



Lipizzan International Federation

Explanatory Note.

After 400 years of existence, the genetic possibilities of survivors of the Lipizzaner race have become more and more precarious because of the degree of consanguinity and the limitation to only one country. Therefore the need to open the national horizons and to organize international scientific research and co-operation in order to perpetuate the Lipizzaner horse which represents one of the most ancient races and thus an irreplaceable cultural symbol.

These objectives will be pursued without any profit-making intention through the exchange of information on breeding, insemination techniques and crossing possibilities between different national livestock.

The internationalization of this knowledge and the results of modern zootechnical research is likely to contribute to the preservation of the race and prevent the extinction which would constitute an immediate loss from the equestrian cultural point of view.

The immediate and most urgent activities of the International Federation are:

- the census of stallion pedigrees and of mare families;
- the setting up of the basic structure of an international stud-book;
- the definition of race purity and Lipizzaner typical exterior criteria.

St. Ulriks Kappelle (B), October 1986 - Hildegard Gekiere, Secretary General





General Assemblies

1984, 1985: Brussels/Belgium:	Constitutional meetings Chief negotiators : Oulehla, Franetic, Leiner
1986 Lipica/Jugoslavia	Establishing Assembly - Chief negotiators : Franetic, Leiner
1987 Brussels/Belgium	Chairman : Verbeken Vice-Chairman : Oulehla/Franetic
1988 Monterotondo/Rome	Chairman : Ianuzzi Vice-Chairman : Oulehla/Franetic
1989 Szilvasarad/Hungary	Chairman : Ianuzzi Vice-Chairman : Oulehla/Franetic
1990 Bordeaux/France	Chairman : Merkens Vice Chairman : Ianuzzi/Franetic
1991 Geneva/Switzerland	Chairman : Merkens Vice Chairman : Ianuzzi/Franetic
1992 Burley/UK	Chairman : Merkens Vice Chairman : Ianuzzi/Schuster
1993 Poiana/Simbata de Jos/Romania	Chairman : Merkens Vice Chairman : Ianuzzi/Schuster
1994 Paris/France	Chairman : Merkens Vice Chairman : Ianuzzi/Schuster
1995 Piber/Austria	Chairman : Merkens Vice Chairman : Ianuzzi/Schuster
1996 Lipica/Slovenia	Chairman : Bodo Vice-Chairmen: Merkens/Schuster
1997 Djakovo/Croatia	Chairman: Bodo Vice-Chairmen: Merkens/Schuster
1998 Topolcianky/Slowakia	Chairman: Bodo Vice-Chairmen: Ratheiser/Kirsch
1999 Lelystad/The Netherlands	Chairman: Leiner Vice-Chairmen: Ratheiser/Kirsch
2000 Kladruby/Czech Republic	Chairman: Leiner Vice-Chairmen: Ratheiser/Kirsch

Fifteen years of extreme devotion and exciting activities have passed since the 1986 founding Assembly of the LIF in Lipica. The Secretary General, Mrs Hildegard Gekiere, the Secretary of the Breeding Committee, Mr. Atjan Hop, the Treasurers and the Legal Advisors have all played an important role in the activities. Thanks to the efforts of member organizations in different countries, the LIF has been able to regularly organize annual general assemblies, as mentioned above.

During these 15 years of activity, the LIF has had the opportunity to participate in the creation, modification and implementation of EU “Equine” regulations in the veterinary and zootechnical fields, although it has not yet been possible to reach a solution to the problem of the cradle of the breed, which could satisfy all parties concerned.

Through its resolutions taken at Kladruby, 2000, the LIF has committed itself to contribute to a solution of this problem before the accession of Slovenia and of our other central European partners to the European Union becomes effective.

The LIF welcomes the conclusion of the INCO-COPERNICUS research project which was financed by the EU and which offers practical guidance in favour of the individual breeder in the field.

