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I have always had Irish Red Setters from a very early age and over the last 20 years owned and shown several Irish Red Setters, English Setters and a Gordon Setter. They have proved to be very successful, gaining several CACIB, BOB, working achievements, and Championships in different countries.

For me, the biggest success was the CC and BOB of my double international champion (CIE & CIB) Irish Red Setter, Irish Ireleith, at the Welsh Kennel Club (UK) in 2013. He had a nice 4th place (out of 22 dogs) with the veteran dogs at Crufts this year and now he can retire. His son and daughter Schwung Orion & Ophrah are getting in his footsteps already with Crufts qualifiers and places at UK shows.

My kennel affix is ‘of Irish smiling eye’ and plans are to have a litter with my bitch Schwung Ophrah end of this year/beginning next year.

Since 2010 I am an official FCI judge, judging the following breeds on international level : Irish Red Setter, Irish Red & White Setter, English Setter, Gordon Setter, English Pointer, Hungarian Short-haired Pointer (Vizsla) and Golden Retriever.

I already had the opportunity to judge in Belgium (most important 2 x Brussels and Cruft’s qualifier, and the Eurodogshow), Germany (different shows and most important Dortmund), Luxemburg, Czech Republic and Slovakia (where my BOB English Pointer, from Junior class, obtained a few months later the BOB at the European Dog show 2014), Estonia, the Netherlands (for the Golden Retriever) and an open show in the United Kingdom.

I have served on the Committee of the Irish Setter Club Belgium for several years and the past 4 years as president of the club.

I am looking forward to my judging appointment in Riga.

It is an honor to judge at your show !

Catherine Pil