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Online Eventing Risk Management Seminar

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Risk Management Steering Group (RMSG) 2020 Update and 2021 Ongoing Projects

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FEI Risk Management Steering Group (RMSG)

The RMSG was formed in 2016 at the instruction of the FEI Board to improve safety and reduce horse falls. Additionally, the group acts as the Safety Officer for the FEI and investigates all serious falls.

- **Geoff Sinclair (AUS)**, FEI Eventing Technical Delegate, replaced David O'Connor as Chair in 2018 when David became Chair of the Eventing Committee
- **Mike Etherington-Smith (GBR)**, FEI Eventing Course Designer and Equestrian Consultant
- **Staffan Lidbeck (SWE)**, FEI Veterinarian and Swedish Eventing Team Coach
- **Laurent Bousquet (FRA)**, International Eventing Athlete and Coach of the Japanese Equestrian Team
- **David Vos (USA)**, Aeronautical Engineer, International Eventing Athlete, Owner
- **Gert Naber (NED)**, FEI Eventing Technical Delegate, Team Manager in the Dutch NF
- **Jonathan Holling (USA)**, USA National Safety Officer, International Eventing Athlete, Coach
- **Rob Stevenson (CAN)**, Cardiologist, former International Eventing Olympic Athlete, CAN National Safety Officer - *On leave for 2021 due to Covid-19 pandemic related commitments*

RMSG ongoing projects:

- **Serious incidents:** Review the reports and videos of all serious incidents as they occur
- **Frangible devices:** Roll out and approval of new devices complying with the new standard and reviewing how they work “in the field”. Working with manufacturers to make the implementation for Course Builders and Officials clear. Encourage the development of new devices
- **XC Guide for Officials:** Continual additions and changes to this ‘active’ document as we learn to spread the learnings quickly globally. Recommendations are often first included in the XC Guide and within a few years may become rules (ie. groundlines, sloping shoulders etc.)
- **FEI Campus:** Producing short informational videos from Eventing experts on subjects like XC Control, Coaching athletes, SIMP etc. for FEI Officials learning
- **Statistics:** Reviewing falls and injuries by level and type of competition. Obtaining feedback from Officials when rates are above the average. Recommending changes to Eventing Rules (MERs, use of frangible devices, etc.) to the Eventing Committee. Working closely with Eventing Department and EquiRatings on all the data provided by you Officials to the FEI
- **Horse injuries:** Improving the collection of data on slight and serious injury. The aim is to produce statistics like the Athlete injuries to assess the trends
- **Athlete Education:** Reviewing areas like rider licencing, Coaches responsibility to ensure athletes are prepared for the level
- **Officials:** CD mentoring including a dashboard, Official's responsibility & actions to ensure good pictures and safe riding
- **HFI:** Monitor the rollout of the horse form index
- **Safety Equipment Standards:** Work with the Medical Committee on standards required for helmets, body protectors and possibly safety stirrups