In order to complete the original establishing acts, this modified 4th edition includes updated rules of procedure, annexes concerning selection criteria (Annex IV) and recommendations for the edition of national studbooks (Annex V) as well as the special status, granted to the Kladruby stud.

Brussels, July 2001
Rudolf Leiner, President

The modified 5th edition only shows some small, but important text changes in the Internal Rules of Procedure and the Appendix I, which were approved by the General Assembly (2005 and 2001)

Leiden (NL), April 2006 Atjan Hop, Secretary General



General Assemblies (following)

2001	Brussels, Belgium	Chairman : Leiner	Vice-Chairman : Ratheiser/Kirsch
2002	Topolcianky, Slovakia	Chairman : Leiner	Vice-Chairman : Ratheiser/Kirsch
2003	Szilvasarad/Hungary	Chairman : Leiner	Vice-Chairman : Ratheiser/Kirsch
2004	Lipica/Slovenia	Chairman : Verbic	Vice Chairman : Soelkner/Dallos
2005	Piber/Austria	Chairman : Verbic	Vice Chairman : Soelkner/Dallos
2006	Djakovo/Croatia	Chairman : Verbic	Vice Chairman : Soelkner/Dallos





Establishing Acts - (English)

THE STATUTES

Constitution

Article 1

Pursuant to the provisions of the Belgian Law of 25th October 1919, as amended by that of 6th December 1954, an International Scientific Association shall be established under the title of the “Lipizzan International Federation” (LIF).

Article 2

The registered office of the LIF is situated at present at Roelandsheide 45, B- 3080 Duisburg, Belgium. It may, by a simple decision from the Board of Administration, be transferred to any other place in Belgium.

The working languages of the LIF are French, German and English.

Article 3

The LIF shall be established for an unlimited period of time.

Objectives

Article 4

The LIF is a non profit making body with the object to contribute to the preservation of the Lipizzan breed and to the circulation of information in all fields, as well as to undertake any necessary actions, otherwise than with a view of profit, to promote the breeding of purebred Lipizzans.

The LIF has no jurisdiction over national breeding rules.

Members

Article 5

Members of the LIF shall be any national associations and institutions promoting the breeding and the reputation of the Lipizzan horse.

Article 6

To be admitted as a member, the organisation shall:

- 1 - accept the statutes of the LIF and all Regulations adopted in pursuance thereof;
- 2 - be accepted by the General Assembly. The General Assembly shall decide on the application for admission to membership and need not state the reasons on which its decision is based.

Article 7

Membership will be ended:

- 1 - upon resignation submitted in writing to the Chairman;
- 2 - upon expulsion resolved by the General Assembly with a 2/3 majority. The General Assembly need not state the reasons on which its decision is based.

Any member whose membership terminates shall relinquish its rights to the assets of the LIF.

Constituent Bodies

Article 8

The following shall be the constituent bodies of the LIF;

- 1 - The General Assembly.
- 2 - The Board of Administration



Article 9

The General Assembly shall have the following powers:

- admission and expulsion of members.
- adoption of the internal rules of procedure.
- fixing members annual contribution.
- appointment and removal of the members of the Board of Administration.
- supervision of the Board of Administration
- recognizing the annual financial report.
- amendment of the statutes.
- dissolution of the LIF.

The General Assembly shall be composed of two delegates per member organization; each delegate can cast at most one proxy vote. Every three years, each member organization shall notify the composition of its delegation during a meeting of the General Assembly.

Article 10

The Board of Administration shall have power to decide on all matters not reserved to or raised by the General Assembly, and particularly those concerning zootechnical matters. Its decision shall be taken by a majority vote of its members.

Article 11

The General Assembly shall elect from amongst its members the Board of Administration composed of a Chairman, two vice-Chairmen, a Treasurer and a Secretary General for a term of three years. They shall be eligible for re-election.

All agreements binding the LIF, in particular those relating to day-to-day management, shall be signed by the Secretary General. The LIF may sue or be sued in the name of a Board Member appointed by the Chairman for this purpose.

