

The KFPS Annual Report 2007

1. Association Affairs

1.1 The Governing Board

The Governing Board held thirteen official meetings during the course of 2007 as well as consulting informally with each other on several occasions. In its endeavors to maintain close contacts with members this year, the board engaged in such activities as sending many delegates to regional meetings and local judging events (both in the Netherlands and abroad) and attending the meetings of the various KFPS associations such as De Twaalf Fokverenigingen (the Twelve Breeding Associations) and the Friesian Stallion Association. In addition, the board has maintained its contacts with external associations such as the PVE (Dutch Product Board for Livestock, Meat and Eggs); the KNHS (Royal Dutch Equestrian Sports Federation); and the Sectorraad Paarden (a lobbying organization representing equine sector in the Netherlands).

The names of the members of the Governing Board are listed in Appendix I.

Important subjects addressed by the Board during 2007 were the implementation of the new structure, the accommodations for testing within the framework of offspring research, the development of the Young Stallion Competition (YSC), enforcing sanctions related to exceeding breeding limitations, the elimination of genetic defects, the formulation of updated breeding objectives, and the registration of horses descending from stallions admitted to stud service by a daughter studbook.

During 2007, the cycle of regional and Council of Members meetings was initiated. Since the difficult inaugural meeting, the members have become increasingly at ease with one another. As a result, important decisions could be made at the meeting of the Council of Members that was held in the autumn of 2007.

For testing, a new site was found at WB Stables in Wergea near Leeuwarden. This is a brand-new site operated by Mr. W. Beerse. The KFPS Board obtained permission from the Council of Members to sign a contract (initially, for one year) with WB Stables.

With the support of the Sports Council, the Young Stallion Competition was developed for the purpose of giving stallions more opportunity to compete against one another in public. Stallions not yet approved on the basis of their offspring are being required to participate in the YSC. The YSC gives breeders a better picture of the stallions' qualities so that a more carefully considered choice of stallions can be made.

Certain stallions exceeded their breeding limitations in 2006. When the Board enforced these violations by means of sanctions, this resulted in a legal proceeding in 2007.

Within the framework of eliminating genetic defects, the KFPS Board was supported by the Breeding Council. In 2007, a project was started to develop a DNA-marker test to localize the genes responsible for hydrocephalus and dwarfism.

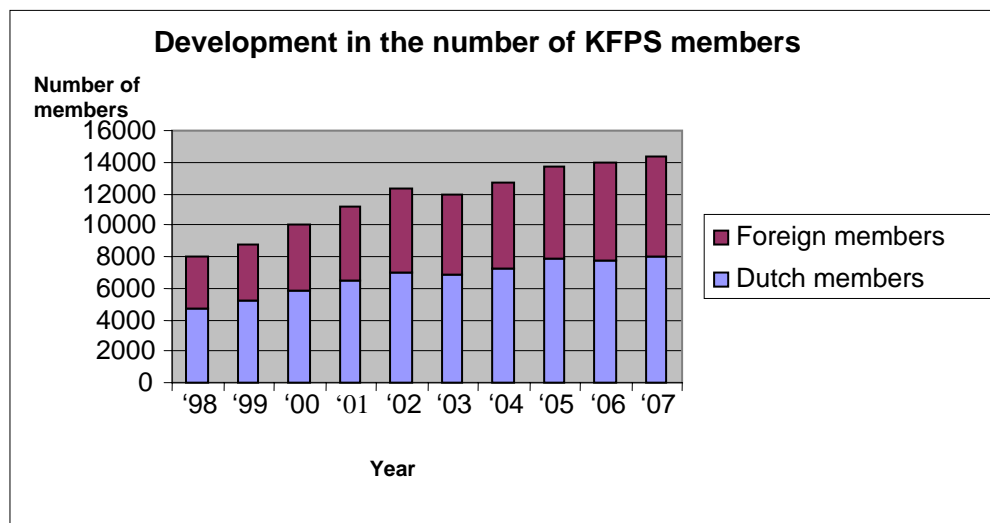
With cooperation from the Inspection and the Breeding Council, the breeding objectives of the KFPS were reformulated and supplemented. The members have indicated that they would support this new formulation.

As a result of discussions and agreements in 2006, the KFPS has opened a special register for the descendents of stallions approved by daughter studbooks. This decision resulted from the EU requirement to accept the registration of daughter studbooks. The KFPS is identifying which stallions should be included in the "D Book" and which stallions should be included in Bijboek II.

During 2007, the Governing Board submitted two reports to the Disciplinary Tribunal. Both concerned violations to the KFPS Regulations Concerning Unauthorized Substances. The Disciplinary Tribunal handled both reports; the result in each case was a declaration of inadmissibility.

1.2 Membership figures

The number of members continues to grow. Not only in the Netherlands, but in other countries, too, more people are becoming members of the KFPS. The graph below shows the progression of this growth over the last ten years.



1.3 Council of Members

As a result of the new structure for the KFPS that was adopted in 2007, the Council of Members was inaugurated in 2007. The Council of Members is made up of no more than three representatives from each region of the KFPS. The members of the KFPS are divided into ten Dutch regions, the boundaries of which are almost exactly those of the ten Dutch breeding associations, and three foreign regions. These foreign regions are Germany, North America & Canada, and "Other Foreign Countries". The Council of Members is chaired by the chairperson of the KFPS. During 2007, the Council of Members held three public meetings and one special closed meeting. The Council of Members has two internal committees (the Finance Committee and the Confidential Committee). The Finance Committee's tasks include the annual examination of the accounts and the financial accountability of the Board. The Confidential Committee's tasks include soliciting and selecting candidates to fill positions on the Board, the Finance Committee, the Confidential Committee and the Board of appeals and then submitting its proposals to the Board. The names of the members of the Council of Members and its internal committees are listed in Appendix I.

