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FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

Further to the decision by the FEI Bureau, the next FEI General Assembly (GA) will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, from 10-13 November 2015.

As published in the FEI Update No. 04 of 9 March 2015, the Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) will take place in Lausanne (SUI) on 28 April 2015.

FEI CHAMPIONSHIPS & FINALS 2016-2020

Call for Bids

National Federations are now invited to apply to host and organise FEI Championships & Finals between 2016 and 2020.

Details of the available FEI Championships and Finals to bid for (including relevant information such as deadlines, bidders, allocation by FEI Bureau, etc.) can be found on FEI.org in the [**Bidding Process section**](#).

If you have any questions about the bidding process please send them to: [**bidning@fei.org**](mailto:bidning@fei.org).

2016 FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List

Deadline for Submissions: 13 March 2015!

The FEI Veterinary Department would like to remind all National Federations, veterinarians, athletes, grooms, judges or other interested parties to meet the deadline of 13 March for all suggestions of changes to the Equine Prohibited Substances List 2016.

Please use the [FEI Prohibited List Suggestions Form](#) and complete all fields, including information regarding the substance, its use, application and specific reasoning for inclusion or change of category as applicable.

All suggested changes must to be sent to caterina.termine@fei.org no later than 13 March 2015.

VETERINARY

National Federations are reminded of the changes affecting the FEI Veterinary Officials prompted by the modifications to the FEI Veterinary Regulations 2015. The full cooperation and support of the National Federations in implementing these changes will therefore be required.

Official Veterinarians

All Official Veterinarians must now attend a FEI General Veterinarian course every four years to remain listed by the FEI. All National Federations are requested to remind their listed Official FEI Veterinarians of the requirement to update their course attendance status - if necessary - as soon as possible to comply with this regulation.

National Federations are able to view the courses that their Official Veterinarians have attended during the past 4 years through the [FEI Person Database](#), utilising the search filters to access the accounts of their Official Veterinarians.

In order to assist Veterinarians requiring course attendance, the latest list of FEI General Veterinarian Courses is available on the [FEI website](#). As this list is updated on a regular basis, all interested parties should refer back to it regularly.

National Head Veterinarian

The role of the National Head Veterinarian has been expanded and is a critical link between the National Federation and the FEI on Veterinary issues. This will be of great benefit to National Federations and therefore support in its implementation is critical. The FEI Veterinary Regulations' Article 1001 requires National Federations to appoint at least one National Head Veterinarian (NHV) per country and to ensure that only individuals who possess the required skills and experience are selected for this important role.

The FEI moreover maintains a current list of all NHVs, which is revised on the receipt of their names from National Federations and published on the [FEI website](#), after the approval of the FEI Veterinary Committee.

As this role - previously titled the Contact Veterinarian - has evolved greatly from its initial creation, the FEI advises National Federations to review whether the person previously designated for this role still meets the requirements outlined below to hold

this position, and to consider whether they actively contribute to the National Federation's activities and structure.

All National Federations are requested to confirm to the **FEI Veterinary Department** the name and details of their designated National Head Veterinarian by **20 March**.

Should a National Federation open this position for application, the FEI encourages them to select the most appropriate candidate(s) amongst their members. Given the variety of specialisations and areas of activities required for the post, consideration may be given to two persons sharing this role.

All new applicants for the role of the National Head Veterinarian should submit a Curriculum Vitae together with a letter of motivation outlining the following aspects:

- How they would contribute to facilitating international horse movements within their own country;
- How their previous professional experience is relevant to this role;
- How they envisage their collaboration with the FEI Veterinary Department; and
- How they would contribute to promoting veterinary standards through their National Federation.

The applications should first be approved by the National Federation and then sent onward to the FEI Veterinary Department for the FEI Veterinary Committee's final consideration.

The requirements for this very important role, of which the main function is to maintain effective communication with the FEI Veterinary Department on veterinary related matters within their country, as per Article 1007 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations are outlined below:

The NHV must be:

- an FEI Official Veterinarian;
- familiar with all FEI equestrian disciplines (but may be exempt from the mentoring requirements for listed disciplines);
- able to communicate effectively with his or her National Federation and professional colleagues;
- an experienced and well respected equine veterinarian; and
- must be available to undertake regular training as directed by the FEI.

Within his/her country the National Head Veterinarian must:

1. be aware of equine infectious diseases affecting international movement of competition Horses and provide the FEI Veterinary Department with information on equine communicable disease outbreaks of significance to competing sports horses in their own country;
2. liaise with the National Veterinary Authority and its officials and be aware of regulations governing the temporary importation and re-entry of Horses; and to also be fully aware of and to distribute any special measures that may apply to the international movement of FEI registered horses that are issued by national governments or by the OIE;
3. maintain communication with regional international horse transporters;
4. distribute information and educational materials to FEI Veterinarians, including FEI Veterinary Courses, the FEI Update and any special communications received from their National governments, the OIE or other official body;
5. promote the improvement of veterinary-related standards at FEI events;

6. work with the NF to ensure that the list of FEI Veterinarians is up to date and sufficient veterinarians are available to cover all FEI Events adequately;
7. provide mentors and suitable contacts to facilitate the promotion of veterinarians to FEI Veterinarians;
8. provide suggestions as required, for consultations undertaken by the FEI Veterinary Department, such as proposals for regulatory changes, the EPSL and other veterinary matters;
9. contribute as required, to national equine anti-doping and controlled medication control programs, including but not limited to increasing harmonisation between the FEI EADCMP and the country's national program.

The FEI would like to thank National Federations for sending an email of confirmation to the **FEI Veterinary Department**, which will include the National Head Veterinarian's name and details by **20 March**.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

FEI Entry System for Driving

The FEI IT Department is very pleased to announce the official launch of the FEI Entry System for Driving for **ALL** CAI Events around the world from the 11 February 2015.

This is now fully operational and the first event to use the FEI Entry System will be the CAI in Ocala, Live Oak Plantation FL (USA) starting on the 18 March 2015.

All entries for Driving events worldwide must be made and managed through the new FEI Entry System for Driving. (Art.116 GRs). The entire process of Driving entries will be handled through the FEI Entry System with no additional entry form required by the Organising Committee. All the necessary information about the Athlete, Horse and qualifications will be displayed on the FEI Entry System. The launch of the FEI Entry System for Driving will come as a complete package and includes an online results platform.

Events will be opened for entries through the system once the schedule has been approved by the FEI.

To help you get to know the system and how it works, please consult the web page dedicated to the **FEI Entry System for Driving**.

FEI Forms for Driving will be available from the 15 March 2015 and guidelines on how to use this platform will be available on the FEI website.

If you have any questions regarding the FEI Entry System for Driving or would like to follow an online training session on how to use the FEI Entry System then please do not hesitate to contact: **entries@fei.org**.