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Dear Mr Karl,

Thank you very much for your detailed reply dated 23.07.09.

We did not mean to provoke you with the photo illustration. It only reflected what you were clearly propagating in the hall at Equitana. Your reply indicates, however, that you feel it was an attack. This was not our intention.

We should admit that we do not really understand your philosophy of riding. But it would also appear that you have not really understood our system either. We prefer therefore not to continue to communicate in this fashion and would like to propose an alternative:

Let's meet in Warendorf, where – with the opportunity for practical demonstrations – we could discuss in private the similarities and the differences in our conceptions of equitation, above all also including the differences between the theory and the actual practice in competition.

With the aid of practical examples, it will surely be possible for you to explain your dogmas to us. It will also give us the opportunity to present our conception of equitation. We could show you what we consider to be 'correct' riding according to our guidelines but also what we consider to be 'incorrect' – and which is quite rightly rejected by both you and ourselves.

As a subsequent step, perhaps we could invite the riding public to a joint seminar with you. This is absolutely something which interests us.

Please do let us know what you think of our proposal. In the meantime we assure you of our very best wishes from Warendorf.

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PS: As expected, our public correspondence has bestowed us with letters from the ranks of our Personal Members (PM). We published these in abridged form in the last edition of PM-Forum, which we hope you will take as a demonstration of our good sportsmanship. Unfortunately, due to pressure of space we are unable to reproduce your clarification in full. We will, however, post it on our Internet site and advertise in PM-Forum to make everyone aware of this.