1.3.1 Regional meetings

Three rounds of regional meetings were held in 2007. During the first round held in the spring of 2007, the representatives for the Council of Members were elected. The second round consisted mainly of defining the representatives' mandates. This was done differently at each region, but most regions gave their representatives a mandate to arrive at their own decisions about most matters. Only a few regions wanted to have every issue, and not just the essential issues, discussed first at the regional level. In the third round, real issues were addressed so that the members of the Council of Members could determine the opinions of KFPS members from the individual regions.

1.3.2 Meetings of the Council of Members

The Council of Members held its first meeting in April 2007. During this meeting, it became apparent that according to a mandating regulation in the Charter, the members of the Council of Members would have to consult with the other members in their region before being able to arrive at decisions. For this reason, it was decided to schedule a round of regional meetings previous to each meeting of the Council of Members. By the time the second round of regional meetings was held, the members of the Council of Members had had their mandates defined. During 2007, the Council of Members arrived at decisions about such issues as accommodations, breeding objectives, the YSC, an update of the regulations for studbook registration, and the 2006 finances. (For the content of these points, see the explanation given under "The Governing Board".) The Council of Members' Confidential Committee began 2007 by acquiring a new member for the Board.

1.4 External Committees

Certain external committees are still active within the KFPS: the Disciplinary Tribunal, the Appeals Committee, the Board of Appeals, and the Complaint Advisory Committee.

The *Disciplinary Tribunal* handles violations as established in the KFPS Disciplinary Rules. The Disciplinary Rules offer the possibility of appealing the decision of the Disciplinary Tribunal by lodging an appeal with the *Appeals Committee*.

The *Board of Appeals* is responsible for handling an appeal lodged by a member against a decision arrived at by the Board and then pronouncing its decision in this regard.

The *Complaint Advisory Committee* was established to advise the Board regarding written complaints about the conduct (as defined by the KFPS complaints procedure established by the Board) of the Board, committees, officials, management and other employees of the KFPS.

1.5 Other countries

In 2007, as in previous years, many inspections were held in foreign countries. For some countries – Italy, Finland and Mexico – inspections were a new experience. Just one more piece of evidence that the popularity of the Friesian horse continues to grow outside of the Netherlands. One concern, however, is that although associations are cropping up in various countries, their growth rate could stand improvement. The KFPS wants to attempt to target markets in other countries by means of working with the associations there to develop appropriate PR policies.

In 2007, the KFPS started formalizing and standardizing agreements with its foreign associations. Contracts were signed with the associations in Italy, the Czech Republic and with the DFZ in Germany. The Belgian BSFP obtained its EU recognition as a daughter studbook in 2007. Discussions regarding contracts with other associations that were started will be finalized in 2008.

Communication with our German-speaking members was improved in 2007 by means of a Phryso written in German. In publishing this Phryso, the associations in Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Liechtenstein work together with BCM, a publishing company in Eindhoven. The possibility of publishing a Phryso in English is being investigated and will continue in 2008. Until then, communication with English-speaking members will be done chiefly by means of bulletins announcing the most important items.

Another important occasion when the KFPS maintains contact with its foreign associations is the WFHO meeting traditionally held during the Stallion Inspection. The WFHO is a significant platform and will be formalized in the near future.

1.6 Honorary distinctions

A number of people departed from the KFPS in 2007:

- Mr. S.H. de Boer from Garijp, Director of Studbook Affairs, left after the Stallion Inspection. For his many years of dedication (since 1983) within the KFPS, he was made an honorary member and received a golden pin at the Stallion Inspection.
- Mr. D. Zwanenburg from Joure, a member of the Performance Jury, left early in 2007 after 15 years of association with the KFPS. At the Stallion Inspection, he was honored with a golden pin.

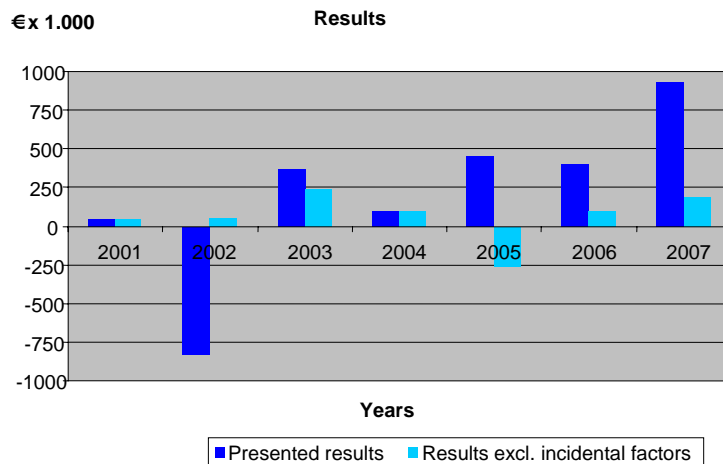
- For his dedication to designing the new structure, Mr. W. Thijssen from Meyel received a silver pin.
- Mrs. M. Dijkstra from Workum and Mrs. H. van der Meulen from Noordbergum said good-bye to their duties as the ribbon ladies. Both have done this for many years. As a token of appreciation, each received a decorative KFPS plate.

