



MEETINGS WITH THE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATIONS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

In order to report on the current situation with regards to the LG-PRE Stud Book and the problems that have been faced in the receipt of details and the possibilities of providing LG-PRE Stud Book services in the various countries, a delegation traveled to New Zealand and Australia from the 18th to 21st July. This delegation was headed by Pedro Pons (a member of the executive committee and commission for the handling of the International Division of the Stud Book) and Manuel González.

Once there, meetings were held with the various breeders' associations in order to better understand the current situation, to listen to their proposals and to get to know, first hand, the state of the sector in the above mentioned countries.

In New Zealand, meetings were held with the representatives of three breeders' associations: specifically, ACPRE (Asociación de Caballos de PRE) New Zealand, APANZ (Andalusian & PRE Association of New Zealand) and the NSHA (National Spanish Horse Association of New Zealand).

The presidents of each of the associations attended the respective meetings, which were held on the 18th of July in Auckland, along with their board members (Sabina Hole, Susan Grindell and Adriane Bryce, respectively).

ACPRE is the only association that has, at all times, collaborated with FESCCR (the *cria caballar*); in fact, it was formed exclusively for this purpose. This association is dedicated exclusively to the PRE Horse.

The other two associations have members with Purebred Spanish Horses, crossbreeds, part PRE or a "related" breed (Lusitanos, Paso Finos, Lipizzaners, etc.). Nevertheless, they all basically share the same social basis and directives.

Each one independently organizes its own events, but processes the documentation of their PREs and also receives information about the breed and LG-PRE by means of ACPRE and are, in general terms, happy with the work that has been done in the handling of their paperwork.

At the end of each talk, there was an interesting debate in which local breeders could ask questions about unresolved issues, which have been added at the end of this article, as they coincided with the inquiries of their Australian neighbors to a large degree.

AUSTRALIA

Australia imported PRE horses in the 1970's, but it was not until 2002 that FESCCR (*Cria Caballar*) added a section in their LG-PRE for this country.

During the 30 years of the Breeders' Association (AHAA), a Stud Book was set up to control horses that are both purebred PRE, as well as those horses that are a cross between PRE horses and other breeds. Thanks to this, it was possible to set down the basis for a real and truthful census, and to provide some organization for the initial visits by the evaluation commission.

The excessively slow response in the registration process in Australia has resulted in the loss of traceability for a large number of PRE horses born in Australia, as well as the progeny of the horses imported from Spain.

PRINCIPAL IDENTIFYING MARKS OF THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATIONS

PREAA.

This association developed from the AHAA, founded in 1973 to control the progeny of the PRE horses imported from Spain in the 1970s.

Since its origins, it has maintained an official register of all these horses, as well as the crossbreeding of PRE horses with other Australian breeds. This has led to the creation of a registry which includes all of these horses.

It still represents the vast majority of PRE breeders in Australia, with more than 40 people attending its meeting on the 22nd June. Its president is Catherine Nicholls.

ACPRE AUSTRALIA.

This association was created prior to the first visit by the evaluation taskforce and had been collaborating until 2006. Its president is Bryan Monk.

The meetings with this association were held in Melbourne on the 21st and 22nd of July.

MESSAGE FOR THE ASSOCIATIONS

In both Australia and New Zealand, the following points were emphasized:

- 1.- To explain the complexity of the transfer of details and insufficient updating, which has resulted in numerous petitions for the initial status of the stud farms.



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- 2.- The necessity to receive the above mentioned details in order to offer the LG-PRE Stud Book services to breeders.
- 3.- The new elements of the LG-PRE Stud Book, including: ownership card, breeder and owner code, blood samples to be sent to Spain, and blood sample collection card.
- 4.- The necessity for a national blood bank in order to investigate hereditary diseases and to be able to claim and prove a horse's paternity. The requesting of ownership cards for all currently registered horses, with the exception of foals, as these have yet to receive a passport and will receive the ownership cards when this is issued.
- 5.- Continuity of previously authorized veterinarians.
- 6.- The carrying out of registrations and basic evaluations in 2007 in each country, and information about the TQBs, which will be carried out, outside Spain, in 2007. These registrations will be undertaken by the veterinarians authorized by FESCCR (Cria Caballar), and staff from Spain will perform the initial evaluations.
- 7.- The rates charged by the LG-PRE Stud Book, and the need for the approval of those charged by the associations, which must justify their proposals. It has also been stressed that all breeders and owners have the right to receive the same treatment.
- 8.- The need to unite all the associations in each country in order to better promote and communicate the correct information to both breeders and those interested in the breed.

9.- No penalization for surpassing the registration deadlines during 2007.

10.-The elimination of terms such as Andalusian, Iberian, Baroque and others that differ from PRE or Purebred Spanish Horse, to clarify to the markets what this horse is.

FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

- Artificial insemination and embryo transfers: which stallions can do these and if it basic breeding stock within each country can use these forms of reproduction.
- Stallions that have not been evaluated and approved, but which have progeny: how can their foals receive the necessary documentation?
- Can a breeder contact the LG-PRE Stud Book directly in order to request assistance?

SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED.

- To hold clinics throughout the country that will provide breeders with information about breeding, handling, feeding and general care, dressage and presentation. People are anxious to receive information from Spain.
- To create promotional materials with the above mentioned points (in the form of DVDs).
- The ability to download the forms on which to apply for assistance from the Internet. These should all be in English.