

Dear Simmental-Fleckvieh Friends,

Late spring issue of the e-journ@l is approaching your emails. The beginning of the year 2010 was rich for several events starting with the EVF Council Meeting in Paris, France. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Interbull session during the international SIA agricultural fair. The main topic of the discussion was focused on the harmonizing of the type classification of the Fleckvieh. Special attention was paid to the new tool for the cattle breeders – genomic selection. The Interbull is working hard on the procedure of validation of the national genomic tests. These two words – genomic selection – are in the recent time one of the most often used in the cattle branch. Searching with Google for “GS” bring more than 110 millions results contained or related the words Genomic selection. This particular topic is to be on agenda of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation congress in Australia this year. Looking forward to meet a lot of you “down under”

Yours sincerely

Josef Kučera
I. Vice-president

There was a big Simmental/Fleckvieh exhibition in French Épinal. Within this the International Heifers cup was held. Heifers from Austria, Czech Republic, France and Germany were involved.

Swiss National Simmental Show, Thun, Switzerland

(April 17th – April 18th)

More than 200 high quality original Simmental cattle from all over in Switzerland have been shown at April 17/18 2010 in Thun in the Bernese Oberland.

The greatest highlights were the presentation of bulls, the breeder’s cup and finally the championship on Sunday.

As Miss Simmental was elected by the judges ASTRA (sire: HUGO) a well muscled cow with excellent udder and a performance of 6’508 kg milk, 4.20% fat and 3.64 % protein in her first lactation.

From June to September she is on an alpine pasture 2000 m. a. sea-level just as most of the other Simmental cows in Switzerland.

The swiss Simmental breeding population has about 25’000 females. There has been an obvious breeding progress during the last 20 years especially in udder quality and overall type.



Senior-Miss: Hugo Astra, Toni und Ueli Schärz, Aeschi b. Spiez.

Article (German):

http://www.schweizerbauer.ch/htmls/artikel_21098.html

NEWS

28th Council Meeting of the European Simmental - Fleckvieh Federation, Paris, France

(March 3rd – March 5th)

The Council Meeting of the European Simmental/Fleckvieh Federation was held in Paris, France. Next Congress will be held in May 2011 in Udine, Italy.

EURO Génétique, Épinal, France

(April 8th – April 10th)



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EVF Exterior Meeting in the Czech Republic

(April 19th – April 21th)

Meeting about the future of the type classification of Fleckvieh with the representatives from 9 European countries.

All presentations available on: www.evf-esf.info



37. Annual Meeting of ICAR was held in Riga (Latvia).

A part of the program was the meeting of the world breed federations. In total 5 breeds umbrella organization was present: Holstein, Brown swiss, Ayrshire, Guernsey and Simm-Fleckvieh represented by the I. vice president Josef Kucera (CZ).

- **Main topics of the meeting:** Short presentation of the particular federation (numbers, activities etc).
- Discussion about the possibilities to exchange the information through the ICAR
- Information exchange about system of type classification and harmonization in this filed
- ICAR presented the idea to start a process of the unification of the names and codes

By the election for the ICAR board Dr. Josef Kucera (CZ) was elected to the position of the financial inspector. Through his person the Simmental-Fleckvieh breed is directly represented by ICAR.

UPCOMING EVENT FOR 2010

28th Congress of the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation, Australia



www.worldsimmentalcongress2010.com

May 19, 2010

Dear colleague,

The forthcoming World Simmental Congress in Australia is shaping up to be a tremendous promotion for the Simmental Fleckvieh breed.

The Congress program and associated Pre and Post Congress tours are generating keen interest from Simmental enthusiasts within Australia and around the world.

We encourage you to register as soon as possible to ensure your place is reserved for some of the major

tours and activities. Registration is due by **June 15, 2010** using the Booking Registration forms previously forwarded to you and available for download from the above Congress website.

Simmental Feature Breed Show

One of the major focal points will be Royal Melbourne Show, where Simmentals will be the Feature Breed of the Show. Through excellent member support, 250 head of Simmentals will be judged by well known Scottish breeder, John Young, Skerrington Simmentals, Hurlford, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, UK.

As in previous World Congresses, we invite each country to consider providing a trophy to be presented by a representative of the country to the exhibitor of a Champion Simmental.

