



EUROPEAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION NEWS

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Welcome to the EEF News

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share with you today the very first edition of the EUROPEAN EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION NEWS. From now on we will regularly give you the most relevant information related to our work in sport and breeding through this news channel. In the first edition you will read about the work of the FEI, the European Horse Network, the EU-Commission and of course about our own federation.

I would also like to use this opportunity to wish you all a very exciting 2017!

Yours

Dr. Hanfried Haring
President

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Next Events

- **31 January 2017:** Erasmus+ Sport Info Day in Brussels (BEL)
- **02 February 2017:** EEF EU Committee in-person meeting in Zaventem (BEL).
The agenda is published [here](#).
- **02 February 2017:** EEF meeting with the FEI Jumping Youth Development Working Group in Zaventem (BEL). The agenda is published [here](#).
- **03 February 2017:** EEF in-person Board meeting in Zaventem (BEL).
The agenda is published [here](#).
- **24-26 Feb. 2017:** Para-Equestrian Trainers Seminar in Waregem (BEL)
- **14 March 2017:** EEF Secretary Generals Meeting in Bern (SUI).
- **23 March 2017:** EEF in-person Board meeting in Essen (GER)
- **07-09 April 2017:** General Assembly of the Euro-Pony Club in Prague (CZE)
- **10-11 April 2017:** FEI Sports Forum in Lausanne (SUI)
- **21-22 April 2017:** National Para-Equestrian Classification Course in Waregem (BEL)
- **13-14 May 2017:** FEI Para-Equestrian Forum in Gloucestershire (GBR)

FEI timelines for candidates for upcoming elections

The new timeline established by the FEI aims to guarantee more transparency and democracy by allowing more extensive and detailed preparation for candidates. It provides time for candidates for election by the General Assembly to review the election rules, to review and sign a code of conduct and then to run a campaign in support of their candidatures (including the possibility to present their program). In addition, the list of open positions, the job descriptions and the CV of the candidates will be published on the FEI Website and will be available to the public.

Revised timeline:

End of January	List of open positions published
1 May (23:59 CET)	Deadline for NFs to send their nominations
During May and June	Technical Committees to review the candidacies received
End-June or early-July	Nominations Committee meeting to review and vet the candidacies
After the Nominations Committee	Candidates for contested election to sign a Code of Conduct
After the Nominations Committee till end of August	Time for candidates to run a campaign
During September	Online election (if necessary)
November	Elections by General Assembly



2017 EEF Secretary Generals Meetings

The timetable for the 2017 EEF Secretary Generals Meeting has been set, with delegates expected to arrive in Bern (SUI) in the afternoon of 13 March 2017. At 16h00 we will have the pleasure of visiting the city of Bern together with Sandra Wiedmer, including a typically Swiss “Apéro” followed by dinner at the restaurant “Bel Etage” ([website link](#)). On 14 March, the following day, the Secretary Generals meeting will take place from 09h00 to 13h00 in the office building of the Swiss NF, followed by lunch. In the afternoon we will have the opportunity to visit the National Equestrian Centre in Bern (which is in close proximity of the NF offices) and finish the day at around 15h00 with an Apéro.

With regards to the travel arrangements we would recommend flying either to Zurich or Basel-Mulhouse, then taking the train to Bern main station. The train connections are frequent and can be looked up at <http://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html> . Detailed information on public transport from the train station to the hotel and/or restaurant will be provided together with the agenda in mid-February.

Hotel rooms have been provisionally reserved in the following two hotels, with final bookings due on 09 February 2017 the latest. Kindly proceed with your travel arrangements to ensure availability in one of the hotels very close to the meeting location:

Ibis Bern Expo** ([website link](#))

- single room: CHF 151,70 incl. breakfast & city tax
- double room: CHF 173,40 incl. breakfast & city tax

Ibis Budget Bern Expo* ([website link](#))

- single room: CHF 114,70 incl. breakfast & city tax
- double room: CHF 132,40 incl. breakfast & city tax

We would greatly appreciate a short confirmation of your meeting participation by email to carina.mayer@euroequestrian.eu before 09 February 2017.

EEF Questionnaire

The 2017 EEF Questionnaire is attached to this document and aims to serve as a basis for discussion at the Secretary Generals Meeting and a roadmap for the months lying ahead of us. We kindly ask you to return the completed questionnaires to us until 28 February 2017.



Erasmus+ Sport Info Day

The European Commission is organizing an **Erasmus+: Sport Info Day on 31 January 2017, in Brussels** (Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170, B-1000 Brussels).

The main aim of the event is to explain the funding opportunities available as well as to give an update on policy developments. The Info Day is free of charge, but travel expenses will not be covered. Please note that on site attendance will be restricted to a maximum of two representatives per organisation.

A few spaces are still available and if you would like to attend, please register via the website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/events/sport-infoday-31-january-2017_en

There you will also find the agenda as well as a link for the online web streaming for all sessions on the day of the event (EN-FR-DE-ES-IT). Please note that it is not necessary to register to follow the webstreaming.

Announcement of the Masters Riders Cup

We are proud to announce that the brand new American-European equestrian duel competition called “**MASTERS RIDERS CUP**” presented by **EEM and EEF** has been officially announced at the Longines Masters of Paris on 01 December 2016.

Until now there has never been a direct, rules-based competition between Europe and the United States, an event like golf's Ryder Cup in which equestrians compete individually against one another on behalf of their team. EEM and EEF are bringing this contest to life beginning with the inaugural Masters Riders Cup at the Longines Masters of Paris in December 2017. This unique event is set to be a spectacular clash between the best European and American riders, providing a ring for the two most dominant forces in the world of show jumping to battle it out in an innovative, exciting and strategic contest. Inspired by golf's legendary Ryder Cup this new show jumping competition will take place every year, alternating annually between Europe and the United States. Pitting a team of five European riders against a team of five American riders.

