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- **Organisation of CEIOs 2004**

7 – 9 May 2004

FRA – CEIO La Baule (160 km/ 1 day)

11/ 12 September 2004

GER – CEIO Kreuth for Juniors and Young Riders (120 km/ 1 day)

17 – 19 September 2004

ITA – CEIO Gubbio (160 km/ 1 day)

- **2006 FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES**
1000-day countdown

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On 26 November, the 1000-day countdown will start for the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen (GER) which will take place from 22 August to 3 September 2006. On this occasion, a press conference will be organised at 18:30 in the "Klangbrücke des Alten Kurshauses" in Aachen to present the sports programme, the planned building measures and the financial aspects of the project. The German Federal Minister of Interior, Mr Otto Schily will be in attendance.

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- **Food for thought: Five Year Strategic Plan for Reining**

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FEI ANNOUNCES FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REINING

First FEI World Reining Masters to feature \$100,000 Final

The FEI Reining Committee has released details on a five-year plan to position the sport of Reining within FEI as a major discipline. Known as the "Road to Aachen and Beyond", the plan focuses on the implementation of important competitions

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internationally for horses six years of age and older, while increasing the number of countries where the discipline is held.

“The implementation of the five year plan is strategically the logical, next step toward the growth of reining as an international discipline,” stated Frank Costantini, FEI Reining Committee Chairman. “The committee is pleased to share this plan with the Reining community and the equestrian world. In development for two years, the plan moves the sport forward following its successful debut at the World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain last year,” Costantini continued.

Elements of the 10-point plan include:

- 1) Management of an international series, The FEI World Reining Masters, beginning in 2004 for individual riders
- 2) Assist 15 countries to hold CRI qualifiers in 2004
- 3) Continental championships starting in 2003, with all continents hosting a championship by 2005
- 4) Three Nation’s Cup competitions held in 2004, increasing to six in 2006.
- 5) Qualification of a minimum of 15 teams for the World Equestrian Games in 2006, to be held in Aachen, Germany
- 6) The incorporation of Reining as a discipline in FEI Children’s competition in 2006
- 7) The introduction of Reining through clinics and demonstrations, to a minimum of two countries per year, beginning in 2004
- 8) Organizing a World Championship for Reining in 2008
- 9) The development of a platform for Reining to enable the discipline to fulfil its Olympic aspiration
- 10) Development of a funding mechanism for the growth of Reining internationally, and keeping prize money in line with other FEI disciplines

The first element of the plan is the implementation of the FEI World Reining Masters, announced in July of this year. The Reining Masters is a series of qualifying events for individual riders competing on horses six years old and older, concluding with a final.

The inaugural Masters Final will be held December 3, 2004 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in conjunction with the National Reining Horse Association Futurity. Negotiations with a presenting sponsor are underway, and a \$100,000 prize fund for the final is guaranteed, thanks to the National Reining Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Each National Federation hosting at least one FEI Reining competition (CRI) in 2004 will receive an invitation to send its leading money earning rider to the Masters. Although participants may compete in CRIs outside their country of citizenship, riders may only count for Reining Masters eligibility earnings won at CRIs held in their own country.

The rider may compete on more than one horse, and all such earnings will count, as it is the rider who will qualify for the Final, not horse and rider combinations. Those countries which qualified for the finals of the 2002 World Equestrian Games-United States, Canada, Italy, Germany and Great Britain- will be eligible to send their top two money earning riders.

There will be two sets of FEI Awards, 1 for the open division and the second one for these nations who had qualified for the World Equestrian Games 2002.

Members of the FEI Reining Committee, in addition to Costantini are Johannes Orgeldinger of Germany, Antonio Mastrangelo of Italy and Dominique Reynaud of France. FEI’s Michael Stone serves as liaison to the Committee.

National Federations are being encouraged by the FEI to apply for dates for their CRI qualifiers. Further information is available through FEI Sports Director Michael Stone at the FEI Secretariat in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Evaluation of Rider's Experience by Nations, 4th part: Nations

Riders experience with number of starts / numbers of horses and its possible influence on performance at the FEI Open Endurance Championship 2003, IRL – Punchestown.