1.7 In Memoriam

Unfortunately, the studbook also lost one of its members for all time. Inspector Arend Mandemaker from Doniaga died on March 9, 2007. Shortly before his death, he was still active at the first round of judging in Ermelo and also at the first studbook inspections held in Mexico. The KFPS has lost a versatile horseman in Arend Mandemaker. He was a respected breeder and an enthusiastic practitioner of the sport of driving. It was particularly with a pair of

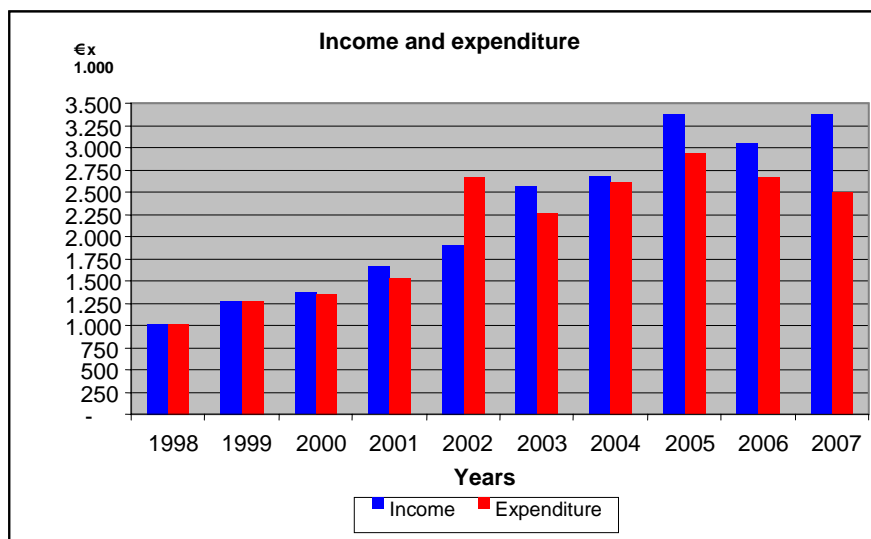


impact on this figure were the sanctions related to exceeding the breeding limitations and all the expenditures related to this factor. After eliminating the income and expenditures associated with these fines, the remaining operating profit was more than € 192,000. In foregoing years, results were strongly influenced by incidental income and expenditures. The 2006 results, for example, were also increased by sanctions related to exceeding breeding limitations. The 2005 results were even reversed from loss to profit due to a change in the system requiring studbook certificates. The loss in 2002 was entirely due to the reduction of the assets relating to the FPC, and the profit in 2003 was increased by a change in the provisions system. A comparison between the figures including and excluding these factors can be shown in the graph below. It should also be mentioned that there were other incidental sources of income and expenditures in previous years, and it is not our intention to provide a complete picture of the results excluding such incidental factors.



2.3 Income

The fact that the association has undergone considerable growth in recent years can be seen in the graph below. This summarizes the total income and expenditures in the last ten years.



2.4 The exceeding of breeding limitations

In 2006, four stallions exceeded the 180/year breeding limitation set by the KFPS and this resulted in fines for these owners totaling €432,000. In 2007, there were once again four stallions that exceeded the breeding limitations; this time the fines amounted to a total of €692,000. In consultation with the stud station, the owners initiated legal proceedings based on an infringement of competition regulations. By now, a lawsuit regarding the collection of the first fines imposed has been decided in favor of the KFPS.

2.5 Long-range prospects

The long-range prospects, as included in the long-term budget for 2008-2012, show that the association has entered smoother waters and is looking forward to financial soundness in the years ahead. Estimates for 2008 even suggest results of €138,000. Now that the financial situation is offering more possibilities, this is giving the KFPS Board an opportunity to propose new plans for the future. The year 2008 will thus be used for developing a long-term policy plan.

3. Personnel

3.1 Pension plan

The most important development regarding personnel matters was the transition to a new pension plan. In the recent past, it appeared that a final pay plan would result in large past service commitments that would be difficult to estimate but would have a considerable impact on results. To avoid this kind of unexpected expense, the pension plan was examined and all the preferences and options were analyzed. By agreement between the Board and personnel, it was ultimately decided to switch to an average pay plan as of 1 January 2008. The advantage of such a plan, in addition to avoiding past service commitments, is that employees know exactly what they will have accumulated at the end of their working career and what they are entitled to. The other alternative, the defined contribution plan, does not provide these guarantees and accumulation depends on realized returns.

3.2 Salary structure

In 2007, a consultant was hired through the collective bargaining agreement for the sport sector (WOS) to which the KFPS is affiliated. This was done for the purpose of evaluating the pay classification of the personnel in the WOS' position-level matrix. The result was that new job descriptions were drawn up for all the positions at the studbook office and these were then used to for the pay classification of all staff members.

3.3 Personnel turnover

3.3.1 Office

In 2007, Sietse de Boer took early retirement and Marja Teekens assumed his duties. These duties focus primarily on communicating with people in other countries and activities surrounding the stallion inspections and central examinations. A number of duties that Marja was responsible for previous to her new duties will be distributed among other staff members in 2008. No new permanently employed office staff was hired in 2007.

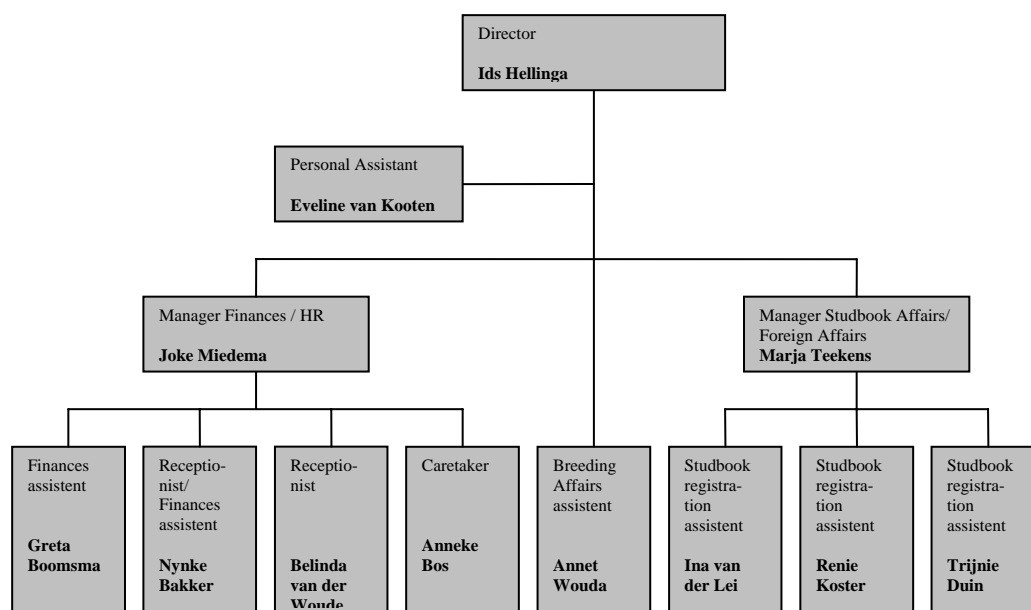
	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Number of FTEs	10.8	10.9	11.2	11.2	11.8	11.4	10.0	9.1	8.9	6.5

