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# Warmblood Studbook of Ireland

## International Showjumpers with an Irish Accent

### Irish Warmblood Helps Team Thailand Achieve Olympic Qualification

Chateau de Versailles m2s and his owner/rider Weerapat Pitakanonda helped to qualify Team Thailand for the 2020 Olympics at the recent Saumur (France) CCIO3\*. The horse is also owned by Nunthinee Tanner.

In his ten international events the 8-year-old gelding has gone faultless on the cross-country course eight times.

Chateau de Versailles m2s is sired by Desir du Chateau and is out of the mare Utopia m2s by Calvados x Mytens xx. He was bred by Morningside Stud, as was his dam. The gelding was produced until 2017 by British international rider Emma Forsyth.

The damline of Chateau de Versailles m2s also has produced Dante (Rob Ehrens' international Grand Prix showjumping mare and the gelding's third dam), Zidante (7-Year-Old World Champion in Eventing and 6-Year-Old Bronze Medalist, and the half-sister of the gelding's second dam), and Zenith SFN N.O.P (Novelle, a half-sister to the dam of the gelding, is the second dam of Zenith SFN N.O.P, ranked 16th in the world as a showjumper in 2014 with Jeroen Dubbeldam, winner of the Individual Gold Medal and the Team Gold Medal at the 2014 World Equestrian Games, named KWPN 2014 Horse of the Year, and winner of the Individual Gold Medal and Team Gold Medal at the 2015 European Showjumping Championship).

### WSI Establishes Breeding Council

Three members have been elected to the new Breeding Council:

Luke Cafolla (showjumping)  
Louise Doheny (dressage)  
Mandy Driesch (eventing).

The Council was authorised as WSI's breeding policy advisory body by a unanimous vote of the 2018 General Assembly. Through the General Assembly all Members in Good Standing are eligible to vote on major changes of Studbook rules. Now rule and policy changes will be considered by the Breeding Council before they are submitted for ratification to the General Assembly.

Please join us in welcoming their involvement and counsel.

### WSI Marks Its 10th Anniversary

On 19 March WSI marked its 10th year of operation as Ireland's modern and progressive sport horse studbook.

Over the decade WSI has transformed from being a studbook focused exclusively on breeding for the sport of showjumping to developing two additional breeding directions: eventing and dressage. All

three breeding directions have well developed inspection, approval, and post-approval sport and progeny monitoring systems that have the support of our breeders and members.

WSI engages in studbook development through keen attention to the health and welfare of the population. With the support of Ireland's Department of Agriculture and cooperation of the KWPN, WSI has developed since 2016 its genomic selection program. Approximately 125 horses have been tested for the genes associated with osteochondrosis, 92% have passed the test and been awarded the D-OC predicate by WSI. Of those that did not pass, only one is an Irish Warmblood; the others are mares and stallions registered by other WBFISH member studbooks that have been entered into WSI's population through the Cross-Breeding Program.

WSI was the second studbook in the world to respond to the Fragile Foal Syndrome (WFFS1) problem. WSI's policy is the world's most sophisticated and comprehensive, and its objectives are to: (1) monitor and strictly control the incidence of the WFFS1 mutated allele in the Irish Warmblood population; (2) educate breeders about the need to be aware of the WFFS1 status of stallions and mares used in their breeding programs to prevent the dissemination of the mutated allele and to reduce the risk of horse welfare problems and economic loss from abortions, neo-natal deaths, and problems selling and reduced prices for carrier breeding stock; and (3) guarantee buyers of Irish Warmbloods that they will be given the WFFS1 status of any Irish Warmblood they have purchased or are considering purchasing, and any WSI Approved Stallion they are considering using in their breeding program. The WFFS1 status of each tested Irish Warmblood appears on the Zootechnical Certificate and in WSI's online database. The status of every WSI Approved Stallion appears on WSI's homepage. Every foal that has been awarded the D-WFFS1 predicate, which indicates it is not a carrier of the mutated allele, has the predicate noted on its passport. In addition if the D-WFFS1 predicate has been awarded to the sire or dam of the foal this also is noted in the foal's passport.

A clear sign of the effectiveness and success of WSI's testing, surveillance, and education programs is that to date not a single Irish Warmblood has tested positive for the WFFS1 mutated allele. To our knowledge WSI is the only studbook in the world that has a tested population free of the mutated allele. Several Approved Mares and Studbook Mares recently entered into the population through the Cross-Breeding Program tested as carriers of the mutated allele, and WSI has educated the owners and advised them to ensure that they use only stallions that have been confirmed as non-carriers of the mutated allele.