For the competition's first season, it will be the ultimate battle as the teams will be composed by **Robert Ridland**, the current coach of the United States national team that claimed silver at the Rio Olympics, and **Philippe Guerdat**, selector of the French national team that took gold. The two team captains will serve as chief strategists. The competition will take place in two stages. Riders will contend in a series of five duels in each stage, and each duel will award points to the winning rider's team. Depending on the results of the first stage, the winning coach can designate which rider will match up with each opponent. Prior to the second stage, the team captains will determine the starting order of their riders, while indicating any possible substitutions of the horses and explaining their strategy choices.

The story will be continued in 2018 when teams will compete for the Masters Riders Cup at the Longines Masters of Los Angeles.



Para-Equestrian Trainers Seminar

The Para-Equestrian Trainers Club was set up to help trainers from all over the world to exchange ideas, experiences and to stimulate the development of Para-Equestrian Dressage in all “equestrian countries” and to develop suggestions for the Para-Equestrian Committee.

A seminar for Para-Equestrian trainers will be held in Waregem (Belgium) from 24 to 26 February 2017, focussing on the new FEI Para-Equestrian Dressage tests 2017. The Course Director will be Mrs Anne Prain (FEI 5* PED judge) as well as Clive Milkins and Anne d’Ieteren representing the trainers.

The seminar is open to trainers that are already involved in Para-Equestrian but also to those that are not yet involved but aiming to learn about Para-Equestrian training. The seminar fee is EUR 150.- and a room including meals will be an additional EUR 140.-.

If you are interested in attending the seminar, please contact the organizer Anne Van Neste d’Ieteren at anne.dieteren@skynet.be .

National Para-Equestrian Classification Course

The organizer of the CPEDI3* Waregem (BEL) will offer a National Para-Equestrian Classification Course on 21 & 22 April 2017. National Federations that do not yet have their own national system for Para-Equestrian medical classification are welcome to join the course and transfer the knowledge back to their home NF. The course director will be Elisabeth Trille Staubo from Norway.

The course fee is EUR 100.- and hotel accommodation including meals will be an additional EUR 140.- . If you are interested in attending the course, please contact the organizer Anne Van Neste d’Ieteren at anne.dieteren@skynet.be .

2017 FEI Para-Equestrian Forum

The FEI Para Equestrian Forum 2017 will be held in the Cotswolds, Gloucestershire (GBR) in collaboration with British Dressage and the British Equestrian Federation on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 May 2017.

The Forum will be a mixture of practical and theory sessions, along with debate and discussion. The venue for the practical sessions will be “The Unicorn Trust” at Stow on the Wold and the lecture and conferencing sessions will be held at “Wyck Hill House Hotel”, also in Stow on the Wold. The distance between the hotel and the equestrian venue is a 5-10 minutes’ drive.

The Invitation and program will be communicated shortly.



PhD opportunity: call for applications

The EEF has been approached with the request to find a suitable doctorate candidate interested in the topic of *“Structure, layout, organization and specification of new national/regional Equestrian centers in Eastern Europe”*. The objective is to conduct a detailed survey and research in direct contact with National Federations, the EEF and FEI. The scientific advisor is based at the RWTH Aachen University in Germany. Interested applicants are kindly asked to send their CV to arno-gego@aachen-school.eu .

EEF General Assembly in Warwickshire (GBR)

The morning session of the GA held on 11 October 2016 focused on the theme topic “The challenge of stimulating young people in sport”, resulting in a constructive debate with contributions from different European regions.

The updated [EEF Strategic Plan](#) has been approved by the General Assembly and further discussions regarding a potential change of EEF continental representation within the FEI will be initiated.

The following candidates have been unanimously re-elected into their positions for the term 2016-2020:

- Hanfried Haring (President)
- Armagan Özgörkey (Vice-President)
- Ulf Helgstrand (Vice-President)
- Eleonora Ottaviani (Board Member & Athlete Representative)
- Bo Helander (Chair of the EU-Committee)

The full minutes (including annexes and presentations) are available [here](#).

General Assembly of the European Horse Network (EHN)

The EEF is a member of the [EHN](#) and attended its General Assembly on 19 October 2016. The main purpose of the membership is to discuss, define and lobby on areas of common interest for the equine sector on the European political agenda. One of the main tasks established for 2017 is the necessity to establish updated figures on the horse industry in Europe, giving us the possibility to better illustrate the size and importance of our sector when discussing matters of concern with the European Parliament and European Commission. The position statements of the EHN can be found [here](#).



EU Consumer Rights

A meeting was organized with officials of the EU Commission on 11 November 2016 in Brussels (BEL) to discuss the negative impact of the [EU Directive 1999/44/EC](#) (Sales & Guarantees) on the equine trading sector when selling a horse from a business to a consumer. This legislation is currently being reviewed and the EEF EU-Committee will follow-up on this matter. NFs are asked to share the legal cases that arose in their countries related to this Directive with the EEF so that the magnitude of the problem can be defined and suitable changes suggested.

The future of the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping

A first meeting of EEF members to discuss the future of Europe in the FEI Nations Cup™ Jumping was organized in Lausanne (SUI) on 20 September 2016. The meeting focused mainly on reaching consensus with regards to a draft proposal for Division 1. A subsequent meeting was held for Division 2 in Brussels-Zaventem (BEL) on 10 November 2016 with the resulting proposal being submitted to the FEI for consideration. The proposals will be put up for discussion at the 2017 FEI Sports Forum, giving all NFs the opportunity to further contribute to the decision making process.

