



Slovensko združenje rejcev konj pasme



**H**aflinger - **ZRH**

Ettelbruck 7.7.2008

Dear president, members of the Board and all the delegates; this is the

## Annual report

of the Slovenian Breeder Association HAFLINGER for the year 2007

### 1. Breeding status for the year 2007

In the last year 167 foals were registered which is a bit more as in the year 2006. 30 mares were taken in the stud book which is a bit less as in the previous year. 540 mares were covered by 27 stallions on 25 breeding stations. In the breeding season 2008, 28 stallions are breeding on 25 breeding stations. The stallions belong to the following lines:

| Line           | A | B | M | N | S | St | W |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|
| # of stallions | 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3  | 8 |

Among the breeding stallions three of them are originating from Tyrol.

The performance test for stallions is required in the breeding program, but it is not yet completely tuned with the WHF model, which is our goal for this year.

Last year we started with the performance test for mares according to WHF model. We get the impression, that there is pretty high interest among the breeders and we will follow this direction.

### 2. Organization

Slovenian Breeder Association Haflinger was recently celebrating the third birth day. After entering EU and taking over the EU legislation there was a big change on a breeding field for all, for the ministry, for the institutions, for the breeding organizations and for the breeders. The relations among those subjects are in many details still not clear and not finally defined. That is why we suggest discussion on this topic to exchange views with the breeding organizations which have 100 years of working experiences behind.

Currently our association counts 182 members, which means that a typical Slovenian haflinger breeder owns 3 mares in average.

We started to cooperate with other associations in Slovenia. We build up an working committee between breeding associations of other horse races for tuning up the major questions towards the institutions.

### 3. Promotional activities

We kindly respond to the invitations coming from the Slovenian gallop club to present the haflinger in one of the gallop races, which was very warm excepted by the numerous audience.



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We participated on a permanent exhibition on an 6 days lasting international agriculture fair in Gornja Radgona, where we presented twice a day, in a short show, two stallions under the saddle and two mares in driving.

We respond also to the invitation from Tyrolean Haflinger Breeding Association with two stallions on an promotional show the day after the foal auction.

The Association developed and published for all the haflinger breeders a so called “Stable book”, which enables the breeders systematically document and follow the important data about individual horse and major events in the stable.

After the breeding season the Association published its first magazine with the reports, plans and important information for the breeders. The association has developed and maintains its own web site: [www.haflinger.si](http://www.haflinger.si).

#### **4. Conclusion**

There is quite high degree of the enthusiasm among the Slovenian Haflinger breeders to spread and improve the Haflinger breed in Slovenia. Recently haflinger has to compete with other “modern” horse races as for example Island pony, Quarter and Appaloosa. The association plans to put much effort to present haflinger as a best choice for the working “family” horse, usable for fun and pleasure, especially for the young people.

We would like to say thanks to the WHF and to all member states that are helping us to reach this goal.

Many thanks also to all the people here in Luxembourg, who put much effort to organize a pleasant event, and presenting a warm hospitality here in Ettelbruck.

Slovenian Breeder Association Haflinger

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