

**FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Hong Kong, China (HKG), 7 November 2025**

The FEI General Assembly 2025 took place on 7 November. The main decisions taken by the General Assembly are summarised below.

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OPENING BY THE FEI PRESIDENT

In his opening speech, the FEI President Ingmar De Vos warmly welcomed delegates, staff, and stakeholders, both in Hong Kong, China and online, to the hybrid-format FEI General Assembly 2025. The President thanked the President of the Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China as well as the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Jockey Club for their hospitality and expressed his gratitude to the FEI Executive Board and Board for their support with major decisions throughout the year.

The President highlighted a year of outstanding sport and major milestones for equestrian governance.

These included successful FEI World Cup™ Finals in Basel (SUI) and Bordeaux (FRA), record breaking performances at the FEI European Championships, and the Longines League of Nations™ and the continued growth of youth competitions.

Looking ahead, the President spoke about the preparations for the LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games which are well underway, with Santa Anita Park in Arcadia confirmed as the venue and qualification systems set for approval. The Assembly also reviewed progress toward the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games as well as Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, underscoring the FEI's commitment to youth development and global growth.

Equine and athlete welfare were central themes, with updates on the FEI Welfare Action Plan, the launch of [Equipass](#) – a ground-breaking digital horse passport – and new measures such as revised protective headgear standards, concussion guidelines, and the creation of the Safety Vests Working Group.

The President also highlighted key developments included landmark media and sponsorship agreements in China, the appointment of new FEI Executive Directors, the construction of the HRH Princess Haya Auditorium at the FEI Headquarters and ongoing FEI Solidarity initiatives supporting education, inclusion, and global capacity building.

The FEI President invited by Lester G Huang SBS JP, President of the Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China and Deputy Chairman of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, to address the delegates.

The FEI President concluded his opening speech with gratitude to stakeholders, sponsors, volunteers, and staff. He invited delegates to join him in remembering cherished [members of the FEI Family](#) lost in the past 12 months.

QUORUM

The Secretary General confirmed the required quorum is **68**
National Federations voting in-person in Hong Kong, China: **66**
National Federations voting online: **14**
Total: **80**

ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS

Avalon Everett (IRL) was approved as Chair of the Scrutineers, with Sara Baban (KSA) and James Hood (CAN) confirmed as members.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FEI Extraordinary General Assembly approved the [proposed modifications to the FEI Statutes](#) with a result of 78 votes in favour, 2 votes against, and 0 abstention. A 2/3rds majority was needed for approval. The updated version, effective 7 November 2025, will be published on [this page](#) in due course.

MEMBERSHIP

The National Federations of Azerbaijan, Cuba, Iran, Mongolia, Nepal and Turkmenistan have been suspended due to non-payment of the Annual Membership Subscription Fee. The suspension will be lifted immediately once the subscription has been paid. The National Federation of Nicaragua was excluded.

The General Assembly did not approve the Regional Group change of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (PRK) from Regional Group VIII to the Eurasian Equestrian Association (EEA). PRK will therefore remain a member of Group VIII.

MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

The [minutes](#) of the FEI General Assembly 2024 were approved.

FEI ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The [FEI Annual Report 2024](#) was approved.

FINANCE

The FEI Finance Director presented the [audited financial statement for 2024](#), highlighting the good financial year for the FEI with a positive net result of CHF 1.4 mio.

The economic situation in 2024 had been favourable with interest rates decreasing and inflation going back to lower levels. The FEI's net financial results had reached CHF 4.1 mio mostly driven by the good performance of the FEI portfolio. Thanks to those results, the FEI decided to absorb all the costs related to the 2024 Olympic Games and Solidarity projects.

FEI balance sheet remains strong and the operating fund (reserves) have reached CHF 25 mio, which is a level recommended by the Board based on the FEI Risk Management Strategy established in 2018.

The General Assembly approved the audited financial statement for 2024.

The General Assembly released the Board and Secretary General for the year 2024.

The General Assembly appointed Forvis Mazars as the Auditors for 2026.

The Finance Director presented the [budget for 2026](#), which has been established in an uncertain economic outlook impacted by global geopolitical and commercial tensions, contributing to the devaluation of some currencies, such as the US dollar in comparison with Swiss franc (FEI reporting currency). The budget 2026 takes into account all financials related to the FEI World Championships 2026, the go-live of the Horse Digital Passport and the increase of human athlete and horse registration fees. The budget outlines total revenues of CHF 61.3 million and total expenses of CHF 60.8 million. Despite the global economic uncertainties, the FEI has solid foundations and is positioned favourably to

achieve a positive net result of CHF 511'000 budgeted for 2026. The General Assembly approved the budget for 2026.

