



# UPDATE

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## FEI SPORTS FORUM 2016

### Registration opens today!

Registration for the FEI Sports Forum, taking place on 4-5 April 2016 at the International Management Development Institute (IMD) in Lausanne, opens today for National Federations, all FEI stakeholders, individuals and media representatives. You will find the invitation to the FEI Sports Forum on **FEI.org**.

Do not miss this unique opportunity to contribute to discussions that will help shape the future of our sport. Please remember to **register online before 14 March 2016**. After this date, all registrations will be subject to availability.

Supporting documents relating to the various sessions will be available as of 7 March 2016 on **FEI.org**.

## SPORTS

### DRIVING

The 2017 FEI Driving qualification criteria have been published on FEI.org:

- **2017 CH-EU-A4 Goteborg (SWE)**
- **2017 CH-M-A2 Lipica (SLO)**
- **2017 CH-M-A Ponies Minden (GER)**

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that the latest Dressage tests will be used at the FEI World Driving Championships for combined ponies. Names of the tests can be found on the ad hoc qualification criteria document.

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## ALLOCATION OF FEI NAMED-EVENTS

At the General Assembly 2015, a new article 106 of the FEI General Regulations (“GRs”), “Allocation of FEI Named-Events” was approved. This article came into force on 1 January 2016.

The approved new article 106 GRs reads as follows:

1. *Allocations shall be decided by the Bureau on the advice of the FEI and the relevant Technical Committee in accordance with this Article.*
2. *The FEI will publish the bidding process timeline (including deadline for submitting applications, allocation timeline by the Bureau, etc.) for the relevant FEI Named-Events in due time.*
3. *When applying, the OC through its NF must submit to the FEI the “FEI Official Application Form” and must agree to comply with the FEI Rules and Regulations. Both the OC and the NF must sign the Host Agreement before the Bureau confirms the final allocation of the FEI Named Event. Once proposed by the NF in the “FEI Official Application Form”, the date of the Event cannot be changed without FEI approval.*
4. *No NFs shall be allocated more than one (1) FEI World or FEI Continental Championship for Seniors in the Olympic Disciplines in any one year, unless decided otherwise by the Bureau in the interests of equestrian sport.*
5. *No NFs shall be allocated two (2) consecutive FEI World or FEI Continental Championships in the same Discipline for the same Category of Athletes, unless there are no other suitable applications.*
6. *Applications for FEI Regional Championships must include a list of NFs eligible, and any other NFs invited to take part, together with the proposed programme and the standard of the Competitions.*
7. *If no or no suitable application to organise a FEI-Named Event has been received within the deadline, the bid may be re-opened by the FEI and an appropriate allocation may be made by the Bureau.*
8. *The Bureau shall be entitled to open the application of FEI Named-Events for multi-years.*

Further to this new Article 106 GRs, the FEI Bureau has approved during its meeting in January 2016 the so-called “General Policy of allocation of FEI Named-Events”. This General Policy is now published on FEI.org, within the **bidding section**.

Further modifications/updates to this General Policy will be duly published on the FEI Website.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Mark Wenten (BEL) was unanimously elected as Chair of the European Horse Network (EHN) in replacement of founding Chair Stefan Johansson (SWE) who became EHN Honorary President. The FEI congratulates them on their nomination.

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