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Committee report	
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	REPORT OF THE FEI REINING COMMITTEE
1	<p>The highlight of 2017 was the Senior European Championships and the Junior and Young Rider World Championships in August. The event was hosted by CS Ranch in Givrins, Switzerland. We had 46 senior athletes representing 10 countries. The event was not only successful from a competition point of view but also from a spectator point of view. The arena seating and standing room was completely occupied for each competition.</p> <p>The medals in the Individual Senior Competition were Gold Bernard Fonck representing Belgium riding Smart N Sparkin, Silver Dominik Reminder representing Italy riding Dunit with A Splash, Bronze Julia Schumacher representing Germany, riding Couers Little Tyke. The Senior team competition medals Gold Belgium, Silver Germany and Bronze Italy.</p>
2	<p>CS Ranch also hosted the Young and Junior Riders World Championships at the same time. 34 junior athletes from 12 countries and 35 young riders from 7 countries competed. The Individual medals for the Young Riders Competition went to Gold Gina Maria Schumacher representing Germany riding Gotta Nifty Gun, Silver Nicio Sicuro representing Italy riding Iam Sailors Brother, Bronze Dino Lulli representing Italy riding Sun Dreaming Star. The medals for the Young Rider Team Championship were Gold Belgium, Silver Germany and Bronze Belgium.</p> <p>The Junior Championship medals for the Individual was Gold Axel Pesek representing France riding Uncle Sparky, Silver Matteo Manueal Bonzano Italy riding High Point Reiner and Bronze Gabriele Landa Italy riding Spirit Spanich. The medals for the Team Championship was Gold Italy, Silver United States and Bronze France.</p> <p>We very much appreciated the efforts of CS Ranch and its show management. The FEI was prominently promoted at the facility as well as in the media. The facility would be ranked very highly with any facility throughout the World.</p>
3	<p>The committee spent time to update our rules to ensure that the rules of the major stakeholders in the industry are now aligned as well as addressing concerns raised by the National Federations. This makes it easier for our judges, stewards, participants and fans to attend and work at any Reining Competition anywhere in the world.</p>
4	<p>We held several meetings with the NRHA and AQHA on reviewing the status of the existing MOU with a view to a new MOU. In reviewing the existing MOU we noted that there have been areas of non-compliance. The areas of direct concern was the existence of numerous 7-yr and older classes that were held but not in conjunction with the FEI. The Horse Welfare and Anti-Doping Testing programs</p>



	do not completely align with the FEI policies within these areas. In our discussions to date it would seem that it may be difficult to enter into a new MOU. If so, the FEI will have to determine which direction they would like to take in regard to the Reining Discipline.
5	The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Bettina and Anna for their hard work and leadership they provide to our committee.