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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It was wonderful to catch up with those of you who attended the recent Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ in Lexington. As well as enjoying exciting competition, this gave us an opportunity to meet as a group to discuss the progress the JOC has made, as well as the issues we still need to address.

Best regards,
Christian Baillet



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- Our trip included a visit to the largest Thoroughbred farm in Kentucky, kindly organised by Frederick Sauque. This was immensely interesting and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
- Growing the membership of the JOC remains at the heart of what I hope to achieve. I would like to see membership grow from the current 35 to 70 or 80 members by January 2011. At our General Assembly we spoke about the possibility of each member recommending someone who could then be approached about joining and I look to you all to help in this.
- It was decided at WEG that meetings would continue to be held at less regular intervals at the larger shows i.e. the next General Assembly will be held during the 2011 Rolex FEI World Cup™ Final in Leipzig.
- Emails from the FEI containing edited information will be sent out every two months to all members. A full list of members will be sent out every six months with contact information.

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COMINGS AND GOINGS

October 2010 – Brazilian rider Alvaro de Miranda has a new Grand Prix horse, the 11-year-old mare Lady in Blue. The sister of European champion Kraque Boom, Lady in Blue was previously ridden by Daniel Deusser from Germany.

October 2010 – Alison Moore of Kanata, ON, was named Canada's 2010 Jumping Owner of the Year. Moore's horse, Chianto and his rider John Pearce, placed eighth individually from a starting field of 124 horses at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™.

November 2010 - Tourbillon de l'Herse has been sold to Francois Bossu. The Belgian rider will hope to use his new ride to compete in the Nations Cup, alongside Notre Moinerie and Sheyennede Sanem.

November 2010 - Four years after being retired to focus on breeding, the stallion Baloubet du Rouet, has been completely retired by his owner. Ridden by Brazil's Rodrigo Pessoa, the pair enjoyed numerous successes, including Olympic gold in 2004 and Olympic bronze in 2000.

NEWS FROM THE FEI - CLEAN SPORT CAMPAIGN

To round off what was an extremely successful WEG, the FEI has revealed that the Games passed without a single drug violation from all human and equine athletes tested.

Princess Haya, FEI President, commented, "Clean Sport is one of the FEI's major goals and it is wonderful news that all tests on our human and equine athletes at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games were negative. The FEI Clean Sport Campaign is all inclusive and covers every aspect of our sport. With everyone on side we really can move forward in the drive for fair play and a level playing field for all."

For more information, please visit the Clean Sport website www.feicleansport.org

ALLTECH FEI WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES BY NUMBERS

As the Alltech 2010 World Equestrian Games came to its breathtaking conclusion, focus almost immediately turned to the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Indeed, on the basis of their performance at the WEG, several nations, including Germany, Great Britain and Brazil, have now qualified for the Olympics.

Now that the dust has settled, the true impact of America's first Games can be properly assessed:

- 507,022 attendees
- 16,800 feet of bike barricade
- 8 miles of linear fencing
- 396 temporary structures
- 500 flags
- 59 miles electrical cabling
- 20,000 temporary seats
- Over 11,000 signs placed
- 632 athletes
- 752 horses
- 58 countries
- 112,368 cars parked
- 193 countries visited Games website
- 79,802 Facebook fans
- 6,000 volunteers
- 1.1 million meals served



COPING WITH EQUINE EMERGENCIES

Owning and breeding horses is not without its risks – disease, injury and even natural disaster can cause any number of issues for owners. When problems such as hurricanes, floods or even exotic disease outbreaks do arise, it is important to ensure that you have a disaster management plan in place. It is highly likely that emergency services will be stretched to their limits and you could end up being solely responsible for your horses' welfare.

In any crisis, like humans, horses require adequate food, water and shelter to see them through for as long as needed. Preparation therefore is key; this means assessing the issues most likely to befall your property and then putting together the management plan to cope with as many contingencies as possible.

Ideally, your plan should have three parts to it and you should ensure that everyone on the property is aware of what to do:

- Strategies for minimising the risk
- Strategies for coping as a disaster unfolds
- Strategies for coping in the aftermath

However, having a plan in place is not the end of disaster management. It is also important to check all elements put in place for emergencies regularly – checking and maintaining the emergency shelter, replenishing the equine first aid kit and updating the emergency contacts could be vital in ensuring the survival of yourself and your horses.

Remember, it is better to be safe than sorry. Forward planning and clear thinking will be your most powerful allies should the unthinkable ever happen.

OWNER IN PROFILE SECTION: CATHERINE DE BUYL

I have always been involved in the sport of Jumping – initially as an amateur rider when I was a child because I loved horses and grew up around them. Twenty years ago, when I got married, my husband and I moved to Péruwelz in Belgium which is a very small town with large properties. When we had children, our daughter also began to compete. It was clear that she was not going to become a professional but we loved the Jumping environment which is why we chose to specialise in breeding Jumping horses.



My husband and I have worked together since the beginning and have always been very involved in the breeding. We made some mistakes in the beginning, but now, we know our mares very well and know which will be good crossings. We've also been fortunate in that our rider, Patrick McEntee, has been with us for 10 years and he knows all the horses, so we've had a lot of help from him.

We currently have 50 horses, including 11 brood mares. We tend to breed an average of seven or eight foals a year. We actually have nine foals for 2011 which is a great result. Generally, we keep all the foals for the first couple of years and then we decide their futures when they are about two or three.

Normally we don't have any stallions although at the moment, we do have a young stallion and we have started breeding with him. He is the son of one of our very good mares; she jumped in Grands Prix with our rider and she's back now in the stud – she's 22-years-old and still in foal! All her foals are fantastic and they come from a very good line.

I think we've been really lucky in that several of our horses have gone on to be very good. We have two brothers - Ever Mury Marais Z and Sherry Mury Marais Z – who I think are probably two of our best horses at the moment. Ever did the Global Champions Tour last year and we finished 8th in the rankings. We also have another eight-year-old horse, Chivas, from the same family, and we think he is going to be really wonderful. Nelson Pessoa, who trains our horses, has said that he is the best horse we have ever produced.

Right now, I really admire Rodrigo Pessoa and Marcus Ehning, and I think they would be my favourite riders. Rodrigo Pessoa comes from such a good line, so naturally he was always going to be good. I like Marcus Ehning as his horses are always so well-prepared and dressed. He makes everything look so easy when, as we all know, that is not the case!

Marcus has really mastered the technical side which is becoming so much more important. Obviously you must have horses with good blood, but Grand Prix are becoming much more technical, and the riders need to respond accordingly.

Taking proper care of the horses is also really important; they must be checked very carefully by the vet even if you don't think that there is a problem. They must have proper rest periods and they must have very good grooms – the welfare of the horse is the most important aspect of this sport.

Jumping is a bit funny though as well in the sense that previously, the owner wasn't considered an important part of the sport. The perception was that you had the horse and rider, and that was it! But without the owners, it's impossible to progress. That's why the Jumping Owners Club has been such a wonderful initiative. Personally, I wanted to be a member of a club where people had the same ideas as me and we could actually contribute to the sport and make a difference – something we hadn't been able to do previously.



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