



The Equine Professional of Tomorrow  
- The Equestrian Perspective -



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## Introduction

- The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) was founded in 1921; headquartered in Lausanne (SWI)
- It is the sole controlling authority for all international events in Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting, Reining and Para-Equestrian
- Equestrian Sport has been on the Olympic programme ever since 1912 with three disciplines: Jumping, Dressage and Eventing



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## Facts and Figures (1)

- Number of Registered Horses (2009 = 47,079 Horses)

	Jumping	Dressage	Eventing	Endurance	Driving	Reining	Vaulting	Para-Dressage	Para-Driving	Total
2007	19253	3388	7385	6543	2138	290	224	222	222	39665
2008	22597	3124	7617	6330	2264	309	282	1	0	42524
2009	25192	3238	7845	7678	2169	424	322	219	10	47097



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## Facts and Figures (2)

- Number of Registered Riders (2009 = 26,477 Riders)

	Jumping	Dressage	Eventing	Endurance	Driving	Reining	Vaulting	Para-Dressage	Para-Driving	Total
2007	9091	2602	5042	4213	887	167	637	0	0	22639
2008	10546	2607	5149	4848	918	192	603	0	0	24863
2009	11271	2458	4940	5552	860	339	835	209	13	26477



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## Facts and Figures (3)

- Number of Events per Discipline (2009 = 2746 Events)

	Jumping	Dressage	Eventing	Endurance	Driving	Reining	Vaulting	Para-Dressage	Para-Driving	Total
2007	720	245	417	465	157	37	21	9	0	2071
2008	888	272	436	549	175	46	21	10	1	2398
2009	999	295	442	715	189	66	23	15	2	2746
2010*	840	230	334	246	105	17	24	14	0	1810

\*estimates



## Facts and Figures (4)

- The FEI Officials (6564 Officials, 9500 functions)

	Jumping	Dressage	Eventing	Driving	Vaulting	Endurance	Reining	Para Dres.	Para Dri.	TOTAL
Judge	790	302	249	131	65	469	96	102	13	2217
Course Designer	508	0	120	83	0	0	0	0	0	711
Technical Delegate	9	0	128	40	0	377	6	5	1	566
Steward	742	571	514	185	113	326	109	49	0	2609
Veterinarian	885	678	750	266	111	542	97	0	0	3329
Classifier	27	22	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2961</b>	<b>1573</b>	<b>1780</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1714</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9500</b>



## Facts and Figures (5)

- NF Sources of Income (n=80NFs)

Answer	Frequency	Percent
National Sport Authorities	52	69.3
Sponsors	50	66.7
Others	44	58.7
NOC	39	52.0
Event Organisation	39	52.0
FEI	18	24.0



## Facts and Figures (6)

- Please list the top 5 sources of expenditures (n=80NFs)

Answer	Frequency	Percent
HQ Operations	53	72.6
Event Organisation	40	54.8
Others	38	52.1
Education	36	49.3
Top Sport	22	30.1
Travel	21	28.8
Fees	19	26.0



## FEI Professionals of Tomorrow (1)

- What is a Professional?
- Definition:

The word professional traditionally means a person who has obtained a degree in a professional field.

In western nations, the term commonly describes highly educated, mostly salaried workers, who enjoy considerable work autonomy, economic security, a comfortable salary, and are commonly engaged in creative and intellectually challenging work.

Less technically, it may also refer to a person having impressive competence in a particular activity.



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## FEI Professionals of Tomorrow (2)

- Equine Professionals of Today

### Examples:

- Event Organizers
  - Top Riders and Drivers
  - Veterinarians
  - Freelance Coaches
  - Riding Instructors
  - Jumping: Course Designers
  - Dressage: Judges
- Volunteer Leadership and Professional Stakeholders



## Conclusions (1)

- Actually happens an unguided and unstructured process of self-professionalization within various stakeholder groups
- Increasing Commercialization – Increasing Professionalization?
- Worldwide Challenges
- FEI is obliged to ensure:
  - A level playing field
  - That welfare of the horse remains of paramount importance



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## Conclusions (2)

### Professionalization Requirements

- 1) Education
- 2) Licensing / Rule Changes
- 3) Professional Management
- 4) Contractual Safeguarding
- 5) Sustainable Funding
- 6) Cooperation with NFs
- 7) Cooperation with Governmental Institutions



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