

## **FECTU INFO 10/2024**



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***Dear members of FECTU,***

*After a new board was elected, it took us some time to organise things. We proudly announce our first FECTU information.*

*Please forward this information to the members of your organisation.*

### ***1. FECTU AMG in Denmark***

*Dansk Køre Forbund - The Danish Driving Federation hosted the FECTU AGM in 2024. Representatives of the organisations "IG Arbeitspferde" from Switzerland, "ÖIPK" from Austria, "Lithuanian Draft Horse Breeders Association" from Lithuania and the "British Horse Loggers" from Great Britain were present at the open-air museum Hjerl Hede in Vinderup. An election took place at this year's General Assembly. The current president, Joao Rodriguez from Portugal, and long-term president, Pit Schlechter, had already an-*

*nounced in advance that they would no longer be on the board for the new period. On Sunday, a meadow on the museum grounds was ploughed and reseeded with two horse teams. Two experienced and well-known ploughmen, Calle Jonasen and Jens Juul from Denmark, were on site. The experienced Friesian and Icelandic horse and cart teams allowed all participants to pick up the lines, plough themselves, and get tips from the ploughing professionals.*



## ***2. Presentation of the new Board***

*President:* **Michaela Taubländer** (Austria) is a board member of the Austrian Draft Horse Association (ÖIPK). She studied law, economics, and equine science and works as a corporate legal counsellor.



*Vice-President:* **Cesc Aldabó** (Spain) was a founding member of the Spanish Association of Animal Traction (ANTA) in 2012 and a founding member of the Catalan Association of Animal Traction (ACTA) in 2017. Works as a structural engineer and teacher in the Architecture School of Barcelona (Politecnic University of Catalonia) and as a part-time farmer.



*Treasurer:* **Nanna Aggerholm Larsen** (Denmark) is a member of the Danish Driving Federation (DKF), where she participates in activities related to horse logging and ploughing.



Professionally, she is an engineer and works as a consultant in the agro-industrial sector.

**Matthias Penner** (Austria) is the Austrian Draft Horse Association (ÖIPK) treasurer and represents the International Draft Animal Consultants a.s.b.l. in FECTU. He studied Animal Sciences in Vienna, specialising in animal nutrition, and runs a farm where he breeds and feeds Wagyu cows and Turopolje pigs.



**Aurelija Aksomaitytė** (Lithuania) is a member of the Lithuanian Heavy Draft Horse Breeders Association (LSAVAA). She currently works as a full-time studbook administrator, which includes managing paperwork and consulting breeders on all matters related to horse breeding. She has a degree in Animal Science and animal care and management certifications.



### ***3. AGM in 2025***

The next AGM will be held in Germany at the PferdeStark 2025 in Wendlinghausen from August 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Additional infor-

mation will be coming soon. Please follow [www.pferdestark.net](http://www.pferdestark.net).

#### **4. Webinars 2025**

We want to continue our webinar series in 2025. You can find the webinars we already made following this link:

[www.youtube.com/@fectueuropeanworkinganimal5736/videos](http://www.youtube.com/@fectueuropeanworkinganimal5736/videos)

If you want to hold a webinar or you know an engaging speaker, please contact us at [info@fectu.org](mailto:info@fectu.org).

#### **5. FECTU Info Newsletter Subscription**

To get in contact with more people all over Europe, we decided to share the FECTU newsletter with all interested people. You can subscribe to our FECTU info newsletter by following this link:

[www.fectu.org/newsletter](http://www.fectu.org/newsletter)

Best regards

***FECTU board***

*Michaela, Cesc, Nanna, Matthias, Aurelija*

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