

NEW FOREST PONY
INTERNATIONAL JUDGE SEMINAR
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At last year's International NF Conference attended by the Societies that hold daughter studbooks in Europe and Scandinavia the Danish New Forest Pony Society asked if they could host a seminar for New Forest Judges from the European countries.

Within a very short time-frame they put together a wonderful weekend based around the Horsemosen Stud in Denmark.



It was wonderful to have such enthusiasm to learn more about our breed with judges from nine countries participating - France, Germany, Holland, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium and the UK

Our main theme was 'type' with a presentation given by Gill Wright on the Friday evening looking at the background of the breed and why the emphasis on type is so important. There were also very interesting short presentations made by each of the eight countries on their 'grading systems'.

Saturday was spent with a selection of 23 ponies-the judges organised into three groups and three rings with ponies being presented individually. Each group had an English judge - Gill Wright, Malcom Fry and Suzanne Kempe. The emphasis, once again, was on type and native pony movement

The day finished with a run-down of all the scores given and the reason for those scores All agreed that it had been a very valuable exercise.

Finally, an evening of entertainment with some 'pony heroes' and masses of food including some tasty pork from Ole Wienecke.

A huge THANK YOU to all involved especially the Danish New Forest Pony Society and the sponsors.

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