



FEI MONTH IN REVIEW – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010

FEI NEWS – January/February 2010

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- Jessica and Libertina take Gothenburg by storm (28/02/2010)
Rolex FEI World Cup™ Jumping, Gothenburg (SWE)
- Cool Cornelissen and Placis Parzival top last qualifier at Gothenburg (27/02/2010)
FEI World Cup™ Dressage, Gothenburg (SWE)
- Totilas is untouchable again at Neumunster (22/02/2010)
FEI World Cup™ Dressage, Neumunster (Ger)
- European Equestrian Federation formed (18/02/2010)
- FEI announces composition of new Working Group (18/02/2010)
- Official FEI Dressage tests – there's an app for that (17/02/2010)
- Wise Socrates gives Edwina the edge in Vigo – with a little help from YouTube (13/02/2010), Rolex FEI World Cup™, Vigo (ESP)
- Refreshed and Renewed – the new www.fei.org revealed (12/02/2010)
- FEI Round Table Conference resolves Rollkur controversy (09/02/2010)
- FEI Round Table Conference on Rollkur (09/02/2010)
- In Memoriam: General Giovanni Marcone Terzago (ITA), 1915 – 2009 (08/02/2010)
- FEI sets up a Fund for Haiti (08/02/2010)
- Marcus times it to perfection in Bordeaux (07/02/2010)
Rolex FEI World Cup™, Bordeaux (FRA)
- Saturday Night Fever in Bordeaux (04/02/2010)
Rolex FEI World Cup™, Bordeaux (FRA)
- Steve Reigns Supreme in the Swiss Leg at Zurich (31/01/2010)
Rolex FEI World Cup™, Zurich (SUI)
- Würgler takes it all in Leipzig (24/01/2010)
FEI World Cup™ Driving, Leipzig (Ger)
- It's Ladies Day at Leipzig - and a Three-Timer for Jessica (24/01/2010)
Rolex FEI World Cup™, Leipzig (GER), 21-24 January 2010
- Gal and Totilas on Top in Amsterdam (23/01/2010)
FEI World Cup™ Dressage, Amsterdam (NED), 21-23 January 2010
- FEI Tribunal Dismisses BEF's Demand to Reverse GB Team Relegation (22/01/2010)
- FEI Announces Five-Year Global Education Programme for Eventing Officials (22.01.2010)
- FEI Launches New FEI Clean Sport Website (18.01.2010)
- FEI Launches New Eventing Risk Management Programme (17.01.2010)
- FEI Executive Board Reinstated (13/01/2010)

KEY MEETINGS – January/February 2010

FEI Veterinary Committee Meeting, Lausanne (SUI), 6 – 7 January

Annual meeting to make decisions and discuss all matters of Veterinary Relevance to the FEI. Changes to Veterinary regulations made in preparation for 2010 and strategy for the FEI veterinary component agreed.

FEI Laboratory Group Meeting, Lausanne (SUI), 8 January

Annual meeting to look at trends in FEI samples, look at harmonized standards and agreement on the protocol on how a new laboratory might qualify to join the FEI laboratory family.

Medication Control Programme, Lausanne (SUI), 9-10 January

Regular debrief relating to all Group 1 and 2 medication matters, lessons learnt and looking at future improvement of FEI Medication Control.

FEI Eventing Committee Meeting, Malmo (SWE), 15 January

The FEI Eventing Committee Meeting was held in Malmo (SWE) on 15 January focused primarily on the implementation of the FEI Eventing Risk Management Policies and action plan. The main decision was to make specific efforts to reduce the number of falls of riders and horses on Cross Country ([click here](#) to view press release).

FEI Eventing Risk Management Seminar for National Safety Officers, Malmo (SWE), 16-17 January

Following the FEI Eventing Committee Meeting, the FEI Eventing Risk Management Seminar for National Safety Officers took place on 16-17 January. Twenty-two nations were represented, where delegates demonstrated the greatly heightened awareness of risk management shown over the last two years and also the continually evolving nature of Eventing. The launch of the New Eventing Risk Management Programme was announced on 17 January, while on 22 January the FEI announced details of a five-year Global Education Programme for Eventing Officials – ([click here](#) to view press release).

