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| | REPORT OF THE FEI Endurance Technical COMMITTEE |
| | <p>Introduction</p> <p>During 2017 Endurance Technical Committee met 5 times via Teleconference and twice in person. Topics covered included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Education</i> 2. <i>Strategic Planning</i> 3. <i>FEI Championships</i> 4. <i>Appointment of Independence Governance Advisors</i> 5. <i>Endurance Forum 23-24 May</i> 6. <i>Rules Changes and Clarifications</i> 7. <i>Endurance Technical Committee Structure and Function</i> |
| 1. | <p>1. Education</p> <p>The FEI is investing a lot of its resources in the development of online education. We look forward to the implementation of the online delivery to improve the both the quality and delivery of education of officials, athletes and Trainers. In the UAE a course for Veterinarians, Stewards and Judiciary as well as a work shop for, trainers and grooms. Two courses from the endurance coaching system were implemented by ETC member, Valerie Kanavy and monitored by FEI legal and training personal.</p> |
| 2. | <p>2. Strategic Planning</p> <p>Under the guidance of our Technical Director, ETC is reviewing the Strategic plan, in particular, promotion and marketing of the discipline to the wider horse community as well as new and developing countries in order to promote the discipline and leverage sponsorship opportunities and series creation.</p> |

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| | <p>3. FEI Championships Winners</p> <p>FEI Endurance European Championships for Seniors 160km – Brussels (BEL) – 17.08.2017 Won by Ms. Sabrina Arnold (GER) riding TARZIBUS winning speed of 22.5 kmh Completion time: 07:14:52 33 completions out of 66</p> <p>FEI World Endurance Championship for Young Horses 130km – Brussels (BEL) – 19.08.2017 Won by Ms. Sabrina Arnold (GER) riding TAMMAM LA LIZONNE winning speed of 20.5 kmh Completion time: 06:08:50 12 completions out of 36</p> <p>FEI World Endurance Championship for Young Riders and Juniors 120km – Valeggio sul Mincio (ITA) – 22.09.2017 / 24.09.2017 Won by Mr. Saeed Salem Atiq Khamis ALMUHARI (UAE) ridding RABDAN winning speed of 24.2 kmh Completion time: 04:58:41 55 completions out of 93</p> <p>FEI Pan-American Endurance Championships for Juniors – Punta del Este (URU) – 12.10.2017 Won by Ms. Valentina MENDEZ (URU) ridding AS MISTER winning speed of 26.09 kmh Completion time: 04:35:58 12 completions out of 20</p> <p>FEI Pan-American Endurance Championships for Seniors – Punta del Este (URU) – 12.10.2017 Won by Ms. Isha JUDD (URU) ridding JQ ZARIAL winning speed of 24.09 kmh Completion time: 04:58:52 15 completions out of 24</p> <p>FEI Balkan Endurance Championships for Seniors 90 km – Buftea (ROU) – 22.09.2017 Won by Mr. Tamas Peter Seres (ROU) ridding GAJO winning speed of 18.4 kmh Completion time: 04:53:08 13 completions out of 22</p> |
| 4. | <p>4. Appointment of Independence Governance Advisors</p> <p>Mr Ron Guest (NZL) 4* Judge</p> |



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| <p>5.</p> | <p>5. Endurance Forum 23-24 May</p> <p>The Endurance Forum Theme was Modernising the Sport.</p> <p>Attracted 80 Delegates from 28 nations.</p> <p>In addressing this title, there were presentations on Marketing the sport to the public as well making the sport spectator friendly. It is obvious the use of technology will play a pivotal role in promotion of Endurance.</p> <p>The use of Facebook, Drone technology and taking some good ideas from Cycling, would have in immediate results in marketing our discipline without considerable expense. Obviously, there is a need for some formal media training with in the OC.</p> <p>Other presentations concentrated on horse welfare in training and competition.</p> <p>Drs Ewin Bennett and Chris Whitton indicated the importance of repetitive strain Injuries could lead to life threatening fractures in the horse that has no previous sign of injury. They also indicated that a small reduction in speed combined with appropriate rest periods has the potential to have a positive impact on reducing bone fatigue.</p> <p>Equirating presented a potential model for predicting risk in the sport. Equirating is aimed at encouraging rider responsibility as well as a tool for NF management and governance.</p> |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>6. Rule Changes and clarifications</p> <p>As a result of the Forum, a number of rule changes have been discussed by the ETC and presented for your opinion.</p> <p>These changes cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weights - Increased mandatory horse rest period - Format and higher (4 and 5) star rating of competition - Duties of official's= TD/Ground Jury - Qualification criteria for 4 and 5-star events - Planning for the WEG Tyron - Appointment of Officials at Events - Blood Rule |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>7. Endurance Technical Committee Structure and Function.</p> <p>On behalf of my committee, I sincerely thank Our President, Ingmar DeVos and our Secretary General for their support of the Endurance Forum. I also I thank our wonderful FEI staff who make the planes arrive on time.</p> <p>Thank you to my colleagues for sharing their spare time on a telephone.</p> <p>"Can you speak up"</p> <p>Lastly I thank you Manuel for his attention to detail, his patience for humans and his love of horses.</p> |