



## ACCREDITATION BOARD REPORTS

### **Introduction**

The Accreditation Board visits a country for an initial visit at the request of the national association, when that association feels that the training and examination system meets or exceeds the standards set by EFFA for the European Farrier in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The report will then be presented to the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) for endorsement. If the AGM awards accreditation as fully meeting the EFFA standards, the national association will be entitled to nominate farriers as Certified Euro-Farriers. If the AGM awards conditional accreditation, the national association will be able to nominate Certified Euro-Farriers, but will have to accept a re-visit, normally one year later, to demonstrate that all conditions have been met. If the AGM decides that the standards of training or examination do not meet the EFFA standards, accreditation will not be awarded. In such cases, the national association may request a further visit when the shortcomings identified in the original report have been rectified.

Once a national association has been accredited, it must have a re-accreditation visit every 6 years.

#### The full report consists of:

- Introduction
- Previous Reports and Recommendations
- Report on the Suitability of the Training Programme
- Resources
- Examination Standards of Competence
- Review of the Organisation and Management of Examinations
- General Comments
- Conclusions
- Recommendations

The report will look at these areas in considerable depth, and will make comments on strengths and weaknesses, and will identify any areas that do not meet the EFFA standards. In order to allow detailed and frank reporting, these full reports are kept confidential. However, the General Comments and Conclusions in respect of nations meeting the EFFA standards are written so that they may be made public. The General Comments and Conclusions for accredited nations follow. Where a nation has been the subject of a re-accreditation visit or a second visit after failing to achieve accreditation, only the latest report is included.



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## Report on a Return Visit to the Escola de Capacitació Agrària Eqüestre of Spain (5<sup>th</sup> ot 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2010 / Barcelona)

### General Comments

The Board was especially pleased to see the tremendous efforts that had been made to overcome shortcomings highlighted on the 2007 visit. The Association and the school had clearly worked together and had completely overhauled their methods of assessment, both ongoing and in the final examination. The results were evident in both the greatly improved objectivity and quality of the examination systems, and the ability to track a candidate's progress through the course. These results were at hand during the final assessments and greatly helped in decision making on borderline cases. There had also been a marked improvement in the standards of the candidates' workmanship.

Members of the Board were impressed with the friendly and relaxed approach of the examiners which was helpful to the candidates at such a stressful time. They also noted the good practice which requires the candidate to have his/her work checked at every stage of the shoeing exercise before being given approval to move to the next. This is obviously beneficial to the welfare of the horse.

### Conclusions

**The EFFA Accreditation Board recommends approval of the Associació de Ferradors de Catalunya's qualification of Oficial Ferrador obtained as a result of successful completion of the course of training and examination offered at the Escola de Capacitació Agrària Eqüestre, Barcelona for accreditation and certification in accordance with the Standards of the European Farrier in the 21st Century as approved by the European Federation of Farriers Associations.**

**This recommendation does not extend to other courses of training elsewhere in Spain, nor to any possible replacement for the current training and examination system. These would require separate visits before they could be accredited.**

**The recommendation is not retrospective to those who took the examination at the time of the previous visit 2007 visit.**

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