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Team Canada Set to Compete on International Stage at EYBS 2014

Brantford, ON – A commitment to invest in Young Leader initiatives is what Holstein Canada's Young Leader program is all about with the help and support of provincial branches. As part of Holstein Canada's pledge to creating further opportunities for international travel as one of the five pillars of the Young Leader program, Holstein Canada with its provincial branches, is proud to announce that a team comprised of six Young Leaders from across Canada have been selected and will be participating in the 2014 edition of the European Young Breeders School (EYBS) held September 3-7, 2014 in Battice, Belgium.

The six Canadians selected to comprise 'Team Canada' to compete in September were winners of provincial competitions across Canada and/or selected through an interview process within their province after winning a provincial competition. Eligible competitions taken under consideration to select successful candidates from were the Western Canadian Classic, the three Ontario EastGen Challenges (Western Ontario, East-Central Ontario and Eastern Ontario), Ontario Inter-County Judging Competition, Québec Young Breeder School, Québec Preparation School and the Atlantic EastGen Challenge.

Holstein Canada along with its branches congratulates the following six Young Leaders who will represent Canada at the competition in Belgium: **Jaclyn Hunter (AB), Ryan Crowley (Ontario), Kenny McRae (Ontario), Emmanuel Brisson (Québec), Sebastien Dalpée (Québec), and Erica Jackson (Nova Scotia).**

Holstein Canada Young Leader Committee Board Representative, Harry Van Der Linden sees this opportunity as a life-changing experience commenting, "One of the objectives of Holstein Canada is to foster practical learning opportunities for our young leaders across the country. The provincial representatives selected who will make-up Team Canada at the European Young Breeders School in Belgium will have the opportunity to learn about the dairy industry on another continent and share their passion and dedication. Besides being a fantastic travel experience, the participants will also have the opportunity to make international contacts."

The EYBS travel opportunity will allow for Team Canada representatives to learn how youth from European countries show, judge and prepare animal's for competition while staying with local dairy farms and travelling throughout the European countryside. Team Canada first sent a team in 2009 as part of the 10-year anniversary EYBS competition.

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