If you would like to accept this invitation, please confirm with me as soon as possible.

Magazine Advertising

The Australian Simmental Annual Magazine will be published earlier this year to feature the World Simmental Congress. Many more copies will be published for a much larger distribution within Australia and overseas.

This provides advertisers with tremendous value for money and we invite you to place and prepay for an advertisement in this prestigious publication with our magazine publisher:

Mr Brett Tindal, Livestock Manager, THE LAND.

Email: brett.tindal@ruralpress.com

An Advertising Booking sheet available here: www.wsff.info

WSFF Member Country Promotions

At Royal Melbourne Show, we will have a special Congress Hosting area, for delegates to visit for refreshment and a chat. This presents an excellent venue for each country and individual delegates to display stud promotional posters.

Please advise us as soon as possible if you wish to erect a poster so we can allocate space.

International Simmental Young People Program

This will be an exciting educational and fun filled program for young Simmental enthusiasts aged 18 to 30 years. The program is being conducted in conjunction with Charles Sturt University and each participant will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

Details are now on the Congress website and we encourage as many participants as possible.

Itinerary Updated

Over the past six months a number of changes have been made to the itineraries for the Congress and associated tours. These changes are being posted to the Congress website for all to see.

We have also been asked for details of the various herds to be visited during these itineraries.

I am pleased to list these herds and to thank them for the considerable effort they will exert in promoting the breed through their property and herd displays.

Western Australia Pre-Congress Tour:

Sept 12: Mr Charles Cowcher & Son, Willandra Simmentals, Williams.

Mr Kevin & Mrs Janice Hard, Naracoopa Simmentals, Denmark.

Sept 13: Introvigne Grazing Company, Bonnydale Simmentals, Bridgetown

Mr Tony & Mrs Loreen Kitchen, Bandeeka Simmentals, Elgin.

Sept 14: Mr David & Mrs Audrey Weightman, Topweight Simmentals, Margaret River.

Victoria & South Australia Pre-Congress Tour:

Sept 11: Mr Don Mathieson, Brenair Park Simmentals, Drysdale, Vic

Sept 12: Mr Bill & Mrs Elaine Sleep, Billanbri, Woolsthorpe, Vic.

Sept 13: Combined stud herd visit in Mt Gambier area:

Mr Gary & Mrs Joy Allen, Tugulawa Simmentals, Mount Gambier, SA

Mr Scot & Mr Brad Creek, Six Creeks Simmentals, Strathdownie, Vic.

Mr Grantley & Mrs Vicki Muller, Rellum Farms Simmentals, Mount Gambier, SA

Afternoon: Mr Tom & Mrs Marg Baker, Woonallee Simmentals, Millicent, SA

Sept 14: Messrs Richard Hodge & Partners, Waterfront Simmentals, Naracoorte, SA.

Menalbyn Pty Ltd, Lancaster Simmentals, Meningie, SA

Nalpa Pastoral Co., Nalpa Simmentals, Strathalbyn, SA

Dr Shirley Barker, Bokara Simmentals, Mount Barker, SA

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Breed improvement updates

It's not too late...

Slightly later calving cow herds still have the opportunity to collect ultrasound information on their cattle. Ultrasound is highly correlated with resulting carcass information. While many bulls have successfully exited the yard of Simmental breeders this spring, there may still be opportunity to ultrasound replacement heifers. This results in a carcass evaluation on the sire and dam of the calf, but also a record on incoming females. Calves can be scanned up to 440 days of age, so calves born the first of April last year, can be scanned in groups up to June 15, 2010. The CSA offers a rebate of \$10 for all scans collected in valid contemporary groups. This is also a good time, as technicians are typically less busy than during peak bull sale season.

Genetic Evaluation

Data for the Fall 2010 genetic evaluation will be sent to AGI in June. If you wish to receive up to date EPD

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CONGRESS:

Sept 23: Mr Frank & Mrs Francie Rizzo, Trijena Park Simmentals, Mickleham, Vic

Mr Philip Webb, Webb Black Simmentals, Glenburn, Vic in conjunction with Mel & Gina Ryan, "Glenview Del Simmentals" Glenburn, Vic

Sept 25: Mr Bill Almond, Kensileyre Simmentals, Wagga Wagga, NSW

We look forward to welcoming you to Australia in September for this Congress and the Pre-Congress and Post-Congress tours.

