

## DAY 2 – RESHAPING ENDURANCE

### Speakers

#### **Dr Sarah Coombs (GBR)**

Sarah Coombs is Chair of the Endurance Temporary Committee. An FEI Endurance Veterinarian and Event Official, she was formerly the British Endurance team vet. Coombs is a trustee of the global equine charity World Horse Welfare and is chair of its Veterinary Advisory Committee.

#### **Professor Timothy Parkin (GBR)**

Timothy Parkin is a member of the Endurance Temporary Committee and the FEI Veterinary Committee. A professor and associate at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Glasgow, Parkin heads the scientific research for the FEI's Global Endurance Injuries Study (GEIS).

#### **Mr Tarek Taher (KSA)**

An international Endurance competitor, Tarek Taher is the athletes' representative on the Endurance Temporary Committee following his election to the FEI Athletes' Committee in September 2018. Taher qualified for the FEI World Equestrian Games™ in Tryon (USA) in 2018 and has also competed at FEI World Championship level.

#### **Mr Pieter Wiersinga (NED)**

Pieter Wiersinga is a member of the Endurance Temporary Committee and chef d'équipe of the Dutch Endurance team. A Police Commissioner and former Head of the Mounted Police in the Netherlands, Wiersinga is also head coach at the Royal Dutch Equestrian Federation (KNHS).

#### **Ms Valerie Kanavy (USA)**

Ms Valerie Kanavy is a member of FEI Endurance Temporary Committee and was the athlete representative on the Endurance Committee from 2014 to 2018. As an international Endurance athlete she won individual gold at the FEI World Equestrian Games™ in The Hague (1994) and again four years later in Abu Dhabi (UAE).

#### **Mr Mark Samuel (CAN)**

A former international showjumper, Mark Samuel is the FEI Vice President, a member of the FEI Executive Board and Chair of the Regional Group IV. Samuel's role is to facilitate communication between the Endurance Temporary Committee and the FEI Board.