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Eva Salomon Joins USEF as Managing Director and Chef d'Equipe for Dressage

Ms. Eva Salomon has joined USEF as the Managing Director and Chef d'Equipe for Dressage for the United States, located in the Lexington, KY office. Ms. Salomon served as the FEI Director of Dressage from 2003 – 2009, worked with the Swedish Federation from 1984 – 1989, and then served on the Swedish Dressage Committee from 1992 – 2000, including Chef d'Equipe assignments, and chairing the committee from 1995 – 2000. Her equestrian knowledge spans more than 40 years in the industry and includes time spent as a rider, owner of a Dressage Training Centre, breeder and as the owner of a horse that represented Sweden at two Olympic Games. “I am delighted to join the USEF and am very much looking forward to the opportunity to join a very successful National Federation,” said Salomon. “I am confident that with my international equestrian background as well as my dedication and passion for the sport I will be able to assist US Dressage in improving an already successful National and International program. I am very much looking forward to supporting the US riders in their preparation for the forthcoming WEG and Olympic Games in 2012.”



2011 CDI Application Process Now Open

The application process for CDI 1* & 3* events (non-World Cup qualifying) for the 2011 calendar year is now open. The deadline is **MAY 10, 2010**. Application packets have been e-mailed by Jen Brown, USEF International Competition Consultant, to all current organizers. Applications are also available on the FEI & CDI Information page in the National Dressage section of www.usef.org. Please be reminded – if your CDI application is not received by May 10, 2010, it will not be reviewed within the regular approval process and therefore may be submitted late to the FEI, incurring late application fees of an additional \$500.

Qualifying for 2011 Pan Am Games – CDI's Only!

The 2011 Pan American Games will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico in October of 2011. Dressage competition is tentatively scheduled for October 16 – 20, 2011.

Please note important changes are underway in regards to qualification for future USEF High Performance Championships. **For the 2011 qualifying year (which begins July 16, 2010), only CDI competitions will be able to be used as qualifying competitions for the 2011 USEF National Intermediaire I Dressage Championship/Pan American Games Selection Trial.** This CDI-only system is already in use for the Grand Prix division, and for 2011, will be extended to include the Intermediaire I division. **Therefore, any competition wishing to become a USEF High Performance Qualifier in 2011 must apply for CDI status.** CDI 1* competitions will be eligible as qualifiers for the Intermediaire I Championships; CDI 3* competitions and above will count towards both the 2011 USEF National Grand Prix and Intermediaire I Dressage Championships. Once a CDI application is approved for 2011, the competition will automatically become a qualifier for the applicable division(s) – a separate application process for High Performance qualifying status, as utilized in the past, will therefore no longer be needed.

For questions regarding High Performance qualifying, please contact Jenny Van Wieren, USEF Assistant Director of Dressage, jvanwieren@usef.org. To request more information regarding applying for CDI status, please contact Jennifer Keeler, USEF National Director of Dressage, jkeeler@usef.org.



News Notes from the FEI



REFRESHED AND RENEWED – THE NEW www.fei.org REVEALED

The FEI is pleased to announce the launch of the refreshed and renewed www.fei.org, designed to provide greater flexibility in terms of content, display and usability.

A new hub for all information relating to FEI disciplines, series and events in terms of results and rankings, dates and locations, as well as qualification requirements. You will also find all the information you need with regards to FEI Standards, Profile and Governance as well as contact details for all FEI Members. **The Rules and Regulations governing the sport are all easily accessible in one location as is all the documentation for Officials & Organizers – now with their very own dedicated section (NOTE: look for the 2010 draft schedule template here).** If it's the history of the organization, the latest breaking news and videos from FEI TV, or new tools for the media – then www.fei.org is the place to go. Also, the FEI Search Centre is continually being upgraded with new functionalities.