I again suggest you register as soon as possible to ensure your place is reserved for some of the major tours and activities.

I would be most grateful if you could consider the above matters and forward the completed checklist below to:

Mr Damian Coffey, Executive Officer

Australian Simmental Breeders Association

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Kind regards,

Bill Almond

Chairman, Congress Planning Committee

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on your 2010 calf crop, and 2009 yearlings please ensure that your information is entered online, or submitted to the office prior to JUNE 1st. Data from herds participating on THE will be sent for the genetic evaluation.

Scrotal Data:

The fall evaluation is also when CSA conducts its scrotal EPD evaluation. If you have scrotal information on your bulls from this spring, please ensure that you submit it to the CSA for inclusion in the evaluation.

Heifer Pregnancy

The CSA is actively working on collection of breeding heifer success rate. Breeders are encouraged to record tattoos/tags of all heifers (registered and unregistered) that are exposed over the summer and the resulting preg test results. These heifers will be recorded on the Spring 2011 THE enrolment forms. There is no charge for this data, only heifers that are subsequently enrolled in THE will be subject to the \$20 fee. Heifer pregnancy rate is one of the first indicators of female fertility, which is a key driver of customer profits.

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NEWS FROM GERMANY:



2. Young Breeders Cup in Wertingen, Bavaria

About 110 young breeders took part at the 2. Young Breeders Cup in Wertingen, February 28, 2010 with their self-selected heifers and cows, most of them Fleckvieh-Simmental. Reinhard Pfleger, the Austrian judge was very enthused about the quality of the shown cattle and the way of presentation. Fleckvieh Champion was the Romen-daughter Rita, a cow whose udder even after 10 calvings is perfect and a



life performance over 75.000 kg milk.
Photo: Young Breeders Club Wertingen

Award ceremony Champion Fleckvieh (f.l.t.r.):

Milk queen Beate Deisenhofer
Jens Nebe, Bavarian Ministry
Johannes Huber, President Young Breeders Club Bavaria
Anna-Maria Bissinger with her Champion Fleckvieh RITA
(Romen x Panzer) 10/9.8 7.751 kg 4,33% F 3,46% P

UPCOMING EVENTS:



1. Ober- und Niederbayerische Fleckvihschau Friday 9. 7. 2010 in Mühldorf

Programme

7.00 pm Opening
7.30 pm Judging
9.00 pm Champion, Winner award ceremony
9.30 pm Breeders Event

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Rinderunion Baden-Württemberg (RBW) celebrates 10th anniversary

With a total of 235 cows, the RBW show was a highly interesting event on the occasion of the 10 years anniversary. All in all 130 breeders exposed their animals on Sunday, March 14, 2010, thereof 78 Fleckvieh-Simmental cows and a progeny daughter group of the bull Watmorr ET. Especially Vandol and Vodach daughters with their excellent udders impressed the audience. As Fleckvieh-judge served Christian Straif, director of the Tyrol Cattle Breeding Federation. Grand Fleckvieh Champion became Edelrose (Hofherr x Rekel) from Jürgen Weger, Boxberg (2/1 304 3,86% 3,36%). Fleckvieh-Simmental breeder of the year 2009 are Rainer and Walter Kubach from Langenbeutingen. Best marketer in 2009 were Georg and Jochen Häckel, Osterstetten.



Photo: RBW

4 Fleckvieh Champion in Ilshofen (f. r. t. l.):

Senior Champion: ARIANE (Regens x Horb) from Kubach GbR, Langenbeutingen (4/3 305 8.579 3,71% 3,24%)

Middle Champion and Grand Champion: EDELROSE (Hofherr x Rekel) from Jürgen Weber, Boxberg
Junior Champion: HERTA (Watmorr x Resorb) from Robert Böttle, Göffingen (100 d 2.541 4,31% 3,44%)



Saturday, 25. 9. 2010 and Sunday, 26. 9. 2010

Annual Meeting of the German Beef-Fleckvieh-Simmental Breeders in Bavaria

Programme see www.simmental.de

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