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Equitation Science in Practice – Enhancing Horse Welfare and Human Safety 6th International Equitation Science Conference (ISES Sweden 2010)

Equine scientists and other horse experts from around the world will meet in the University City of Uppsala and the Swedish National Equestrian Centre in Strömsholm from July 31 – August 2 (2010) to discuss the training and education of horses and riders from scientific and practical aspects.

“Equitation science is a growing field within equine research and it is exciting to be able to gather so many specialists from all over the world”, said Mari Zetterqvist Blokhuis, chair of the ISES 2010 Local Organising Committee. While scientific meetings are often restricted to scientists and students, the meetings of the International Society for Equitation Science (ISES) are also open to the general equestrian public to emphasize the strong link between science and practice.

Some of the internationally recognized researchers in the field are invited as keynote speakers; among them Dr Andrew McLean, head of the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre who dedicated his research to equine cognition and learning; Prof in Animal Welfare and Ethology Jan Ladewig from Copenhagen University who has a keen interest in the scientific background of training horses as it relates to riding safety and horse welfare; and the Swedish keynote speaker Associate Prof Lars Roepstorff from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences who’s scientific focus area is the biomechanics of the horse including riding surfaces, training methods and soundness.

Around 80 abstracts had been received of which 30 will be oral presentations and more than 40 will be presented in the format of posters. Oral and poster presentations reporting recent scientific findings will alternate with a full day of practical demonstrations given at the National Equestrian Centre in Strömsholm. Representatives from the National Stud in Flyinge and the Equestrian Centre in Strömsholm will demonstrate the training of young horses and the stepwise education of riders. Other demonstrations will focus, for example, on the rider’s seat and the application of modern technology to study limb kinematics or detect lameness.

Reduced registration fees are available until 9th of June 2010. Media representatives are very welcome.

Please visit the conference webpage for more detailed information:

<http://www.equitationsscience.com/Sweden2010>

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