This table shows that the number of FTEs has remained fairly stable in spite of the enormous growth of the association in recent years. This has been possible due to computer technology.

3.3.2 Central Examination

Once the Friesland Equestrian Center was no longer available, the Central Examination for 2007 had to be accommodated elsewhere. It was then decided to hold the testing in Ermelo. The training supervisor, however, is being employed by us and the riders for the Central Examination have been hired for the period in which the Central Examination is held.

3.3.3 Organization chart



4. Breeding and registration

4.1 Breeding objectives

The breeding objectives are the foundation for every breeding program and undergo a general revision every ten years. In 2007, the Breeding Council presented a new formulation of the breeding objectives that was then adopted by the Council of Members. These objectives can be summarized as follows: *To produce a utilitarian horse that displays a functional well-proportioned conformation combined with the typical characteristics of the breed, health, vitality and a capacity for achievement in equestrian sports.* In developing these new breeding objectives, members were consulted in various ways such as at the regional meetings and by means of a survey at the KFPS website. These breeding objectives will be implemented according to the following policy:

- more emphasis on health
- more emphasis on capacity for sports
- maintenance of typical characteristics of the breed
- maintenance of character

4.2 Breeding program

In response to the new breeding objectives, the development of breeding policies is emphasizing health and capacity for sports.

4.2.1 Inbreeding

Reducing inbreeding plays a prominent role in relationship to health-related aspects. The increase in inbreeding within the population of Friesian horses exceeds the general norm established by the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations). In regard to inbreeding, the KFPS employs a two-pronged policy:

- 1) Application of a breeding limitation to keep individual stallions from having too great an impact on the population.
- 2) Identification of relatively unrelated animals by means of inbreeding coefficients, a tool that is increasing in importance.

4.2.2 Health

In the interests of health, it was decided to give priority to reducing defects associated with two single-recessive genes: hydrocephalus and dwarfism. Now that new and effective analysis techniques (SNP selection) are becoming available, ways to develop DNA tests have become much simpler. The KFPS has allocated a budget for the development of such tests. First, however, the assistance of members will be needed in the form of collecting DNA material from defective foals. Not until these tests become available can the KFPS have genetic defects included as a factor in the selection of young stallions and start publishing the findings. It would be irresponsible to exclude all carrier stallions from stud service, however, because doing this would exacerbate an increase in inbreeding. Instead, high-risk matings will have to be prevented.

4.2.3 Capacity for sports

A problem in initiating a more intensive selection for capacity for sports is the insufficient number of horses for which information about this factor is available. Movement in hand is too limited a predictor for capacity for sports. More reliable are data collected from the aptitude tests or the results of sports competitions. In 2007, a proposal for introducing the Crown Predicate was adopted by the Council of Members. The Crown Predicate is intended to result in a greater participation of horses in the ABFP and IBOP tests. Yet another award, the Sport Predicate, which was introduced in 2006 for distinguishing horses achieving in competition, could be presented to 110 horses in 2007. Both the Sport Predicate and the Crown Predicate will assist breeding efforts in a better selection for capacity for sports, particularly in the selection of stallions.

4.2.4 Breeding Council

Both Mr. Jan Hendriks and Mr. Henk Minkema departed in 2007. During the most recent Stallion Inspection, they were distinguished respectively by a golden pin and a silver pin. The members of the Breeding Council are listed in Appendix I.

4.3 Registration regulations

A new set of registration regulations was adopted in 2007. These new regulations are in line with the new charter and the EU regulations pertaining to studbook registration.

4.4 EU daughter studbooks

In 2007, a 15-year conflict with the FPZV, the German studbook, was settled. Together with the PVE and the FN, a solution was found that satisfied all parties involved. Briefly, the solution involved having the horses descending from an EU-recognized affiliated studbook (daughter studbook) registered from now on by the KFPS. The registration of these horses by the KFPS will be done in a separate classification known as the D Book. This fulfils the requirement on the part of the KFPS in that a distinction is made between descendants of stallions approved by the KFPS and descendants of stallions approved by the affiliated studbook.

4.5 Estimating breeding value

A number of changes were implemented in 2007 concerning the estimating of breeding value for exterior and capacity for sports. In the first place, the basis was updated to the birth year 2001. This had been 1991 for exterior and 1998 for capacity for sports. This means that breeding values will provide a better picture of a stallion's genetic capacity. In practice, breeding values are becoming lower as a result of a positive genetic trend. The change in the basis is the same for every stallion so that no changes in the quality ranking of stallions will occur. In addition, a number of linear exterior characteristics (length of gluteals, width of loins) were eliminated, a number of characteristics (length of throat and shape of loins) were reintroduced, and a number of new characteristics (direction of torso, balance, suppleness) were added.

