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FEI symposium on the "Rollkur"



The official homepage of the FEI (Fédération Equestre Internationale, www.horsesport.org) includes a report regarding the conference on the "Rollkur" (over bending) in which the participation of our member Dr Gerd Heuschmann is mentioned.

On 31 January 2006 the FEI hosted a workshop addressing issues concerning the "Rollkur". The preliminary conclusion was that the "Rollkur" method does not violate the animal's welfare when used by experienced trainers and if applied, as presented by Sjef Janssen in Lausanne, without the use of external mechanical forces.

XENOPHON, the society for the conservation and promotion of the classical art of riding, would like to emphasise the following:

1. Our founding member Dr Gerd Heuschmann has presented the principles of the classical school of thought to this forum and clearly outlined the negative effects of the "Rollkur" on the health and on the natural kinematics of the horse. Nonetheless the FEI published an almost generalised acceptance of this method on their website.
2. The society XENOPHON would like to distance itself from this decision.

XENOPHON feels assured in its duty to fight for the welfare of the horse and to conserve the classical art of riding, from which the FEI has evidently distanced itself considerably by coming to this decision.

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