Remark: only nations with at least 4 starters, alphabetic order

(legend below)

N	RESULT	M	F	Years	Ctry	Horse	Ride1	Ride2
5	BEL	1	4	2,8	1,8	1,6	1,4	3,8
4	ESP	1	3	2,8	1	1,3	1,4	3,8
5	FRA	0	5	3,8	2,4	7,4	2,4	13,8
6	GER	2	4	4,2	4,8	1,8	2,1	12,2
6	GBR	0	6	3,3	2,5	3,7	1,9	6,3
4	IRL	1	3	2	2,3	2,3	1,7	3,3
6	ITA	4	2	3,3	2,2	2	1,9	6,3
4	MAL	4	0	2	3,3	5,7	2,7	10
4	NED	0	4	3,3	3,3	1,5	1,9	6,3
5	POR	2	3	3,8	3,4	3	2	7,6
4	RUS	4	0	1,3	1	1,3	1	1,3
5	SWE	2 ?	4 ?	2,8	3	1,6	1,4	4
7	UAE	7	0	4,6	8,3	20,9	5,7	26,6

N total number of riders

M number of male riders

F number of female riders

Years average number of years/ rider competing at CEI rides 1999 – 2003*

Country average number of different countries/ rider, CEI rides 1999 –2003*

Horses average number of different horses/ rider, CEI rides 1999– 2003*

Ride1 average number of records/ year/ rider, CEI rides 1999 – 2003*

Ride2 average number of total records/ rider, CEI rides 1999 – 2003*

* completions according to Ambassador Endurance Website

Diagram 8/ Evaluation of Rider's Experience, 4th part, Punchestown:
Overview nations, average number of records with different horses per rider

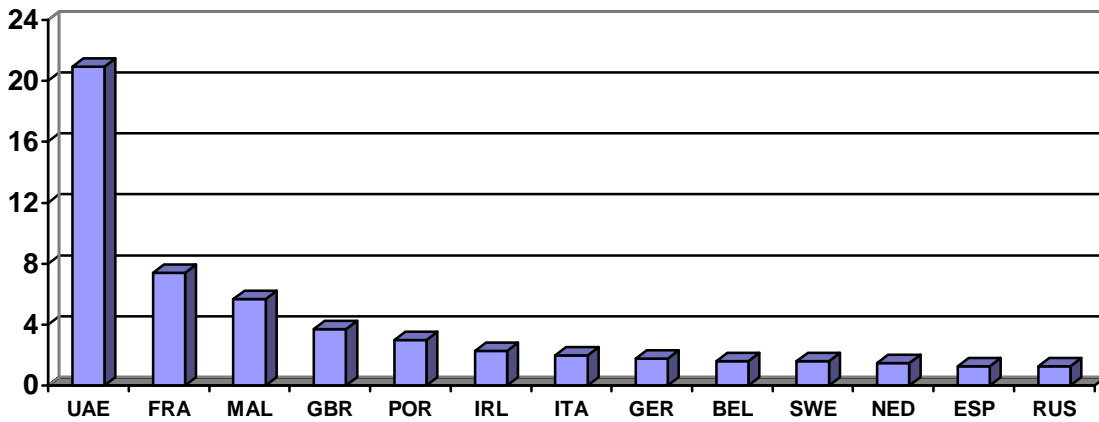


Diagram 9/ Evaluation of Rider's Experience, 3rd part, Punchestown:
Overview nations, average number of total records per rider since 1999

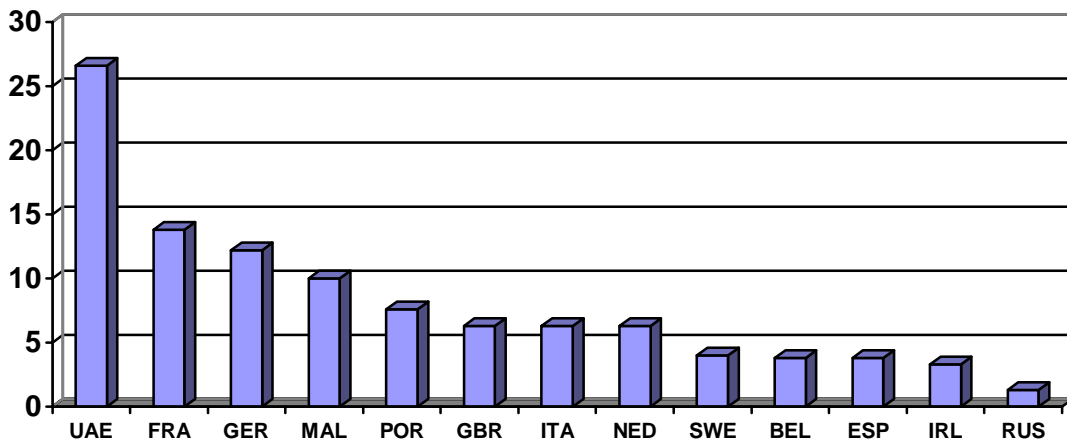


Diagram 10/ Evaluation of Rider's Experience, 3rd part, Punchestown:
Overview nations, average number of records per year per rider

