

**Dear Simmental-Fleckvieh Friends,**

After the last Council Meeting of the WSFF, which was held in the Czech Republic, we feel more and more, how important is to share the information around the globe. Maybe the idea of “re birth” of the WSFF journal will lead to better communication between the Simmental-Fleckvieh countries. Let us work together on this idea!

Yours sincerely

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**NEWS**

**AGROKOMPLEX NITRA**



The biggest agricultural exhibition in Slovakia – AGROKOMPLEX Nitra – was held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007. Within this important event took place the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Simmental-Fleckvieh cattle show.  
Winner: Cow No. SK000451038202, sire: Randy, breeder: RaVOD PATA rol'n. a výrobnobch. družstvo (picture below)



**Gen test for arachnomelia available now!**




Arachnomelia (spider limbs), is one of the hereditary fatal malformation syndrome of cattle with a low frequency in Simmental-Fleckvieh breed as well. Newly, the gen test has been developed by Institut für Tierzucht der Bayerischen Landesanstalt für Landwirtschaft

together with Tierzuchtforschung e.V. München in Grub. In the routine procedure is used by GeneControl GmbH ([www.genecontrol.de](http://www.genecontrol.de)).

**Upcoming events for autumn 2007**



27<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Simmental-Fleckvieh federation, Croatia (Septemebr 29<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>)

For more information, details of the programm and the registration form visit  <http://www.hssc.hr/evf07/engleski.aspx>

Regional Exhibition, Debrecen, Hungary (August 29<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>)

National Fleckvieh Show, Oparany, Czech Republic (September 7<sup>th</sup>)

Rieder Messe/Fair, National Fleckvieh Show, Austria (September 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>)

Royal Melbourne Show, Australia (September 20<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>)

AFO Schau, Miesbach, Germany (September 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>)

For more events: [www.wsff.info](http://www.wsff.info), section calendar.

**Farm Animal Breeding and Reproduction Technology Platform – news**



For the new European research programme (7th Framework Programme for RTD), Technology Platforms are being set up. They are groupings of stakeholders around a topic in which research is an important part for future European business.

Animal breeding is a knowledge intensive sector, and for the competitiveness and the future of animal breeding and animal production, high level European research is indispensable.

FABRE-TP aims to support stakeholder involvement in the set up of a partnership led by industry to tackle major issues concerning sustainable animal breeding and reproduction in Europe, and taking into account what is happening in the developing world.

More details and details of the Vision paper you can find on [www.fabretp.org](http://www.fabretp.org)

**Milk prices world wide increasing!**

On of the reasons of the milk price boom include growing appetites for dairy foods in China and elsewhere in Asia.





Other factors are rising costs for animal feed, shrinking European production and long-standing drought in Australia and New Zealand, the world's largest milk-exporting region.

Milk prices hit a record last month in the United States, where consumers paid an average \$3.80 a gallon, compared to \$3.29 in January, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It forecasts prices will remain high throughout the year.

International dairy prices increased 46 percent between November 2006 and April 2007, with milk powder prices increasing even faster, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization.

The boom in biofuels is also pushing up corn prices and, as a result, making animal feed more expensive. Farmers have responded by raising milk prices.

The interventional stock of butter and SMP in the EU are almost empty.

### WSFF Council Meeting 2007 Czech Republic



#### Basic Facts

Duration (hours):	132
Participants No.:	85
Member countries:	21
Non member Countries:	3
Continents:	4
Visited farms:	8
No. of animals on the show	151
Wine bottles consumed:	483

**Presentations** from the Council Meeting 2007 available here:

<http://www.wsff.info/index.php?file=www/en/download/download.html&cat=333>

#### Holland: new member country with observer status

Council meeting 2007 in the Czech Republic decided to accept the Fleckvieh Stamboek of Holland as a member with observer status. More information about the Fleckvieh Stamboek you can find under [www.fleckviehstamboek.eu](http://www.fleckviehstamboek.eu)

#### We recommend to your attention:

Body Condition The Beef Cow's Energy Gauge by American Simmental Association and Elanco Health ([www.simmental.org](http://www.simmental.org))

### Rudawka Rymanovska



Last weekend – on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007 - was held the National Exhibition of the Poland Fleckvieh in Rudawka Rymanovska.

Winner: Cow No. PL005041656094 (\*2003), sire: Humid (picture below)



#### Does not wikipedia.org need any changes?

In the list of multipurpose breeds are Fleckvieh as dairy/draught and Simmental as dairy/beef/draught breeds presented.



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_breeds\\_of\\_cattle#Multipurpose\\_breeds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_breeds_of_cattle#Multipurpose_breeds)

#### The countdown for the World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation congress 2008 United Kingdom is running



284 days only and Simmental-Fleckvieh enthusiast from all over the world will meet in UK. More details follow: <http://www.britishsimmental.co.uk/congress2008/index.html>



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