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Dear friends

It is with great honour and happiness that I start my mandate as President of one of the oldest commissions of the EAAP: the Horse Production Commission (HC).

From all the years that I have been attending the EAAP, if I was to describe the HC in one word, I would chose the word Family. This is what the HC is: a big family, where different people, from different countries, different areas of knowledge, different backgrounds, join together around one great subject: Horses. One of the many great things about horses is that they gather people around them. Our Commission is constituted by a multidisciplinary and multi country team that will do their best to continue the excellent work already done, and introduce some new ideas ;).

As some of you are aware, the HC addresses several different topics on equine-related scientific studies, and has done excellent work ensuring that in every EAAP annual meeting, and in the different satellite workshops, there have been new “state of the art” talks and subjects being addressed. But there are still so many things to research about horses and horse related subjects! In this way we will keep on working in order to be the main “brainstorm forum” on matters equine in Europe, and continue working to decrease the gap between “science and practice”.

Another issue I would like to address is my commitment to increase the involvement of young scientists in the HC activities. So if you are starting your graduation, MSc or even your PhD in any horse related subject, contact us! We would be delighted to help you disseminate your work.

One of the tools to achieve this? The HorseWeb site.

So, I invite you to join us in this journey and to be a part of this Family

Kisses to all!

Ana Sofia Santos