WADA Media Symposium, Lausanne (SUI), 19 January

A media symposium organised by the World Anti-Doping Agency was held at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne on 19 January. The FEI was represented by Legal Counsel Carolin Fischer and Press Manager Malina Gueorguiev.

Visit to Youth Olympic Games venue in Singapore, 19-22 January

FEI Director of Communications Richard Johnson has just returned from a pre visit to the Youth Olympic Games venue in Singapore. "With over seven months to go till the first ever Youth Olympic Games – it was great to look at the amazing venue and meet some of the team in Singapore. With 38 horses currently being trained in Australia by a dedicated team, the event will certainly be an opportunity for young riders from around the world to meet and compete in an Olympic setting, something dreams are made of. We look forward to sending you regular reports from Australia on the progress of the horses and to profiling the young riders from around the globe prior to their epic adventure to Singapore".

Endurance Seminar and Endurance Training Clinic, Assam (IND), 20-23 January,

Ian Williams, FEI Non-Olympic Sports Director, recently attended an Endurance Seminar and Endurance Training clinic in the lead up to the 'Eastern Himalayan Ride 2010' in Assam, India. Over twenty riders, trainers and Endurance Officials attended the working sessions hosted by the Equestrian Federation of Assam under the aegis of the Equestrian Federation of India. The ride's 55% completion rate was a great encouragement to the organisers both in terms of an assessment of the local horses used and the degree of knowledge learned from the sponsored Seminar and Training Clinic.

Meeting with the European Union, Brussels (BEL), 21 January

A meeting between representatives of the European Union (EU), the FEI, breeding industry, horse-racing and trotting, agricultural and betting regulation authorities as well as major horse industry entities such as French Horse Industry Economic Cluster and British Horse Society took place in Brussels. The FEI was represented by Executive Director of Education and Standards Harald Müller. The meeting is a follow up to the EU Equus 2009 conference, held in October of last year. The main topic discussed at the meeting in Brussels was setting up an informal network of institutions and organisations from the horse sector in Europe. It has been agreed to call this informal network European Horse Network (EHN). Its objectives would be to exchange views on political developments affecting the horse sector in Europe; discuss matters of common interest on the EU political agenda, such as horse welfare, transport, diseases, betting, sustainability and environment; and increase the visibility and impact of the horse sector in Europe.

Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™, Lexington (USA), 21-23 January

FEI Secretary General, Alex McLin and FEI Executive Director Commercial, Carsten Couchouron visited the organising committee of the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ 2010 and USEF for an update on progress regarding preparations of the Games as well as to discuss cooperation in the areas of sponsorship and media. Furthermore, the FEI presented its plans to support the promotion of the Games and ticket sales during the next months leading to the Games. The timing of the Eventing final and its implications on existing TV agreements was also a subject of discussion.

General Assembly of the International Show Jumping Officials Club (ISJC), Amsterdam (NED), 23 January

FEI First Vice President Sven Holmberg attended the General Assembly of the International Show Jumping Officials Club (ISJC) in Amsterdam on 23 January. The Club is an FEI associate member. Further to elections for President and Board members held during the General Assembly, the following Board composition was announced:

PRESIDENT: Stephan Ellenbruch

VICE-PRESIDENT: Rob Jansen

SECRETARY GENERAL: Frances Hesketh-Jones Triulzi

TREASURER: Jean-Pierre Quisquater

BOARD MEMBERS: Jean-Claude Bouard, Nigel King, Susanne Macken, Jane Pelly, Carsten Soerlie

In conjunction with the ISJC General Assembly an FEI refresher course took place during which Sven Holmberg, FEI Director of Jumping John P. Roche and FEI Executive Director of Education and Standards Harald Müller gave presentations. Furthermore, Swedish scientist Lars Roepstorff presented a project evaluating training and competition surfaces and Peter Wylde gave an overview on issues of concern to the riders. A Question & Answer session concluded the course.

ESNZ Coach Conference & Elite Coach Camp, Palmerston (NZL), 24–27 January

Jacqueline Braissant, Director Coaching attended the first Coach Conference and Elite Coach Camp organised by the Equestrian Federation of New Zealand at the Sport and Rugby Institute. The Coach Conference was attended by around 15 coaches from all over New Zealand. Topics such as: "Equine Reproduction and Nutrition; Energy systems, fitness and recovery for sport horses; Sport psychology techniques for coaches; Effective evaluation thinking of athletes, coaches and parents" and finally "Campaigns – disasters and highlights: what does it mean to be a high performing coach?" were covered.

