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Ulf Wilken - Short about me

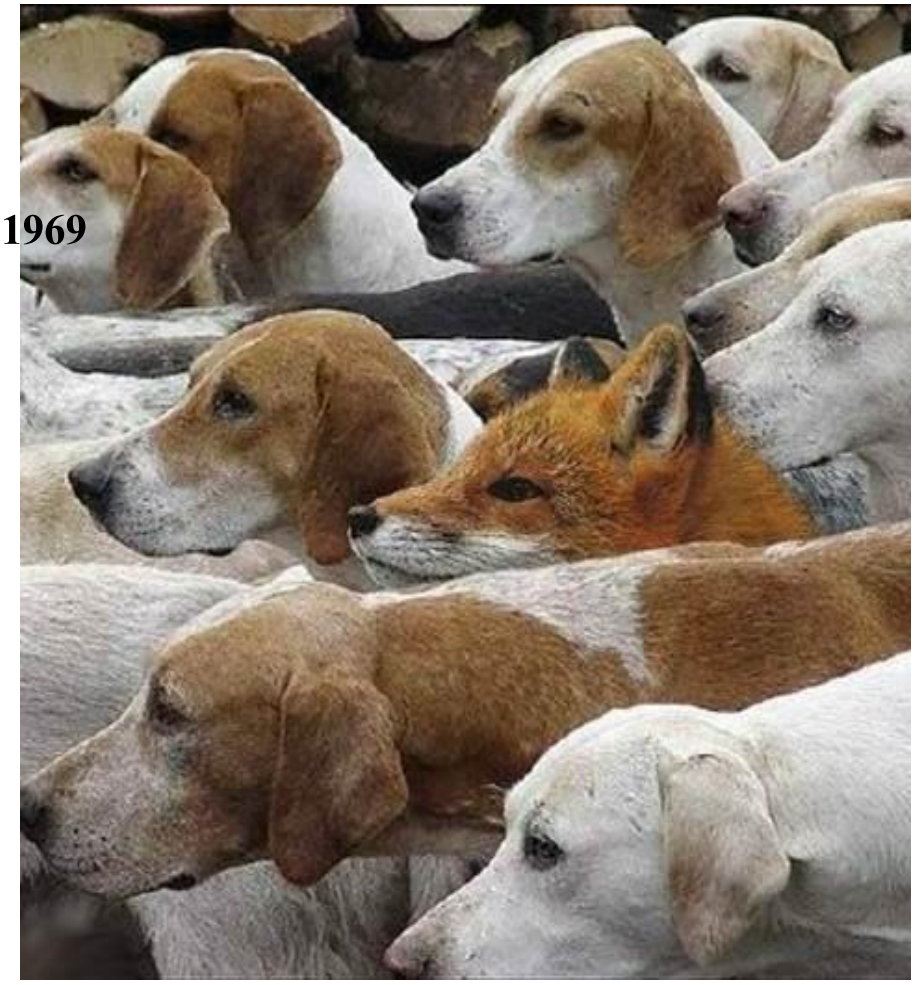
Swedish Ridinginstructor Level III – Fellow

Worked for the Swedish Equestrian Federation since 1969

1996 Atlanta member of IPEC – IPC Equestrian

2006 Member FEI technical Committee

2008 - 2016 Chair of the Technical Committee



Sweden

- South to North: 1572km
- 10 million inhabitants
- 362 000 horses
- 500 Riding Schools
- 4000 Disabled riders
- All started with leisure riding
- Therapeutic Riding in Sweden is rather new
- A one year education about Therapeutic Riding started this year

History Para Equestrian

- **Dates and facts:**

- **Around 1960 Jonquil Solt and friends started in Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries the Para Equestrian competitions.**

- **1952 Lis Hartel was the first disabled person that competed at the Olympics in Helsinki (FIN)**

- **1985 Test event in the USA**
- **1987 WC in Sweden**
- **1991 EC in Denmark**
- **1994 WC Hartpury UK** borrowed horses
- **1996 Paralympics Atlanta** borrowed horses
- **1999 WC Denmark** borrowed horses
- **2000 Paralympics Sydney** borrowed horses
- **2003 WC Belgium** own horses
- **2004 Paralympics Athens** own horses
- ***2005 EC Hungary*** ***own horses***

First Dressage World Championships for Disabled Riders - Sweden 1987

History

- **2005 EC Hungary**
- **2006 Equestrian leaves IPC and integrates with FEI with an own Technical Committee**

  Nationally Para moves from their NPC:s to their National Federat
- **2007 WC Hartpury UK** own horses
- **2008 Paralympics Hong Kong** own horses
- **2010 WEG Kentucky** own horses
- **2012 London** own horses
- **2014 WEG France** own horses
- 2016 Paralympics Rio own horses
- 2017 EC Sweden Intergreated

Intellectual disability in and out of Paralympic Games

- 1996 Atlanta athletes with intelletual disabilities where allowed to participate for the first time
- 2000 in Sydney Spain took part with a basketball team. It was found that 10 out of 12athletes where not disabled. (IQ below 75)
- 2004 in Athens all learning difficulties where abandoned - and still are in equestrian.