Article 12

Decisions taken by the General Assembly shall only be valid if at least half of the member organisations are represented. These decisions shall require a majority of votes represented. If the necessary number of votes is not available at a meeting of the General Assembly, the Chairman shall, within one month, convene another meeting of the General Assembly to be held within two months from the date of the first meeting. At the second meeting a simple majority of the votes represented shall be sufficient.

Article 13

The General Assembly shall meet at least once every three years. The Board of Administration shall meet at least once a year. Special meetings of the General Assembly and of the Board of Administration may be convened by the Chairman alone or by at least half of the member organisations.

Article 14

The business of any meeting of the General Assembly shall be confined to the items on the agenda for that meeting. The agenda shall be sent to the members at least 30 days before the meeting of the General Assembly. Each member organisation can submit items for the agenda.

Article 15

Each year the Treasurer shall submit to the Board the draft of the annual accounts and the annual budget.

Funds

Article 16

The funds of the LIF shall be raised by contributions from the member organisations, and by any other means.



Amendments to the Statutes and Dissolution.

Article 17

Any proposal to alter the Statutes or to dissolve the LIF must be made by the Board of Administration. The Board of Administration must give the member organisations at least three months notice of the date of the meeting of the General Assembly to decide on the said proposal. No decisions shall be valid, unless it is voted by a majority of two thirds of the total number of votes allocated to all member organisations.

If the necessary number of votes is not available a new meeting of the General Assembly is convened under the same conditions to decide on the said proposal whatever the number of votes represented. No amendment to the Statutes shall take effect until it has been approved by the Royal Decree and under the conditions of publicity laid down in Article 3 of the Law of 25th October 1919 have been fulfilled. The General Assembly shall decide on the procedure to be adopted for dissolving the LIF. After the LIF has been dissolved, the remaining net assets shall then be divided amongst the member organisations in proportion to the contributions which they have paid throughout the time of existence of the LIF. The division of the assets shall be carried out by a liquidator to be appointed by the General Assembly for that purpose.

General Provision

Article 18

Anything which has not been provided for in these Statutes, in particular the publications to be made in the Moniteur Belge (The Belgian Official Gazette), shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of the law.





INTERNAL RULES OF PROCEDURE (RP) OF THE LIF

(pursuant to Art.9 Para.1 second indent of the statute) unanimously approved by the General Assembly on 16th September 1989)

I - General Assembly (G.A)

Article 1. (Convocation, Agenda, Procedures)

§1. Invitations to the G.A including a copy of the Agenda, shall be issued by the Secretary General at the request of the Chairman at least 60 days before the meeting date. In addition to the ordinary meetings of the G.A held every three years, extraordinary General Assemblies shall be held every eighteen months or once per year.

§2. After the formal business has been completed, the G.A may proceed to an informal agenda in the form of a symposium of scientific, historical or informative nature.

§3. If the Chairman is unable to attend, he may be replaced as agreed by one of the Vice-Chairmen.

Article 2. (Organisation, participation, minutes)

§1. The Secretary General shall be responsible for the organisation , preparation and regular conduct of the G.A.; he shall be supported in these tasks by the member organisation at whose invitation the G.A is being held. In the case of meetings outside Brussels, the member country hosting the meeting shall be responsible for providing a meeting room and simultaneous interpretation.

§2. Only those delegates referred to in Article 9 paragraph 2 of the Statutes, and enjoying a right to vote, may participate in the official business.

§3. Any delegate may be accompanied by an assistant: a request to this effect may be submitted in writing to the Secretary General 15 days before the G.A and must be approved by the Board of Administration (B.A).

§4. Participation in discussion on the informal part of the agenda shall be open to delegates, their assistants and experts. The names of the latter must be notified in writing to the Secretary General by the member organisations 15 days before the G.A or else they must be invited by the B.A.

§5. The Secretary General shall be responsible for the minutes relating to the formal part of the agenda. Written contributions to the Agenda should be appended either in full or in summarised form to the minutes of distributed in due time before the meeting.

