

<p style="text-align: center;">USIHC Annual Meeting 2011 Education Committee report</p>

“The purpose of the USIHC Education Committee is to further the goals of the USIHC and FEIF by developing and supporting programs to educate and promote general understanding of the unique qualities of the Icelandic Horse as well as its correct use as a competition and riding horse”

Review 2010

Certifications 2010

FEIF Trainer level 1 exam at Creekside Farm, Georgia

March 2010

Host: Creekside Farms, Madison, GA

Examiners: Nicole Kempf & Viona Herrlich

Participants passing the exam and getting certified:

- Dawn Shaw

Riding Badges Level 1

March 2010

Host: Solheimar Farms, Tunbridge, VT

Instructor: Sigrun Brynjarsdottir

Examiner: Jason Brickner

Participants passing the exam and getting certified:

- Rosie Breen

Riding Badge Level 2 Exam

May 2010

Host: Kraftur, Regional Icelandic Horse Club Santa Cruz, CA

Instructor: Heidi Benson

Examiner: Svanhildur Stefansdottir

Participants passing the exam and getting certified:

- Julia Hasenauer

- Kajsa Johnson

- Allison Moerer

- Ayla Green

- Madison Malkon-Pederson

- Sarah McWaid

- Alexandra Venable

Riding Badge Level 1 & 2 Exams

May 2010

Host: Red Feather Ranch, Trout Lake, WA

Instructor: Sara Sun Hee Schuh

Examiner: Ann-Christin Kloth

Participants passing the exam and getting certified:

- Darlene Arma
- Nathaly Jones (Canada)

Projects and accomplishments 2010

July 31 - Aug 1

Seminar “Horse conformation and correlation in riding and training”

Host: Marianne and Jim Welch, Gudmar Petursson
Clinician: Gudmar Petursson and Barbara Frische

Another seminar in Carolina with the same topic was offered, but the minimum participant numbers were not reached

Listing of certified trainers on the USIHC web site

- Easy access for USIHC members
- Listing is voluntarily, majority of trainers living in the US is listed
- trainers who are not in good standing with their USIHC membership are taken off the web site

Implementation of guidelines for FEIF trainer seminars

- Established guidelines including information on eligible participants, trainers, examiners, hosts, locations, administrative support, exams, re-testing, prerequisites and other details
- guidelines were effective Jan1, 2010.
- prerequisites were effective Jun1, 2010
- currency requirements for US certified trainers were effective Jan1, 2011.

FEIF trainer seminar materials

- completing negotiations with IPZV Germany resulting in the permission to translate the Trainer C teaching materials into English for use in FEIF level 1 seminars in the US
- starting the translation of the materials (work in progress)

Extraction of educational articles from the QUARTERLY

- Making past magazine articles for educational purposes and the well fare of the horse available to USIHC members and non-members (USIHC web site)

Development of FAQs for the Riding Badge Program

- published on web site and in the QUARTERLY

Development of a manual for Riding Badges level 1 and 2

- work in progress

Introducing free advertsing for riding badge seminars

- in the QUARTERLY and online

Random Contributions for the QUARTERLY magazine

- including book reviews

Overview 2011

Planned activities 2011

- Preparation course for FEIF trainer level 1 course at Creekside Farm, Georgia, Mar 2011
- Sanctioned USIHC seminar "Conformation and its correlation in training and riding" with Gudmar Petursson and Barbara Frische, Propect, KY, Apr 2011.
- FEIF trainer level 1 seminar at Creekside Farm, Georgia, Nov 2011.
- Finding locations on east and west coast and clinicians to team up with Barbara Frische to offer USIHC seminar "Conformation and its correlation in training and riding"
- General clinics, lectures and seminars for USIHC members – possible topics are being discussed and options checked out (First aid for horses on trail rides, young horse seminar etc..)
- judging seminar geared towards the certification of new intern judges
- judging seminar geared towards further education of intern judges
- train-the-trainer seminar for US trainers to further educate themselves
- breeding seminars in cooperation with the breeding committee
- considering membership suggestions. Members were voicing wishes for webinars and online information furthering education without the inconvenience and cost of travel.

Goals 2011 (continued from 2010)

- Offering ongoing education for members thru seminars, clinics, lectures, Quarterly book reviews and articles
- Offering education for members interested to become judges
- Offering education for members interested to become trainers
- Offering ongoing education for intern judges/judges
- Offering ongoing education for trainers
- Developing a yearly schedule of events offered thru USIHC Education
- Working further on some details included in the guidelines for FEIF trainer seminars in the US
- Marketing of the Riding Badge program as an educational tool
- Development of a manual for students and instructors for the Riding Badge Program
- Web site listing for Riding Badge achievements
- Support schooling shows

- Aiming towards being a link between the USIHC members and the USIHC committees, encouraging close communication and exchange of opinions

THANKS to:

- The USIHC members who were supporting our educational programs by participating in them
- The USIHC members who were supporting our educational programs by hosting a clinic, seminar or lecture at their farm and doing much work involved with it
- The USIHC board of directors for their ongoing support of the educational programs we offer
- Our USIHC board liason Sara Lyter for representing the education committee on the board of directors
- The USIHC education committee and its members for being a great and positive team with a common goal in mind
- Doug Smith for working many countless hours for this committee in one way or another, especially making information available on the USIHC web site
- The QUARTERLY for all support of educational programs and articles
- TOLTNEWS for providing the USIHC with past articles for our web site for educational purposes
- FEIF and Ian Pugh for their support, information and advice whenever needed
- IPZV for their support, information and advice whenever needed and also for their cooperation in our efforts to organize English teaching materials