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***The twenty-second edition of the Prinsjesdag National Foal Auction (NVP) will take place on Tuesday 16 September at the National Equestrian Centre in Ermelo. Also this year a newsletter is sent to participants and possibly interested parties.***

## **Arjan van der Waaij new chairman**

After a chairmanship of about fifteen years for Prinsjesdag National Foal Auction, Herman Verhagen from Schoorl handed the sceptre to the Utrecht real estate broker and showjumping horse breeder Arjan van der Waaij from Eemnes. 'It is a good thing to attract new people with new ideas. It has given me great pleasure doing it all those years. It is a pleasant and successful club that has always been running well', Verhagen reflects.



*(Arjan van der Waaij)*

Herman Verhagen had followed up Gerrit Deen, one of the founders of NVP. 'The way that the foal action came to life is a nice story in itself. Piet Meinen and Gerrit Deen wanted to have their foals auctioned in Borculo, but they were not selected. They decided to organise a foal auction themselves, on Prinsjesdag (Day of the King's Speech). Piet

had been regularly visiting auctions in Oldenburg and had noticed that they handled things far more professionally than in the Netherlands. Full colour catalogues, for example, more fuss. He immediately put NVP well on the map.'

'When I joined, the auction had a sound basis already. More structure was added during the meetings, but the activities grew so much that some 11 years ago we decided to contract organisation bureau EQ International for the organisation, the secretarial part and other details. At first, the people here in Noord-Holland wanted to keep it 'our event', but after the move to Ermelo and then the interest of foreign breeders and buyers grew, the auction changed from a Noord-Holland club into an international auction.'

Together with his wife and two sons, Arjan van der Waaij runs Waaij Stud, where ten to fifteen foals are born every year and six months ago he got involved with NVP. 'A really professional affair', was his first impression. 'The ambition and the obligation to the predecessors demands that this is preserved. We are all amateurs investing a lot of time to organise a good auction and we are happy that the breeders make their good foals available to NVP.'

Read the full report on: [www.eqi-nieuws.nl/2014/08/arjan-van-der-waij-nieuwe-voorzitter-veuleneveiling-prinsjesdag/](http://www.eqi-nieuws.nl/2014/08/arjan-van-der-waij-nieuwe-voorzitter-veuleneveiling-prinsjesdag/)

## **Family of NVP foals to WC**

Several auction foals and embryos are closely related to top-sport horses that soon will make an appearance at the World Equestrian Games in Normandy. One embryo, for example, is by Damon Hill out of a full sister of Painted Black, two stallions we will see perform in the dressage ring there. Another embryo to be auctioned is by Douglas out of the same dam as that of the top-class showjumping horse Zenith SFN, which is jumping in the Dutch team under Jeroen Dubbeldam. Two foals and two embryos by Glock's London, a regular asset for the Dutch

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team under Gerco Schröder, will also go under the hammer. Like two years ago in London, also VDL Groep Verdi TN and Maikel van der Vleuten will be part of the Dutch showjumping team. NVP also offers an embryo by Baloubet du Rouet out of a full sister of the successful Verdi (Quidam de Revel x Landgraf I). Baloubet, a great sire in European breeding, also produced the fourth horse of the Dutch team, VDL Bubalu ridden by Jur Vrieling. At Prinsjesdag Baloubet is powerfully represented by mentioned embryo and by offspring of Chaman and Balou du Rouet.

## Royal accommodation for NVP

In May this year, the new accommodation of KNHS and KWPN, the National Equestrian Centre in Ermelo, was opened in the presence of HRM King Willem-Alexander. While the King is delivering his Speech in The Hague on 16 September, Ermelo stages the highlight of the year on the third Tuesday in September. No better location is conceivable for the royal auction Prinsjesdag than the newly erected Amaliahal.



*(Amaliahal)*

The new hall offers a lot more space and therefore has a more pleasant climate. In addition, the hall has special breeders stands, located directly on the ringside. There is more room not only for the public but also for the guests. In view of the growing interest from abroad also the VIP stand will be expanded.

'The good thing is that the present set-up also offers room for future growth', says the organisation. 'If we want to, we can even

enlarge the capacity for the public as well as the VIP stand.'

## Quality, together with the breeders

For more than ten years the Prinsjesdag National Foal Auction has embraced the motto 'The Power of Performance'. A careful selection was made of functional foals with good movements from mares lines that have proved to produce horses suitable for the top sport.



*(Charmeur x Belisar)*

Thanks to such explicit selection, both the buyers have discovered the auction and the breeders have become more appreciative of the selection policy applied by Prinsjesdag National Foal Auction. And that is a positive development, for the auction and the breeders need each other. In the fast developing world of horse breeding, the auction depends on the offer of the breeders, who, in turn, need a platform on which they can offer their products. That is why NVP treasures co-operation. Together with the breeders offering the very best material to be found in European breeding. For only then it will be possible to attract clients world-wide. For that reason, even more so than in previous years, one has tried to reach the breeders that invest in top-class material: in broodmares, suitable matches with proved stallions, flushing embryo's from mares that are themselves active in the sport, in short, breeders who, like Prinsjesdag National Foal Auction, only want to offer the very best! Therefore the relationship with the sellers is getting ever more important. To emphasize that relationship, this year for the first time

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special breeders stands have been created for the auction in a place where the participants can follow the proceedings of the auction from the ringside.



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