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## **The International Society of Equine Locomotor Pathology (ISELP)**

ISELP has very kindly made a selection of their educational resources free of charge to veterinarians for a limited period of time. The lectures are from their Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation module and can be found [here](#).

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## **African Horse Sickness Outbreak in Thailand**

The World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) was [notified](#) on 27 March by the Department of Livestock Development (DLD), the veterinary authority of Thailand, of an outbreak of African Horse Sickness (AHS) in the Pak Chong district, Nakorn in the north-east of the country. In the initial notification, 341 horses were reported susceptible, of which 62 were confirmed infected. Out of these 62 horses, 42 are reported to have died.

A further two outbreaks were [reported](#) to the OIE on 3 April. One outbreak occurred in Hua Hin district, in the Prachuap Khiri Khan province where 10 horses out of a group of 15 susceptible horses have died. In the Ko Chan district of the Chon Buri province, there were 33 susceptible horses of which 6 were infectious. Five out of the 6 horses died.

As a result of the outbreak, the OIE has suspended the AHS-free status of Thailand.

AHS is spread by insect vectors such as midges and some types of mosquitos and ticks. All species of equidae can be infected by the disease. Horses and mules often die from the infection, while donkeys are much less susceptible and zebras rarely show clinical signs. The disease can be caused by any of nine serotypes of the virus. The serotype in this outbreak has not yet been communicated by DLD.

Please visit the [OIE website](#) for more information on AHS.

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## **FEI Eventing Risk Management Forum**

On 24-25 January the FEI's Eventing Risk Management Forum took place. Discussion included the external view of the sport, a safety programme update including a presentation on horse injuries and risk management with respect to course design. The recording of the forum is available to view online [here](#).

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## **Applications for Veterinary Course Director are now Open**

FEI Veterinarians wishing to apply for the position of course director for the period 2021-2025 are welcome to do so using the [application form](#) that must be returned by their National Federation before 1 June 2020. The criteria for nomination are available [here](#).

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## Veterinary Courses and Competency-based Evaluation System

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, all veterinary courses scheduled from March to May 2020 were cancelled and will be re-scheduled for the second part of the year. The [course calendar](#) will be updated as the new dates are confirmed by the course organisers.

As a reminder, the following refresher courses must be taken before 15 December 2020:

Level 2/3 OV Refresher Course (1 day)	By Official Veterinarians (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Reining, Vaulting) whose last General Veterinarian Course was in 2016 or before
Level 3 EOVS Refresher Course (1 day)	By 2* Endurance Official Veterinarians whose last General Veterinarian Course was in 2016 or before; By 3* and 4* Endurance Official Veterinarians whose last Advanced Course for EOVS was in 2016 or before
Level 3 EVT Refresher Course (1 day)	By 2*, 3* and 4* Endurance Veterinary Treatment Officials whose last Course for EVTs was in 2016 or before
Testing Course (1 day)	By Testing Veterinarians who have never attended a Testing Course or the Testing Veterinarian meeting held at the FEI Headquarters in 2017

To register, veterinarians simply need to contact their National Federation that will officially register them for the requested courses with the FEI Veterinary Department.

The veterinarians due for a refresher course in 2020 will be asked to take the CES assessment at the beginning of the course. Until then, they can practice with the [mock exam](#).

The veterinarians who were requested to take the CES assessment before 31 March 2020 but did not meet the deadline still have access to the online exam. Since their functions were closed on 31 March 2020, it will be imperative that they take the CES assessment before their next assignment at an FEI event, otherwise they will find themselves officiating with an invalid license and will receive an official warning. The guidelines [How to Access the CES Assessment](#) will help them navigate the exam platform.

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## FEI Hyposensitivity Control System

A Hyposensitivity Control System has been developed by the FEI in partnership with Dr Schambourg. This Control System has started to be implemented in 2020, in FEI Endurance rides. The objective of this Control System is to ensure the welfare of horses by protecting them from having severe injuries due to low sensitivity of their limbs. In 2019, the FEI has trained a pool of 12 FEI Official Veterinarians to perform the control. This [explanatory video](#) will give you an insight of the FEI Hyposensitivity Control System.

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