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## **FEI appoints Daniel Alvarez as new Finance Director**

The FEI has appointed Daniel Alvarez, 44, a Swiss and Spanish national, as its new Finance Director. He will start in his new role on 15 April and will replace outgoing Chief Financial Officer Claude Praz, who will step down from his position at the end of June, to take an early retirement.

Daniel Alvarez is a Swiss certified specialist for Finance and Accounting with a solid expertise in Accounting and Controlling. He holds a wealth of professional experience having worked at international companies with branches in Switzerland such as Tetra Pak International; Ikea; and Debiopharm, an independent biopharmaceutical company. From 2009 to 2021, he was at Philip Morris International, where he rose to the position of Manager Financial Planning. Before joining the FEI, Mr Alvarez was the Head of Controlling – Business Partnering at Ineos Styrolution, a global chemical organisation. During his tenure at Ineos Styrolution he completed an Advanced Management Development Programme.

Read the full Press Release [here](#).

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## Longines League of Nations™ - 4 days to go!

The countdown is on, with only 2 days to go before the prestigious Longines League of Nations™ gets underway in Abu Dhabi (UAE). This new series which combines tradition and modernity, and features the world's top ten teams, takes us across three continents. From Abu Dhabi, the series travels to Ocala (USA) in March, St Gallen (SUI) and Rotterdam (NED) in June before concluding with the highly anticipated Final in Barcelona (ESP) in October where the best eight teams will battle it out for the inaugural title.

Accompanying the launch of the **Longines League of Nations™** is an all-new website that offers a modern, user-friendly experience. With a simple, elegant, and easily navigable design, fans can support their nations and get all the latest information around the series.

And as always, you can also follow the action live from the comfort of your home in just one click on **FEI.TV**.

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## EVENTING

### FEI Online Eventing and National Safety Officer (NSO) Seminar 2024 – now available on replay

The FEI Online Eventing Seminar and NSO Seminar, which took place on 20-21 January 2024, is now available to watch on replay on the dedicated **FEI Eventing Risk Management page**. You will also find all the presentations, annexes and statistics there. The report highlighting the key discussions will be published as soon as possible.

### Eventing Statistics Report 2012-2023

The Eventing Statistics Report 2012 – 2023 has been finalised and is available on the FEI **Eventing / Risk Management page**.

### Cross Country Guide for Officials – Update

Please note that the following has been added to the Cross Country Guide for Officials: **HORSE FALL recommendation introduced to the to the Cross Country Guide for Officials for 2024.**

The Eventing Committee and Risk Management Steering Group have agreed to include the following recommendation for 2024 for implementation by Ground Jury:

Following any Horse Fall on Cross Country, a systematic interview/discussion will need to take place between the Athlete and the Ground Jury (President or Member) and/or the Technical Delegate. The aim is educational to understand the circumstances to learn for the future – Horse falls are a serious risk factor for athlete, horse and our sport and need to be minimised. The discussion is to be recorded in the Judge and/or TD report (a section has been added in the reports).

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## VETERINARY UPDATES

## EADCM Sampling Kits

We would like to remind our community that since 1 January 2024 the FEI's new Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication sampling kits will be available for use at FEI Events. A transition period will take place during 2024 in which the current Berlinger and Australian Racing sampling kits will be progressively replaced. Existing supplies of these kits may be used until 31 December 2024.

The new LockCon sampling kits are FEI-branded and for use only at FEI events. They must not be used for sampling at national events, submitting elective testing samples or pre-purchase examinations.

If you have any questions regarding the transition period or the new sampling kits, please contact us on [veterinary@fei.org](mailto:veterinary@fei.org).

## FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List: call for suggestions

The Equine Prohibited Substances List 2024, effective since 1 January 2024, is available in PDF format for download in the [FEI Anti-Doping Rules page](#). The review process for changes to the Equine Prohibited Substances List 2024 is now underway and details regarding this process are explained on the [dedicated page](#).

In preparation of the List for 2025, we invite National Federations, Veterinarians, Athletes, Grooms, Judges and other interested parties to submit their suggestions for consideration by the List Group via the [FEI Prohibited List Suggestions Form](#). Please complete all fields, including information regarding the substance, its use, application and specific reasoning for inclusion or change of category as applicable.

Suggestions have to be submitted to [Caterina Termine](#) no later than **1 March 2024** for consideration during 2024.

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## Top of the class - check out the FEI Rule Changes Video Explainers 2024 on FEI Campus

We are happy to inform you that the FEI Rule Changes 2024 videos are now available on [FEI Campus](#) or directly by clicking on the links below:

[FEI Jumping](#)  
[FEI Dressage](#)  
[FEI Eventing](#)  
[FEI Endurance](#)  
[FEI Vaulting](#)  
[FEI Veterinary](#)

The FEI Rule Changes Video Explainers for FEI Para Dressage, Driving & Para Driving will be available within the next two weeks. Please note that the [FEI General Regulations Rule Changes Video 2024](#) is accessible in all the discipline hubs as well as the FEI Veterinary hub on [FEI Campus](#).

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## FEI Atypical Findings Report

Each year, the FEI publishes an annual ATF Report in accordance with the [FEI ATF Policy](#), containing essential information on the Atypical Findings ("ATFs") of the past year.

