

# NEWS 2008

## Licensing 2008

“Very good, solid mare base with good gaits - Namibia is on the right track”. This was the concluding comment of Mr. Steffen Bothendorf after the annual licensing 2008 of the NWHS.

Mr. Bothendorf, director of the state stud Graditz in Germany, member of the Trakehner licensing committee and the Warmblood licensing committee in Saxony (Sachsen) and a well known expert in Thoroughbred breeding made it again possible to come to Namibia to precede over the Namibian inspection panel during the annual licensing.

After being the chief inspector of the Namibian licensing in 2005 already, The NWHS is glad that Mr. Bothendorf followed the invitation again this year.

Upon arrival, Mr. Bothendorf visited the International Show jumping Tournament at Nubuamis Riding Club and held an introductory seminar on assessing a horse's confirmation and breeding potential. The seminar was well attended by both riders and breeders.

Together with the local judges, he then went on the ‘Annual Licensing Tour’ from 15 -20 June 2008, inspecting more than 76 mares on the various stud farms throughout the country. During the Central licensing, held in Windhoek on 20 and 21 June 2008, 11 mares and 2 stallions were presented to the judges. It was a great honor to have another foreign judge at the licensing day in Windhoek, Mrs. Cheryl Pote from South Africa, complementing the panel of inspectors for that weekend.

LOCARNO CHALLENGER was provisionally licensed and won the prize for best stallion 2008. OKONGAVA STUD Heidi's Gianini became best mare of the Central Licensing.

The prize for overall best mare went as well to LOCARNO stud, for the mare LOCARNO ANTIGONE.

During Central Licensing, some showing classes for foals took place as well.

Best filly – OTJOZONJATI BON ARANCHAS

Best colt – CLARATAL AMPERE

The presentation of stud farms as well as horses for sale completed the stud show, well attended by locals as well as visitors from the RSA.

After all such hard work, Mr. Bothendorf could manage to stay on for a few days longer and, thanks to the hospitality and effort of some of the breeders, he was taken on a trip to see a bit more of our beautiful country.

We would like to congratulate all breeders on their success, wishing them all the best for the 2008/09 breeding season soon starting. To all helpers, organizers, supporters and friends of the NWHS, a big thank you for a licensing tour and event well organized. To all the breeders that were hosts to Mr. Bothendorf and his co-inspectors, a hearty thanks for the great Namibian hospitality shown to them.