

I apply for the position of **Endurance Athletes' Representative**

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<b>First Name/FAMILY NAME</b>	Meg / <b>Sleeper</b>
<b>Year of Birth</b>	1967
<b>Nationality</b>	USA
<b>Languages spoken</b>	English



	Year	Experience
<b>Professional Career</b>	2015-present	Clinical Professor of Cardiology; University of Florida Veterinary School
	2008-2015	Associate Professor of Cardiology; University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School
	2001-2008	Assistant Professor of Cardiology; University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School
	1998-2001	Lecturer in Cardiology; University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School
	1995-1998	Residency in Cardiology; University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School

	Year	Experience
<b>Equestrian and other sport Experience</b>	2021-present	Endurance Technical Committee, FEI
	2016	World Endurance Championship; Slovakia
	2014	World Endurance Championship; France
	2012	World Endurance Championship; United Kingdom
	2010	World Endurance Championship; USA
	2008	World Endurance Championship; Malaysia

	Year	Degree / Certification
<b>Education / Certification</b>	2007	Board certified in veterinary cardiology (Diplomate ACVIM; cardiology)
	1993	Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris (VMD) University of Pennsylvania, cum laude
	1989	Bachelor of Science; English/Biology-Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA

!  I confirm that the information given in this form is accurate and complete;  
 I confirm having carefully read the contents of the job specification, in particular but not limited to, the position constraints.

April 26, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of intent for election to the FEI endurance sport committee~

I competed in my first distance sport competition in 1980 when I was 11 years old and my first national endurance ride in 1986. I became involved with international endurance in 2001 when the Pan American Championships were scheduled to be in the Northeast region of the USA. Since that time, I have completed over 30,000 km of endurance including over 85, 160 km events and 16,000 km of set speed competitive trail riding. Since my first FEI endurance event in 1999, I have participated in 7 World Endurance Championships, 5 Pan American or North American Championships, and 3 North American Team Challenge events. I have been fortunate to compete in 11 countries and have experienced first-hand how the sport of endurance brings athletes together.

My career choice of veterinary medicine was borne out of my interest in endurance sport and exercise physiology. I graduated from veterinary school in 1993. Along with being an athlete, I am also an FEI veterinarian. I have officiated throughout North America, in Japan, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

The sport of endurance has grown exponentially since my first event and with that growth has come some significant growing pains. Although I am primarily a clinical cardiologist in my professional career, I also perform numerous hypothesis driven research projects. Many of those projects have been published in the scientific literature. This experience has forced me to consider alternate, less mainstream approaches when solving problems. In English, we call this "thinking outside of the box". I believe this characteristic, along with my experiences with endurance communities around the world, will make me an attentive and productive endurance athlete representative. I have spent the last year filling out the remainder of Tarek Tahir's previous term as athlete representative on the committee and I feel that there is so much that I would still like to accomplish. I have been incredibly fortunate to receive this opportunity to work for a short time with the very special people who are currently on the ETC and I believe we have an excellent vision for the future of endurance. I feel strongly that we need to develop attainable goals so that all FEI endurance athletes have goals to which they can aspire. I believe we need to address the sky rocketing costs of FEI competition as well as the unique hurdles those of us in large land mass countries face when competing in FEI endurance. I also hope to develop more programs for junior and young riders to maintain this important pipeline for our future. These are my major goals that I hope we can realize together if elected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret M. Sleeper". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a circular scribble.

Margaret "Meg" M. Sleeper VMD, DACVIM (cardiology)