The General Assembly approved the [financial charges for the year 2026](#).

A notable change compared to previous years is the increase of the Human Athlete registration fee from CHF 10 to CHF 55. Since the introduction of the Human Athlete registration in 2006, the annual fee has remained at CHF 10, despite the significant expansion of services and digital solutions provided by the FEI over the past two decades. The increase was made in recognition of the evolving demands and the adjustment ensures that the FEI can continue delivering essential services to the athletes. This change was discussed and approved by the FEI General Assembly 2024. The change is applicable as of 1 January 2026.

As of 1 January 2026, registration for Horses/Ponies will also be increased to CHF 55 to finance the costs related to the Horse Digital Passport.

APPROVAL OF FEI PRESIDENT ROLE DESCRIPTION

The General Assembly approved the [FEI President Role Description](#). The final version was presented to the General Assembly on 6 November during a dedicated session.

FEI RULES AND REGULATIONS

The General Assembly approved the proposed modifications to the:

- **Internal Regulations of the FEI.** The changes are listed [here](#).
- **FEI General Regulations.**
An important modification is the new provision of **Art. 100 – Abuse of Horses and Safeguarding Policy against Harassment and Abuse**, which states that by 1 January 2027, NFs must have Abuse of Horses and Safeguarding provisions in their National Rules that are generally consistent with the FEI provisions.

Another key change is **Art. 164.2 -Warnings** and the new system, which allows for Warnings to have a more tangible impact, as follows:

- 2 Warnings** within 12 months: A fine of **CHF 2'000** will be automatically issued
- 3 Warnings** within 12 months: A fine of **CHF 3'000**
- 4 Warnings** within 12 months: A fine of **CHF 4'000**

All the modifications are listed [here](#).

The updated versions of the Internal Regulations of the FEI and the FEI General Regulations effective 1 January 2026 will be published [here](#).

QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES LOS ANGELES 2028

The General Assembly approved the Olympic Qualification Systems for [Jumping](#), [Dressage](#), and [Eventing](#) as well as the [Paralympic Qualification System](#) for the Los Angeles 2028 Games.

The Olympic and Paralympic Qualification Systems will be sent to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Paralympic Committee (IPC) for final review and approval.

JUMPING

The Chair of the FEI Jumping Committee provided a brief overview of the Jumping Report.

The year 2025 had been very successful for Jumping with highlights such as the Longines FEI Jumping Championship 2025 in A Coruña (ESP), the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final in Basel (SUI), and the Longines League of Nations™ Final in Barcelona (ESP).

The Chair reported on the in-person meetings and teleconferences the Committee had held in 2025; the meetings with various stakeholders; the full revision of the FEI Jumping Rules; the Longines FEI Jumping Championship 2025 in A Coruña (ESP); the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™; the Longines League of Nations™; the Longines Ranking Working Group; the appointment and education of Jumping Officials; as well as the membership of the FEI Jumping Committee.

The Chair thanked the FEI Jumping Committee as well as other stakeholders for their continued contribution. He expressed his appreciation to the FEI Jumping Department under the leadership of the Jumping Director.

The full report is available [here](#).

The General Assembly approved the FEI Jumping Rules, which this year have undergone a comprehensive revision and have been thoroughly restructured to ensure clarity and consistency. The modifications are outlined [here](#).

Art. 259 Jumping Recorded Warning was approved by a separate vote with a result of 56 votes in favour, 20 against, and 2 abstentions. A dedicated press release on this topic is available [here](#).

The updated rules effective 1 January 2026 will be published [here](#) in due course.

DRESSAGE

The Chair of the FEI Dressage Committee provided a brief overview of the Dressage Report.

The report referenced the meetings held by the FEI Dressage Committee and the Dressage Strategic Action Planning Working Group in 2025

The Chair provided an overview of the main events and championships, which had taken place during the year, including the very successful FEI European Dressage Championships at Crozet (FRA) and mentioned the education courses for Dressage Judges and Stewards of various levels that has been organised. She listed the pending project and ongoing work.

The Chair thanked the FEI Dressage Committee and FEI Dressage Department for their support and wished her successor the very best for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The full report is available [here](#).

