

5 EQUESTRIAN TOURISM, HORSE-KEEPING

SHORT DESCRIPTION

The horse played an accentuated role in Hungarian history and agriculture as well. According to a citation: "A dog may be man's best friend, but the horse wrote history.". Horse-breeding is a national matter in Hungary nowadays, too. It is the part of the Hungarian culture, the national image.

In accordance with the topic of the conference (tradition and change in agriculture) the participants of the study visit get an insight into the current situation of the traditional, but in several respects transformed sector, which actually underlines the preservation of value, reservation of species, education of equestrian culture and tourism.



SZELLE HORSE FARM



The horse farm is operated by Family Szelle and located in West Hungary in the heart of idyllic „Szigetköz” region, in a quiet, peaceful and familiar environment. The farm is qualified by the Hungarian Equestrian Tourism Association with „five-horseshoes” and dealing with management of horseback riding tours, teaching of junior riders and several services in connection with active recreation.

RIDING CLUB GUESTHOUSE HÉDERVÁR

Besides ensuring opportunity for horse-riding and training, the Riding Club also provides accommodation not only for guests enjoying equestrian tourism services but for those who are looking for active relaxation as well. Their services include organizing and holding team building trainings, canoe-tours, bike-tours and pig- or mutton slaughter ceremonies. The club pays huge attention to present the beauties of life in the countryside and would be glad, if more and more children from the city would have the opportunity to get acquainted with the animals of traditional farms.



BÁBOLNA NATIONAL STUD FARM

There may be only some exceptional studs in the world which have been devoted to breeding and developing Arabian horses for as long as nearly two hundred years. The stud was established in 1789, and one of the relevant actors of the Hungarian Horsebreeding. Besides the arabian stud farm with 268 horses, it operates a horsemuseum, a coachmuseum, a restaurant, provides accomodation and organises equestrian shows, competitions and events.