This includes, but is not limited to, Prohibited Substances found in the horses' samples, the disciplines involved as well as the legal conclusions of the cases, that is whether they were closed, with no consequences to the Persons Responsible and/or the horses, or pursued as Adverse Analytical Findings resulting in alleged Equine Anti-Doping and/or Controlled Medication Rule Violations.

In 2023, the FEI reported 23 ATFs. Six cases are still pending a decision. Out of 17 ATFs in which a decision has already been rendered by the ATF Panel, 53% of ATFs were closed, which goes to show that ATF proceedings are proving very efficient and beneficial, especially in cases of contamination.

The full ATF Report 2023 is available on the dedicated **FEI Clean Sport ATF page**.

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## The Para Equestrian Digest - January edition out now

Starting the year with a new feature, the Para Equestrian Digest spoke to Michail Kalarakis, a Para Dressage athlete from Greece, about his journey from therapeutic riding to competing at the most recent FEI World Championship and FEI European Championship. The 26-year-old also discusses the bonds he has created with some special horses along the way...

Read the full article right **here**.

The FEI launched **The Para Equestrian Digest** in February 2022. The online magazine was created for Para Equestrian athletes and the people connected to the sport so they can share – in their own words – their personal experiences and disability stories. The Digest puts the spotlight on an athlete or project in Para Equestrian sport with the aim of improving disability awareness and inclusion.

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## Maintaining Public Acceptance of Equestrianism: What can we learn from other industries? A World Horse Welfare conference



### **Social licence, Learning from other industries?**

This virtual conference, which explored strategies to maintain social licence to operate within equestrianism, took place on Wednesday 24 January 2024. Featuring an eclectic array of speakers from around the world – including FEI President Ingmar De Vos to set the tone with an opening address – and representing both equestrian and non-equestrian sectors, the conference was a melting pot of thought leaders and innovators, full of experience and insights.

You can watch the full replay of the conference **here**.

Topics and speakers included\*:

- **Public acceptance of equestrianism: A view from horse sport**  
**Ingmar De Vos**, FEI President
- **Public acceptance of equestrianism: A view from horse racing**  
**Dr. Chris Riggs**, Director, Hong Kong Jockey Club's Equine Welfare Research Foundation
- **Lessons learned from the sustainability battlefield: From reactive, peripheral, and a nuisance to strategic, integrated, and opportunistic**  
**Bob Langert**, Corporate sustainability consultant; formerly Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability at McDonald's Corporation
- **Values-based communications and actions: Evidence from agriculture**  
**Charlie Arnot**, Founder and president, Look East; Chief Executive, Center for Food Integrity
- **Engagement science: A data-driven approach to social licence**  
**Dr. Kieren Moffat**, Co-founder and Chief Executive, Voconiq
- **Enabling behaviour change within the equine sector**  
**Toby Park**, Head of Energy and Sustainability, The Behavioural Insights Team

*\*By clicking on each topic, you will directly be redirected to the relevant section of the YouTube replay.*

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## **SAVE THE DATE - 14-16 March 2024**

### **International Society for Equitation Science - A good for life horses Conference**

FEI is proud to sponsor the International Society for Equitation Science (ISES) "A Good life for horses" Conference next month.

ISES New Zealand 2024 will provide an opportunity for a gathering of equine researchers, veterinarians and practitioners involved in different disciplines including Thoroughbred Racing, Eventing, Jumping, Dressage, Pony Club coaching, Horse therapy and many others, to explore the concept of a Good Life for Horses specifically addressing questions such as:

- Why a Good Life is necessary for horses, and whether it is possible?
- What a Good life is for a horse involved in sport and leisure? – What do we know, what more do we need to know?
- How a Good Life can be provided for horses in sport and leisure?

Run over three days, the ISES NZL 2024 conference will feature keynote speakers and scientific presentations, with an entire day dedicated to developing a collective understanding of the assessment of a Good Life in relation to the different life experiences of horses. Papers are invited in relation to specific session themes organised in relation to the key priority areas identified by the FEI's independent Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission as well as new areas of research and free (related) papers.

For more information visit <https://www.equitationsscience.com/2024-conference>

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Stay up to date on all equestrian events of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games by visiting the dedicated **Paris 2024 Hub** where you will find all the relevant information, guidelines and rules, as well as latest news, updates and deadlines.

Each tab opens a dedicated section, and you will find at the end of the table of contents links to the latest Media Updates as well as Department Updates with technical information and reminders regarding upcoming deadlines. This hub is continually being updated, and we include the date of publication for all documents when documents are published and subsequently updated.

Happy scrolling!

## FEI Fan Shop News



## FEI Directory

### Updates to the FEI Database

Monthly summary on the key changes/updates in the FEI Database with regards to the FEI's member National Federations. All details can be found on the FEI Database by clicking on each NF's name listed below:

#### **AUT - ÖESTERREICHISCHER PFERDESORTSVERBAND**

Mr Franz SCHIEFERMAIR has been elected as Secretary General of the National Federation.

#### **CRC – FEDERACIÓN ECUESTRE DE COSTA RICA**

Eladio BOLAÑOS and Ana Cristina VARGAS have been elected respectively President and Secretary General of the National Federation.

#### **ROU – FEDERATION EQUESTRE ROUMAINE**

The National Federation has updated its main phone number as well as its postal address.

#### **SWE - SVENSKA RIDSPORTFÖRBUNDET**

Mr Johan FYRBERG has been elected as Secretary General of the National Federation.

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