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FEI SPORTS FORUM

The 11th edition of the FEI Sports Forum 2022 was held in person at the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Lausanne (SUI) on 25 and 26 April.

The first day of the FEI Sports Forum 2022 had a prominent focus on the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Regulations with individual sessions for each discipline.

The final session focussed on the FEI World Championships 2022 with presentations from each of the Organising Committees – Herning (DEN), Pratoni del Vivaro (ITA) and Verona (ITA) – followed by detailed insights into the FEI's digital and social media strategy to promote and engage fans.

The morning of the second day of the Sports Forum began with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Grooms Association (see below), leading into a session on Events Minimum Standards, while the afternoon was dedicated to consultation around the full Rules Revisions for the FEI Veterinary Regulations, FEI Eventing, Dressage and Para Dressage Rules.

All information regarding the FEI Sports Forum 2022 can be found on the dedicated FEI Sports Forum 2022 Hub, including:

- All the sessions available to watch on Replay

- Timetable, supporting documents, presentations, biographies for all the panellists as well as session wrap-ups
- Executive summaries from each session (**NEW!**)

Photos from the Sports Forum are available for editorial use [here](#).

FEI CELEBRATES 100 YEARS TOGETHER

On 26 April, the FEI held a special evening to celebrate the organisation's 100 years with all the delegates from the FEI Sports Forum 2022 including National Federation and equestrian association representatives, Athletes, Officials, Committee Members and Grooms. Also in attendance were delegations from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and a number of summer and winter Olympic sports and local sporting authorities.

Following a warm welcome by FEI President Ingmar De Vos, IOC President Thomas Bach gave a key note speech (see excerpts below and watch the full speech [here](#)) in which he reminded guests of how special equestrian sport is for the Olympic movement. Bach referred to the FEI's good governance credentials, the community's positive influence on the greater sporting sphere and the important steps taken by the FEI to embrace Agenda 2020+5 to ensure equestrian remains relevant in society and within the Olympic movement.

"Already our founder Pierre de Coubertin described the uniqueness of equestrian sport in the following way: "Consider the sport of horse riding and see how well it portrays life. No other equals it in this ... The IOC is happy and proud to have FEI as a partner who has truly embraced Olympic Agenda 2020+5. Whether it is your initiatives in strengthening sustainability; making FEI a "gender champion"; promoting animal welfare; leading by example in good governance; or showing solidarity with the equestrian community in Ukraine suffering from the war. These and many more examples demonstrate the strong standing of FEI in our Olympic community."

The 350 guests were also treated to an uplifting and memorable surprise when when HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, former FEI President from 2006 to 2014, appeared live and via weblink during the Official Ceremony, where she reflected on the wonderful community spirit which makes the FEI Family so unique.

Guests and longstanding equestrian community members, including former Olympic Champions, Committee members and HQ staff also shared anecdotes during the Ceremony from their experiences, relating the incredible characters and bond between equestrians around the world.

For FEI President Ingmar De Vos, this was "a fitting conclusion to a year-long campaign which has been all about community, strong values and a dedication to a unique sport and way of life. This campaign – Shaping the future together since 1921 – which began last May in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and was activated around the world to celebrate the past, the present and the future, can now come to an end and we can turn our full attention to the next 100 YEARS!"

For more on the FEI's 100 Years Campaign, photos, the full speech by Thomas Bach and a highlights video from the 100 Years Celebration on 26 April, click [here](#).

FEI FORMALLY RECOGNISES THE INTERNATIONAL GROOMS ASSOCIATION

FEI President Ingmar De Vos and Founding Director of the International Grooms Association™ (IGA) Lucy Katan made history at the FEI Sports Forum on 26 April 2022 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU marked the first official partnership between the FEI and an international grooms association, providing grooms with a voice for the first time within the decision-making process.

An independent not-for-profit professional association, the IGA has been established to achieve greater representation and career recognition for grooms, as well as to improve their working conditions, especially at equestrian events where long hours are the norm.

