

**ApHC INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE**  
**March 8, 2016**

Participants: Diane Rushing, Lesli Glen, Wiebe Lise, Dena Raggio, Valerie Showalter, Debby Letham, Chuck McWhirter, Ashleigh Brown, Steve Taylor

**Report from USLGE Annual Meeting – Ashleigh Brown**

Much of the focus was on updating the strategic plan for U.S. Livestock Genetic Export, Inc. Each of the species groups responded to survey questions; part of the conclusion was to establish a goal of spending more time and money on educational opportunities. A presentation about potential marketing opportunities in China led to further discussion. An American Horse Festival is being considered for September of this year or sometime next year. Information was provided to attendees about minor adjustments to guidelines and rules for reimbursable travel expenses.

**2016 Activities**

The current approved budget includes activities in (or with) Australia, Canada, The Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and Chile. Depending on other potential opportunities for cooperative efforts in China and other markets, budget changes may be requested.

**Mexico**

The groups discussed the need to at least revive talk of developing a more streamlined registration process for ApHC horses in Mexico. There was consensus to gather more information about shows in Mexico, updating transfer records and working with key representatives in Mexico to have a more formal plan of action.

**Territory 7**

There was a request for statistics relating to memberships, registrations and shows in the territory (those numbers are now available). A discussion followed as to the ApHC requirement of stallion owner's signatures on breeder's certificates in addition to the filing of stallion reports.

\*Following the meeting, Chairwoman Rushing appointed an ad hoc group to work on steps required to build a strategy for the Mexican market. Members of the group include: Dena Raggio, Chuck McWhirter, Steve Taylor and Father Dean Stasell.