4.6 Covers

In 2007, 7400 mares were covered. This, however, is still a preliminary figure because foals were also registered during the year as based on DNA verification. The number of covers seems to have stabilized between 7000 and 7500 a year (see table below). Breeding limitations were exceeded in 2007 by 346. The stallions involved were Doaitsen 420, Felle 422, Haitse 425 and Jerke 434. A lawsuit resulting from these infringements in 2006 was decided in favor of the KFPS. The court decided that breeding limitations are permissible and not in violation of European competition regulations.

4.7 Registered foals

For identification and registration purposes, the KFPS has been committed to having its foreign associations conduct the insertion of microchips whenever possible. This objective was largely realized in 2007. Meanwhile, the vast majority of foals born in the Netherlands had their microchips inserted by the team of passport consultants listed in Appendix I.

4.8 Jury policy

In 2007, the professionalization of jury policy was continued by the additional fine tuning of the training and standardization program. Performance reviews of all jury members are being held every year. The training program also includes the training of new jury members who have been selected on special days designated for this purpose. Eight new jury members were appointed in 2007. They are:

J.R. Blumenthal (USA), Ulrike Beisner (Germany), Harald Müller-Spath (Germany), Joseph Wesseling (Germany), Jolanda van der Heide (Somer-Eind, The Netherlands), Esther Reen (Baaijum, The Netherlands), Willem Sonnema (Anjum, The Netherlands) and Sabien Zwaga (Nieuw Leusen, The Netherlands).

These appointments were made on the basis of the assessment during their period as aspiring jury members and on a final examination. The four new Dutch jury members then took the breeding jury course provided by Koepel Fokkerij.

4.9 Inspections

Fifty-four inspections were held in the Netherlands in 2007 and another 61 in other countries. The 2007 inspections in Mexico, Italy and Finland were the first ones to be held in these countries.

The numbers of inspected foals and horses are given in the table below.

Classification	The Netherlands		Other countries		Total		
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	
Foals inspected	3,153	3,326	1,061	1,113	4,214	4,439	-5%
Inspection to register mares	1,498	1,581	726	627	2,224	2,208	1%
Inspection to register geldings/FB stallions	327	320	414	486	741	806	-8%
Increase in grade for mares	564	495	314	326	878	821	7%
Increase in grade for geldings	20	25	29	16	49	41	20%
First round of judging	398	404			398	404	-1%
Yearlings	102	82	62	65	164	147	12%
Two-year-olds	95	97	70	62	165	159	4%
Model mares	8	4	1	0	9	4	125%
4-6-year-old star mares	121	107	33	35	154	142	8%
Star mares 7 years and older	96	83	37	52	133	135	-1%
Star geldings	6	6	8	5	14	11	27%

The table shows that the number of foals inspected decreased by 5%. The reason for this is the fact that the number of covers per year has decreased by about 1,000 over the last five years. Another factor is that the new EU regulations for identification and registration have resulted in more foals having their microchips inserted at their own stables and not being presented for inspection. The number of mares presented for registration has remained stable but this number is expected to drop as well in coming years, the reason, of course, being the decrease in covers.

4.10 Inspection results

	mares		geldings			stallions	
	studbook	star	model	gelding book	gelding book star	foalbook	star
2006	1,291	713	9	162	143	214	
2007	1,181	722	21	162	134	181	

4.11 ABFT tests

As a result of the problems involving the Friesland Equestrian Center in Drachten, it was decided early in 2007 to hold the ABFP tests elsewhere. As a result, one-year contracts were signed with the Zuidenveld Stables in Sleen and Helicon Training in Deurne. Due in part to limited capacity, almost the only horses tested in 2007 involved the ones participating in the offspring testing. Starting in 2008, testing has been conducted at WB Stables in Wergea since a ten-year contract (with a one-year trial period) was signed with this company. A total of 170 horses completed an ABFP test in 2007. This was 80 less than the previous year. The reason for this, in addition to the factor of limited

capacity in 2007, was the fewer number of horses participating in the offspring testing. This was due to the smaller number of stallions approved in recent years.

The ABFP tests are being assessed by the Performance Jury, the members of which are listed in Appendix I.

4.12 IBOP tests

Participation in IBOP tests continued to increase in 2007. This is in line with the KFPS policy of wanting to know more about capacity for sports. The number of IBOP tests evaluated in 2007 was 173, 23 of which were in the US and Canada, and 11 of which were in Denmark. The classification into riding, driving and show cart tests were 115, 35 and 23 respectively.

4.13 Central Examination

In 2007, 31 stallions participated in the Central Examination, 7 of which participated in the spring examination and 24 in the autumn examination. A total of 7 stallions were registered in the studbook:

Jesse 435 (Leffert 306P x Doeke 287)

Lutger 436 (Onne 376 x Feitse 293P)

Maurits 437 (Ulbert 390 x Ulke 338)

Mewes 438 (Teeuwis 389 x Oege 267P)

Meinse 439 (Heinse 354 x Dirk 298)

Maeije 440 (Beart 411 x Goffert 369)

Maurus 441 (Tsjalke 397 x Krist 358)

As a result of the problems involving the Friesland Equestrian Center in Drachten, it was decided early in 2007 to hold the Central Examination elsewhere. An agreement was made with the KNHS to hold the Central Examination in the Federation Center in Ermelo. A new team for training and presenting the stallions was also assembled. The team was supervised by Susan Bouwman from Nijeveen.

The stallion inspection jury consisted of:

Harrie Draaijer from Itens (chairperson), Bauke de Boer from Nes, and Herman Smit from Middenmeer.

This was the last year that Harrie Draaijer participated as a member of the Stallion Inspection Jury.

The Reinspection Jury consisted of:

Fetze Veldstra from Joure (chairperson), Jaap Boersma from Oudega, and Henk van Dieren from Dalem.

