

# Warmblood Studbook of Ireland

## International Showjumpers with an Irish Accent

### WSI

#### APPROVAL

Approved under EU and Irish law as the only Irish studbook dedicated exclusively to breeding international showjumpers

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#### ACTIVE STALLIONS

Abdullah (TRAK)  
Ai Weiwei m2s (WSI)  
Asagao (TB)  
Asian Tiger m2s (WSI)  
Ballistic m2s (ISH)  
Boy Toy m2s (ISH)  
Brantzau VDL (SF)  
Cabrio van de Heffinck (HOLS)  
Cartani (HOLS)  
Casall (HOLS)  
Cefalo (HOLS)  
Christian (HOLS)  
Classe VDL (HOLS)  
Clinton I (HOLS)  
Condios (HOLS)  
Cornet Obolensky (BWP)  
Desir du Chateau (SF)  
Dondoctro Ryal K (KWPN)  
Drumm-M (KWPN)  
Farfelu de Muze (BWP)  
Goodluck VDL (HOLS)  
Guinness (KWPN)  
Hamilton (KWPN)  
Hot Shot Musterd (KWPN)  
Hector van d'Abdijhoeve (BWP)  
Inshallah de Muze (BWP)  
Monte Bellini (WESTF)  
President (KWPN)  
Quantino (HOLS)  
Quintus (BWP)  
Richebourg (BWP)  
Ulysses m2s (KWPN)  
Wang Chung m2s (KWPN)

#### WBFSH

WSI is a Full Member of the WBFSH



#### WSI Launches WSI Rewards and New Growth Strategy

The Warmblood Studbook of Ireland (WSI) has announced a new growth strategy designed to put breeders back in the centre of the showjumping industry and to re-focus showjumping breeding in Ireland. The strategy supports Irish breeders through nationwide mare inspections, further develops the studbook's already successful stallion approval system, creates the first of its kind semen bank open to all mares sired by an approved stallion, and changes the studbook's rules to allow all mares sired by an approved stallion to breed within the studbook.

The cornerstone of the new strategy is *WSI Rewards*, a membership program that offers breeders, mare owners, and stallion owners a wide range of free and low-priced services including free semen, free foal registration, free mare inspection, free foal inspection, and free subscriptions to Horse International and L'Annee Hippique all for one reduced all-inclusive price.

WSI has applied for support to the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine (DAFM) to support our new strategy. This was the first time the seven year old studbook applied for funding. They expect to hear DAFM's final decision in the next week or two.

According to Dr. Thomas Reed, WSI Breeding Director, "Recently WSI went through its re-approval process with the Department, and we presented our new strategy to support Irish breeders, increase the number of foals we register, and re-focus showjumping breeding in Ireland. We are hopeful that Minister Simon Coveney and his officials will provide strong support and funding for several cornerstones of our new strategy. For the first time we will offer nationwide mare inspections, which will benefit all breeders including farmers who are required to have their mares inspected for the DAFM Equine Discussion Groups; an enhanced stallion approval system, which will see us transition from a one day inspection to a 2.5 day inspection for both young stallions and mature stallions; and the WSI Semen Bank, which will offer free semen from high-genetic-value stallions approved by WSI."

WSI is offering this year free semen from at least five participating WSI approved stallions as part of *WSI Rewards*. "We believe that several of the keys to improving breeding in Ireland are to encourage mare owners to only use high-genetic-value stallions approved by WSI or by

other showjumping studbooks that are leading members of the WBFSH, and to use more young stallions so we can see rapid genetic improvement. The WSI Semen Bank, which will offer free semen, is designed to help mare owners make the switch and to support those mare owners who already are committed to using approved stallions," according to Dr. Reed.

An important change to WSI's studbook rules will allow mares that meet all the criteria for approval to be entered into and breed within the studbook even if they are not inspected. These mares will be placed within a new book, called the Studbook Mare Book, and at any time they can undergo a voluntary mare inspection if the owner so wishes. According to Ms. Claire Wood, Chair of WSI's Mare Inspection Committee, "By making mare inspections and foal inspections totally voluntary, WSI has now removed a major obstacle for many breeders who want to register their foals with WSI but do not want to go through the expense and risk of traveling their mares and foals to inspections."

WSI's Genetic Development Program (GDP), which has been closed since 2011, has now been reopened. The GDP is designed for all mares in Ireland sired by approved stallions but the mares do not meet all the other criteria for approval. "Mare owners who join *WSI Rewards* and commit to breed their mares within the GDP will receive a wide range of free and deeply discounted services for one all-inclusive fee," states Dr. Dawn Kelly, WSI Administrator. "And this year mares in the GDP will be able to receive free natural services through the WSI Semen Bank and *WSI Rewards*."

"The new initiatives WSI has announced are only the beginning of a New Deal for Irish breeders," states Dr. Reed. "In future weeks and months we will announce more services and programs that support Irish breeders and help them breed world-class showjumpers. And later on we will announce major new marketing and sales programs, along with rewards for Irish Warmbloods that excel in sport. No matter their individual starting place, we will work with each mare owner to make rapid improvements in their breeding program. And for breeders who are already successful and using high-genetic-value mares and stallions we offer a breeding community focused on one goal: To become the world's best and most forward-looking showjumping studbook that puts the interests of breeders first."

#### WSI APPROVES MARES AND STALLIONS

The following mares and stallions were recently inspected and approved:

**HELENA** (Emerald van't Ruytershof x Animo)  
2012 KWPN Mare

Owner: Darragh Magner  
Breeder: A. van den Akker

#### PREMIUM MARE

**HACHIANDA MUSTERD** (Spartacus x Quasimodo Z)  
2012 KWPN Mare

Owner: John and Niall Mullins  
Breeder: Veehandel Musterd B.V.

**GALWAY GIRL** (Arezzo VDL x For Pleasure)

2011 KWPN Mare  
Owner: Dr. Hugh Durkin  
Breeder: VDL Stud

**HOPE IS ETERNAL** (Sheraton x Legaat)

2012 KWPN Mare  
Owner: Paddy O'Donnell  
Breeder: Th. Broekman and H. Broekman

**HARRIET** (Breitling LS x Untouchable)

2012 KWPN Mare  
Owner: Jeannie Taggart and Fergal Rice

Breeder: J.M. van Uyttert and Comb. Aaldering Swelheim

**HOT SHOT MUSTERD** (Spartacus x Zurich)

2012 KWPN Stallion  
Owner: John and Niall Mullins  
Breeder: Veehandel Musterd B.V.

**HAMILTON** (Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve x Rubert R)

2012 KWPN Stallion  
Owner: Jeannie Taggart and Fergal Rice

Breeder: R.W.B. Rouweler