

## PREFACE

The Fjord Horse is the Norwegian Native Breed. According to European law, Norway the country of origin sets the breed standard. Norges Fjordhestlag, the Mother Society, is very much aware of our responsibility for the breed not only in Norway but also internationally.

The commendable initiative to produce a Handbook came from the Fjord Horse International Association and within 3 short years of obviously extensive discussions the work has been accomplished. We feel that our cooperation with FHI has been of mutual benefit and that the Handbook is the first real step towards international progress and further understanding of our wonderful breed. New challenges lie ahead but now we may meet them together and we will from now on give priority to international relations!

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all those who have contributed to the Handbook and I am convinced that it will be of great assistance to breeders and judges alike.

Magne Hus

Chairman Norges Fjordhestlag

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