At the recommendation of the Reinspection Jury, the stallion Maurus 441 was approved.

4.14 Offspring testing

In 2007, five stallions completed their offspring testing:

Stallion	Pedigree	Breeding value for exterior	Breeding value for capacity for sports	Results
Wikke 404	Ritse 322 x Gerlof 294	105	101	Approved
Beart 411	Jasper 366 x Feitse 293P	108	108	Approved
Brend 413	Brandus 345 x Doeke 287	103	103	Approved
Andries 415	Tsjerk 328 x Nykle 309	109	102	Approved
Aan 416	Abe 346 x Jurjen 303	102	99	Provisionally Approved

Stallion Feike 395 (Fetse 293 x Naen 264) was provisionally approved for North America on the basis of assessing his offspring. The number of horses inspected was still too limited to arrive at a final approval.

Starting in 2008, the following stallions no longer have breeding permits:

Tsjipke 399 (postponed)

Tsjesse 400

Winand 405

4.15 Listing of stallions

The following stallions died in 2007:

- Piter 312
- Winand 405
- Feitse 293P

5. Sports

5.1 Sport policy

In accordance with the new breeding objectives, the development of the KFPS breeding policies are placing more emphasis on sports. The tasks of the Sports Council, which was established at the end of 2006, are to formulate policy for improving the position of the Friesian horse in equestrian sports and to advise the Governing Board in this regard. Because the Sports Council is involved in issues that are partially related to breeding, it meets frequently with the Breeding Council. In 2007, the Council of Members accepted the Sports Council's proposal for holding the Young Stallion Competitions. The first of these will be held in 2008. Other subjects addressed by the Sports Council include:

- stamina and temperature development in Friesian horses
- proposal for talent scouting
- selection policy for stallions
- development of the Young Stallion Competition

In 2007, Cinto Prosperi stepped into the position held by Jaap van der Meulen who has been elected to the Council of Members. The members of the Sports Council are listed in Appendix I.

5.2 Sport Predicate

In 2007, the first Sport Predicates were awarded to horses that had shown outstanding achievement in competitive sports. The Sport Predicate was initiated for identifying the better sport horses in the population for purposes of breeding. The Sport Predicate is also an encouragement for getting horses involved in sports. In 2007, 110 horses received the Sport Predicate.

6. Events

6.1 Stallion Inspection 2007

6.1.1 Afternoon clinics

The Thursday afternoon of the Stallion Inspections has now become established as an afternoon of clinics for our foreign members. Due to the very high demand for information, the KFPS is attempting to meet this demand in the form of a varied program of clinics. This year, attention was devoted to lungeing, readying horses for inspections, stallion selection, and the IBOP. Shows were presented between the clinics and those attending could also show off their own driving skills on a track. Considering the fact that the need for information is also great among Dutch members, this afternoon of clinics will also be open to all the Dutch members from now on.

6.1.2 Evening show

On Friday evening following the second round of judging the young stallions, a fantastic first-ever evening show was held. The evening started with the auction of the young stallions from the colt-raising project for Friesian stallions. Next, the Friesian horse was presented in all its aspects. The audience could enjoy dressage shows, show cart shows, driving, champions and various other performances. This wonderful evening show serves an important PR function and will be further professionalised in the future.

6.1.3 Inspection of studbook stallions

Finally, on Saturday, January 13, it was time to inspect the studbook stallions. The studbook stallions were presented not only before the jury but also in front of more than 9000 spectators. The older stallions were often applauded even before they entered the ring! The stallions up to 12 years of age then competed for admittance to the championship judging. After a very critical and exciting selection in the championship judging, five stallions were ultimately left in the ring.

Onne 376 (Leffert 306P x Hearke 254P) owned by the Van Manen brothers from Ede managed to convince the jury of his qualities and was crowned champion. Harmen 424 (Teunis 332 x Oege 267P), a young studbook stallion owned by the Toonen family from Maren-Kessel won the title of reserve champion. Stallions Beart 411 (Jasper 366 x Feitse 293P), Jerke 434 (Onne 367 x Tsjerk 328) and Mintse (Leffert 306P x Lammert 260) remained in the ring during the tributes to both champions.

6.2 Central Inspection

For the second year, the Central Inspection was integrated into the Friesian Show, a cooperative effort involving Indoor Friesland, Stichting Taptoe Leeuwarden, CR Delta Heerenveen, and the KFPS. With this collaboration, the KFPS has the use of a beautiful presentation venue where the best horses of the inspection season can be compared.

In the splendid surroundings of the WTC Expo in Leeuwarden, Dryske fan de Slachtedyk (Teunis 332 x Djurre 284) won the championship of the Central Inspection for the third time in her career. This year, there were so many horses registered for this inspection (more than 180) that it had to be started at an unprecedentedly early hour. The first horses entered the ring at 7:45 a.m.! For star mares, the most important reason for attending was the possibility of receiving the model predicate. Ultimately, 15 mares were declared provisional model, 12 of which had already satisfactorily completed their IBOP tests.

Also exciting were the championship events: which mare would carry off a championship ribbon this year?

