



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

*Dear Studbooks, Honorary Members, Friends, and Partners of the WBFSH,*

On behalf of the Board of the WBFSH I am pleased to invite you to the WBFSH Annual Meetings and General Assembly 2023, in Orlando USA from 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2023, hosted by the American Trakehner Association.

This is the first time since 2012 that the Annual Meetings take place in the USA, and we are excited for the event to be held in a part of the country that is truly “horse country” and known as the “Horse Capital of the World”.

As it is one of the top priorities of the WBFSH to strengthen the connection between breeding and sport, we encourage you to invite your national federations as well, so feel free to share the invitation to the annual meetings with them.

An exciting program awaits us in Orlando and Ocala, with the majority of seminars and presentations taking place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. But of course, the journey to the Orlando Annual Meetings will also give you the opportunity to visit the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, some exclusive equestrian facilities, as well as the Kennedy Space Center. A welcome evening to open the Annual Meetings will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October in the vicinity of Universal Studios, with the fitting option of visiting the Halloween Horror Nights at Universal. As a side, or add-on trip, delegates are free to organise visits to some of the other well-known Orlando theme parks, an alligator farm or enjoy shopping American-style in one of the many malls or shopping outlets. There are so many possible activities in the area and further afield.

Keep an eye on our website for regular updates, the detailed program and documents relating to the seminars and general assembly. Members will be notified of the relevant dates for submissions of elections candidates and motions. Registration and hotel booking information and deadline dates will shortly be published and sent out.

While we look forward to seeing you all again in person in Orlando, we realise that travel is prohibitive for some of you. Therefore, the General Assembly and seminars will be recorded. But of course, the program offers so much more, and the in-person participation allows you to attend a host of interesting seminars, the workshop and of course the cultural visits that promise to make the trip to Orlando memorable.

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With kind regards,

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