

**INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF THE CHAROLAIS BREEDER'S ASSOCIATIONS**

AN EVENT OF A CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE

Creation of an International Federation of Charolais Breed Associations



Opening of the debates by the Chairman: MR Emile MAURICE, President of French Herd Book Charolais, and his assessors : M Marcos BALCACE (Argentina); M Georges MONNET former Minister, M Leon PIOTON drafter of statutes; Mr HARMAN (England)

The Assembly will discuss the status articles one by one.

An historic day for the charolais cattle breed: on September 20th 1964 in Vichy town hall, on the initiative of the President EMILE MAURICE Honorary Chairman, President of the National Union of Herd Books, representatives of breeders ' associations from 15 nations got together to create THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF BREEDERS OF CHAROLAIS BREED

The importance of such a creation is significant for the future of the Charolais cattle breed all over the world.

It aims at:

- a) Exchanging results from mutual experiences regarding all major livestock issues;
- b) Harmonizing the working method of selection;
- c) Facilitating exchange of breeding animals;
- d) Cooperating with all organizations of zootechnic research of each country;
- e) Gathering mutual information and spreading it;
- f) Studying and promoting the Charolais breed;
- g) Representing the interests of the Charolais breed at international level;

Mr EMILE MAURICE chaired the meeting as delegates of the French HBC Office. He called for the following office members: An Argentinian, Mr BALCARCE; A Briton, Mr HARMAN and Mr MONNET former Minister of Agriculture and Mr PIOTON, breeder in Nevers area and legal adviser of HBC.



Discussion of status

The first draft of the Federation's status, made of 12 articles, was read by the author, Mr PIOTON and translated promptly by three friendly interpreters in English, Spanish and German.

The discussion then began on each article. The first four concerned the purpose, duration and location of head office in Nevers, 9 rue Gambetta. They were promptly voted without modifications.

Article 5 however, regarding membership, led to further but courteous discussions.

Brazilian, Mexican, Paraguayan, Portuguese and German delegates particularly emphasized the fact that the association membership would have to be opened only to breeders of purebreds.

Mr MAURICE frequently intervened with the support of Mr MONNET and CHARLET to reconcile this view with the English, Canadian and American ones.



Approval of status

Finally, Article 5 was voted as follows:

Article V.- Membership

The Association is open to other national nonprofit organizations, composed of Charolais breeders. These new members will have to be approved by the General Assembly acting on a two-thirds majority.

The assembly then formed the board of directors composed of one representative from each country, elected for three years.

The first Board of Director was made as follows:

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RIEGEL “ Verband Der Deutschen Charolais” (Germany)

HARMAN « The British Charolais Cattle Society Ltd» (England)

BALCARCE “Association Argentina Criadores de Charolais” (Argentina)

CHRISTIE « Bahamian Charolaise Livestock Company » (Bahamas Islands)

COLLARES “Herd Book Collares” (Brazil)

GEDDES “Canadian Charolais Association” (Canada)

LARA BORRERO “Association Colombiana de Criadores de Ganado Charolais y Charbray » (Colombia)

OLE OLESEN « Danmark Charolais Forening » (Denmark)

EMILE MAURICE “Herd Book de la Race Bovine Charolaise” (France)

PURDY « American International Charolais Association » (USA)

SODA « Japanese Charolais Association » (Japan)

WESTER (Fédération des Herd Books Luxembourgeois » (Luxembourg)

GARZA ELIZONDO « Charolais Herd Book International » (Mexico)

PEREIRA (Livro Genealogico Portugues da raça bovina Charolesa” (Portugal)

REGUSCI « Uruguayan association of breeders of charolais cattle » (Uruguay)

Article 6 stipulates that should be elected among the Board of Directors members, for three years: the President, a first Vice President and second Vice President and two secretaries to form the Executive Office.

Each country takes turn at holding the Presidency. However the President or one of the Vice Presidents as well as one of the Secretaries will have to be a French citizen leaving in France. However he does not have to be a member of the Board of Directors.



Historic picture for charolais breeders worldwide

Members of the first International Federation of Charolais Breed Associations board, elected by representatives of 15 nations

The office was elected accordingly as follows:

President: Mr EMILE MAURICE (France)

First Vice President: Mr MARCOS BALCARCE (Argentina)

Second Vice President: Mr MANUEL GARZA ELIZONDO (Mexico)

First Secretary and Treasury Secretary : Mr LEON PIOTON (France)

Second Secretary: Mr Doctor PEREIRA (Portugal)

The last articles mainly concern composition and functioning of the General Assemblies, the President, Executive Office and Board of Directors powers and the resources of the association.

Eventually the status were adopted unanimously, subject to the approval of the French Minister of the Interior required by Article 22 of the Law of 1st July 1901 regarding Associations including a majority of foreign members and administrators.

This authorization was granted on September 17th 1964.

The International Federation is now regularly and definitively created for a duration of 75 years, unless extended further.

The next Assembly has already been scheduled in Vichy in September 1965.



Three Herd Book Presidents: DAN BREEN (Mexico) EMILE MAURICE (France) KENNETH MILLER (USA)



“To all of you I would like to express my gratitude from the bottom of my heart. I am convinced that together we will do a good job in the future.”

This morning in Vichy’s wedding hall we all attended and contributed to the birth of a child which I conceived and that we named “Federation”. Although the labour was long it was not a painful one and the child looks strong.

Let’s raise our glasses and drink a toast together to the prosperity of our Federation and to a breed that we all love: The Charolais breed.”

Emile MAURICE