

Santiago Varela:

Santiago Varela (45) was born in Madrid in 1.968. He was introduced to horses at a very short age, and he started his career as Course Designer at the Club de Campo de Madrid in 1.984. At the age of 15 he obtained the title of Local course designer, his career progressed and in 1.993 was appointed International Course designer and in July 2013 achieved the FEI Level 4 Course Designer-

During 2.013, Santiago was appointed as Course Designer of the first Furusiyya Nations Cup Final in Barcelona, and the FEI European Championships for Young Riders, Juniors, and Children in Vejer de la Frontera, Spain.

In 2.011 he was responsible to design the FEI European Championships in Madrid, and the Super League Final in Rotterdam. The later was his second experience as Super League Final Course Designer after Madrid in 2001.

Since 1.999, Santiago has been the Course Designer of CSI 5* Madrid, he is also member of the Organizing Committee since 1.986.

Santiago first international show was in Vigo 1.993, and since then he has built the courses for multiple International shows during his career. Among others, La Coruña 4* and 5*, CSI 4* Vejer de la Frontera, CSI 3* San Sebastián, CSI 3* Santander, CSI W Sevilla, CSI 3* Vilamoura (POR) and CSI Queretaro (MEX).

Course Designer five times of the National Championship in Spain and numerous times in Juniors and Young Riders.

Santiago graduated from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid with a degree on Economics and Business Administration and at the moment he serves as C.E.O. of Isolux Infraestructure, a multinational company dedicated to infrastructure concessions with presence in EE.UU, Brasil, India, Mexico, Peru, Italy and Spain.

Married to Beatriz Chinchilla, the couple has two children, Fernando and Belen.