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PRESS NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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F.E.I. EMIRATES AIRLINE OPEN EUROPEAN ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS CHANGE OF DATE

The International Sport Horse Show, who are organising this year's European Endurance Championship, have today announced that the Championship will take place on **FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2003.**

The original date for the ride was Sunday 21st September but, following representations from a number of National Federations, the organisers met earlier this week with representatives of the F.E.I. and the Ground Jury to consider the implications of a change of date. After considering all of the very many issues involved (and not least the fact that the World Young Riders Endurance Championship takes place in Italy the following week) the decision was made in the interests of the competitors and the further development of the sport of endurance to run the event on Friday 19th September 2003. The full programme of events as far as the Endurance Championships are concerned has now been

amended to reflect this change and is posted on the official web site of the event (www.sporthorseshow.com). The schedule will be posted on the web site on Tuesday 29th July and entries in principle will be required by Wednesday 6th August 2003.

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from Suzanne Dollinger

- The only official notice from Punchestown we got until today, was a Press Release on the 22nd April strongly recommending us to book accommodations very early (which we have to change now). The schedule - so they said in this Press Release – was promised to be posted mid of June.
- Booking of flights: There is an enormous difference in costs if you have booked in May/ June or later. Now, we will be obliged to cancel these flights and to rebook.
- Same thing for the ferry.
- The date of the World Young Riders Endurance Championship was known for a long time.
- The President of the Ground Jury and other Jury members have been informed of the decision late last week (without consultation).
- I have contacted several representants from European National Federations – and those didn't put in a request to change the date.
- The date of the very important International Monetary Fund and World Bank Meeting, held in Dubai from the 21st to 23rd September, is known since 2001.
- On the official Website www.sporthorseshow.com the timetable (published in the last newsletter) is still unchanged today.
- I would just like to know the real reasons for this very late change of date for a Championship. Perhaps we could understand the why's and how's. But –as it is and as it is explained I just feel treated like a

