



**International Dressage Officials Club
General Assembly 2015
West Palm Beach (USA), February 11th, 2016**

Agenda

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2. Report of the activities of the Executive Board
3. Statement of Accounts
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 - Natallia Rubashko (BLR)
7. Election of one regional representative for the Pacific region (2015 – 2019)
 - Maria Schwennesen (AUS)
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9. FEI Update – Carina Mayer, Senior Manager, Head of Dressage & Para-equestrian dressage ad interim



Agenda item 3 – Activities of the Board

IDOC/ PACIFIC REPORT – 2015

2015 was a very busy year for our officials, both judges and stewards.

Our roles continue to be made more difficult as the world watches via instant social media, so opportunities for seminars and clinics take on an increasing importance. It was with this in mind that I organized an IDOC workshop for our national Grand Prix judges at Hagen "Horses and Dreams meets Australia" early in 2015.

This was run in conjunction with an FEI refresher clinic.

We had judges from 10 countries and it was wonderfully supported by Ulli and Bianca Kasselmann and Course Director, Stephen Clarke.

A special thanks to Olivier for his organizational skills and endless patience.

So successful was this workshop that another is planned next year at Aachen with the enthusiastic support of Frank Kemperman.

I have been busy working with a small IDOC sub-committee putting together a manual for Technical Delegates, Organizers and judges.

Much of the basis for this was originally done by Wojtek Markowski and Mariette Whitages for the TD clinic they presented in Poland. We are enlarging and updating the format into an "easy to use" hand book, with easy to find references for use at all FEI Dressage Championships. The first preliminary draft is completed.

Australia and New Zealand have formed the 'Oceania Equestrian Federation', and work is in progress organizing their first competition.

With Rio looming large on the horizon, both countries are hoping to be represented. Australia has already qualified for a team spot and NZ hopes to send an individual. Whilst we do not expect to medal, we hope for personal best scores from our representatives who always give their utmost when representing their country at Olympic Games.

It is a huge commitment for any combination from Australia or New Zealand, as for both countries, it means 6 months quarantine for their horses, before they are able to come back home, and shows their dedication to the sport.

It has been a privilege to have represented our region on the IDOC board for more than 8 years, and I would like to thank you all for your support.

Susie Hoevenaars

2015 Regional Representative Asia Pacific region.



Figure 1 IDOC Asia/Pacific Seminar in Hagen

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IDOC/ Central & Eastern Europe – 2015

Dear President, dear Members,

I bring my apologize not to come for the Meeting and Assembly.

Unfortunately some problems with getting new passport and valid visas in old passport didn't allow me to apply for American visa. Considering a situation with the visas in Belarus, where the US Embassy does not issue visas, I would have to contact the US Embassies in Poland, Lithuania or Russia which was associated with certain difficulties for that moment.

I'm sending my report with short analysis of Dressage in Central and Eastern Europe in 2015.

With best regards,

Natallia Rubashko

Development and popularization of Dressage in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

Natallia Rubashko (BLR)

2015 has been rather successful year for our region.

The table below shows some statistics of dressage development in CEE countries. It doesn't comprise all CEE countries, only those one way or another presented in the FEI Data Base in 2015.

Events:

In 2015 only 9 countries among 18 CEE National Federation have held the Official International Dressage Events. It has been 52 events of different level or approx. 11% of all FEI Dressage events.

Most of them have been organized in Russia. The second is Poland and then Hungary. Totally it comprises 60% from all events in CEE.

In 2016 it plans to organize 129 events of different level (CDIYH / J / Y / P / Ch / U25 / 2*/ 3*/ W).

Lithuania has held CDI-W first time. Only 8 riders from Lithuania, Estonia, Finland, Russia and Ukraine took part at the event but this event will be held in 2016 again. Since 2014 Estonia also holds CDI-W.



