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- **Election of the Chairman for the FEI Endurance Committee**

During the FEI General Assembly, Paris, 16th to 21st April 2004 a new / the actual chairman for the FEI Endurance Committee will be elected / re-elected in order to decide about endurance world-wide matters during the next 4 years.

If you - as a nation - would like to influence the election, you absolutely need to inform the president of your National Federation immediately about your preference so that he can make propaganda for your favourite during the Regional Group Meetings and represent your choice during the FEI General Assembly.

There are two candidates for chairman for the FEI Endurance Committee:
Carol Bunting, GBR (new)
Hallvard Somerseth, NOR (Endurance Committee chairman during the last years)

- **Composition of Regional Groups** (as per 26 April 2002)

Group I		Chairman: Mr Freddy Serpieri					
AND	Andorra	AUT	Austria	BEL	Belgium	CRO	Croatia
CYP	Cyprus	CZE	Czech Republic	FRA	France	GRE	Greece
HUN	Hungary	ISR	Israel	ITA	Italy	LIE	Liechtenstein
LUX	Luxembourg	MLT	Malta	MON	Monaco	POR	Portugal
ROM	Romania	SMR	San Marino	SVK	Slovakia	SLO	Slovenia
ESP	Spain	SUI	Switzerland	TUR	Turkey	YUG	Yugoslavia

Group II		Chairman: Mr Frank Schreve					
DEN	Denmark	EST	Estonia	FIN	Finland	GER	Germany
GBR	Great Britain	ISL	Iceland	IRL	Ireland	LAT	Latvia
LTU	Lithuania	NED	Netherlands	NOR	Norway	POL	Poland
SWE	Sweden						

Group III		Chairman: Dr Elena Petushkova					
ARM	Armenia	AZG	Azerbaijan	BLR	Belarus	BUL	Bulgaria
GEO	Georgia	IRI	Iran	KAZ	Kazakhstan	KGZ	Kyrgyzstan
MDA	Moldova	PAK	Pakistan	RUS	Russia	TKM	Turkmenistan
UKR	Ukraine	UZB	Uzbekistan				

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Group IV				Chairman: Mrs Jane Forbes Clark			
ASA American Samoa	ANT Antigua	BAH Bahamas	BAR Barbados				
BER Bermuda	CAN Canada	GRN Grenada	HAI Haiti				
JAM Jamaica	SUR Suriname	TRI Trinidad & Tobago	USA United States				
ISV Virgin Islands							

Group V				Chairman: Mr Leopoldo Palacios			
COL Colombia	CRC Costa Rica	CUB Cuba	DOM Dominican Rep				
ESA El Salvador	GUA Guatemala	HON Honduras	MEX Mexico				
AHO Netherlands Antilles	NCA Nicaragua	PAN Panama	PUR Puerto Rico				
VEN Venezuela							

Group VI				Chairman: Dr Pablo Mayorga			
ARG Argentina	BOL Bolivia	BRA Brasil	CHI Chile				
ECU Ecuador	PAR Paraguay						
? PER Peru	? URU Uruguay						

Group VII				Chairman: Mr Shael Bin Khalifa Al Kuwari			
ALG Algeria	BRN Bahrain	EGY Egypt	JOR Jordan				
KUW Kuwait	LIB Lebanon	LBA Libya	MAR Morocco				
OMA Oman	PLE Palestine	QAT Qatar	KSA Saudi Arabia				
SUD Sudan	SYR Syria	TUN Tunisia	UAE United Emirates				

Group VIII				Chairman: Mr Douk-Kee Ahn			
AUS Australia	BRU Brunei	CHN China People's Rep	TPE Chinese Taipei				
HKG Hong Kong	IND India	INA Indonesia	JPN Japan				
KOR Korea	MAS Malaysia	MGL Mongolia	MYA Myanmar				
NZL New Zealand	PHI Philippines	SIN Singapore	THA Thailand				

Group IX				Chairman: Mr Ernst Holtz			
BOT Botswana	COD Congo	ETH Ethiopia	KEN Kenya				
LES Lesotho	MAW Malawi	MRI Mauritius	NAM Namibia				
SEN Senegal	RSA South Africa	SWZ Swaziland	ZAM Zambia				
ZIM Zimbabwe							

▪ **Message from Sergio Tommasi, ITA**

We have just received the confirmation from the FEI that the CEI*** rides of 160 km over 2 days meet the qualification criteria according to the FEI rules.

This is a real shame after all that has been done last year to avoid that rides of 200 km over 2 days were qualifying for Championships. At this point, things are just getting worse, they at the FEI know it and they just make a fool of us all.

The simpler thing to do was to clarify the rule adding a few words saying it meant in one day, I think was no problem since they are very smart in changing the rules every month!!!

This makes me understand that there is still some NF in the Middle East (in this case Bahrain) that is playing with us and still hold the power on the FEI. Ian Williams is an incompetent in the hands of someone else and we all must react to this billionth demonstration of stupidity and try to get endurance riding managed from knowledgeable persons who know the sport.

I'm writing a letter to my NF in order to ask an official intervention to this demonstration of incompetence from the FEI; they cannot compare a 160 in 2 days to a 160 in one day, it's just plain foolish. I bet that a 200 km in 2 days doesn't meet the qualification criteria, does this make sense?!?!?

Please add the above comments to the next "news and message".

Yours sincerely,
Sergio Tommasi

▪ **Message from Monika Smith, CAN**

Note that Canada did enter a Team in 2000 WEC. We had 2 people complete, 28 (?) Yvette Vinton and 34 (?) Christie Janzen . We leased horses on that occasion. Sorry, don't have time to look up the exact placing. (Needless to say, our two riders did very well).

Would you rank the Pan American Championships also? Some 9 nations were represented in 2003, albeit as individuals, giving this event a bit more scope than a competition between two Canada regions and 5 USA ones.

Cheers, Monika

▪ **Extract from FEI PRESS NEWS 9/04**

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ENDURANCE: MORE THAN 1 MILLION KM RIDDEN AT FEI EVENTS IN 2003

The total distance of all FEI Endurance competitions which were organised in 2003 was 26,800 km. There were 251 competitions, with an average of 45 participants. The total distance covered by all horses in all FEI Endurance competitions of 2003 therefore amounts to 1,197,270 km.

If all the distances ridden by all competitors in all of the 2003 FEI Endurance rides, world wide, were laid end to end, it would cover the distance from the Earth to the Moon and back and to the moon AGAIN!