The General Assembly approved the [proposed modifications](#) to the FEI Dressage Rules.

The updated rules effective 1 January 2026 will be published [here](#) in due course.

PARA-EQUESTRIAN

The Chair of the FEI Para Equestrian Committee acknowledged the successful FEI Para Dressage European Championship 2025, which had attracted 57 combinations from 20 nations across all the Grades. She mentioned the other regional championships in Para Dressage and Para Driving held this year.

Some 39 shows and 85 events hosted by 20 NFs had taken place in 2025. The introduction of the new sports structure, with a progressive development through the star levels had continued to show benefit with expanded opportunities for lower-level classes.

The registration of athletes and horses had decreased slightly.

The Chair highlighted youth development as one of the key strategic pillars for Para Dressage and the introduction of the FEI Para Dressage U18 World Individual Rankings, which had been received positively. She mentioned the successful Para Equestrian Forum held in February 2025 in Birmingham (GBR) along with in-person seminars for L4 judges and para classifiers.

The Chair listed the 2025 education opportunities covering judges, stewards and classifiers including maintenance and transfer-up courses.

The Chair thanked the FEI Para Equestrian Committee as well the FEI Dressage and Para Dressage Department and its Director.

The full report is available [here](#).

The General Assembly approved the proposed modifications to the [FEI Para Dressage Rules](#) and the [FEI Para Equestrian Classification Rules](#).

The updated rules effective 1 January 2026 will be published [here](#) in due course.

EVENTING

The Chair of the FEI Eventing Committee presented a comprehensive report on the Committee's activities. He highlighted the success of the Agria FEI Eventing European Championship, held at Blenheim Palace (GBR) from 17–21 September. The event had gathered 56 combinations from 17 nations, including first-time appearances from Luxembourg and Turkey.

In 2025, the Committee met nine times via teleconference and held two in-person meetings to receive updates on preparations for the Agria FEI Eventing European Championship and discuss the Eventing Risk Management Programme; proposed modifications to the FEI Eventing Rules 2026, which were undergoing full revision; education of Officials; FEI Eventing Strategic Plan; Eventing documents supporting rules; as well as the work of the Eventing Tack Advisory Group.

The Chair highlighted youth-oriented projects such as the U25 World Championships, the FEI Eventing U25 World Rankings, as well as the Junior and Young Rider Eventing Rankings, the first edition of which was published at the beginning of November.

Since its inception in 2000, the FEI Eventing Risk Management Programme has amassed 25 years of data, showcasing a consistent improvement in data quality. The collected information, including fence descriptions, fall reports, and fence analyses from each competition, has facilitated significant data mining for the Risk Management Steering Group, aiding in queries related to Athlete and Horse qualification and addressing technical issues in the discipline. As from 2025, the fence description forms were entered directly by the Course Designers. Starting in 2026, the online portal will allow Technical Delegates to digitally enter the fall reports improving data accuracy.

In 2025 the number of competitions increased by 2.5% from 737 in 2024 to 756 (figures as of 1 October 2025).

In 2025 the overall number of falls decreased at all levels except for 4-star which remained stable. The 5-star level fall rate decreased by 6.5% from 8.42% in 2024 to 7.87% in 2025 (provisional data 30 June 2025) which is the lowest rate attained for the period 2014-2025 (2020 excluded due to the Covid-19 pandemic). Horse falls have decreased by 40% from 1.40 % in 2016 to 0.84 % in 2025 (30 June 2025) with 0.08% rotational falls recorded. Rotational falls have shown a consistent decreasing trend since 2013.

The Chair reported on the activities of the Eventing Risk Management Steering Group (RMSG); the Eventing series and championships; the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™; the FEI Eventing World Athletes Rankings; the education of Officials; and the Eventing Development Programme with a special mention of the Eventing Challenge launched in 2023.

The full report is available [here](#).

In 2025 the FEI Eventing Rules underwent full revision. All suggestions for modifications received from the NFs and stakeholders were reviewed according to the [FEI Rules Revision Policy](#).

The General Assembly approved the [proposed modifications](#) to the FEI Eventing Rules.

The revised rules effective 1 January 2026 will be published [here](#) in due course.

ENDURANCE

The Chair of the FEI Endurance Committee presented his report.

The report listed the Committee's teleconferences throughout the year. It provided an update on the main Championships that had taken place in 2025 and their results; the allocation of future Championships; the committee's monitoring of the implementation of the FEI Endurance Rules; and hyposensitivity testing, which had been performed at 30 venues worldwide as well as all the Championships.