FEI ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE RESOLVES ROLLKUR CONTROVERSY

Following constructive debate at the FEI round-table conference at the IOC Headquarters in Lausanne today (9 February), the consensus of the group was that any head and neck position achieved through aggressive force is not acceptable. The group redefined hyperflexion/Rollkur as



flexion of the horse's neck achieved through aggressive force, which is therefore unacceptable. The technique known as Low, Deep and Round (LDR), which achieves flexion without undue force, is acceptable. The group unanimously agreed that any form of aggressive riding must be sanctioned. The FEI will establish a working group, headed by Dressage Committee Chair Frank Kemperman, to expand the current guidelines for stewards to facilitate the implementation of this policy. The group agreed that no changes are required to the current FEI Rules.

The FEI Management is currently studying a range of additional measures, including the use of closed circuit television for warm-up arenas at selected shows. The group also emphasized that the main responsibility for the welfare of the horse rests with the rider. The FEI President HRH Princess Haya accepted a petition of 41,000 signatures against Rollkur presented by Dr. Gerd Heuschman.

FEI ANNOUNCES COMPOSITION OF NEW WORKING GROUP

The composition of the FEI working group tasked with expanding current guidelines for Stewards to facilitate clear implementation of the policy on warm-up techniques following on from last week's round-table conference on hyperflexion/Rollkur has been finalized. As announced after last week's conference in Lausanne, the working group will be chaired by Dressage Committee Chair Frank Kemperman. Group members are Richard Davison (GBR), Rider/Trainer; John P. Roche (IRL), FEI Director Jumping/Stewarding; Jacques Van Daele (BEL), FEI Honorary Dressage Steward General/Judge; Wolfram Wittig (GER), Trainer; and Trond Asmyr (NOR), FEI Dressage Director/Judge. The working group will also draw on the expertise of a number of other specialists, including but not limited to the participants of the round-table conference. The working group aims to have the guidelines completed by the end of March 2010.

The guidelines produced by the group will be communicated directly to Stewards and also to riders and trainers. The working group is expected to put forward further proposals for the education of Stewards to ensure that FEI rules are strictly adhered to and that the welfare of the horse is maintained at all times. Guidelines for Stewards will incorporate the use of a range of sanctions, including verbal warnings and yellow cards for riders who transgress. Stewards will also be readvised to watch out for signs of distress in the horse, which may include but are not limited to obvious fatigue, profound or inappropriate sweating, persistent rough use of aids (i.e. bits, spurs or whip) and over-repetition of exercises.

The FEI Management is also currently studying a range of additional measures, including the use of closed circuit television for warm-up arenas at selected shows so that potential abuse accusations can be more readily identified and recorded. The FEI will ensure that all findings produced by the working group are communicated on an ongoing basis.

EUROPEAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION FORMED

International horse sport has a new European association, the European Equestrian Federation (EEF). The new body was established February 18th by 27 European National Federations present at a meeting in Warendorf (Germany). This process commenced at a meeting of European National Federations in Deauville (France) in March 2009 and was agreed in principle in Antwerp (Belgium) in September 2009. The Federation was officially formed following the signing of the Statutes by National Federations. It is anticipated that other European Federations and other representative groups, who could not be present at the meeting, will also adopt the new Statutes.

The European Equestrian Federation (EEF) will represent the interests of European horse sport within the FEI. It will also liaise with the European Union and other decision making bodies on matters of concern to the horse community. The newly elected President Dr. Hanfried Haring of Germany said, "The EEF will help to ensure that European countries have a clear voice within the FEI. Our goal is to contribute positively to the FEI by improving communication, cooperation and understanding. EEF will try to ensure that the needs of all Federations and stakeholders in the European equestrian community are properly taken into account." Other elected members of the interim Board are Christian Paillot (France) and Ulf Helgstrand (Denmark) as Vice Presidents as well as Manuel Bandeira de Mello (Portugal), Andrew Finding (Great Britain), Michal Wroblewski (Poland) and Armagan Özgörkey (Turkey).

"The FEI welcomes this development," said FEI President HRH Princess Haya. "Like the regional associations already established in Asia and the Americas, this reflects the natural evolution of representation of the sport's interests at the regional level. We expect it to help address the numerous specific needs of European National Federations."

OFFICIAL FEI DRESSAGE TESTS? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) is happy to announce the launch of its first ever official mobile application. "FEI EquiTests", developed in close cooperation with Canada-based e-learning and visual communication design specialists Numen Communciations Inc., is a mobile application designed to help riders learn, reference and practice FEI Dressage tests. "FEI EquiTests", is available worldwide through the Apple iTunes store under FEI license.



