

PRESS RELEASE

European State Studs Association e.V. (ESSA)

ESSA Driving Cup at Mezöhegyes

Marbach (25. July 2015, alo). From 16th to 19th of July the top-drivers of Hungary and participants of the neighbouring countries skilfully demonstrated the beauty of driving at the first international driving competition at the Hungarian State Stud Mezöhegyes. Many different breeds showed their suitability for modern driving sport, including the old Austro-Hungarian Nonius and Lipizzaner horses. Mezöhegyes hosted the third part of the ESSA Driving Cup for pairs. The winner of the CA13* was Zoltán Lázár, followed by Vilmos Lázár. Rank three saw again Zoltán Lázár with his second pair in front of Kristof Osztertag, Márk Osztertag und Jozsef Dobrovitz Jr. The Nonius pair of Mezöhegyes with János Papp reached a good 17th place and convinced with a clear cone parcours.

The event will find its place in the memories of everyone involved as a weekend with Sahara-like atmosphere. Despite extreme heat it was a very pleasant event. The team around stud director István Pap created perfect conditions for horses, drivers, spectators and officials. The racecourse of Mezöhegyes proved to be a very nice setting with different grass and sand arenas, the grand stand and an observation tower. New marathon obstacles have been created, fair for the horses and easily accessible for spectators. The driving scene can look forward to the World Championships for young driving horses at Mezöhegyes in September!



Vilmos Lázár entering the arena. Photo: Alexandra Lotz



Jozsef Dobrovitz Jr in the water obstacle
Photo: Alexandra Lotz



Prize-giving ceremony with winner Zoltán Lázár
Photo: István Vida-Szűcs



Thank you to the horses and grooms
Photo: Monika Lotz



Janós Papp with the Nonius pair of Mezőhegyes
Photo: István Vida-Szűcs



Vilmós Lázár in the lap of honour
Photo: István Vida-Szűcs



Stud director István Pap with ESSA manager Alexandra Lotz
Photo: Monika Lotz