The report also mentioned the FEI Endurance Forum to be held in Perugia (ITA) on 16-17 January 2026.

The Chair thanked the FEI Endurance Committee and the FEI Endurance Department for their hard work, valuable contributions and continuous support.

The full report is available [here](#).

The General Assembly approved the [proposed modifications](#) to the FEI Endurance Rules.

The updated rules effective 1 January 2026 will be published [here](#) in due course.

DRIVING AND PARA DRIVING

2025 has been a significant year for the Driving and Para Driving disciplines, marked by major consultation processes and strategic discussions.

The FEI Driving Committee held regular meetings throughout the year and focused on structural developments of the sport, horse welfare, competition formats, and the full revision of the FEI Driving and Para Driving Rules scheduled for implementation in 2026. Key areas reviewed include cones lifter & measuring system; entries for Championships and CAIOs; protective equipment; and medical and safety requirements.

The Chair reported on the second edition of the FEI Driving Forum held on 25–26 March 2025 at Hippisch Centrum Exloo (NED), which had been an important platform for consultation.

The Chair also reported on the year's Championships, which had showcased top-level sport and strong participation across all categories.

The Chair concluded his report by thanking the FEI Driving Department for their support and professionalism and by paying tribute to the FEI Director Driving, Para Driving and Special Projects, who's retiring at the end of the year.

The full report is available [here](#).

The General Assembly approved the [proposed modifications](#) to the FEI Driving and Para Driving Rules.

The fully revised rules effective 1 January 2026 will be published [here](#) in due course.

VAULTING

The Chair of the FEI Vaulting Committee reported on the increase of Vaulting events, which had taken place in 2025. Some 39 events had been organised in 22 countries worldwide which was a record number for a single season.

The number of Vaulting courses had also grown significantly along with transfer requests and shadow judging.

The Chair presented a detailed outline of the activities of the Vaulting Committee and provided information on the FEI Online Open Forum, which had taken place in February and had attracted 200 participants from 27 countries.

The annual Vaulting seminar had been held in Sardinia (ITA) from 17-19 October and had concentrated on the Free Test Working Group outcomes; wellbeing of horses; stewarding matters; updates of the FEI Vaulting Rules and Guidelines 2026; and video judging.

The Committee had also worked on the proposed modifications to the rules and guidelines for 2026.

The Chair outlined the key projects for 2026. She thanked the FEI Vaulting Committee, the members of the Free Test Concept Working Group, the Code of Points 2027 Working Group, the Wellbeing of the Horse Subcommittee, as well as the FEI Vaulting Department.

The full report is available [here](#).

The General Assembly approved the [proposed modifications](#) to the FEI Vaulting Rules.

The updated rules effective 1 January 2026 will be published [here](#) in due course.

VETERINARY AND WELFARE

As of 1 June, the name of the Department had been changed to FEI Veterinary & Equine Welfare Department with a Senior Manager of FEI Welfare Initiatives joining the team.

The Chair of the FEI Veterinary Committee reported on the activities of the Committee, which had met via teleconference and in person throughout the year. The report covered the FEI Veterinary Regulations; Key Event Requirements (KERs); equine welfare; biosecurity; Games and Championships; Clean Sport; pony measuring; FEI Equipment Expert Group; National Head Veterinarians (NHVs); FEI Solidarity; research; the International Movement of Horses; and networking and communication.

The Department has been on the forefront of the implementation the FEI Welfare Action Plan and the progress can be followed [here](#).

An important development is the formation of the FEI Equine Welfare Advisory Group (FEWAG), introduced at a [dedicated session](#) during the FEI Sports Forum 2025. The Group, which is composed of independent experts within key fields for equine welfare, will hold its first meeting in January 2026. The Ethical Training Methods Working Group had laid the foundation for many projects and will be delivering an ethical framework as well as an observation protocol for warm-up and training. Collaboration with the [Dressage Strategy Working Group](#) has been an important aspect of their work.

The Oral Cavity Pilot Project was successfully finalised and preparations are ongoing for the first field tests of advisory oral cavity examinations at FEI Events.

The full report is available [here](#).

The General Assembly approved the [proposed modifications](#) to the FEI Veterinary Regulations.

The updated rules effective 1 January 2026 will be published [here](#) in due course.

