



PRESS RELEASE

European State Studs Association e.V. (ESSA)

Review:

Marbach Stallion Parades with partner country France and ESSA-Quadrille

Marbach (7. October 2011). On September 25th as well as October 2nd and 3rd Stallion Parades took place at Marbach State Stud. This year France contributed to the show programmes as partner country. The studs of Les Breviaires, Rosières-aux-Salines, Saint-Lô and Uzès, as well as some private breeders sent 25 horses to Germany, accompanied by riders, carriage drivers and grooms.

On September 24th a welcome evening opened the Stallion Parade week in the historic riding house of Marbach. Bérengère Lacroix (IFCE) gave an overview about the horse country France and Alexandra Lotz (ESSA-office) presented the background and the activities of our association.

Around 30.000 visitors attended the three stallion parades featuring impressive, atmospheric and spectacular performances. Proud stallions, noble mares and lively foals of many different breeds enchanted the spectators. A highlight of every show was the four-in-hand-driving-quadrille representing the European State Studs Association. Carriages from France and Germany drawn by Cob Normand, Comtois, Lipizzan, Percheron and German Warmblood horses demonstrated the diversity of Europe's horse breeds.

The directors of the present partner studs met at the joint ESSA-IFCE information tent next to the Marbach arena. The Baden-Wuerttemberg Minister of Rural Areas, Food and Consumer Protection, Alexander Bonde, was among the spectators, as well as many other representatives of politics, economy and media. The Marbach director, Dr. Astrid von Velsen-Zerweck, ESSA president Bernard Maurel and office manager Alexandra Lotz used the opportunity to campaign for our association.

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