Article 3 (Voting rights)

Persons accompanying official delegates to the G.A shall have only an advisory function. If the Chairman agrees, they may at the request of the delegate, be allowed to address the G.A. They may not vote on behalf of another person.



Article 4 (Budget, Member's contributions)

§1. The annual draft budget and accounts shall be approved by the B.A (Article 15 of the Statutes) and submitted to the G.A for the record (Article 9, paragraph 1, sixth indent).

§2. The accountancy documents are submitted to two financial auditors within two weeks of the General Assembly. These auditors are nominated by the G.A. on the proposal of the Board.

§3. The fixed annual contribution determined by the G.A (Article 9 paragraph 1, third indent) shall be paid into the LIF's account at the beginning of the financial year. All transfer and currency conversion charges shall be borne by the contributor.

§4. Notice of outstanding contributions shall be issued in writing by the Treasurer on 1st July. The contributor shall have two months from that date to pay the sum owed. If the contribution has not been paid by the deadline, a fine equivalent to 10% of the outstanding sum shall be charged for late payment. The fine shall be increased by a further 10% for every subsequent period of six months during which the sum remains unpaid.

§5. The B.A can fix the annual contribution of associated member at an amount less than or equal to the ordinary member's annual contribution.

§6. The fee paying use of the LIF emblem by sponsors shall be subject to the approval of the B.A.

II - Board of Administration (B.A)

Article 5 (Election of B.A members, experts, meetings)

§1. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Statutes, the Board of administration shall be composed of the Chairman, the two Vice-Chairmen, the Treasurer and the Secretary General, assisted by the Legal Advisor.

§2. For the elections after a 3-year period of the mandate the following rules apply:

The sitting members of the Board may stand themselves for re-election. (*Revised text 2005*)

A member organization can submit up to two candidacies.

Each candidacy must concern a specific function within the Board of Administration.

The candidacies must be notified to the Secretary General at least 15 days before the General Assembly

§3. In the event of a member of the Board of Administration being unable to complete his term of office, the said office shall be filled for the remaining period by a person elected by the G.A. If no replacement has been elected for a Board of Administration member whose term of office has expired, the outgoing member shall continue to carry out his duties until a new, specific or general election has been held.

§4. Article 1 to 3 of these internal rules of procedure shall apply – mutatis mutandis- to the convocation procedures and minutes of Board of Administration meetings.,

§5. The Board of Administration, duly constituted pursuant to Article 11 paragraph 1 of the Statutes, shall appoint a person to act as a legal advisor in matters relating to the application of the Statutes and the internal rules of procedure.

§6. The Board of Administration may establish standing committees, working parties or ad hoc committees to consider inter alia questions relating to breeding matters (lineage criteria, and breeding policies to maintain the breed itself and its purity, amendments to the appendices of the R.P and other zootechnical matters.



§7. Any member organisation may nominate an expert to participate in the work of the committees. The Secretary General may, with the approval of the B.A., appoint persons to assist him with his work (secretaries, translators) and, subject to the agreement of the Treasurer, defray the day-to-day running expenses.

III- Member Organisations

Article 6 (Obligations of Member organisations, associated membership)

§1. Pursuant to Article 5 of the Statutes, a member country can in principle have only one organisation and/or one official institution as a full member of the LIF.

§2. The representative nature of the national member organisation shall be determined by their adherence to the pure breeding criteria (Cf. Appendix II of the R.P) and the aims and objects of the LIF, as stated in its Statutes.

§3. On the basis of criteria to be established by the B.A (Appendix I of the R.P).

National member organisations must:

- Be acknowledged by the competent National Authority.
- Keep stud books and be able to issue proof of lineage.
- Guarantee the breeding purity of all horses registered with them.

§4. Notification to the LIF (International Lipizzaner Register) of entries into National Stud-books shall be voluntary.

§5. The B.A may grant associated member (Observer) status to any association which is not a founder member of the LIF.

