

Committee name	FEI Driving Technical Committee
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Chair	Karoly Fugli (HUN)

Committee Report	
Pt.	Subject
1.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>2023 was a busy year overall, full FEI Driving season with the first edition of the FEI Driving Forum where the Community gathered in person and online to discuss the status quo and the future of the Discipline.</p> <p>The sad war between Ukraine and Russia still had a great negative impact on the development projects of FEI Driving.</p> <p>The FEI Driving Committee had 8 conference calls and one in-person meeting held at the FEI HQ, where the new dressage test modification policy, FEI Driving Forum, education system and appointment of officials, tack equipment matters, topics related to the Driving Rules, and the FEI World Driving Challenge were the main topics.</p>
2.	<p>FEI Driving Forum</p> <p>The first FEI Driving Forum held on 11 and 12 April, where the community gathered in person and online to discuss the status quo and the future of the Discipline. The Forum was open to all members of the Driving community including Officials, Athletes, Trainers, Course Designers, Organisers and National Federations, and attracted 88 participants from 24 nations attending either in person or online with a fully hybrid set-up allowing remote participants to watch live and interact as and when needed.</p> <p>The sessions were focusing on Equine ethics and wellbeing, FEI Driving today, the Strategy for the future, Development projects, and the Discipline tomorrow.</p>

3.	Championships
	<p>In 2023 four regular FEI Driving Championship took place. All Championships in general went well, without any major incidents or accidents, and had a fair sport.</p> <p>The Driving Committee takes this opportunity to congratulate all the athletes, horse owners/breeders, Organizing Committees, Officials, sponsors, supporters for the success they achieved helping FEI Driving to develop on a sustainable way.</p>
4.	Education of Officials
	<p>In line with the FEI Education System for officials the education /promotion of Driving officials is in progress, producing 4 top level officials in various functions.</p>
5.	Closing remarks
	<p>The Driving Committee would like to thank the FEI HQ for their continuous help , support and contribution during the year.</p> <p>As this year is the end of my 12 years of FEI Driving Committee Chairmanship let me end on a personal note.</p> <p>I am honoured to be able to serve the Driving sport as discipline Chair, being the part of this chapter of the book of FEI Driving .</p> <p>I am not leaving the equestrian community , but fondly look back on those challenging and fulfilling days/years.</p> <p>Thank you for the trust, passion and friendship.</p>