

# Letter from the President



In recent weeks, there are several circumstances that I would like to comment about from our magazine, which is an opinion platform, and given the relevance of these circumstances within the context of the PRE Horse and, specifically, within the realm of ANCCE.

First of all, I want to refer to the announcement by the Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Resources about the subject of the registrations that the so-called PRE Mundial seeks to promote. The official position, clarified after a consultation by ANCCE, is overwhelming and leaves no room for doubt. ANCCE is the only association recognized to handle the Stud Book for Purebred Spanish Horses (LG PRE ANCCE) and the registrations taking place with world over by "PRE Mundial" "have no official recognition on behalf of Spain, are they valid with regards to the native breed (of Spain), the Purebred Spanish Horse."

The competent authority warns in its answer that breeders must be aware of these details to avoid misunderstandings that could be detrimental. At ANCCE, this is currently one of the tasks we are taking on with great zeal, informing the sector and trying to call attention to the lies reaching them from a number of biased sources. It is regrettable that due to a simple question of interests, an element of confusion has been introduced into a sector that already faces a number of problems due to the crisis. I would like to repeat this message. It is an ungrounded, senseless initiative, which has no official authority. To continue promoting and ensnaring breeders for this register is something that borders a total lack of ethics. For that reason, it is still more incomprehensible that a minority association within the sector maintains an ambiguous position that could be understood as connivance, if not support.

Meanwhile, I would like to continue with the second topic: the PRE Stud Book, handled by ANCCE, which continues to work intensively, thanks to which, the stud book has earned international recognition. Recently, the Stud Book management structure has been renewed to reinforce this new era after Pedro Rey stepped down as Technical Manager. From here I would like to express our appreciation to Pedro for his excellent work while at the same time, offer all our support to the new Technical Director, Arancha Rodríguez Sainz de los Terreros and her team, who make up the family of ANCCE. The Stud Book handles the data of more than 185,000 PRE horses from all over the world and does so with total guarantee for effectiveness and reliability, for the peace of mind of breeders in more than 50 countries.

To conclude, I will refer to a question directly related with the Association, and more specifically with its reason for being: the members. The decision adopted by the Management, to unify the membership fees to the lowest, is a measure that is coherent with other economic measures that have been approved in recent months. As of now, there will be no differences in fees; rather, everyone will pay the same, independent of the characteristics of each stud farm or association. Logically, this step does not imply any reduction in the rights of the members, nor in the benefits that they can obtain with the preferred suppliers of products and services that have, for years, offered major advantages just due to the fact that you belong to ANCCE. In upcoming months, these measures will continue, with others aimed at offering further added value to all members.

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