§4. Associated members shall not have voting rights, as they agree to constitute a national organisation with the founder member or to join a national umbrella organisation.

§5. The same shall apply to national breeding organisations specialised in other breeds of Baroque horses (Kladruber, Lusitanian, Andalusian etc).

§6. The B.A may in appendix VI to the R.P., determine the relevant criteria with regard to definition of the breed, recognition of subsidiary stud-books or sub-groups and establish the conditions by which these organisations may become associated members to the LIF.

Article 7. (Penalties)

§1. The B.A may impose penalties on any member organisation or associate member which acts in a manner contrary to the Statutes or fails to carry out the resolutions of the G.A.

§2. These penalties shall include fines up to the equivalent of an annual contribution, suspension of voting rights or exclusion from a G.A.

§3. The B.A may, if so requested by the interested party or any other member, make inquiries to ascertain compliance with the obligations resulting from membership of the LIF. Any costs arising from such inquiries (travel expenses, expert opinions, etc) shall be borne by the organisation concerned.



APPENDIX I

Demands for a national studbook organization

In order to be officially approved, breeders organisations and associations which maintain or establish a stud-book must:

- 1 - have legal personality in accordance with the legislation in force in the Member State where the application is made;
- 2 - prove to the competent authorities:
 - a - that they operate efficiently
 - b - that they can carry out the checks necessary for recording pedigrees.
 - c - that they have a sufficiently large herd to carry out a breed improvement programme or that they have a sufficiently large herd to preserve the breed where this is considered necessary.
 - d - that they can make use of livestock performance data necessary for carrying out their breed improvement or preservation programme.
- 3 - have a set of rules covering:
 - a - the definition of the breed's characteristics;
 - b - the system for identifying animals;
 - c - the system for recording pedigrees;
 - d - the definition of their breeding objectives;
 - e - the systems for making use of livestock performance data, enabling the genetic value of the animals to be assessed;
 - f - the division of the stud-book, if there are different conditions for entering animals or if there are different procedures for classifying the animals entered in the book.
- 4 - have articles of association, laying down, in particular, the principle of non-discrimination between members.

APPENDIX II

PURE BREEDING CRITERIA, established under art.6 paragraph 2 of the internal rules of procedure

I. Definition

Horses of the pure Lipizzaner breed shall mean those horses registered in a national Lipizzaner stud-book recognised by the LIF, or which are generated by two registered parents.

II. Conditions of origin of the pure bred Lipizzaner

1. Lipizzaner horses can be registered as purebred in a studbook, only if they originate in direct line from:
 - the eight nowadays used stallion lines (CONVERSANO, FAVORY, INCITATO, MAESTOSO, NEAPOLITANO, PLUTO, SIGLAVY, TULIPAN), and
 - the breedingstallions as used in the former court studfarm of Lippiza (1580-1915), and
 - the marefamilies as used in the former court studfarm of Lippiza, as well as
 - the other marefamilies, arisen from traditional Lipizzaner breeding and nowadays recognized .
2. Occasionally horses of Arabian, Andalusian, Lusitanian of Kladrubian origin can be recognised in a pedigree of a Lipizzaner, provided that traditionally accepted studs have crossed in those horses.

(Revised text 2001)

APPENDIX III

DEFINITION OF THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE

Among the different breeds, the Lipizzan has an exclusive position.

This cultural breed is considered to be the most ancient in Europe. As a parade horse, the Lipizzan shows nobleness, expression and easiness (talent) for dressage and in a carriage.

He must have a moderate nature (well- balanced) and a good character.

The body is rectangular and the ideal height is between 1.55 and 1.58 to the withers.

The traditional grey colour is dominant.



APPENDIX IV

DIRECTIVES FOR THE JUDGES OF LIPIZZAN HORSES AND SHORT GUIDELINES OF SELECTION

The most important first trait to be judged is the breed character; all body parts of the horse come thereafter

A) TYPE

Both the riding and driving horse type are accepted in Lipizzan breed. Both should be judged within its special character, extremities should be disliked. The subconvex profile throughout the body with rounded outlines is typical for the breed.