Champions at the Central Inspection 2007

Yearlings and two-year-olds

Champion Renske van Diphooorn (Onne 376 x Sierk 326), breeder/owner: Ensing family, Diphooorn
Reserve champion Rhanylien C. fan de Ketting (Doaitsen 420 x Folkert 353), breeder/owner: L. Spanenburg, Bostel

Three-year-olds

Champion Mira-Viktoria vom Lindenbaum (Tsjalke 397 x Feitse 293P), breeder: Lindner & Baumgartner, Schollnach, owner: H. Joriskes, Bruggen
Reserve champion: Mirte fan Beintum (Sape 381 x Sjaard 320), breeder/owner: Hilleger family, Hegebeintum

Older mares

Champion Dryske fan de Slachtedyk (Teunis 332 x Djurre 284), breeder/owner: J. van der Wal, Bozum
Reserve champion Goud dame fan Bommelsteyn (Onne 376 x Feitse 293P), breeder/owner: J.J. van der Meulen, Broek-Noord

Championships of the Day

Champion Dryske fan de Slachtedyk (Teunis 332 x Djurre 284), breeder/owner: J. van der Wal, Bozum
Reserve champion Renske van Diphooorn (Onne 376 x Sierk 326), breeder/owner: Ensing family, Diphooorn

The utilitarian classes are an important element in the Central Inspection. The final class – Young Friesian Horses with Capacity for Show Cart Competition – in which mares, stallions and geldings can compete, is a traditional event at the Central Inspection. This time, it was Imko van de Wolfshaar (Folkert 353 x Ulke 338) owned by Martien Verboord from Vlijmen that won in the competition for stallions and geldings with capacity for show cart competition. Mark (Andries 415 x Tamme 276) owned by Hendrik Eppinga from Oudemirdum placed second, and Jamai B (Onne 376 x Jelte 365) owned by Cees Prell from Terschelling, placed third.

Among the mares, victory went to Goud dame fan Bommelsteyn (Onne 376 x Feitse 293P) owned by J.J. van der Meulen from Broek-Noord. She was driven by Trudy van Proosdij. Second place went to Meinou van de Elsenerhof (Sape 381 x Jurjen 303) owned by Ben Nijhof from Markelo with George Borkent at the reins. Third place was for Luts van Snakkerstate (Fetse 349 x Oege 267P) that was driven by her owner Watte Bruinsma from Rotstergaast.

The final competition for Young Friesian Horses with Capacity for Dressage (YFHwD) is also held at the Central Inspection. The finalists had already been selected in the five qualifying events held throughout the country by breeding associations as based on a minimum score of 65%. These finalists were then judged again by the jury at the Central Inspection. The best three were ultimately chosen to perform in front of the audience in the main ring where the results were announced:

Championship Competition for Young Friesian Horses with Capacity for Dressage 2007

Four-year-old stallions/geldings

First place Jouk (Olof 315 x Hearke 254P) owned by K.H.A. de Kluis, Nijmegen, ridden by K. de Kluis
Second place Jouke (Jasper 366 x Erik 351) owned by Ms. A. Johanson, Borgholm, ridden by J. Schreuder
Third place Kjeld fan Great Beckum (Sape 381 x Reitse 272P) owned by Sj. de Groot, Hylaard, ridden by A. Tolman

Five and six-year-old stallions/geldings

First place Daniël de G (Abel 344 x Jakob 302) owned by Ted Kop Jensen BV, Wapse, ridden by J. Pietersen
Second place Douwe C (Sape 381 x Wicher 334) owned by B. de Groot, Grou, ridden by G. de Groot
Third place Gabbert van de Kant (Jakob 302 x Rypke 321) owned by Stoeterij De Kant, Oisterwijk, ridden by I. Klooster

Four-year-old mares

First place Kyra W.T. (Fetse 349 x Olof 315) owned by Demrostables, Mierlo, ridden by J. Veenstra
Second place Jana von Falkenruh (Tije 401 x Leffert 306P) owned by G. Falk, Sprockhövel, ridden by I. Klooster
Third place Lokke fan Wylgster Pragt (Jasper 366 x Nammen 308) owned by J. Pragt, De Wilgen, ridden by H. Pragt

Five and six-year-old mares

First place Haitrix (Maiko 373 x Brandus 345) owned by G. Schuurman, Lettele, ridden by I. Klooster
Second place Hannah Sybrecht P. (Marten 377 x Thomas 327) owned by Demrostables, Mierlo, ridden by M. Dijkmans
Third place Dryske fan de Slachtedyk (Teunis 332 x Djurre 284) owned by J. van der Wal, Bozum, ridden by T. Couperus

7. Promotion and communication

7.1 The KFPS Promotional Stand

The staff of the KFPS Promotional Stand had a busy year in 2007. Not only did they attend all the local judging days but also a number of studbook inspections. The stand was also set up at the Stallion Inspection and Central Inspection. Special events, too, were attended; included under this category were the Stallion Show in Drachten, the final competition of the Post-Kogeko KFPS dressage championships in Kootwijk, Horse Event, and Paard & Koets. It seemed as if the stand's information function was most important at the large KFPS events and the events held in the south of the country. The number of visitors at local judging events was small. For this reason, whether the KFPS stand will continue to be set up at all these events is questionable. Stands were also present at most foreign inspections and local judging events. These were provided and crewed by foreign associations.

7.2 Phryso

Phryso, the membership magazine published by the KFPS, is issued once a month and has a circulation of around 9,000. In 2007, a special edition was published for the first time; the March issue was an extra-thick special edition dedicated to breeding that also included the annual stallion special prepared by the Friesian Stallion Association. As previously mentioned, a Phryso in German started being published in 2007. It has a circulation of 2,500. The KFPS hopes to start publishing Phryso in English soon.

