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The EFFA Education Event

Advice and guidelines for associations offering to hold the event.

The spirit of the Education Event is to;

- U Spread Knowledge and best safe working practice
- U Raise the standards of farriers in education
- U Show the benefits of education and Continued Professional Development
- U Encourage close working relations between professionals
- U Encourage good Health and Safety working practices
- U Promote international comraderie and friendship.

The best periods to hold the Education Event would be spring or early autumn. Colleges are usually closed July/August and the summer is usually a busier time for apprentices. Winter may prove to be a difficult time to travel.

How to bid for the Education Event.

- U The event is held every two years opposite the Eurochamps (2015, 2017, 2019 etc)
- U Any EFFA member Association can offer to host it. Ideally the offer should be made at the Annual General Meeting following the previous Education Event but at the latest must be at the AGM in November before the proposed date.
- U If more than one association want to hold the Educational Event, the president can invite one association to hold the next event and another the following two years later.
- U The delegates will be asked to endorse the choice of location.

Minimum contents of the Education Event.

- U The minimum duration is two days.
- U The programme must include lectures at a level suitable for the students.
- U A manager should be sent to oversee the team and help with any problems that may arise.
- U The availability of interpreters is not essential but could be helpful.
- U There should be practical workshops to encourage good working practices and also demonstrate different ways of working within the various European countries.
- U Good Health and Safety practice must be promoted. (A copy of the EFFA Health and safety guidelines for farriers can be made available from the secretary)
- U There should be practical shoemaking and if possible, shoemaking competitions at a level suitable for the students.
- U Competitions should be for teams but with individual scores counting for individual prizes as well.
- U Teams should consist of 4 students from each member association competing with the best 3 scores counting.

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- U Teams of less than than 4 may enter but for a team prize any unfilled places will be given the penalty score of the lowest score of any competitor from the associations competing.
- U It is encouraged that teams of 4 may be made from associations sending a lesser number of students.
- U It is also encouraged to mix the students into teams of 4 but not from the same associations.

The Social Event

- U There should be at least one but preferably more social events at which those present can meet, interact and speak with students from other associations and european countries. Fun competitions outside of farriery could be used as icebreakers for the students and also their managers. If these are away from the event premises then transport may be needed to be arranged.
- U The price of food and accomodation should be affordable by students/apprentices. (subsidised by a college or sponsor is highly desireable).

Deadlines for publication of the location and date.

- U The ideal is to arrange the date and location at the AGM following the previous Education Event and confirm the year before and publicise this straight afterwards.
- U The latest date for publising an Education Event is six months before. Teams will need to get organised and funded.
- U The deadline for entry should be set at six weeks before the Education Event is due to start.
- U Full and consise travel instructions should be given incuding nearest airport, train station, buses if appropriate and directions to the place of learning.

Finance.

- U The host association is responsible for the financial management and for underwriting the costs of the event.
- U The host association is responsible for setting charges for those attending and for collecting entries and where possible, accomodation charges.
- U Price and accomodation charges should be notified in advance.
- U It is the hosts responsibility to identify and obtain sponsorship if required.

Assistance from EFFA.

- U EFFA has a member of the Executive Board who will offer advice and guidance to the host nation.
- U Subject to finances, EFFA may be able to offer a small grant to help with costs, but this should not be relied on.
- U There should be a room available for the EFFA Executive Board to hold a meeting.

Deadline for entries.

- U The deadline for entries should be set as 6 weeks before the event starts.

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A typical Education Event weekend might look like this but not restricted to.

EFFA Educational Event 2025

Held by the farriers Association. Some European country.

Address of Event. The Forge, Hoof Town

Preliminary programme:

Thursday 10.00 – 12.00 Registration

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Welcome and presentation of all participants

Demonstrations/Lectures

Social Barbeque

Friday 9.00 Introduction to competition with Demonstrations and Lectures

10.30 Student practice with assistance from lecturers.

EFFA Board meeting. Two hours.

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Leaders from all educations gather together for information about
each countries education system.

Student practice/competition

Social barbeque/dinner/visit

Saturday 9.00 Social visit/lectures

1.00 Lunch plus Competition results

15.00 End of Educational Event

Safe journey home.

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