B) HEIGHT

Average height to be measured at the withers is for males 1.55m-1.58m. at the age of 6. Bigger and smaller horses must be harmonious in extra good breed character.

C) COLOUR

The grey colour is dominant. Brown (bay) and black occur and should remain. Dun and chestnut are rare and appear only within specific bloodlines. All other colours should not occur.

D) ATTITUDE

A natural ability for concentration with a great disposition for collected work in High School and large endurance for riding and driving work.

E MOVEMENTS

Proud and elevated action. Long, elegant and in complete balance in walk, trot and canter.

F HEAD

Well proportioned, of medium length, narrow and dry, with not too pronounced lower jaw and the cheek inclined to be round. A slightly convex profile belongs to the breed character, the too fine (Arabic) and the too convex (ram head) should occur only in low frequency.

The eyes intend to be large and dark, expressive and confident; the ears are of medium length, fine and expressive.

G) NECK

Medium length, arched with narrow mane, the junction between head and neck is not too narrow, the neck is deep in the base and well inserted between the shoulders, rising up from the withers without interruption.

H) WITHERS

Well-developed and long, not well expressed, with a smooth transition from the back of the neck, always higher than the croup.

I) CHEST

Of medium size, deep and muscular

J) RIBCAGE

Well developed, deep and not too long, with ribs obliquely arched into the joint with the spinal column .

K) SHOULDER

Should be long, sloping ($\geq 50^\circ$) and well muscled

L) BACK

Well defined and tending towards the horizontal, making a smooth union between withers and loins.

M) LOINS

Short, wide, muscular, slightly convex, well connected with the back and croup, with which they form a continuous harmonious line.

N) CROUP

Strong and rounded, well muscled and balanced, slightly sloping, the length must not be shorter than the width, the profile convex and harmonious, with the point of the hip not too pronounced. The tail must not be set too deep, with long, silky hair.

**O) LEGS**

The legs are well muscled, with regular angles. The joints well proportioned and dry. The upper arm straight muscular. The cannons are not too long. The fetlocks are dry, with very little hair. The pasterns are of medium length and regularly angled.

P) HOOVES

The hooves are hard, of good quality, well defined and proportioned.

Q) TEMPERAMENT AND CHARACTER

Noble, generous and ardent, but always gentle, friendly, willing to work, able to bear pressures and directed to man.

APPENDIX V**RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONTENT OF A NATIONAL STUDBOOK for LIF member countries**

- 1) AUTHORIZATION of the editor (by the LIF and national authorities)
- 2) PREFACE (short summary of present situation of the breed on national and international level) The LIF-president could write a few lines about the international situation.
- 3) ABBREVIATIONS (used in the studbook)
- 4) INDEX of the breeders and/or horse owners (separate lists). Remarks for the owners list: “Published in.....” (date)
- 5) INDEX of the stallions (alphabetical order)
- 6) INDEX of the mares (alphabetical order)
- 7) MARES AND THEIR PROGENY (the ranking must not be uniform: chronological or by studbook no.)
 - a) name of the mare (name giving according to Lipizzaner historical tradition: classical or Hungarian, not mixed)
 - b) Pedigree with 5 generations
 - c) Date of birth
 - d) Description (color, marks, brands, heights)
 - e) Blood- of DNA-typing
 - f) Sire line and maternal family
 - g) Sire and his dam (maternal grand sire)
 - h) Referring to the studbook of origin (where the further generations for a complete pedigree can be found)
 - i) Covering dates, foaling dates, sex and sire of the foal (the reproduction data contain the complete career of the mare)
 - j) Other essential information
- 8) STALLIONS (the same identification data as given for mares)
- 9) REGISTER of semen available
- 10) LIST OF IMPORTS (with pedigrees, date and origin)
- 11) LIST OF EXPORTS (with pedigrees, date and destination)
- 12) GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF STALLIONS (not obligatory in all volumes)
- 13) MARE FAMILIES (not obligatory in all volumes)

Extra note:

- For the registration of permanent data, the use of a computer is recommended.
- The national studbook should be printed and published every 4 years.
- A yearly supplement is recommended, only with the actual data
- Photos are not recommended in a studbook
- The breeders’ private studbook is, on the one hand the owners private register, on the other hand the original up to date source of data. It contains of course many subjective observations and descriptions.
- The fine original handwritten studbooks of traditional Lipizzan studs are considered as extraordinary valuable.



