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FEI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

Expressions of Interest

As announced following the FEI Board meeting in Manama (Bahrain) on 17 November 2018, the FEI has opened a bid process for individual FEI World Championships in all disciplines for 2022 based on the following criteria:

- Preference will be given to multi-discipline bids;
- FEI World Championships for Dressage and Para Dressage should be combined;
- Bids to host all seven disciplines in 2022 as FEI World Equestrian Games™ will also be considered.

Interested candidates should send a non-binding **expression of interest, accessible [here](#)**, to host one or multiple FEI World Championship(s) 2022 by **28 February 2019** to **bitting@fei.org**.

National Federations/Organising Committees that submit an expression of interest will be invited to a **workshop** to be held in Lausanne on **Tuesday, 26 March 2019**. The structure, opportunities and minimum requirements of the FEI World Championships 2022 will be presented at the workshop, in an open and interactive format. An informal cocktail and dinner will be held at FEI Headquarters the evening before to welcome workshop participants.

Following the workshop, interested bidders will be invited to submit a formal bid, outlining their plans and visions for hosting FEI World Championships in 2022.

All bids will be fully evaluated over the Spring/Summer of 2019 with **allocation** at the in-person Board meeting at the FEI General Assembly in **November 2019**.

Please contact Najla.akef@fei.org for any questions.

ENDURANCE

New Rules from 1 February 2019

Following the FEI Update of 21 December 2018 communicating the FEI Board's unanimous approval of the modification to Article 815.3 of the Endurance Rules and given that no National Federation eligible to vote has expressed any disapproval within the 30 days' statutory deadline, the new rule modification comes into effect as from **1 February 2019**.

As background information, please be advised that, at present, the FEI Endurance Rules define a Catastrophic Injury as one requiring euthanasia. A sanction (80 Penalty Points) applies on the basis of the owner agreeing to the horse being euthanised and can be avoided if euthanasia is refused with obvious serious welfare consequences for the horse. The Endurance Temporary Committee has discussed this serious issue during their meeting of 12 December 2018 and proposed that, in addition to Catastrophic Injury, the same sanction would also apply when there is "Severe Injury" (as defined in Article 815.3.7 of the Endurance Rules) of the horse.

The Endurance rules are now updated accordingly and can be found [here](#).

For any clarification please contact manuel.mello@fei.org.

VETERINARY

Miami Animal Import Centre temporarily closed due to salmonellosis

The US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has temporarily closed the Miami Animal Import Center to new arrivals after six horses quarantined or recently released from the facility became sick. These horse had clinical signs including diarrhea, fever and founder. We have been informed by APHIS that, despite treatment, three horses have died or been euthanized due to very severe clinical signs. Salmonella has been found in the first horse that got sick and analyses are ongoing on samples from the other horses. There are still horses quarantined in the facility and APHIS is stepping up biosecurity and taking additional precautions to prevent further spread of the infection. Shipping agents are working closely with APHIS to ensure a safe release of these horses. The Miami Animal Import Center will be closed until 31 March 2019. The latest information from APHIS is available [here](#).

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