

## The **YOUNG BREEDERS** Competition : An international breeding competition dedicated to 16 to 25 year-olds!

Next July, the Selle Français stud-book will be hosting the **2011 Young Breeders World Championship**. This competition will be gathering young horse presenters and will be taking place in **Chazey sur Ain (Rhône-Alpes region, France) on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2011**.

The **Young Breeders Championship** is a concept of breeding competitions dedicated to individuals aged 16 to 25 who represent in a team and individually one of the **WBFSH stud-books** (the WBFSH is the international federation of studbooks for sport horses). This championship allows participants to compete not only on their theoretical knowledge about breeding in general, but also on their ability to prepare, present, and assess horses at breeding events.



The **Young Breeders World Championship** takes place every two years, each time hosted by a different stud-book. The 2011 edition will be organised by the **Selle Français Stud-Book (ANSF)**, who will have the honour of welcoming participating teams from all over the world. For this edition, around **25 stud-books** have registered, travelling from a large number of countries ranging from **European countries to Canada and the United States**. In total, over **300 participants of all nationalities** will be competing over a two-day competition. The Selle Français Stud-Book will be represented by **2 teams** (1 junior team and 1 senior team).



Most of these young participants are likely to become **tomorrow's judges** in our breeding competitions. Most of them are willing to pursue careers as breeding professionals. Generally, the best « Young Breeders » are approached by Stud-Books in order to present horses during breeding competition finals or during auction sales. In France, **André AUDINOT** is the 2009 Champion of in-hand presentation. He now works as a professional horse presenter and rider; numerous breeding professionals trust him every year to train and prepare their horses for the Journées Selle Français.

The two-day competition taking place in Chazey sur Ain on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> will consist in **4 main tests**:

- **Judging locomotion and free-jumping:** this test consists in individually assessing a number of horses according to 4 criteria: trot, canter, jumping technique and jumping ability/scope.
- **Judging conformation:** this test consists in individually assessing 3 horses according to 10 precise criteria.
- **Presenting a horse in hand:** in this test, the participant himself is assessed. He/she is asked to present a horse on a triangle in the best possible way, both in terms of physical characteristics and in terms of behavior. This is the most popular test of the competition.
- **The Theory exam** (Multiple-choice questions) in English: participants are individually assessed on approximately 20 written questions addressing horse-related topics (feeding, breeding, sport...). Participants are able to study these questions prior to the competition.



Extra tests (which will not affect the results of the main competition) are also planned, such as an assessment of the preparation for the in-hand presentation, and a mascot competition. The Young Breeders World Competition will end with all teams parading with their specific mascot representing their Stud-Book.

A **cultural programme** is also organised, starting on Sunday 24th. During this two-day outing, participants, along with their fans and coaches, will get the chance to discover the breeding of sport-horses in France, and more specifically in the Rhône-Alpes region. Activities will for instance include visiting stables of famous riders, visiting stud-farms, and discovering the region's main cultural sites.



**CHAZEY SUR AIN**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011**

**25 countries,  
300 participants from all over the world  
competing in France**



**YOUNG BREEDERS**

**World Championship 2011  
for horse presenters (16-25 years old)**

**1 in-hand presentation**

**2 judging tests**



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