

WELCOME TO ORLANDO USA

**American
Trakehner
Association**



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FLORIDA



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Located in central Florida USA, and the county seat of Orange County, is Orlando. Whether you're a theme park enthusiast, bird watcher, foodie, water sports fanatic, sun worshipper, arts patron, serious shopper or anything in between, the possibilities are endless here. One of the most visited cities in the world, Orlando has at least a dozen theme parks including Disney World's Magic Kingdom and Epcot Centre, Universal Studios, and Sea World. Withing easy driving distance are other attractions such as several beaches, the University of Florida, and the Kennedy Space Center. Easily accessible via the Orlando International Airport, the annual meetings will be centred here, but a visit to Ocala will also take place.

Tucked into north central Florida in a region known as "horse country", you will find the town of Ocala, about 130 km from Orlando. It's easy to see why this region is known as the "Horse Capital of the World". For miles, brown and white board fences enclose squares of green pastures. Well-built barns abound. And horses graze in fields against a blue horizon backdrop. Marion County is home to more than 600 Thoroughbred farms and is one of a handful of Thoroughbred centres in the world. At the heart of it all, on the north-western outskirts of Ocala, is the massive and recently developed showpiece World Equestrian Centre.



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EVENT INFO



After last having the WBFSH Annual Meetings in the USA in 2012, we are looking forward to seeing everybody in Orlando Florida in 2023! Join us for a diverse program of seminars, presentations and cultural experiences.

Herewith the WBFSH and President Jan Pedersen warmly invite all its members and associates to participate at this year's annual meetings. Generously hosted by the American Trakehner Association, we look forward to seeing you in Orlando Florida (USA).

The annual meetings kick off with a welcome evening on Friday 13th October 2023 in Orlando Florida, with a cocktail reception, and then a visit to the Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Studios. How fitting for Friday, the 13th!

The coming days will be filled with seminars and presentations covering topics ranging from welfare perspectives, to skeletal conditions such as kissing spine, and gene doping. A workshop relating to our welfare theme will form part of the program. And of course, there will be opportunities to network during the various cultural activities, such as a visit to the impressive World Equestrian Center itself, to various typical equestrian farms in the Ocala area, Universal Studios and the Kennedy Space Center.



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ABOUT THE HOST

<http://americantrakehner.com/>



The American story began in 1957, when Gerda Friedrichs, a German born breeder who had emigrated to Canada, began importing West German Trakehner stock to institute her own breeding program on this continent. The original importation included four stallions: Antares, by Kobalt out of Antilope by Wilder Jäger; Prusso, by Totilas out of Handfeste by Heidedichter; Slesus, by Tropenwald out of Peraea by Hirtensang; and Tscherkess, by Tropenwald out of Donna by Cancara. The get of the first three stallions have made major contributions to the bloodlines found in this hemisphere today, and all three have sons in the current list of American Trakehner Association approved stallions.

Along with her four stallions, Mrs. Friedrichs also imported mares, twelve in 1957 and eleven more in 1963. Also in 1963, the approved West German Trakehner stallion, Carajan II, by Carajan out of Blitzrot, a Hirtensang daughter who was a survivor of the Trek, was imported into the United States. Mikado, by Impuls out of Mirabel by Maigraf xx, followed in 1968. From then on, interest grew rapidly.



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The American Trakehner Association maintains the recognized registry of the Trakehner breed in the Western Hemisphere. Through its efforts, North America is well on its way to becoming a major influence in the protection of the Trakehner horse. The A.T.A. is a rapidly growing, public, non-profit organization, created by and for the breeders, owners, and friends of the West German warmblood horse of Trakehner origin. Its purposes are the promotion and preservation of the Trakehner through the maintenance of a public registry, the careful regulation and approval of breeding stock, the dissemination of information about the breed to the public, and the encouragement of performance through an annual awards system.



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Matt Boyd
ATA President

The Trakehner scene in North America is one of tremendous growth and enthusiasm. Much of the American stock is still very young or actively breeding, but already a significant number of Trakehner-bred horses are out competing and gaining national and international recognition. As the list of accomplishments grows, so does the list of breeders, riders, and friends who continue to be charmed by the beauty and talent these horses have to offer. Trakehner enthusiasts firmly believe that their breed is the horse of the future in the Western Hemisphere and, under the competent guidance of the A.T.A., it will continue its amazing growth in a controlled and professional manner.



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WHERE TO STAY

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Orlando Airport

Address: 5555 Hazeltine National Dr, Orlando, FL 32812, USA

Prices: *Special rate until Thursday 14th September 2023. After this date, availability cannot be guaranteed*

* **Single Room including breakfast buffet 159 \$ plus tax / room / night**

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To book a room please email Rachel Ostrander (Rachel.Ostrander@hilton.com)

and use the booking reference code **WBFSH-GA-2023**.

For the special hotel rate, credit card guarantee is necessary.

Free cancellation up to 48 hours before arrival. For later cancellations, one night and tax will be charged as cancellation fee.

Rooms are available from 3:00 PM on the day of arrival and must be vacated by 12:00 PM on the day of departure.