Appendix I: Sections within the KFPS, 2007

Governing Board:

Cees Roozemon	Bergen	Chairperson
Gert Snijders	Dwingeloo	Secretary/ Vice-Chairperson
Tjalling Rollema	Parrega	Treasurer
Marten Pelleboer	Wolvega	Member of the Board
Pieter Tuinman	Boksum	Member of the Board
Douwe Willemsma	Itens	Member of the Board

Members of the Council of Members, 2007, with any special functions:

Region			
Groningen Drenthe Combinatie	S.W. Bout	H.G.R. Hekman <i>Finance Committee</i>	R. Oldenburger
Ta it Bihåld	L. Reinds	G. Swart <i>Confidential Committee</i>	W. de Vries
It Fryske Greidhynder	J.G. van der Linden	J.J. van der Meulen	J. Steenbeek
It Fryske Hynder	J.S. Dijkstra	N.J. Osinga	M. Samplonius- Nijenhuis <i>Confidential Committee</i>
Het Friese Paard Wolvega	R.W. Hettinga <i>Finance Committee</i>	A.J. Roos	J.J. van Weperen <i>Confidential Committee</i>
Het Friese Paard Midden-Nederland	W.H. van Bommel <i>Chairman, special closed CM meeting</i>	J. Bochoven	C. Groen
Het Friesche Paard Twente Achterhoek	H.F.M. Kuipers	M. Milchien	B.A.T.H. van Uhm
Het Friesche Paard in Noord- en Zuid Holland	J.M. Reitsma	N. Sosef	C.G. de Vrieze <i>Confidential Committee</i>
Het Friesch Paard Zuid Nederland	A.W. de Jong	L. Lemsom	A. Poppelaars
Het Friesch Paard Limburg	M.W. Haverkamp	B.G. Sengers <i>Finance Committee</i>	
Germany	H. Eberhardt <i>Confidential Committee</i>	D. Elling	R. van der Meer
North America & Canada	T. van Herwaarden	D. Plantinga	P. van der Hoek
Other Foreign Countries	A. Adam van Geem	C. Dirlwanger-Gunsch	J. Darimont

External committees:

Disciplinary Tribunal:	T.K. Hoogslag, G.K. Schipmolder, M.L. Blackstone
Appeals Committee:	C.M. Telman, E.J. Kuiters, Tj.J. Koelmans
Board of Appeals:	U. van Houten, Y. Heeg, J.W. Oosten, A.A.M. Schut
Complaint Advisory Committee:	L.H. Haarsma, P. Hoekstra, A. Holtrop, T.H. de Jager, J. Kiestra, W. Sleijfer

Breeding Council:

Herman Kamminga	Gees (Chairperson)
Tjibbe Bosma	Kollumerzwaag
Jelle Bouma	Nijland
Henk Dijkstra	Workum
Sjouke de Groot	Hijlaard (Advisor from the Inspection)
Herman van Hemert	Zuilichem
Jan Hendriks	Lithoyen
Piet Hoekstra	Akmarijp
Henk Minkema	De Wilgen
Hans de Nooij	Gorredijk

Inspection:

Jan Hendriks (Chairperson)	Lithoyen
Bauke de Boer	Nes
Jaap Boersma	Oudega
Harrie Draaijer	Itens
Sjouke de Groot	Hylaard
Louise Hompe (YFPwD jury)	Groningen
Fetze Veldstra	Joure

Jury:

G.A. Banga, L. Banga (YFPwD), U. Beissner (Germany), P. Bergsma (linear scorer), J.R. Blumenthal (USA), H. Brinks, N. Dumont (France), J. Haarsma, J. van de Heijde, J. Hellinx, F. Holtrop (linear scorer), L. van Hout (linear scorer), M. Ketelaar, J. van der Kooi, G. Kuipers, A. Kuipers-Brouwer, S. Lantinga, W.P. van Lierop, H. van der Meulen, P. van der Meulen, S. Minkema, M. Moosen, H. Müller-Späth (Germany), B.J. Nerenhausen (USA), J. Ombler (UK), W.J.H. Oskam, E. Pouw (linear scorer), N. Pronk, E. Reen, Fr. Smits, D.M. Soetens, W.S. Sonnema, C. Terpstra-v/d Meer, W.P. Thijssen, M. Timmer (YFPwD), J. Veenstra, J. Wessling (Germany), S. Zwaga and M. Zorgdrager.

Performance Jury:

Reitse Faber	Dijken
Pieterneel Romkema (YFPwD jury)	Haskerhorne
Herman Smit (YFPwD jury)	Middenmeer
Gerard Vermunt (YFPwD jury)	Emmeloord

Passport Consultant Team:

Jelle de Vries	Idskenhuizen (Coordinator)
Reitse Faber	Dijken
Lammert Jager	Dijken
Doede de Jong	Legemeer
Eppie de Jong	Haskerhorne
Geert de Jong	Idskenhuizen
Jaap van der Meulen	Joure
Obe Mous	Hemelum
Emiel Verwey	Joure
Meine Wienia	Follega

Sports Council:

Perry Boogaard (Chairperson)
Sjoerd Jan Keuning
Esther Liano
Saskia Meinema (YFPwD jury)
Albert Minkema
Cinto Prospero

Riders for the Central Examination:

Suzan Bouwman-Wind (Training Supervisor)
Manon Fieret (autumn)
Lieke van der Kind (spring)
Hanneke Kraaij (autumn)
Sanne Lampers (autumn)
Jean-Rene Luijmes (autumn)
Geertje van de Veen (spring and autumn)

PR Team:

Eelkje de Boer, Pieter de Boer, Romkje Elgersma, Titia de Haan-Hoornveld, Jelske Hekstra, Jetske Hoekstra, Ans de Jong, Tonnie Ketelaar, Betty László, Dirk Poortinga, Berber Schurer, Rely Smeding, Sietse Smedes, Betty Veenstra and Jannie Woudstra

Other officials:

V. van Asma – v/d Tol (ribbons lady), S. de Boer (YFPwD jury), B. Bosma (ringmaster), P. Breimer (ringmaster), M. Haas (YFPwD), D. Hooisma-Lantinga (ribbons lady), J. Fennema-v/d Zwaag (ribbons lady), A.J. Prins (ringmaster), G. Veenje-Samplonius (ringmaster), J. de Vreeze (ringmaster)

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