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## MEMORANDUM

### Elite Rider European Grants

TO: High Performance Dressage Riders  
FROM: Gil Merrick, Managing Director, Dressage Sport Programs  
DATE: November 21, 2008  
RE: Elite Rider European Grants

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As part of the budget process for High Performance Dressage in 2009, members of the USEF High Performance Dressage Committee have voted to allocate funds to award six (6) Elite Rider European Grants. This grant allocation was approved by the USEF Executive Committee at its November 17 meeting and pending the final approval of the 2009 budget by the USEF Board of Directors in January 2009, the intended amount of each grant will be \$30,000. Grant recipients will travel to Europe in May/June for training and competition in preparation for CHIO Aachen which will be held June 29-July 5.

After January 1, 2009 the final selection criteria for naming the four (4) horse/rider combinations that will compete as a team at CHIO Aachen will be available on the USEF website. Please refer to the application and eligibility criteria as outlined in the "2009 Elite Rider European Grant" document posted on the USEF website (*Breeds and Disciplines/Disciplines/Dressage/High Performance Dressage*) for details.

After December 1, 2008 an Application of Intent will be available on the USEF website, the deadline for the application of intent is January 31, 2009.

Sending a strong team to compete at CHIO Aachen is the focus of our preparation strategy in 2009 for the 2010 Alltech/FEI World Equestrian Games and members of the High Performance Dressage Committee are pleased that funding will be available for this important part of the Strategic High Performance Plan for dressage in the next quadrennium.

We encourage you to call or email if you have any questions.

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