Introduction

We are pleased to provide you with this FEI UPDATE with information from all our departments that you need to be aware of.

To ensure that this information is read by other people interested in equestrian sport, you may "forward to a colleague" who can "join our mailing list" or "unsubscribe from this list". These options are available at the end of this newsletter.

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FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2011

NF Liaison Office

The FEI Liaison Office will be at your disposal during the FEI General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro from 9 to 14 October.

NFs delegates and in particular all newly elected NF officers present in Rio are invited to contact this primary point of contact for National Federations at the FEI Office at Sofitel Hotel on mobile +41 78 750 61 41 – or - by email to Lucinda Arsenio, Liaison Officer. Please also contact Lucinda if you require a meeting with the FEI Secretary General, Ingmar De Vos.

Live streaming

The FEI General Assembly will be shown live on FEITV.org from 9am to 5pm (local time) on Monday 14 November in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) . The coverage will be accessible to everyone free of charge. Non-FEI TV subscribers will simply need to register on the FEI TV page to view the footage.

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2012 FEI OFFICIAL CALENDAR

Now available

The 2012 FEI Calendar has been approved and can be found on the FEI Website. Please note that the FEI’s approval is still required for those events marked "PENDING FEI APPROVAL".

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Webservices(1) for Organising Committees and XML format for results

Last summer, nearly 400 organisers participated in a FEI online survey about data processing (entries, master lists, results). For your convenience, all details can be consulted here. The main conclusions of this investigation are:

- Many organisers (56%) are using professional solutions (specialised software or external provider);
- They are receiving entries from different sources in different ways. This proves that it is not easy for them to process the information and create master lists;
- Only 42% of the respondents (32% in Jumping) indicated that they always receive athletes and horses FEI ID Numbers;
- The necessity to send results in a different format, either for their own NF or for the FEI, is considered to be a burden; and
- Solutions recommended by organisers are: "standardised software to work with", "direct contact with the FEI and access to the FEI Database" and "better access to the FEI annual registration information and FEI IDs for athletes and horses".

The FEI has therefore produced a specific pack of "webservice"s for organisers and their providers. This technology allows them to access the FEI database with their own IT system to obtain information on events, competitions, athletes and horses.

In addition, a new result format (XML) will be available by December 2011. It will allow specialised software editors and providers to produce result files from their own systems much more easily. This new format will be dedicated to automated processes and the current Excel format will remain available. The new XML format project has been sent to the OC providers already identified, as well as to NF IT Managers.

(1) A "webservice" is a software system designed to support interoperable machine to machine interaction over the internet network, thereby providing a simple solution for two or more information systems to interact. The webservises are independent of all programming languages and use the HTTP protocol to communicate on the network. In summary, webservises are an easy tool to avoid doing things repeatedly – for both the national system and on the FEI system – as a link between both systems is set up.

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