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### 15th ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Once again, an IGEQ member Federation hosted a memorable meeting! To the Royal Dutch Equestrian Federation and organizers; Inge Janssen- Bouwmeester; Willy Koppens and Sjef van Roover, we offer our compliments on a professional and much enjoyed presentation of working and social programmes. We were hosted at the Helicon Institute in Deurne. The Dutch Equestrian Centre (NHB Deurne) uses four indoor riding schools; an outdoor dressage arena; a 700m trotting track; driving course; lungeing circles; freestyle paddock and various obstacles for driving and eventing. There is a ten horse walker and stabling for 220 horses. The trotters stables also houses a solarium. There are two quarantine stables, a veterinary clinic, a farriery and ten teaching classrooms. The vocational programmes see an enrollment of approximately 380 full-time and 150 part-time students with 80 graduates each year. Of the 50 employees 15 are instructors and 10 are teachers.

The curriculum of NHB is competence based. This means that both general competencies, like communication in real life and work situations and equine professional competencies are offered in a programme based on an equestrian work situation. The program is a mix of class-room learning,

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## NEWS REVIEW MAR/APRIL 2008

### WELCOME MAURITIUS !!

A very warm welcome is extended to new member the Mauritius Equestrian Federation. They are currently establishing instructors' examinations.

In the next issue we will detail the presentation given by Mr. Pierre Ollivier (France) at the AGM.

*individual assignments, practical lessons in stables and on horse back, together with periods of work experience. Students are supported by a coach and a team of expert teachers and riding instructors.*

*Our interactive working sessions included level one, two and three riding presentations in the disciplines of dressage and show jumping. These presentations also included discussions with the demonstration instructors and head teachers. Executive Committee member Islay Auty had prepared a comment sheet for each delegate for the purposes of recording feedback from the demonstrations. A very useful document for the purposes of the interactive commentary after each presentation.*

*Lastly, our secretary Carole Payne must be congratulated on having to handle the meeting with a broken hand!*

AGM Visitors and New Faces:  
We welcomed Mr. Harald Mueller from the FEI; and additional delegates from Portugal; Hungary; Belgium; South Africa; France & FRDI

- Fact Sheet  
Equine Industry in the Netherlands
- Total number of horses and ponies - 400 000
  - Approved stud book organizations - 21
  - Riding Schools - 850
  - Equine sportsmen/women - 480 000
  - Competition riders - 85 000
  - Equestrian events - 4 300
  - Equine industry employment - 12 000

### DELEGATES 2007 AGM

