

**Session 3 – Monday, 15 April, 14.00 – 16.30****REVIEW OF LEGAL SYSTEM****Speakers**

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**Mikael Rentsch (FEI HQ)**

Mikael Rentsch joined the FEI in 2006 and currently holds the position of FEI Legal Director overseeing a team which focusses on all legal matters relating to the FEI Rules and Regulations; litigations and compliance with the WADA code; prevention and education on legal issues related to the sport; safeguarding athlete welfare and the level playing field; bidding processes and negotiations, review and drafting of contracts; intellectual property; sport nationality; liaison with the Equestrian Community Integrity Unit (ECIU) on investigations and reports; and informing the public on legal issues related to the sport. Mikael is a member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), which safeguards the independence of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and is responsible for its administration and financing.

Mikael holds a Law Degree from the University of Lausanne and a Master's Degree (LL.M) from Duke University.

**Áine Power (FEI HQ)**

Áine Power is Deputy Legal Director. Áine joined the FEI in March 2014. She works on a range of legal issues including the FEI Rules and Regulations, commercial contracts, the bidding processes for FEI Events, safeguarding athlete welfare and litigation.

Áine is a qualified Irish lawyer and, before specialising in sports law, worked as a corporate lawyer in Dublin, Ireland. In addition to her law degree, she holds an International Master in Management, Law and Humanities of Sport from the prestigious FIFA Master programme (2011).

**David O'Connor (USA)**

David O'Connor, the 2000 Olympic gold medallist began a successful career in sports administration following his retirement from competitive Eventing in 2004, including his role as President of the United States Equestrian Federation from 2004 to 2012 and as former technical advisor for both the US and Canadian Eventing teams. In 2017 at the FEI General Assembly, David was elected FEI Eventing Committee Chair for a four-year term and as a result is an FEI Board Member for the duration of his mandate.

Among his priorities as FEI Eventing Chair and in view of making positive changes, David has highlighted Risk Management as one of his three key concerns alongside

the successful introduction of the new Olympic formats and growing the sport globally to allow for new nations to take part at the top level.

**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.

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**Peter Bollen (BEL)**

An experienced event organiser and equestrian nutrition specialist, Peter is President of the International Equestrian Organisers Alliance and Secretary General of the Alliance of Jumping Organisers. He is also a member of the FEI Officials Working Group and was formerly a member of the FEI Jumping Committee as representative of the Jumping Organisers.

**Lucy Allen (IRL)**

Lucy Allen is a member of the FEI Jumping Youth Development Working Group. She has been involved in show jumping for the last 34 years, including working for Thomas Fuchs for 11 years and coach for a member of the Japanese Team for the Seoul Olympics 1988. She has also been involved in ponies at international level for the last 12 years and trained two individual gold medallists.

***Additional speakers are currently being confirmed.***