



EU Equus 2009

Session B: Education, Research and Innovation

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The Equine Professional of Tomorrow – from a Racing and Equestrian Perspective

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Harald Müller (GER) FEI Education and Standards

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Equine Education in Europe – Opportunities to Mobilize Resources

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Equine Science Looking Forward to Match the New Challenges of a Growing Equine Industry

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Comments and discussion



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- **What is a professional?**
- **Self-professionalisation**
- **Strong traditions in the horse sector**
- **Horse sector – who are they?**
- **People with horses – horse people**
- **Increasing demand for quality – main drive behind development**



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- **System for education? European master of equine science**
- **Educated people have to be credible within the industry**
- **The education must meet the demands from the employers - also for PhDs**
- **Student expectations must match reality**
- **Solid horse knowledge is not enough!**



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- **Interdisciplinary collaboration – equine science**
- **Social sciences also important, not only technological solutions**
- **Knowledge transfer, extension services**



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- **Lack of infrastructure between organisations, no clear communication channels, especially globally**
- **Collaboration between countries – a European horse network**
- **Inspiring challenge to coordinate all the efforts!**

