

## C- THE EVALUATION PROCESS

### **International Judging**

National Fjord breeding societies have developed rules for evaluations and shows. Different demands and priorities have led to emphasis on different aspects of conformation and type. Exchange of judges has been sporadic and invitations to foreign judges have been to shows rather than to evaluations.

A regular exchange of guest judges would be a means of developing a greater understanding of the breed internationally and would lead to a more universal view of the breed in the future. This handbook being an aid to judging the Fjord Horse, should lead to the desired result. By inviting international judges to evaluations, an even greater mutual understanding will be the result.

The FHI member societies should submit to FHI a list of the judges they feel are suitable for international engagements and the language(s) in which they can work and what disciplines they can judge. (Evaluation, Show, Performance test ( Riding, Driving, Jumping))

FHI will annually publish a list of international FHI judges on their home page.

The society arranging an evaluation or show that wishes to invite a foreign judge should contact the chosen country's society directly, asking them to appoint one of the judges on their list. The society will then accept the appointed foreign judge.

The host society will announce the level of the show, the status of the judge and the judging system to be used. Rules should be sent with the invitation.

The host accepts that the judge invited has the same status in the judging team as their own judges.

The host society will be responsible for all travel and accommodation expenses.

All Fjord Horses must be evaluated according to the Breeding Goal, and the Description of the Breed (both Chap. A- The Basis for Breeding and...).

The international judges should usually meet every other year at a seminar arranged by FHI. In this way they can strengthen their knowledge and further develop an essential mutual understanding of the breed.

Reports on the use of the Handbook should be sent to FHI as the coordinator