

## SOUND HORSE CONFERENCE SURVEYS

4/22/2008

### Most Effective Presentations:

Technology for Enforcement	16
Challenges to Compliance & Enforcement of the HPA	7
Pressure Shoeing	8
Affecting Cultural Change	7
How Information & Communication Could Help	6
Proposed Research Needed	5
Prevent Soring within Your Breed	4
Conclusions/Brainstorming	2
The USDA's Future Plans	1
DVD "Best of the Best"	1

### Conference Rating: Scale: 1= Strongly Disagree; 5 = Strongly Agree

This Conference has improved my understanding of soring	4.4
This conference was very effective.	4.3
I feel that the info presented will be useful to me	4.6
The presenters were knowledgeable in their specialized areas	4.5
The conference was organized in a manner easy to follow	4.7
I would recommend this conference to others	4.6
Sound horse networking opportunities were provided to me	4.4
The 16-hour length was appropriate	4.5
The format (panels) was appropriate	3.9
I believe the conference will help to end soring	4.0

### Suggested Location & Month for 2009 Conference:

April:	15
March	7
Feb.	5
Columbus, Ohio	9
Scottsdale, Arizona	9
Florida	8
Nashville, West Coast, Lexington, KY and Harrisburg, PA	

### Suggested Programs/Topics for 2009

more discussion about the evolution of the gait -- effect of the Big Lick animation on the natural gait. A trainer such as Nya Bates.

Dr. Mike Harry AAEP

Dr. Bob Womack (TWH Breed Historian) has an excellent talk about the history of soring.

Grass roots initiatives

TWHBEA and W.H.T.A. representatives

Bucky & Nancy Sparks

Panel on how to bring people with competing interests together

More technology

Using the media, internet and other advocacy tools to end soring.

Discussion of issues related to the scar rule.

More trainers and breeders

Soring due to saddle fit equipment

Empanel HIO reps to talk about their organizations

Professional trainers, Celebration Inc., show managers, TWHBEA perspective

More on pressure shoeing, as it becomes more of a concern

More research

Objective means of assessing horses

Bio-mechanics of horse/rider combination: what is "whole horse soundness"

invite Dr. Deb Bennett and Susan Harris next year

invite mainstream media & legislative aids to the political enemies of those who support abusers

Cultural changes: how to change minds, not action of trainers

Demo of a spectacular sound horse

Include the "other side," e.g. how to obtain "Big Lick" without soring. Why retain the "Big Lick."

AAEP will be glad to recommend veterinarians for the program

#### **COMMENTS:**

Historic

Excellent

Wonderful

Very engaging

Good brainstorming

Volume of knowledge was outstanding

Extremely well organized

Moving location around might encourage more participation. More people need to be here.

Columbus is a very good venue because of proximity to where most of the problems exist, also because of access to the experts.

Great group of panelists

It was good this year, nothing to add.

The interim time before next year's Conference could be spent thinking of ways to promote more attendance,

promoting awareness of the Conference. This was a good crowd,

I would like to see more people exposed to the horse anatomy & technology of soring detection.

Best I have ever been to.

Enjoyed it very much, glad for the chance to learn more and network.

You did a great thing by organizing this conference!

Great job!

Better signage and shuttle schedule info.

Great job. I would do the same thing next year

Excellent organization, great topics and panelists.

I just wanted to let you know how impressed I was with the quality of the panelists that were at the conference last week.

I was totally blown away by the veterinary talent and their presentations especially.

I just wanted to congratulate the organizers and send a huge THANK YOU

from one of the "little people" out there who value and support the Sound Horse! Thanks again!

Great job

Better screening of some speakers, and repetition of some speakers was unnecessary

Good cross section of presenters professionally presented

### **Additional Ideas to Add to End Soring**

Establish clearer breed standards and stricter judging guidelines with enforcement

Continued and expanded enforcement

We have to come together in non judgmental forums to listen to one another.

If it has been developed by next year, wireless PainTrace that could be placed discreetly on a few random horses in the ring.

Education is key

Judging: why judging rewards certain gaits

Lifetime suspension of horses and trainers found in violation.

Bring public scrutiny to bear

Continue to support education through knowledgeable educators

Soring needs to be cast as analogous to the abuse of children by priests: the first duty of all is to come forward.

Facilitate round table meeting with Quarter Horse and Tennessee Walker officials

Work towards the Industry policing itself so Federal oversight becomes unnecessary. State this as a goal and work towards it vigorously

Institute drug testing program utilizing USEF (they are established & reputable)

Work towards united the TWH HIOs towards the effort

Support research -- controlled studies in lab and epidemiology (probably >1 in established protocol)

Implement and explore objective means to detect soring