	<i>Events</i>	<i>Riders</i>	<i>Horses</i>	<i>Judges</i>	<i>Stewards</i>
Belarus	7	38	54	3	13
Bulgaria		4	15	1	12
Croatia		2	2		1
Czech Republic	4	22	35	2	8
Estonia	1	11	15	1	4
Hungary	9	28	41	2	15
Latvia		4	7		
Lithuania	1	3	5		
Moldova					5
Poland	10	58	75	2	29
Romania		4	4		5
Russia	13	211	277	6	28
Serbia		3	5		
Slovakia	1	6		1	4
Slovenia	6	3	4	1	4
Ukraine		25	34	3	6
Total	52	422	573	22	134

Such happened that last 2 years the political situation in Ukraine was not conducive to holding international events. Last events have been organized in 2013. But this year brings good news. Equestrian Federation of Ukraine plans to organize CDIJ in May and CDI-W in August. Wish them good luck.

There are 3 countries (Latvia, Romania and Serbia) which have riders and horses competing internationally but still have no International Dressage Events and FEI Officials.

The main difficulties with participation in Events in our region are connected with the borders between the EU countries and the former Soviet Union countries. Participants have a lot of problems while crossing the border. That's why not so many riders from the former SU countries can participate in the events in Europe. Also like riders from the EU have no desire to spend a lot of time with the horses on the border through there is an interest to come especially from Poland, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

Equestrian federations of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine try to solve these problems but still not successfully. And the current situation with immigration is unlikely to improve something. Unfortunately, we expect the difficulties will increase.

Sport achievements:

Leading positions among CEE riders in the FEI Dressage ranking are occupied by riders from Russia. We can say that efforts of Equestrian Federation of Russia in developing Dressage bring the results.



Russian rider Inessa Merkulova with Mister X made significant breakthrough and now occupies 14th place in the FEI World Individual Dressage Ranking. It should also be noted a significant rise of other Russian riders that can provide them a chance to have a team for Olympic Games in Rio 2016.

Nowadays there are already hundreds of clubs in Russia engaged in the development of the equestrian disciplines, including Dressage. Such clubs as "Otrada", "New Century", "Maxima Stables" in Moscow are the most known. The appearance of private clubs that are interested in the development of Dressage provides a significant improvement in results.

Last year "Maxima Stables" organized many courses for riders, trainers and judges conducted by our colleagues - judges Raphaël Saleh, Maribel Alonso, Christof Umbach, Katrina Wuest; trainers Maik Kohlschmidt, Herr Peter Perlee, David Hunt, Tomas Sigtenbjerggaard and Dominique Fillion.

One of such course has been organized in Belarus by private club "Piaffe" who invited Mariette Withages to share her knowledge among Belarusian riders, trainers and judges.

Also there are a sufficient number of private clubs in Ukraine, which invite the FEI judges for judging national Dressage events.

Such practice also exists in Estonia, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania. Of course, it helps to increase the level of riding and judging.

Officials:

The death of our great colleague and friend Wojtek Markowsky is a significant loss for our region. Now there is no FEI 5* judge representing CEE.

CEE now has a total of thirteen (13) 4* judges & nine (9) 3* judges.

The newest FEI 3* judges we would like to welcome are two judges from CZE - Simona FIALOVA and Gabriela VALERIÁNOVÁ - were successful at 2015 exam in Stuttgart. In 2014 Eva-Maria VINT-WARMINGTON (EST) and Natallia RUBASHKO (BLR) were successful in passing the examination also conducted in Stuttgart and got their FEI 3* and FEI 4* status accordingly.

2015 was successful for three new judges qualified to judge Young Horses competitions after exam in Vilamoura (POR). They are Eva-Maria VINT-WARMINGTON (EST), Mariya DZHUMADZHUK and Larysa VELYKA (UKR). Our congratulations are in order.

Concerning the FEI Officials 3 countries (Latvia, Lithuania and Serbia) have no any Dressage Officials. Moldova has five (5) Level 1 Dressage Stewards only.

The political situation in Europe and the future of the Schengen may create difficulties for the majority of our judges. While we hope that this will not happen.

