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General Comments

All parts of the examination were set at a high standard. Throughout the examination the examiners related well to the candidates, helping them to relax and to give of their best. Exceptionally prompt feedback of results was provided, and candidates who failed to meet the pass mark in any section were not allowed to proceed further.

The system of staggering the starting times of candidates in the practical exercises meant that every candidate could be given individual treatment. It did mean that the shoemaking and shoeing exercises took a long time from start to finish, but the whole examination was comfortably completed within 2 days. With the number of candidates taking the practical exercises on this occasion the system worked well, but there might need to be changes in the programming if there is ever a substantial increase in the number of candidates.

Of the 9 candidates who started the examination, 2 failed the theory, 1 the shoemaking and all passed the live horse shoeing. This meant that 6 were successful, representing a pass rate of 67 %.

Conclusions

The Board recommends approval of the Czech Farrier Association training and the Farrier (EU Level 3) examination as meeting the standards of the European Farrier in the 21st Century as approved by the European Federation of Farriers Associations in June 2012.