MEDICAL

The Chair of the Medical Committee presented a report on activities covering:

- **Medical coverage at Events:** the Medical Committee has developed discipline-specific requirements for event medical services in Jumping and Driving.
- **Protective Headgear:** [The FEI list of testing standards for Protective Headgear](#) was fully revised and published in July 2025. It will be effective as of 1 January 2026.
- **Safety vests:** The [Equestrian Safety Vests Working Group \(ESVWG\)](#) was created in July 2025. It will release its preliminary report at the end of 2025 along with specific research project proposals.
- **Concussion & head injuries:** The Medical Committee has finished drafting the new FEI Concussion Guidelines, including an equestrian-based Return to Sport strategy.

The document will be reviewed by relevant stakeholders for feedback before publication and dissemination.

- **National Medical Advisor (NMA) programme:** The Medical Committee has continued working on developing this programme, which aims to create an effective communication channel between NFs and FEI and to support medium-sized NFs. The Medical Committee and FEI HQ are preparing an online course for NMAs and defining a mentoring programme.
- **Human anti-doping:** a comprehensive human anti-doping education programme targeting a wide range of stakeholder groups, including NFs, Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel, was developed in 2025.

The full report, which contains the human anti-doping testing figures from 1 January to 1 October 2025, is available [here](#).

ATHLETES

The Chair of the FEI Athletes Committee presented her report. It provided an overview of the major championships and sporting highlights that had taken place in 2025 and, in particular, the consolidation of the Longines League of Nations™.

The Chair mentioned youth engagement, athlete development and engagement in various FEI initiatives. She highlighted the upcoming election cycle (2026-2030) and the importance of athlete representation within the FEI governance structure.

The full report is available [here](#).

FEI SOLIDARITY

Report on activities

The FEI President opened discussion in his capacity as Chair of the FEI Solidarity Committee and encouraged the NFs to sign up for the annual Course for NF Secretary Generals and Administrator, which was a valuable learning opportunity fully funded by Olympic Solidarity. He passed the floor to the FEI Solidarity Director, who presented a report on the activities of FEI Solidarity.

The report, which is very comprehensive, includes the following topics:

- **FEI Solidarity Department operations:**
 - Overview of NFs projects;
 - NFs Round-up;
 - Equestrian Sport Educative Events (ESEEs);
- **FEI Solidarity Department projects and programmes:**
 - Consultancy services;
 - FEI Regional Development Officers;
 - New FEI Solidarity Tools and Programmes;
 - FEI Course for National Federations' Secretary Generals & Administrators 2024-2025;
 - National Federation's IT Platform;
- **Horse welfare**
- **FEI Coach Education Programme;**
- **FEI World Challenge:** The Final 2025 will be held in Senegal from 20 to 30 November and will serve as a test event for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games;
- **Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games**

- **FEI Solidarity Hub;**
- **Cooperation with various FEI Departments, including Commercial, Marketing and Communications and Veterinary;**
- **FEI Campus;**
- **FEI Solidarity Relief Fund for Ukraine.**

The FEI Solidarity Director welcomed the opportunity to hold a workshop for the NFs of Regional Group VIII after the FEI General Assembly. This would be an important gathering and he thanked delegates for their participation.

The full report is available [here](#).

Appointment of FEI Solidarity Committee Members

The General Assembly approved the FEI Solidarity Committee Members as proposed by the FEI President:

Group I Ingmar De Vos (BEL), FEI President and Chair (term started in 2018)

Group II Marjukka Manninen (FIN) (2022)

Eurasian Equestrian Association: Bakhromjon Gaziev (UZB) NEW (2025)

Group IV Heidi Lalor (JAM) (2025) NEW

Group V Juan Manuel Melgar (GUA) (2022)

Group VI Diego Iturralde Aponte (BOL) (2023)

Group VII Badr bin Mohamed Al Darwish (QAT) (2022)

Group VIII HRH Nanda-Devi Norodom (CAM) (2025) NEW

Group IX Mary K.B Binks, Deputy Chair GRIX (KEN) (2022)

The FEI Solidarity Committee Members are appointed for a term of one year and may serve a maximum of four terms. As the FEI President is the Chair of the FEI Solidarity Committee, the terms of his mandate is in line with the presidential terms.

NOMINATIONS

The FEI Nominations Committee report can be viewed [here](#).

