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“NEDERLANDS CONNEMARA PONY STAMBOEK”

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Dear Connemara breeders and enthusiasts,

On behalf of the Dutch Connemara Pony Society I would like to invite you to the International Stallion Show on **Sunday 23th of March** at Manege Meulendijks, Strabrechtseheideweg 6 in Heeze (near Eindhoven).

Inspired by the beautiful, annual Clifden show and the positive feedback from Ireland and from several stallion owners, the board of the Dutch Connemara Pony Society has decided to organise an International Stallion Show in the Netherlands. We have the ambition to organise a large and recurring event.

Why participate?

- ✓ Coverings. The new breeding season is upcoming. This show gives you the opportunity to present your stallion(s) to a larger public. During the show the speaker will give additional information about your stallion based on content provided by you.
- ✓ Contact. The show gives the opportunity to meet Connemara owners and breeders outside your own country. In this way you will be able to see some beautiful Connemara stallions as well as owners who have the same passion for the Connemara pony.
- ✓ Promotion. The Connemara is well promoted by organising the show on a beautiful location with a good, full programme. For example, owners of performance ponies will be invited to come, as well as the media. Furthermore in the afternoon there will be a competition (dressage and jumping) where Connemara combinations can participate.
- ✓ Fun. Besides the show you can also enjoy a typical Dutch meal for lunch and participate in or watch the ridden classes. All in all a nice day out for family and friends.

The (provisional) program

Saturday 22nd March 2014

17.00 Stables available

18.00 Welcoming of guests with drinks and a buffet

Sunday 23rd March 2014

09.30 Inspection of the new, not previously classified Dutch stallions

10.00 Start International Stallion show

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Start Ridden classes

16.00 End of programme

Practical information

Registration International Stallion Show

1. Who can take part in the International Stallion Show?

All class 1 registered stallions can participate in the International Stallion Show.

2. When is the closing date?

You can enter your stallions until March 10th. E-mail the enclosed entry form together with a copy of your stallions' pedigree and proof of its class 1 status to ilja@connemara.nl.

Way of judging

3. How will the winner of the International Stallion Show be determined?

All participating stallions will be divided into equal groups based on age. Per group one stallion will be pronounced as winner. All group winners will participate in the champion's class. The international jury (Tom Mac Lochlainn, Nina Gustafson and Jos van der Wal) will determine the overall champion and the reserve champion.

Stabling

4. Is there a stable available for my stallion?

Yes, on the entry form you can make a reservation for a stable. Stables are free of charge. The costs for hay and bedding (straw) are € 5,- per stable.

Costs

5. What are the costs for participating in the International Stallion Show?

Showing your class 1 stallion in the in-hand class is free of charge. Participating in the ridden classes costs € 5,- per class.

Reception and lunch

6. *Who do I inform about my presence at the reception on Saturday and the lunch on Sunday?*

If you wish to attend the reception on Saturday and the lunch on Sunday it is advised to let us know you will attend by sending an email to ilja@connemara.nl. In this way the cook can take into account the number of participants.

7. *What are the costs for the reception and the lunch (typical Dutch "stampot" meal and a drink)?*

The costs for reception and lunch are € 10,- each per person.

The ridden classes

8. *Who can participate in the ridden classes?*

Any rider with a pony with a minimum of 25% demonstrably Connemara blood can participate. Stallions as well as mares and geldings.

9. *Which classes can I participate in?*

You can participate in a show jumping competition in de the Dutch classes BB-ZZ (70cm till 1.15cm) and a dressage competition in the Dutch classes B till Z2 (comparable to Preliminary till Medium level) .You are free to choose your jumping height and dressage level. For more information about the dressage levels and tests feel free to contact our board member Mrs. Barbara Beltman at barbara@connemara.nl . You can enter the competition by sending the attached subscription form to ilja@connemara.nl

10. *How will the winner be determined?*

There will be one winner appointed in both show jumping and dressage. For dressage this will be based on the achieved percentage given by the judge. The winner of the show jumping classes will be determined in a jump off.

11. *Is there a maximum number of competitors for the ridden classes?*

Yes, the limit is 30 combinations for the show jumping classes and 20 competitors for the dressage classes.

Accommodation

12. *I would like to stay over for the weekend, is that possible?*

Yes, this is possible. In the attachment you will find several addresses of B&B's and hotels. Note: These accommodations have not been checked by the society. They were only selected based on location and price.

Eindhoven Airport is the nearest airport for those of you who are flying in.

Contact

13. *I have a question, who can I contact?*

Participants will be kept up to date by e-mail and through our website (www.connemara.nl) and Facebookpage (www.facebook.com/Connemarastamboek) Do you have any specific questions, please contact Mrs. Ilja Knook on ilja@connemara.nl.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 23rd in Heeze!

Best regards,

Mrs. Frederique Niederer

President DCPS