European Federation of Animal Science	Comission on HorseProduction
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The User Manuals
for Data Base 'Bag of knowledge'
PUBLIC USERS

For the Project
"The Possibility to start with EU Equine Science Education on Master level within EAAP"

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1   INTRODUCTION

In order to develop human resources that will be capable of manage the area of interests in the European Horse Sector an initiative to create an "European Master in Equine Science" was taken within the Commission on Horse Production of the organisation of European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP) at the Workshop of Equine Education at the EAAP meeting in Lithuania 2008.

Since EAAP organisation has not the status as university an EAAP European Equine Master cannot be issued. Instead there is now an idea about an "European Master Certificate in Equine Science" that will support an EU Master Degree in Equine Sciences. The idea is to create structure of collaboration between universities in countries that are members in European Federation of Animal Science (EAAP). Other universities can be invited.

Discussions about the structure of the program bring a new idea of organization of education within the EAAP. The reason is that so many Universities are not suitable to execute the common Syllabus through official procedures. The idea from meeting within 61th EAAP annual meeting is that EAAP can grant diplomas. The EAAP can promote such diplomas and each partner can ask for notification of diploma in home university.

The education is of big importance in a national and international context because it develops human resources that will be capable of:
- understanding, interpreting and carrying out scientific research,
- educational and technical work in the field of horse industry in connection with modern agriculture and society,
- mobility within Europe and networking across boarders

In order to make it possible for students all over Europe to have information and contact data about higher education in Equine Science a proposal was made by the Working Group for Equine Science Education, EAAP Horse Commission, to create a network amongst European Universities in countries connected to EAAP. Universities connected to the network offering programs/courses/modules in Equine Science should constitute the basic structure for merging information about programs/courses/ modules given in Equine Science Education at university level in Europe.

The data base as 'Bag of knowledge' was created to:
- working group get a picture of present situation in partner countries
- support decision of possible forms of curriculum and
- be useful for completing the syllabus for each partner when start education

The idea about this is that students in each country could search for equine courses/modules at master level at universities all over Europe.

The student and his/her study director can use the information in the "knowledge bag" to merge courses into a suggestion of a study plan to be approved by their home university in order to attain a Master Degree in Equine Science Education in collaboration with one, two or more universities. This can be obtained by agreements between universities.

The aim of this certificate in Master studies encompassing 120 ECTS awarded by member universities is to support the students and universities with a structure, validating body and administration in order to increase international acceptance and surplus value.
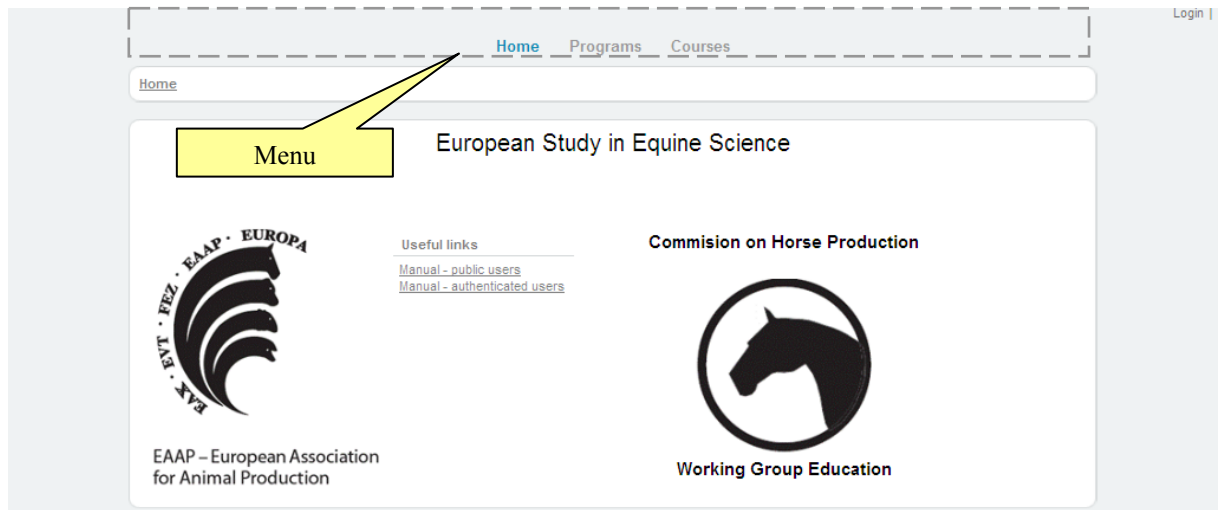
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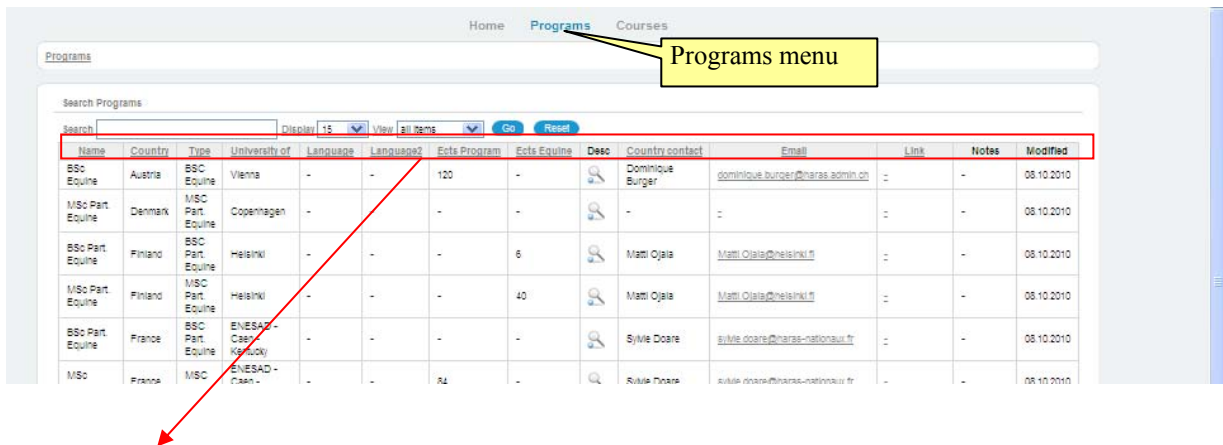
2.1   PROGRAMS:

