Ciney, 9 January 2020

Dear cattle farmer,

It has begun: registration for Holstein Night 2020 is now open!

Below you will find details on how to participate in the show which will take place on 21 March in Libramont.

Participation in the Holstein show is open to all European cattle farmers for all categories (heifers, first-calf heifers, cows and so on).

A judge

This year we chose the belgian judge Mr Pierre Creppe, recently nominated European judge.

Holstein/Red Holstein competition

Holstein Night is a *competition designed by cattle farmers for cattle farmers.* We will do everything possible to welcome your animals in the best conditions. This means:

- 1. *Registration via the attached form. Registration is free* for all animals present at the competition.
- 2. Registration pack: To avoid any errors appearing in the catalogue, please fill in the registration pack provided clearly. Only the information you provide in this pack will be included in the catalogue. Please ensure that we receive your registration pack:
 - By Friday 10 February 2020 for entrants from outside of Belgium

Please also note that if we are not informed by 6 March that an animal that has been registered will not able to attend, a charge of €25 per animal will be payable.

- 3. Please read the attached health conditions carefully. All the information about the competition is available in attachment
- 4. The organising committee reserves the right to adapt the series in line with the number of enrolments and in-keeping with the harmony of the competition. Heifers must be aged between 4–30 months. The reference date is 20 March 2020. An interim version of the catalogue with the plan of the competition will be available online on 3rd march.
- 5. In addition to the traditional age sections, *two special sections* will be organised to reward the **best lactating Red Holstein** and a series dedicated to cows who produce 50,000 litres or more.

They will participate in a special series in addition to their age category. We will also hold three conformation championships (junior, intermediate and senior) that will punctuate the evening.

- 6. **Transport** is independent and should be organised by farmers themselves. As was the case last year, the committee wanted to help with transport costs. Each cattle farmer will therefore receive a transport bonus for each animal that is registered and attends.
- 7. **For logistical reasons**, we will ask you to confirm the number of places that need to be reserved for your animals later on. PLEASE NOTE that we have allocated sufficient space so that each animal can be exhibited comfortably: 1.20 m for heifers under 18 months and 1.40 m for other animals. There is therefore no need to over-register for extra space.

If you require any additional space, please contact us at your earliest convenience before 06 March by email to info@nuitdelaholstein.be

- 8. Each farmer will receive a souvenir gift, and there are many **large valuable prizes** to reward the owners of winning animals.
- 9. Thanks to our partnership with the Reid Agronomic School, we will have students around to help out during the competition.
- SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION: The presentation competition will be organised by the Wal'holstein club. For registration and information, contact Melle Audrey Desart audrey.desart@hotmail.com
- Our priority is creating a welcoming and friendly atmosphere

Holstein Night was designed to showcase your farming. This show is for you, so don't let the opportunity pass you by. The show is gaining international notoriety with each year that passes. Why not invite your whole family to come and cheer you on and enjoy the evening?

We are convinced that you have Holsteins or Red Holsteins at your farm (heifers, first-calf heifers and cows) to showcase.

We look forward to receiving your registration and meeting you at the Holstein Night, and we wish you all the best for a wonderful 2020!

The Holstein Night organising committee