

PRESS RELEASE

European State Studs Association e.V. (ESSA)

Guest in the horse country Romania

Marbach (May 15th, 2012). Questions for the most interesting horse country of Europe will most likely provoke answers including Great Britain, Germany, France or Spain. Who at all knows, that Romania with its 19.5 million inhabitants counts 9 million horses? Who has heard of Nonius, Gidran oder Furioso North Star horses? Even the stud directors of other countries, excellent horsemen- and women specialised in horse breeding, so far had little insight into the horse world of Romania. Therefore, the invitation of the National Forestry Administration Romsilva, managing all 12 breeding farms and the four stallion depots of the country, to host this year's conference of the European State Studs Association (ESSA) was very welcome. More than 30 of the most renowned breeding institutions of the continent are part of this network and their representatives travelled to Romania to keep in touch, to plan joint activities, but also to discover virgin soil.



Participants of the conference in Jegalia National Stud, Photo ESSA

Since due to time restrictions a round trip to all stud farms was out of question, the hosts organised a presentation at Jegalia National Stud, where horses from all across the county gathered. Noble Lipizzaners, dark black Nonius and elegant Gidrants delivered a brilliant performance in front of carriages. Romanian Warmbloods proved their talent for show jumping, while Furioso North Stars enchanted the audience with their energy and expression. Diligent Huculs and powerful Ardenners

were further highlights of the show. Also classical breeding is held in high esteem by the Romanians and was represented by Shagya and Pure Bred Arabians, Trotters and English Thoroughbreds.



Lipizzaner four-in-hand, Photo Lotz



Furioso North Star Stallion, Photo Lotz

The diversity of the Romanian horse world responds to the diversity of the Romanian landscape. It ranges from Transylvania and the Carpathian Mountains to the wide plains and the Danube delta at the Black Sea. Some of the still existing studs such as Radautz or Simbata de Jos were founded by the Habsburg monarchy and belong to the cultural heritage of the former Austria-Hungary. Horse lovers who plan a trip to Romania should reserve time - there is a lot to discover!



Ardenners at work, Photo Lotz



Romanian Sport Horse, Photo Lotz