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Important Message from Manoj Jalan, India

The Indian Federation has been promoting Endurance riding seriously over the last two/ three years. In our efforts to continue with the promotion of Endurance riding we propose to host a Clinic for Endurance Officials in India during the month of August.

May request you to kindly circulate our request so that interested resource persons could get in touch with us alternatively you may recommend some one you consider appropriate.

Manoj Jalan

Vice President Indian NF

"Canter into Europe": Central European Endurance Cup 2004

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The following rides will count for this Cup:

April 30 – May 2 HUN- Babolna (2 x 80 km CEI***/ 80 km CEI**)

June 19 AUT- Leutschach (160 km CEI***/ 140 km/ 120 km CEI**/

100 km CEI**/ 80 km CEI**/ 60 km CEI*)

July 3 NED- Ermelo (160 km CEI*** and others)

July 31 BEL?

August 21 SVK- Zabreh (140 km CEI***/ 80 km CEI**)
September 4 POL- Leba (120 km CEI**/ 80 km CEI**)
October 9 GER- Göttingen (120 km CEI**/ 80 km CEI**)

Informations & Point System:

The information & point system about the Central European Endurance Cup is now online on:

www.distanzreiten.at

All the information is based on the *.PDF format so please download the program "Acrobat Reader" free from www.adobe.com!

Message from Suzanne Dollinger:

Answer to Ian William's letter (15th April 2004) concerning the message of Sergio Tommasi published in newsletter 06/ 04

The endurance intercontinental newsletter was created as a vehicle for information, views and opinions concerning the endurance sport. The newsletter is free of charge and is sent out to all those who asked for it as well as to the members of the FEI Endurance Committee for information.

I am not a professional journalist and don't know a lot about legal matters concerning this domain. I was just convinced that when a person asks for publication of a message with his/her own signature, this person and all the readers understand that the author of the message <u>alone</u> is responsible for the content.

There have been a lot of newsletters sent in during the last 3 years. The messages in these newsletters were published no matter whether or not I shared the views expressed in them. I published all of them to keep the discussion open.

Concerning Sergio Tommasi's letter published in newsletter 06/04, my personal comments are the following:

- I have not evaluated the accuracy of the statements of Mr. Tommasi. With his signature under the message it is clear these statements are published "as he sees it" and not as unbiased facts.
- I personally am not happy with the way the question of the qualification criteria had to be handled by the FEI. I hoped that the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse would have a greater impact on the outcome than some missing words in a text. But I do not share Mr. Tommasi's comments on the person of Ian Williams. It is a personal attack which is not helpful to the causes behind his message.
- It was a mistake to publish this personal attack and spread it to a wider public through the newsletter. I apologise to Mr. Williams for having done so.

My conclusions as to the future of this newsletter:

- I will continue to publish it in the current form and hope everyone accepts it for what it intends to be.
- Messages touching the personal integrity of anyone will no longer be published.
- I cannot guarantee for the accuracy of the content of any message signed by another person. However, the newsletter will always remain open for counter-declarations.

Gulf News: Several riders qualified for Senior World Championship 2005

During a 160 km ride **held over 2 days** several riders from Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia qualified for the next year's World Championship in the UAE.

The detailed article can be found at www.Gulf-Daily-News.com