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TRAVEL



Orlando International Airport

The airport is located 10km southeast of downtown Orlando, and 6km from the Double Tree by Hilton Orlando Airport. It is the busiest airport in Florida, and the seventh busiest airport in the USA. There are countless international and domestic destinations, and travel into Orlando might be directly, or via one of the major US cities.

From the airport you can reach the hotel by car, taxi or shuttle.



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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT TRAVEL TO THE USA



VISAs Citizens of 35 countries (inc. the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and most Western European countries) – can enter under the Visa Waiver Program if visiting up to 90 days. Apply for an ESTA Visa (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation) by visiting the ESTA website (<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>). Wait time is short but allow at least 72 hours before travel. The Visa costs 14\$ and is payable by credit card.

Other parts of the world require a visitors' visa for visits up to 90 days. How you obtain a visa depends on what country you're in and your status when you apply; check <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>

AT CUSTOMS: It is likely that you will be asked the address where you are staying in the USA. Give them the address of the hotel of the first night.



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TAX Prices are without tax. Expect 6% general sales tax in Florida

TIPPING Restaurants: At least 15%, for good service 20%

Hotel / valet etc: 2\$ per piece of luggage

Taxi: 15% and round up to nearest 50 cent

ELECTRICITY 110V AC (alternate current)



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Friday 13th October

- 10h00 – 15h00** WBFSH Joint Meeting at Double Tree by Hilton Orlando Airport Hotel Orlando (*WBFSH board & executives*)
- 15h00 – 16h30** WBFSH registration desk open at Double Tree by Hilton Orlando Airport (*meeting point for all days*)
- 16h30 – 17h00** Shuttle to Welcome Reception
- 17h00** Welcome Reception (sponsored by Equitron)
- 19h00** Shuttle back to the hotel
- 18h30** Evening on your own
(*Individual dinner on your own **or** individual visit of **Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Studios** (tickets can be booked via ATA c.schacht@t-online.de)*)



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Saturday 14th October

08h00 – 11h00 Check-in desk open at Double Tree by Hilton Orlando Airport

08h30 – 10h00 **Seminars: Part 1**

08h30 – 08h45 Official Opening

08h45 – 09h15 Host presentation (all about the ATA)

09h15 – 10h00 Seminar: *American/USEF Perspective on Horse Welfare* (Ellen Staples)

10h00 – 10h30 Coffee Break

10h30 – 12h00 **Seminars: Part 2**

10h30 – 11h15 Seminar: *Genomics for gait and movement in the sport horse* (Samantha Brooks)

11h15 – 12h00 Seminar: *American Racing on Horse Welfare in the USA* (Helmuth von Blücher)



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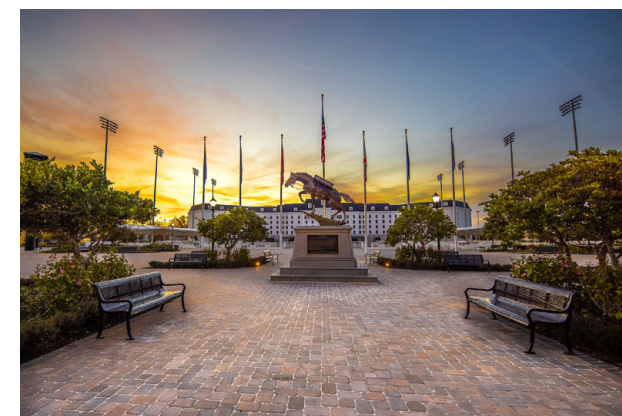
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Saturday 14th October

12h00 – 13h00	Lunch
13h00 – 14h00	Workshop
13h00 – 13h15	Workshop Introduction: <i>Is there a necessity of welfare-related, common studbook rules or guidelines for breeding programs, and what should they be?</i>
13h15 – 14h00	Workshop Break-out groups and discussion
14h15	Bus transfer to Ocala (please be ready 10 minutes before bus leaves)
15h30	Guided tour WEC, visit of some outstanding farms and show grounds.
19h00	Visit the grounds of Tim Holekamp, home of the Olympic sire Windfall Traditional BBQ (sponsored by PSI Auktion)
21h00	Bus transfer back to hotel



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Sunday 15th October

08h30 – 09h00	Workshop Moderators compile results and presentations
09h00 – 09h30	Presentations of sponsors
09h30 – 09h45	Presentation: Young Horse Development in the US & Young Horse Series (Jean Yves Tola)
09h45 – 10h15	Coffee Break
10h15 – 12h00	Seminar and Workshop: Part 3
10h15 – 11h00	Seminar: <i>Gene Doping</i> (Simon Cooper)
11h00 – 12h00	Workshop moderator presentations



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Sunday 15th October

12h00 – 13h00	Lunch
13h00 – 16h30	General Assembly (including coffee break)
17h00	Bus transfer
18h00	Cocktail reception
19h00	Gala Dinner
21h00	Bus transfer back to hotel



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Monday 16th October

09h00 – 15h00 Optional: Excursion to Kennedy Space Center (*booking made through ATA c.schacht@t-online.de*)

15h00 Afternoon and evening on your own in Orlando (possibility to visit theme parks, shopping malls & outlet centres, alligator park, etc)

*** *ENDS* ***

*Changes to the program may occur. No liability can be accepted for any errors or changes.
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