For each test, the application allows iPhone and iPod users to read the test instructions along with the marking criteria; view Dressage animation diagrams that outline the movements of the test; record and play readings of the test that are perfectly timed to match the user's individual horses and the arena in which they are practicing; reference the official Dressage test score sheet to see where the judges' emphasis is; get better understanding of the FEI Rules as PDFs of the rulebooks on topics such as movement definitions, competition rules, dress code, judging and veterinary inspection are available; keep up-to-date with the latest news through the FEI news feed.

FEI EquiTests 1 is available for free, so that riders and coaches may evaluate the features available. This application includes all features related to one sample test: the globally used FEI Young Riders Individual Competition Test. FEI EquiTests 2 includes all the most recent 2009 FEI Eventing Dressage Tests and is available for only \$9.99. Additional versions of FEI EquiTests featuring FEI Dressage and FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage tests will be launched later this year.

For more details visit the official websites at www.equiapps.com and the Apple iTunes store.



New FEI Clean Sport Initiative Goes Into Effect April 5th

Athletes please note! As you may already be aware, the FEI has started a Clean Sport Initiative which includes changes in the FEI Veterinary Regulations. **These changes will go into effect April 5, 2010.** One of the changes includes the requirement for establishment and maintenance of a Medication Log Book for all horses competing internationally (e.g. any horse competing in a CDI). It is imperative that riders and owners are aware of the changes and take a moment to look at the new FEI website for Clean Sports: <http://www.feicleansport.org/index.html>. Veterinarians should also review this website, including the new list of prohibited substances. Please review all information under the “Download Centre” section on this page, including the Athlete’s Guide, Veterinary Regulations, Prohibited Substance and Detection Times Lists, and new Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations.

The purpose of this Medication Log Book is to serve as a record of each and every medication from given to the horse from the FEI Prohibited Substance List. The Log Book will enable the FEI to have a check of what is administered to the horse if ever required. This information may also be required by the FEI in the case of an alleged violation of FEI Rules. This information is compulsory for horses which have been administered medication both in and out of competition. It is particularly important to keep clear records of any treatment which includes an active substance that is currently on the FEI Prohibited Substances List.

It is recommended that this record remain with a horse’s FEI Passport/Recognition card, or the National Passport. **Please note: it is not required for the Medication Log Book to be presented with the FEI Passport at a CDI or at the Veterinary Inspection.** This information is kept by the rider/owner and only presented to the FEI upon request.

For questions, please contact Jenny Van Wieren, jvanwieren@usef.org or Eva Salomon, esalomon@usef.org.

New Education System for Dressage Judges

FEI Dressage Judges please note! The FEI General Assembly in Copenhagen approved a new Education System for Dressage Judges which will come into effect on July 1, 2010. These changes will impact the licensing of new judges and, more notably, the requirements for maintenance of an FEI license for current officials.

A detailed description of the new system is now posted on the FEI website for download via this link: <http://www.fei.org/disciplines/officials-organisers/officials/dressage/education-system>. For questions, please contact Mary Smith, USEF Director of Licensed Officials, msmith@usef.org.



2010 Alltech® FEI World Equestrian Games News

TICKETS FOR DRESSAGE, EVENTING & JUMPING TEST EVENTS NOW ON SALE

The 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games will host its final series of Kentucky Cup Test Events, held in conjunction with the annual Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. Dressage, Eventing, and Jumping competitions will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park April 20-25. Tickets to all events are now on sale. To purchase tickets to Kentucky Cup Dressage, the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, and Kentucky Cup Jumping, visit <https://www.ticketreturn.com/prod2/team.asp?SponsorID=2513>. "This final series of test events will be an important test of the planning for many of the competition aspects of the Games," said Kate Jackson, Vice President of Competition for the World Games 2010 Foundation. "By hosting sessions of different disciplines on several days, we will really be able to test many of our procedures for the actual Games."