**APPENDIX VI Resolution, carried by unanimous vote by the GA.
CONDITIONS OF SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP STATUS OF THE KLADRUBY STUD WITHIN THE LIF.**

WHEREAS, the Czech National Stud of Kladruby nad Labem had applied for membership of the LIF;

WHEREAS, the Kladrubian horses of the Studfarm of Kladruby share common ancestry with the Lipizzan horse

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the LIF to include the National Stud of Kladruby,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Art. 6, Par. 2 of the Statutes and Art. 6, Par 8 of its Internal Rules of Procedure, the LIF determines special conditions for new member organisations;

WHEREAS, the National Stud of Kladruby has agreed to bound by the Statutes and all Regulations of the LIF;

**THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE LIPIZZAN INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION
DECIDES THAT:**

The National Stud of Kladruby nad Labem, Czech Republic, shall be accepted as member of the LIF, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The Kladruby Stud will not be allowed to vote for President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary of the LIF
- 2) The Kladruby Stud can vote on all issues brought before the General Assembly except those issues pertaining to the purebredness or breeding of the Lipizzan horse.
- 3) The Kladruby Stud can take part as observer in the Breeding Committee of the LIF
- 4) The Kladruby Stud shall pay the full amount of dues, assessed against each member and be entitled to participate fully in all other business and benefits of the organization
- 5) The Kladruby Stud will provide pedigree and other information regarding its horses to the Breeding Committee when requested in cases where such horses are common to both the Lipizzan breed and the horses of the Kladruby stud.

Kladruby nad Labem, September 30, 2000



DRAFT RESOLUTION

Submitted by Otto von Habsburg - Member of the European Parliament

OBJECT : Survival of the Lipizzan Horse

The European Parliament:

A - Aware that the Lipizzaner forms an irreplaceable part of our cultural heritage.

B - Whereas the breed's survival is hanging in the balance owing to the degree of inbreeding within populations in individual countries.

C - Concerned at the danger that numbers of the breed might fall in the Community as well as in the EFTA Member States, and Hungary, Rumania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Croatia, countries with which the Community has concluded or is negotiating association agreements.

D - Whereas the Lipizzan International Federation (LIF) works to preserve the Lipizzaner Breed and its genetic potential; whereas the federation is the umbrella organisation of state-run stud farms in Italy, Austria, Slovenia, Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia, and a dozen breeders associations operating in most Member States.

E - Whereas current Community legislation on the operation of the Single Market and the one concerning the genetic resources in the field of animal breeding, have a decisive bearing on matters related to health, animal husbandry, sport and culture; whereas the breeding associations should benefit from this legislation.

1 - Calls on the Commission to ensure proper enforcement of Community provisions on horses so as to take into account the specificities of the Lipizzan breed and to preserve its genetic values.

2 - Recognises the LIF as an international association under Directive 90/427/EEC in order to ensure that the genetic resources of the breed be guaranteed in all Member States of the E.U.

3 - Proposes that the Commission contributes with all Community means i.e. applying the financial resources necessary to the promotion of pure breed horses, in order to ensure the survival of the Lipizzan horse. (Council Regulation CE 1467/-94).

4 - Recommends taking the necessary initiatives so that the international implications of Lipizzan horses are made aware to the administrations responsible for the Lipizzaner breed , and to organise a close co-operation between the different countries.

5 - Asks his President to transmit the text of this Resolution to the Commission and to the Governments of the E.U Member States.

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