This Coach Conference was followed by a three-day intensive residential Elite Coach Camp for ESNZ registered Elite Performance Coaches. During these 3 days, 12 Elite coaches from Eventing, Dressage, Jumping, Endurance and Para-Equestrian, explored

high performance coaching issues with top class facilitators from both the Equestrian and wider sporting world.

FEI Sponsors Workshop, Geneva (SUI), 26 January

The first ever Sponsors workshop organised by the FEI creating a networking platform for the FEI Family, its sponsors and agencies. Key updates and insightful information was shared. Feedback was extremely positive and all parties look forward to the next edition in 2011.

OIE Expert Group Meeting, Paris (FRA), 27-29 January

Attended by FEI Veterinary Director Graeme Cooke. A review of world trade standards for African Horse Standards. A first ever proposal on how a country can establish country or zone freedom from African Horse Diseases – a very significant issue in the international trade of equidae.

2012 London Olympic Games, London (GBR), 4-5 February

A meeting on the 2012 London Olympic Games Equestrian Sports delivery (attended by Catrin Norinder, FEI Eventing & Olympic Director and LOCOG Equestrian Manager Tim Hadaway) to review the planning of the venue, the Cross County, accommodation facilities for Grooms and Delegations offices, FEI Officials and FEI accommodation. Discussions on sport presentations, ITO appointments, competition schedule, accreditations, equine transport concept of operation, test event, sport entry systems and related issues. An additional meeting with FEI Veterinary Director Graeme Cooke and Jenny Hall (LOCOG Veterinary Services Manager) was included to review veterinary matters including clean sport requirements.

FEI Round Table Conference on Rollkur, Lausanne (SUI), 9 February 2010

The FEI organised a Round Table Conference on warm up methods, with special attention to Hyperflexion, on 9 February in Lausanne. The objective of this conference was to agree on a statement required on how to practise training methods whilst under FEI rules. To see the outcomes of this constructive debate and the relevant press release, [click here](#).

FEI Dressage and Para-Equestrian Dressage Director Trond Asmyr speaks about the outcome of the meeting, to view the video "FEI Update - Dressage", [click here](#).

FEI European Dressage Championship, Rotterdam (NED) – meeting on 10 February 2010

FEI Executive Director, Commercial, Carsten Couchouron, FEI Dressage and Para Dressage Director Trond Asmyr and FEI Press Manager Malina Gueorguiev travelled to Rotterdam to meet with the Organising Committee of the 2011 FEI European Dressage Championship. The main topic of discussion during this very productive and positive meeting was the working agreement between the FEI and the Organising Committee.

European National Federations Meeting, Warendorf (GER), 16-18 February

FEI Secretary General, Alex McLin attended the European National Federations meeting in Warendorf (GER), on the occasion of the formation of the European Equestrian Federation (EEF). See [related news on the FEI website](#).

Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™, Lexington, KY (USA), 17-18 February 2010

Sabrina Zeender liaison between the FEI and the Organising Committee met with members of the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ Competition Department, mainly Vice President of Competitions, Kate Jackson and Sherry Frank, Competition Technology and Volunteer Coordinator as well as with Susan Reynolds, Equipment Coordinator. Among the matters discussed were the Chef de Mission meeting (scheduled to take place in Lexington on 26 April), hospitality, accreditation, accommodation and the OC website.

During her stay Sabrina Zeender also met with the OC Communications team Amy Walker and Marty Baumann.

FEI FAMILY NEWS & UPDATES – January/February 2010

FEI sets up a fund for Haiti

In response to the tragic earthquake, which rocked Haiti last month, the FEI is inviting the equestrian community to gather financial support. Funds collected will be sent to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) to assist both organisations in their efforts towards the rebuilding of the sports movement and local sports installations in Haiti once local conditions permit. If you wish to partake in this recovery effort, you may do so by sending your donation to the bank account below with the indication "Donation Fund for Haiti".

