

### **Session 6: Equity in equestrian: assessing gender equality across key roles and levels**

**Tuesday, 30 April, 15:00 – 17:00**

#### **Speakers' biographies**

##### **Jessica Kürten (IRL)**

**Chair of the FEI Athletes Committee, FEI Executive Board Member  
Moderator**

Jessica Kürten is a distinguished Irish Jumping athlete and Olympian. She was a member of the Irish team – with her horse Bonita – that won the gold medal at the FEI Jumping European Championships 2001 and the Aga Khan Trophy at the Dublin Horse Show in 2004. In 2007, she won the International Jumping Riders Club Top 10 Final with Castle Forbes Libertina – one of only two female riders to do to date – and in 2008 and with the same horse she was victorious at the Final of the Global Champions Tour. After retiring from the sport at aged 45 she has become a sought-after trainer and commentator. Jessica was appointed Chair of the FEI Athletes' Committee in 2022 for a four-year term and is a member of the FEI Board.

##### **Jack Huang (TPE) – FEI Executive Board Member**

Jack Huang, elected FEI Vice-President in 2019 and re-elected at the FEI General Assembly in Cape Town (RSA) in 2022, also serves as an FEI Board Member. Additionally, he holds the position of Chair of FEI Regional Group VIII and previously served on the FEI Audit & Compliance Committee from 2011 to 2016. He is also Executive Director of External Relations, and a Board Member of the Chinese Taipei Equestrian Association. From 2007 to 2011, he was a Bureau Member of the Asian Equestrian Federation (AEF) and Chairman of the Rules & Regulations Committee. With extensive entrepreneurial experience, Jack has a proven track record in the semiconductor industry and has applied this expertise to co-found a company specialising in transforming waste to green energy and carbon capturing.

##### **Mandana Mehran Pour**

**Head of Participation and Development at the British Equestrian Federation**

A former professional basketball athlete from Iran, Mandana Mehran Pour is the Head of Participation and Development at the British Equestrian Federation. She provides strategic leadership, focusing on growth and inclusivity, and actively champions Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) initiatives within the federation. She spearheaded the creation of a comprehensive diversity report, #HorsesforAll, which paved the way for the development of the federation-wide ED&I strategy. She is also a Board Trustee for Access Sport, and her professional experience includes key positions at the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and London Sport.

**H.R.H Nanda-Dévi Norodom****Secretary General of the Cambodian Equestrian Federation**

As the Secretary General of the Cambodian Equestrian Federation, H.R.H Princess Nanda-Dévi Norodom has been instrumental in developing programmes that highlight the tangible, positive impacts of equestrian sports on disadvantaged youth. After transitioning from her role as a consultant for global companies investing in Cambodia to joining the CEF, she has focused her efforts on creating and organising programmes for social inclusion and equality aimed at uplifting young people facing disadvantages. H.R.H Nanda-Dévi Norodom's personal journey adds depth to her commitment, having sought refuge in France during the civil war in Cambodia during the 1970s, only to return in 2015 to settle permanently. Her daughter, Princess Amrita, is a member of the Cambodian national jumping team.