

Session 3: FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control Regulations

Monday, 29 April, 15:30 – 17:00

Speakers' biographies

Mikael Rentsch (FEI HQ) – Legal Director Moderator

Mikael Rentsch joined the FEI in 2006 and currently holds the position of FEI Legal Director overseeing a team which focusses on all legal matters relating to the FEI Rules and Regulations; litigations and compliance with the WADA code; prevention and education on legal issues related to the sport; safeguarding athlete welfare and the level playing field; bidding processes and negotiations, review and drafting of contracts; intellectual property; sport nationality; liaison with the Equestrian Community Integrity Unit (ECIU) on investigations and reports; and informing the public on legal issues related to the sport. Mikael is a member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (ICAS), which safeguards the independence of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and is responsible for its administration and financing.

Mikael holds a Law Degree from the University of Lausanne and a Master's Degree (LL.M) from Duke University.

Göran Åkerström D.V.M. (FEI HQ) – Veterinary Director

Göran Åkerström has been the FEI's Veterinary Director since 2015. Before joining the FEI, he worked for Sweden's Animal Welfare Board, the Board of Agriculture and the Swedish Trotting Association. A graduate of the Swedish University of Agriculture (SLU), Åkerström was also Director of its Farrier School and a member of the management board for SLU's Institution of Animal Environment and Health, and an equine veterinary practitioner from 2002 to 2011.

Caterina Termine BSc(Hons) BVSc CertAVP MRCVS (FEI HQ) - Senior Veterinary Advisor

Caterina joined the FEI in 2014 and is involved with a wide range of veterinary technical matters. Before the FEI, she worked in equine practice and in equine biosecurity and infectious diseases research at the Animal Health Trust in the United Kingdom. She was also veterinary advisor for the Riding for the Disabled Association (UK), an FEI Veterinary Delegate for Jumping and Eventing and a Testing Veterinarian for the British Equestrian Federation.

Lynn Hillyer - Chief Veterinary Officer/Head of Anti-Doping, Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB)

Lynn Hillyer took on the new role of Chief Veterinary Officer/Head of Anti-Doping for the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB) in September 2016 and is responsible for developing and managing the Board's activity in these areas. She was in large animal practice before specialising in equine medicine, then obtaining her PhD and joining the British Horseracing Authority where she held the position of Veterinary Adviser from 2005.

Lynn Hillyer is an internationally recognised equine regulatory veterinarian and was elected Chairman of the International Group of Specialist Regulatory Veterinarians in 2018. She is a member of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA)'s Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances and Practices, International Movement of Horses Committee, and Horse Welfare Committee. She is a long-standing member of the European Horserace Scientific Liaison Committee, chairing its Chief Veterinary Officer Working Party for two terms during which strong working associations with the FEI were developed, with particular focus on sharing data to underpin Detection Time advice to stakeholders.