Bank UBS SA, 1002 Lausanne, Switzerland
Account holder: Federation Equestre Internationale
Account 243-G0518709.0
IBAN CH53 0024 3243 G051 8709 0
BIC UBSWCHZH80A

The FEI appreciates all contributions and will report back on the use made of the funds. To view the complete press release, [click here](#)

New Education System for Dressage Judges

The FEI General Assembly in Copenhagen approved a new Education System for Dressage Judges which will come into effect on 1 July 2010. A detailed description of the new system will be available for download from the FEI Website next week within the Officials section (Dressage - Education System). Entry requirements to courses, criteria to remain listed and many other features were completely revised or updated. For further information please contact either the FEI Dressage Director [Trond Asmyr](#) or the Director of the FEI Education & Standards Department, [Harald Muller](#).

Olympic Scholarships for Athletes « London 2012 »

NFs interested to apply for **Olympic Scholarships for Athletes "London 2012"** are requested to contact their respective National Olympic Committee (NOC). Additional information may also be obtained from the [FEI Coaching Department](#).

FEI Eventing Risk Management Seminar Report

The Report of the FEI Eventing Risk Management Seminar which took place in Malmö, 16-17 January 2010 has been published on the FEI website as well as on the FEI restricted area for the Eventing National Safety Officers. [Click here](#)

Athletes' and Horses' Registrations for 2009 and 2010 and validation of results

We would like to draw your attention to the email sent on 5 February via the NF Liaison Office - should you have any further queries, contact the relevant FEI Sports Department.

Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games - Definite Schedule

We are very pleased to inform you that the definite schedule for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ in Lexington, KY from 25 September to 10 October 2010 has been placed on **FEI Family – National Federations**. To view, [click here](#)
You will also find the qualification criteria, which has been updated to include the exact dates for the end of the qualification period, as well as the schedule for the competitions in Kentucky.

Tickets for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games

Tickets for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games are now on sale and can be purchased from [here](#). Ticket prices range from as low as \$25 to \$150 for the Opening Ceremony on 25 September (for a detailed pricing list, please [click here](#)). [Hospitality Packages](#) are also available now. All of the packages combine delectable cuisine and attentive service with a sophisticated, elegant atmosphere certain to impress both you and your guests, be they equine enthusiasts, corporate clientele, or casual patrons. Create your own experience at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games by selecting your Tickets or Hospitality Package that meets your needs.

Elections & Appointments

Please refer to the communication sent on 8 January to all National Federations regarding all positions open for election and appointment in 2010. We would like to remind you that the deadline for receipt by the Secretary General's Office is **1 May 2010** (by email to sabrina.zeender@fei.org or by fax: +41 21 310 4760). For full information regarding the procedure for submitting candidatures (including the Curriculum Vitae form), job specifications as well as the list of terms of all Bureau and Standing Committee members please visit "FEI Family – National Federations." – [click here](#)

Applications to host FEI Championships

National Federations are invited to send **applications to host FEI Championships and FEI Finals for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015** to the attention of [Francisco P. Lima](#). [Click Here](#) for the table that lists all the Championships/Finals open to bidders. The FEI will continuously update the table.

Dressage - Judges' Panels at CDIs3* and below

We would like to inform you of the following regarding Ground Juries at CDIs3* and below outside Europe. For 2010 the following dispensation may be granted based on application from the relevant NF:

For CDI3* and below outside Europe, NOT championships

- Big tour to be judged by 5 judges as today, but an option to use three judges from host nation, instead of two as it is in the rules.
- Small tour, incl. YR, J and P can be judged by three judges (at least two foreign).

Please address your applications to the FEI Dressage Department in connection with submitting your Draft Schedule or earlier.

Youth Olympic Games

To find out more about the Youth Olympic Games, [click here](#)

In Memoriam: General Giovanni Marcone Terzago (ITA), 1915-2009

We regret to inform you of the death of General Giovanni Marcone Terzago (ITA), aged 94. His tremendous contributions to equestrian sport and the FEI have been numerous and varied, for which the equestrian world and the FEI is extremely grateful. To view the press release – [click here](#).

COMING UP

4-5 March Audit and Compliance Committee Meeting, Lausanne (SUI)

16-17 March FEI Jumping Committee Meeting, Lausanne (SUI)

5 April FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations and the FEI Veterinary Regulations come into effect. Should you have any questions, contact the FEI Veterinary Department.

15 April FEI Bureau Meeting, Geneva (SUI)