Figure 1: Menu

Figure 2: Programs menu

Name:

This is the actual name in English of the individual program.

Country :

Select the country where this course is taught.

Level:

It provided the level in which the course is given, 4 items:

- BSC Equine: Bachelor studies
- BSC Part. Equine: a part of the Bachelor study
- MSC Equine: Master studies
- MSC Part. Equine: a part of the Master study

University of:

Select the University where this course is taught.

Language:

The main language of lectures and course materials.

Language2:

State the second language (usually English in non-English-speaking countries), if part of the course may be taught in a different language (e.g.: The usual language of the course is German, but occasional guest lectures and some course materials are in English), or if, on demand, there is the option that entire course will be taught in a language other than the main language (e.g. generally, the course is taught in Swedish, but in the case of a foreign student participating in the course, the entire course will be taught in English).

ECTS program:

It informs about the total number of ECTS. State the number of European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) – credit points for this course. 1 ECTS = a workload of 30 hours for the student including both in-class time and homework.

ECTS equine:

It informs about the total number of ECTS related to equine sciences.

Description:

If available, use the official course description from accreditation of the course or program (translated into English, if necessary), or else, give some key words or a brief summary of the main contents of the course.

Contact:

This should be the name of the teacher or the person with the main responsibility for this particular course.

Email:

The email-address of the contact person for this course (i.e. the teacher of the course).

Link

The link of the homepage of this particular program.

Notes:

Any additional information regarding this program (e.g. if it is taught every other year only, if the course is part of several programs, if there are future changes to be expected, etc.).

2.2	COURSES

Figure 3: Courses menu

Name:

This is the actual name of the individual course.

Country :

Select the country where this course is taught.

Level:

Select whether this course is at the Bachelor's (BSc) or Master's (MSc) level.

Type:

Select whether participation in this course requires the student to travel to the university ("on place") or if it can be taken through distance education ("distance").

University of:

Select the University where this course is taught.

Subject:

Please select the subject type that matches best the subject or the course.

Language:

Please give the main language of lectures and course materials.

Language2:

State the second language (usually English in non-English-speaking countries), if part of the course may be taught in a different language (e.g.: The usual language of the course is German, but occasional guest lectures and some course materials are in English), or if, on demand, there is the option that entire course will be taught in a language other than the main language (e.g. generally, the course is taught in Swedish, but in the case of a foreign student participating in the course, the entire course will be taught in English).

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Notes:

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