Concerning my personal activity I have conducted four Seminars for National Dressage Judges in 2015: Bangalore (IND), with exam, together with Tim DOWNES (GBR) FEI 3*/4* Eventing Judge; Vazgaikemis (LTU), refreshment; Riga (LAT), refreshment; Delhi (IND) with exam.

And for the moment I'm continuing to develop the IDOC Web-site.

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Agenda item 3 – Statement of Accounts

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am sorry that this year I can not attend the General Meeting. I currently have some problems with my health.

The year 2014 closed with a profit of three thousand two hundred seventy-six euro and sixty-five cents (3.276,65).

The club is healthy and has no debt and the expenses are kept under control.

The accounts have been audited by the Audit Firm PNB Consulting – accountants bvba in Antwerp (Belgium) and approved.

The accounts were also approved by the Executive Board at its meeting here in Wellington.

I asked the Executive Board to use the funds for education and training for his members.

The club had in 2014 – 137 members and 3 honorary members.

In 2015 we have 227 members and 4 honorary members. The increase in the number of members is due to Janet Foy work. Thank you Janet.

May I ask you to approve these annual accounts for 2014.

At last the club exists in 2016 – 25 years (founded on April 18, 1991 !

I wish you a good General Assembly.

Kind regards

Cory
Your treasurer



FINANCIAL REPORT			
Balance Sheet			
<u>31th December 2014</u>			
<u>ASSETS</u>			
<u>Cash at bank and in hand</u>			27,481.26 €
- KBC <87> euro		8,670.22	
- KBC <94> usd (euro)		17,952.12	
- IDJC-USA (euro)		765.38	
- PayPal - euro		5.14	
- Cash (65 £)		88.40	
<u>Total Assets</u>			27,481.26 €
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUNDS</u>			
<u>Capital and Reserves</u>			27,481.26
- Balance December 31, 2013		24,204.61 €	
- Profit financial year 2014		3,276.65	
<u>Total liabilities and funds</u>			€ 27,481.26



Application for the position of IDOC Pacific Region Representative

Maria Schwennesen

The role of IDOC and its principles are of great importance to the growth and development of dressage and its stake-holders, and I will bring to the position of Pacific Region representative extensive experience, leadership and commitment.

I am passionate about the education and development of judges and creating opportunities for judges to reach their full potential, and to this end, play a large role in the development and education of judges throughout Australia, through my positions on committees and as an accredited judge educator.

Current Roles

I am involved with the sport across all levels in Australia and sit on various committees that create policy for the sport's continued development. My portfolio on our National and States Judges Committees involves the development and education of Australian and young FEI candidate judges. One of my roles includes Chair of the Judiciary panel of Equestrian Queensland which requires empathy, good communication skills and the ability to facilitate successful outcomes.

New Zealand

Teamwork and a close friendly relationship between Australia and New Zealand are very important to Australia and crucial to the ongoing growth and development of the sport in these two countries. I enjoy a close relationship with New Zealand, not only having judged in the country on many occasions, but also with assisting with judges education at both National and International levels, including YH education which is still in the infancy stages in NZ. The rapport and support within the region is healthy and I enjoy a trusting liaison with the NZ Federation and its judges.

FEI World Challenge

Over the past six years, on behalf of the FEI, I have been heavily involved in the FEI World Dressage Challenge competitions officiating throughout Asia, South America and South Africa. These trips have involved conducting clinics for both riders and judges, and these opportunities have allowed me to gain insight into the challenges these countries face within the sport.

Therefore, I see an important part of this role is keeping up-to-date with current rules, regulations and ongoing education not only for the continued growth of the region, but also to effectively support the development of the sport in the Asian countries, as many of our Australian judges give clinics and workshops in the region.

Looking Forward

I am looking forward to planning and creating further development pathways for both Judges and Stewards within the region, and plans are underway to hold a Pacific region workshop at Aachen in 2017.



