Session 2 – Monday, 15 April, 11.00 – 12.30

TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Speakers

Tim Hadaway (FEI HQ)
FEI Director of Games Operations since 2013, Tim is the link between the FEI and Organisers for major events such as Olympic/Paralympic Games and World Championships. His role is very much in line with the IOC’s “New Norm” recommendations introduced in 2018 driving for greater involvement from IFs and IF expertise in the delivery of Games operations.

Dr Göran Akerström (FEI HQ)
Director of the FEI Veterinary Department since 2015, Göran Akerström has previously worked for Sweden’s Animal Welfare Board, the Board of Agriculture and the Trotting Association. A graduate of the Swedish University of Agriculture (SLU), Akerström was also Director of its Farrier School, and an equine veterinary practitioner from 2002-2011.

Kyra Kyrklund (FIN)
Five-time Olympian Kyra Kyrklund is a Dressage athlete and trainer. Kyrklund won silver at the FEI World Equestrian Games™ in Stockholm (SWE) in 1990 and bronze at the FEI Dressage World Cup™ Final in ‘s-Hertogenbosch (NED) in 2018. She was the FEI Dressage Athletes’ Representative Committee from 2012 to 2014 and is currently the President of the International Dressage Riders Club.

Göran "Yogi" Breisner (SWE)
A member of the Swedish Eventing team from 1976-1987, Breisner won European team gold in 1983 and competed at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. As the British Eventing Team Performance Manager (1999-2016), Breisner led the team to four successive Olympic medals and five European titles. He is currently advisor to the Swedish Equestrian Federation.

Henrik Ankarcrona (SWE)
Henrik Ankarcrona was appointed chef d’équipe of the Swedish Jumping team in 2016. Ankarcrona has competed at international five-star level and at the European Junior Continental Championships in Moorsele (BEL) in 1997 and Münchwilen (SUI) in 1999, as well as the European Young Riders Championships in Hartpury (GBR) in 2000.

Joyce Heuitink (NED)
Joyce Heuitink is currently the national coach and trainer of the Dutch Para Dressage team. Heuitink has medalled at six European Championship as well as at Dutch National Championships for Juniors and Young Riders. She is also an
equestrian TV commentator for Eurosport and has translated, written and published several equestrian books.

Dr Peter Whitehead (GBR)
Peter Whitehead has been the chair of the FEI medical committee since 2009. Whitehead was the Venue Medical Manager at Greenwich Park for the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games. In addition to his work as Chief Medical Officer at international events, Whitehead has also carried out extensive research on concussions in equestrian sport.

Dr David Marlin (GBR)
David Marlin was the key advisor on the air-conditioning and cooling of horses at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. From 1990 until 2005, Marlin was Senior Scientist and Head of Physiology at the UK Animal Health Trust. He has worked as a consultant to the British Equestrian Teams since 1994 and has recently been appointed Performance Advisor to the British Endurance Team.

Dr Jenny Hall (GBR)
Jenny Hall is the current Chair of the FEI Veterinary Committee. Hall was team vet for the British Eventing team at the Olympic Games in Sydney (2000), Athens (2004) and Beijing (2008) before working as Veterinary Services Manager at the 2012 London Olympics. She has been the Veterinary Officer at the British Horseracing Authority since January 2011.

Dr Rachel Murray (GBR)
Veterinarian Rachel Murray is a graduate of the University of Cambridge and is currently the Senior Orthopaedic Advisor at the UK Animal Health Trust. Murray has worked with the British Equestrian Federation since 2009 as a veterinarian and Assistant Team Vet with the Dressage squads. She has competed at Grand Prix level in Dressage and won a silver medal at the European Student Championships in 1985.