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I. Welcoming of the participants

The WHIRDEC meeting took place in Paris, and its main subject was about technical issues of the Hub.

After a brief review of the horse data exchanges history, and principles, a demo of horse data exchange, through the Hub between 2 databases has been exposed. The hub is a way to interrogate and access horse information from the UELN, horse by horse. It is not possible to get a list of horses; it works only horse by horse.

The 3 webservices developed are detailed and the difference between horse ancestry and parent information is explained.

Horse ancestry will send back the UELN of parents for pedigree, and parent information will send some information, not certified, about a horse in a pedigree without UELN, or with an UELN coming from a different database without authorization to access.

II. Discussion

After the demo, several questions have been discussed about some detail in existing webservices.

- Could it be possible to get a way to request directly a database to ask the authorization for an access? Especially if there are more and more databases recorded?

This could be an evolution, at present to request an access, a database manager send an email to contact@ueln.net which transmits the request.

- Could it be possible to have a dropdown list for stud book code, from the WBFSH?

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This would be a real help when a horse is recorded in several database, to keep the original stud book code, and very helpful for the FEI/WBFSH rankings.

- Could it be possible to precise which data are compulsory, and which are not, in the webservices?

This could be done in the next version of the technical or user guide.

- When a new webservice is tested, could it be tested by several databases on the test platform before to be on the official version?

OK, the address of the test version is: <http://applisrec.haras-nationaux.fr/WBFSH-HUB/public/login/compte> ask contact@ueln.net to get a login/password

- Information about a horse kept or not for food chain, is it possible to add it in a webservice?

This information will probably be done in a future version or in a future webservice. At present, Belgium, Denmark and Spain central database record this information.

- Could it be possible that central database get the same access as WBFSH members?

This need to be discuss with the WBFSH executive committee, and it should be ok.

Discussion about microchip, and how the Hub could help to get information about a horse, when only the microchip is knew.

To remind, the UELN is the link between the horse and a database, the microchip is the link between the horse and its passport. There is no link between the microchip and a database. The microchip number is made from an ISO norm, but there is no obligation to put the country of birth, or any particular information which could help to find the country or database where the horse is register. Nevertheless, when a horse has a microchip, it means that the horse is recorded somewhere...

The Hub could be a way to find a horse, thanks to its microchip, and give information as UELN, horse name and database where to find more information about the horse. This evolution will be study, and a proposal will be submit for next WHIRDEC meeting in Newmarket. This evolution could be a great help, and could encourage WBFSH members to use the Hub.

III. Databases connected

For the moment, French database is connected.

BWP and Central database in Denmark (manage several stud books) requested for an access, they get a login and password. They need to fix some technical issues and webservices will be operational soon.

Spanish database, and ANCCE are very interested to connect the Hub, Central database already in touch with the technical contact for the Hub (alban.ferignac@ifce.fr).

German NF works at the moment with webservices with the FEI, and will encourage the stud books to be connected on the Hub, it will depend of the complexity of technical

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developments for some of them. For the Hannoverian Verband, it should not be a problem.

IV. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place in Newmarket the 4th of November 2012, the day before the WBFSH GA.

In addition to where we are and where we go about the Hub, various topics could be approached as FEI/WBFSH relationships and horses performances exchange, EU regulation application.

Maybe a discussion about some new identification technologies and/or about a standard for the microchip, or about new possibilities with microchip could be debate.