The support provided by the IGA will include guidance on employment rules, answers to commonly asked questions on recruitment, a toolkit for grooms working freelance, and a job board, to name a few. A section on well-being on the IGA website, *International Grooms Minds*, will ensure that grooms also have a strong emotional support system in place to assist them in their daily work.

"Today's signing of the MOU is the culmination of many years of discussion and planning and marks the start of a new era for international grooms," FEI President Ingmar De Vos said.

Grooms from all over the world can now become an IGA member through the Association's official website: <https://internationalgrooms.org/>

Each FEI discipline will also have four to six representatives working within the industry to promote the status of international grooms. These representatives will be asked to mentor new grooms, creating a support hub for those new to the scene.

FEI ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS 2022

FEI Presidential Election

FEI President Ingmar De Vos will run for a third and final four-year term after being confirmed as the **sole candidate for the Presidential election in November this year.**

FEI Athlete Representatives

The candidates for the FEI Athletes Committee have been published on **Inside.FEI.org.**

Re-opening of the application period

Please note that the FEI is re-opening the application period (which initially ended on 1 May) for the following positions, as no applications were received by 1 May 2022 deadline:

- Member for the Audit & Compliance Committee (term 2022 – 2026)
- Member for the FEI Tribunal (term 2022 – 2026)
- Member for the Nominations Committee representing Regional Group VI (term 2022 – 2023)
- Para Equestrian Athletes' Representative (term 2022 – 2026)

The deadline to send candidacies for these positions is **23 May 23:59 CEST.**

Applications must be sent to the Nominations Committee Senior Officer (**Julie.schlaefli@fei.org**) together with the following documents:

- A completed FEI Curriculum Vitae (CV) official form:
 - for Athletes' Representative position (**click here to download the form**)
 - for all other positions (**click here to download the form**)
- A letter of motivation from the candidate
- A letter of endorsement from the National Federation of the Candidate (not applicable for Athletes' Representative position)
- A signed "Code of Conduct for FEI election" document (**click here to download the form**)

The detailed job specifications for the above positions are available on Inside.FEI.org **here.**

For any question please contact **Julie.schlaefli@fei.org.**

More information on the FEI Elections 2022 process, requirements and timelines can be found on Inside.FEI.org **here.**

EQUESTRIAN QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

The Equestrian Qualification systems for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, which were approved at FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2021 on 17 November 2021 and then by the IOC Executive Board on 30 March 2022, are now available. You will find the following documents in the **Paris 2024 Olympic Hub.**

- Jumping Qualification System
- Dressage Qualification System
- Eventing Qualification System

As explained at the FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2021 and the FEI Sports Forum 2022, the Minimum Eligibility Requirements for the three disciplines and the reallocation procedures for each discipline, will be put forward for approval at the FEI General Assembly 2022 in Cape Town on 13 November 2022. The draft proposals will be circulated on 6 July 2022 (as part of the **rules revision process**).

FEI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Get your tickets **NOW!**

Ticket sales for the FEI World Championships 2022 in Herning (DEN) and in Pratoni del Vivaro (ITA) are open. In Herning you will have the opportunity to experience, first-hand, all the sporting action in Jumping, Dressage, Para Dressage and Vaulting while Pratoni de Vivaro will showcase the best of Eventing and Driving. Don't miss out on seeing the best athletes in the world compete for the prestigious title of World Champion!

Discover the different categories available to spectators, all with different prices, including normal entry tickets, reserved seats on the stands, weekly passes and exclusive VIP Pavilion tickets.

Save your seat now! - Click on the banners below ...



FEI DRESSAGE AND PARA DRESSAGE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 IN RIESENBECK (GER)

The German National Federation has confirmed that the Championships will take place from Monday, 4 September through to Sunday, 10 September 2023. The dates have now been included in the **FEI Calendar**.

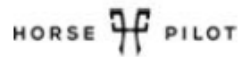
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