Future ideas include

- Promoting increased educational opportunities for Australasian judges.
- Increasing the number of well qualified FEI Dressage Judges and Stewards in the Pacific region
- Develop Trans Tasman competitions to benefit both judges, stewards and riders
- Provision for succession planning for both Judges and Stewards
- Further education and promotion of Young Horse judging in NZ
- Combined educational seminars between Australia and New Zealand
- The continued development of good examination and preparation processes
- Grow the number of CDI competitions in Australasia to provide officials further opportunities

I understand the expectations of the position and believe I am well qualified to meet the requirements. I wish to contribute my knowledge, vision, demonstrated leadership and dedication to the healthy, sustainable growth of our sport.

- **Qualifications**
FEI 4* Dressage Judge
FEI Dressage Mentor
National Mentor and Judge Educator at GP levels
National Young Horse Educator
Young Horse Judge
Technical Delegate
Ridden and coached at FEI level
- **Judge Experience 2015**
Las Vegas World Cup Final
Gothenburg WC Qualifier
13 CDIs in the US, Australia and Japan
FEI World Challenge
- **Current Sport Governance**
National Dressage Committee
Dressage Qld Committee
Dressage Qld Judge Committee Branch Medication (drug testing)
Chair of Judiciary Panel of Equestrian Queensland (disputes panel)
- **Past Sport Governance**
National Selector for 2 Olympic Games
Board of Equestrian Queensland

Thank you for considering my application.



Application Form

First and last name:

Natallia Rubashko

Born:

September, 17, 1962

Nationality:

Belarus

Judging Career:

2003 – National Dressage Judge

2005 – the Highest National Category Judge of equestrian sport in Belarus

2006 – FEI 3* Dressage Judge

2008 – FEI Eventing Judge 1*/2*

2009 – FEI Dressage, Eventing & Show Jumping Steward Level 2

2015 – FEI 4* Dressage Judge

Since December, 2013 – the Chairman of Judges Collegiums of Belarusian Equestrian Federation

Since February, 2015 – the Board Member of the International Dressage Officials Club representing the Central & Eastern Europe

2011 – Member of Appeal Committee on CH-EU-P-D in Jaszkowo (POL)

In 2012 fulfilled the role of the FEI Steward for Equestrian at London Olympics.

Judging many International events in Belarus, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Italy, National Championships in Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Belarus, Poland, India.

Occupation:

Senior lecturer at Belarusian State University. Speciality – Computer Science. Now involve in developing the IDOC web-site.

Equestrian trainer – the second higher education, graduated from Belarusian State University of Physical Culture in 2011. Conducted riding clinic for children in India.

Conducting Courses for National Judges in Belarus every year.

Conducted Courses for National Dressage Judges in India, Latvia and Lithuania.

Presently, and for the last 18 years, a member of Organizing Committee in Belarus organized many International Dressage, Eventing and Show Jumping events. Also responsible for the organization of National Championships and other national equestrian events at all levels in Belarus.

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Program

I have been involved in organization of Equestrian Events at all levels in Belarus for about 20 years. I've also been instrumental in the development of the sport not only in Belarus but in many other Eastern European Countries (Russia, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Ukraine) since late 90s.

After getting my 3* status I have participated in the discussion of the Dressage Rules very actively and made some research concerning improvement of judging system since 2009 and nowadays.

According to my basic higher education as a Computer Science specialist I can make statistical and another kind of research from now onwards and develop and support the IDOC web-site.

So the main provisions of my program are the following:

- representing and defending the interests of dressage officials from Eastern Europe;
- disseminating technical information with regard to judging issues and dressage tests for them;
- providing guidance to officials in exercising their duties and responsibilities;
- further the education of dressage officials by conducting courses and seminars for the skills development of national dressage officials;
- monitoring the Rules for Dressage, providing input for their revision and organizing discussion of proposals among dressage officials from Eastern Europe;
- implementing of/and testing proposals concerning the refinement of requirements, assessments and judging procedures for dressage;
- making a different kind of research (including statistical) to test the proposals mentioned above if necessary;
- developing, upgrading and further administrating the IDOC web-site.

I feel that I have enough knowledge and experience to bring to Eastern European Judge Community and wish to put my name forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Rubashko', written in a cursive style.

Natallia Rubashko