Kerstin

Grade II

Some milestones for Para Equestrian

- 1952 Liz Hartel Olympic Silver Medalj Helsinki
- 1987 first WC in Sweden
- 1996 Horses in Paralympipic Games Atlanta
- 1999 WC Denmark
- 2000 Sydney
- 2004 Athens
- 2006 Para Equestrian in FEI
- 2012 London

2006 - From IPC to FEI

- 2006 Para Equestrian moved from International Paralympic Committee (IPC) to Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI).

As a result of this all Para riders that wants to compete internationally (exept for the PG:s) has to be sent by their National Equestrian Federation (NF).

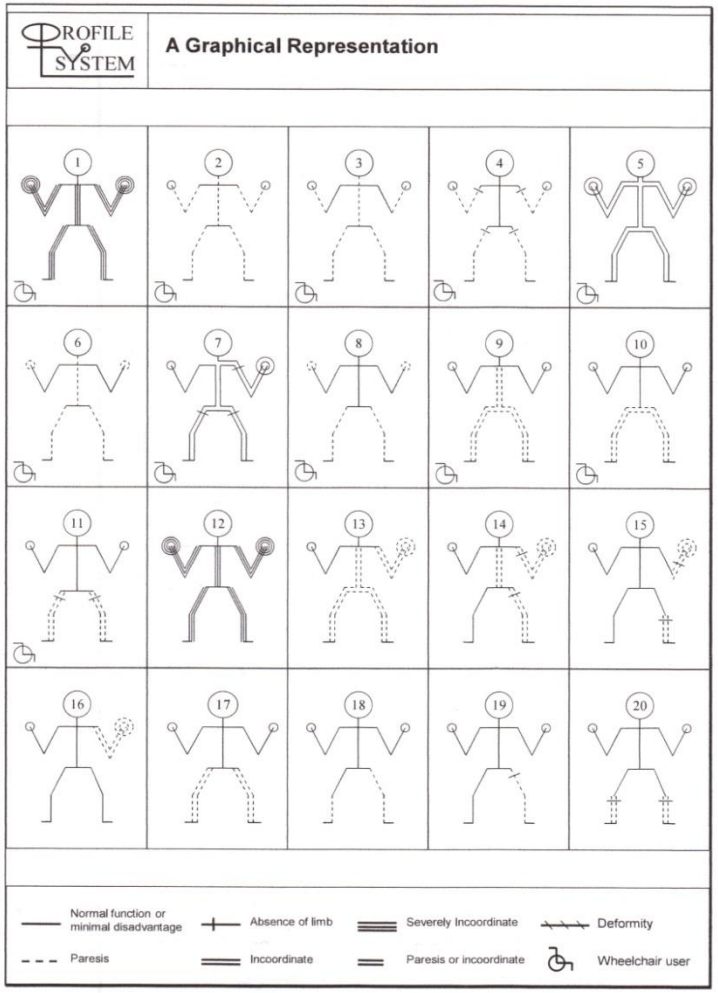
Classification based on physical tests

- Grade I Walk only
- Grade II Walk and Trot
- Grade III Walk and Lateral movments in trott
- Grade IV Walk – Trott – Canter
- Grade V Sholder in, Half-Pass, Simple changes.

- The judges judge the horse and the result of the riders aids.

Classification system created by Chris Meaden before 1996 - still used

9 A GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF PROFILES



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:DUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe spasticity, athetosis or in all limbs and trunk. Needs a powered wheelchair and int during daily life.

:DUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe deformity, paresis or resent in all limbs and trunk. Triceps non-functional ce, e.g. complete C5/6 lesion.

:DUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate deformity, paresis or resent in all limbs and trunk. The finger flexors, ntrinsics may be severely impaired, e.g. complete C6/7

:DUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe deformity, paresis, or mbs. Trunk less affected and sensation minimally

:DUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate spasticity or athetosis nbs and perhaps trunk. Can propel chair with difficulty, s or legs.

:DUCED IN FUNCTION. Minimal impairment in upper aresis or spasticity in lower limbs and trunk, e.g. lesion, or moderate wheelchair quadriplegic.

EDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe deformity, paresis, osis or absence of three limbs. Some trunk ne limb may be only minimally affected, but use of a sential.

:DUCED IN FUNCTION. Minimal paresis or spasticity in d moderate to severe spasticity or paresis of lower

When on a horse, you can´t see the riders Grade

Grade IV – Compensating aids

The big step from borrowed to ”own” horses

- Sidney 2000 was the last Paralympics (PG) with pool of borrowed horses handed out with a Draw

- The OC now pay for the horses flight to PG:s

Athens 2004 - Own horses

The quality of horses has incrased enormously

London 2012

SAMSUNG

Challenges for the future

- To get National Equestrian Federations to support Para.
- To get more international competitions on a lower level – Intergrated Competitions
- To reward good riding as a result of good training. (Not too much ”horse power”)
- Keep to a basic level.

Thank you