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▪ **FEI PRESS NEWS 3/04, 6 FEBRUARY 2004**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board held its first meeting of the year on 4 February 2004 in Madrid. Among the main topics discussed were the following:

- Registration of Riders

The Executive Board approved the principle of introducing registration of riders in all disciplines, which would be based on the experience of registration accomplished so far for Eventing.

- 2004 General Assembly

The Agenda for the 2004 General Assembly, scheduled to take place in Paris in April, as well as the topics of the Open Forum were reviewed and amended.

The next Executive Board meeting will take place on 11 March 2004 in Lausanne (SUI).

FEI VET QUARTERLY NEWS

The future of equestrian sports can only be secured if the welfare of the involved horses is well protected. A competitive use of the horse as an athlete in sports, with its dependency on the rider to decide when the limits of performance have been reached, necessitates the presence of a veterinary safety net. Veterinary matters run through all FEI disciplines like a 'red thread', whether it is in the form of regulations, drug testing or research programmes.

If you are interested in veterinary matters, read the quarterly FEI Vet Newsletter on the FEI website at

http://www.horsesport.org/fei/consult/consult_03/con_03_01.html

▪ **“Horses which had to be treated at CEI’s: Reasons, manifestations and consequences” –**

French study by the “Association Française des Vétérinaires d’Endurance Equestre” – results of the study 2003

The results of this very interesting analysis (see newsletter 17/03) will be presented in June 2004 at the International Endurance Veterinary Seminar and FEI Course. A résumé will probably be presented in one of the next newsletters.

With the permission of Céline Robert, president of the “Association Française des Vétérinaires d’Endurance Equestre” the questionnaires in several languages are included separately with this newsletter to be available for all nations which would like to try out this study in their country.

▪ **How France “selects” its Endurance Veterinarians**

Qualification criteria for a President of a Veterinary Commission:

- experience as a veterinary judge
- experience as a treating veterinarian
- professional experience as an equine veterinarian (living animals....)
- disposability: at least four CEN/ CEI rides/ year

Qualification criteria to be a “qualified endurance veterinarian”:

- having acted as a trainee in a Veterinary Commission at several CEN/ CEI or giving proof of experience as a veterinary judge at several CEN/ CEI

Qualification criteria to be a “trainee”

- having acted several times in a Veterinary Commission at qualification rides (20 – 90 km) or having professional experience as an equine veterinarian

▪ **Did you know that it seems that it happens that...?**

It seems that some horses from Australia, which can be bought there for \$50,000 are shipped by their dealers to France to be sold for \$150,000...

▪ **Endurance Questionnaires in English, French, German and Italian**

Included here:

- [English version](#)
- [French version](#)
- [German version](#)
- [Italian version](#)