Kentucky Cup Dressage will begin the week of official test events. The schedule includes:

Tuesday, April 20, 9:00am CDI 3* Dressage Grand Prix

Wednesday, April 21 10:00am CDI 3* Grand Prix Special

Thursday, April 22 at 7:00pm CDI 3* Grand Prix Freestyle

The Freestyle competition on April 22 is a ticketed event priced at \$15. All Kentucky Cup Dressage events will be held in the Outdoor Stadium.

The Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event includes:

Thursday, April 22 9:00am Dressage

Friday, April 23 9:00am Dressage

Saturday, April 24 9:00am Cross Country

Sunday, April 25 Noon Jumping

For more information about the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, go to www.rk3de.org.

Kentucky Cup Jumping will complete the official test events for the 2010 Games. The schedule includes:

Friday, April 23 7:00pm. Warm –Up class

Saturday April 24 7:00pm Jumping Grand Prix

Sunday April 25 6:00pm Speed Class

Saturday's Jumping Grand Prix is a ticketed event priced at \$20. Tickets to the Speed Class on Sunday will be \$15. All Kentucky Cup Jumping sessions will be held in the Outdoor Stadium.

FEI Chief Steward Report Reminder

Please note the FEI now requires that **Chief Stewards must send copies of their event report to the National Federation, the Organizer, and to the President of the Ground Jury** in addition to the FEI Headquarters. Therefore, USEF must receive a copy of the Chief Steward Report for each CDI. Reports may be e-mailed to Becky Francis bfrancis@usef.org, Jen Brown jbrown@usef.org, and/or Jennifer Keeler jkeeler@usef.org.

Warning – FEI Horse & Rider Registration

By Lisa Owens, Assistant Executive Director of Member Services

The FEI has implemented a new procedure for FEI Registration that states any horse or rider that is not registered before they compete will be disqualified. FEI Article 113 will be strictly applied and all Athletes/Horses must be registered prior to taking part in an FEI event. FEI organizers should be checking the FEI registration for horses and riders and should not allow anyone to compete without them. **If such registration is not completed, the Athlete/Horse will be disqualified in accordance with the applicable article.**

A rider/owner renewing an FEI registration may complete it online at USEF www.usef.org by signing into your USEF Login. NOTE: **The FEI considers the Riders/Divers/Vaulters as the Person Responsible for ensuring that their registration and the registration of their horse are complete prior to competing.** The processing of FEI registration can take up to four (4) weeks – if a number is needed right away, there is a RUSH service that can be requested for an additional \$30.00.

For questions or concerns regarding FEI Registration please contact Ashley Sabo at 859-225-6989 or via e-mail at asabo@usef.org.

Upcoming Calendar

March 18 – 21, 2010 CDI 3*/Y/J/P Wellington, FL (WEF Dressage Classic)

Contact: Lloyd Landkamer l.landkamer@aol.com

March 31 – April 3, 2010 CDI 3*/Y/J Burbank, CA (Festival of the Horse)

Contact: Glenda McElroy glenda@glenroys.com

April 8 – 11, 2010 CDI 3*/Y/J Rancho Murieta, CA (Golden State Dressage Festival)

Contact: Connie Davenport davenport@saber.net

April 20 – 22, 2010 CDI 3* Lexington, KY (Kentucky Cup - WEG Test Event)

Contact: Lloyd Landkamer l.landkamer@aol.com

April 30 – May 2, 2010 CDI 3*/Y/J Del Mar, CA (Del Mar National)

Contact: Regina Antonioli eqconcepts@earthlink.net

May 21 – 23, 2010 CDI 3*/Y/J Wayne, IL (Dressage at Lamplight)

Contact: Lloyd Landkamer l.landkamer@aol.com

May 28 – 30, 2010 CDI 1*/Y/J Lexington, KY (KDA 22nd Annual Spring)

Contact: Sheila Woerth swoerth@insightbb.com

May 28 – 30, 2010 CDI 3*/Y/J Allentown, NJ *****NEW – PENDING FINAL APPROVAL*****

Contact: Debra Reinhardt debra@centerlineevents.com

June 18 – 20, 2010 CDI 1*/Y/J Rancho Murieta, CA (Golden State Dressage Classic)

Contact: Connie Davenport davenport@saber.net

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