2009 was **CHF 115 358,38**. The year 2007 – 2008 showed a net loss of CHF **-4 654,66** and the year 2006- 2007 of CHF –37 525,95.



**Profit/loss in years 2007 – 2012**



### **ECAHO BUDGET 2012 – 2013**

The Budget 2012 – 2013 has been distributed among the delegates together with an Income report 2011 – 2012 and has to be approved by the AGM before it will become obligatory.

In years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 high income from prize money from the Middle Eastern Shows enabled us to create a high profit and cover losses from previous years.

The current situation is giving us a chance to plan our budget more bravely having a promise of the prize money from Al Khalediah Festival and other shows. It is possible now to build our next Budget on higher income and lower expenses. Previous years have showed us how difficult it is to get any income from the Website Advertising Banner, so our proposal is to plan no income and if any we will be more than happy.

The most visible cuts are connected with the Executive Secretary – from CHF 53 693,81 from the last year to CHF 29 400,00 for coming year. This was due to an effort of our President finding an option of cheaper costs of the secretariat.

The total income planned for the year 2012 – 2013 is **CHF 166 100,00**

Our expenses in the coming year will be CHF 142 740,00 and the net profit will amount to **CHF 23 360,00.**

We have to plan our costs of legal actions for an amount of CHF 20 000, because of the risk of court cases we can face in future.

Presenting this Budget to AGM for approval we have to present a hope that next years will be not as difficult as last year and financial situation of ECAHO will constantly improve with an increasing income from our statutory activities and there will be no need for shortages of costs being crucial for an improvement of our activities.