ELECTIONS

Regional Group Chairs and Deputy Chairs

EEF Regional Group President, Board Member: Quentin Simonet (FRA) was elected EEF Regional Group President by the General Assembly for one year (2025-2026). This was a vacancy arising from the resignation of the previous President before the end of his term. **Elizabeth Max Theurer (AUT)** was elected by the General Assembly for the position of EEF Regional Group President Deputy Chair for one year (2025-2026).

EEF Regional Group 1st Vice President, Board Member: Simone Perillo (ITA) was elected EEF Regional Group 1st Vice President by the General Assembly for the four-year term 2025 - 2029. **Peter Cholakov (BUL)** was elected by the General Assembly for the position of EEF Regional Group 1st Vice President Deputy Chair for the four-year term 2025 - 2029.

FEI Regional Group V, Board Member: Daniela Garcia Nigaglioni (MEX) was elected FEI Regional Group V Chair by the General Assembly for the four-year term 2025 - 2029. **Mauricio Bermudez (COL)** was elected by the General Assembly for the position of FEI Regional Group V Deputy Chair for the four-year term 2025 - 2029.

Jumping Committee Chair, Board Member

Stephan Ellenbruch (GER) was re-elected as Chair of the FEI Jumping Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

Dressage Committee Chair, Board Member

Diana Al-Shaer (PLE) was elected as Chair of the FEI Dressage Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

Eventing Committee Chair, Board Member

David O'Connor (USA) was re-elected as Chair of the FEI Eventing Committee for the four-year term 2025-2029.

FEI Tribunal Members

Armand Leone (USA) was re-elected and **Sarra Saidi (FRA)** and **Barnaby Hone (GBR)** were elected as Members of the FEI Tribunal for the four-year term 2025-2029.

The Secretary General informed the General Assembly of the appointments of Technical Committee Members and allocation of [FEI Championships made by the FEI Board](#) on 4 November.

CLEAN SPORT

The FEI Director, Veterinary and Welfare presented the report from the FEI Global Equine Anti-Doping Controlled Medication Programme (EADCMP), which includes data on FEI Global EADCMP 2024 testing, Hypo Sensitivity and Limb Sensitivity Control (HSC) examinations for the period 2022-2025, as well as information on Doping and Controlled Medication Cases.

INTERNATIONAL HORSE SPORTS CONFEDERATION (IHSC)

The FEI Director, Veterinary & Welfare presented the main activities for 2025 within the collaboration between the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) and the International Horse Sports Confederation (IHSC).

Concerns over stalled progress in the international movement of horses have been addressed with the WOAH. The FEI is supporting Organisers and NFs to facilitate the process.

The Director commended the major progress achieved in the Gulf Region. A test of full real-time traceability through the High Health High Performance (HHP) module of the [FEI HorseApp](#) was conducted in South America. In this test, the App also allowed for the registration of the individuals responsible at each stage of the journey, including stopovers, on the way to the South American Championships held in Paraguay from 29 September to 5 October 2025.

The FEI HorseApp is currently being used by the Thailand's Department of Livestock Development (DLD) to trace and monitor domestic horses travelling to the Asian Championships and South East Asian Games. Both projects are conducted in close collaboration with the WOAH.

OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES

Niccolo Campriani, LA28 Vice President, Sport and Cesar Hirsch (VEN), Subject Matter Expert for the Organising Committee LA28, provided an update on preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Los Angeles 2028

FEI MANAGEMENT

The FEI Management report on Sport & Games; Education & Officials; Technology Operations; Commercial, Marketing & Communications; and Human Resources can be viewed [here](#).

The Secretary General provided an overview on the restructuring at the FEI Headquarters including the hire of the FEI Executive Director, Sport and Games and FEI Executive Director, Commercial Marketing Communication. She acknowledged the FEI was honoured to be recognised as one of the most attractive employers in sport.

FEI TRIBUNAL

The Chair of the FEI Tribunal provided an overview of the FEI Tribunal highlights 2025, as well as information on Decisions, Hearings, Preliminary Decisions, Agreements, CAS Appeals and Decisions. He welcomed the changes to the FEI Statutes pertaining to the FEI Tribunal.

EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY INTEGRITY UNIT

The Secretary General referred to the report of the Equestrian Community Integrity Unit (ECIU), which is available [here](#).

The report contains an overview of the [FEI Reporting Hub](#), launched in September 2024, which is being used to address horse abuse; safeguarding matters; as well as equine and human anti-doping.

The vast majority of the incidents/allegations reported to the FEI via the FEI Reporting Hub concerns horse welfare. The FEI Legal Department has conducted all the investigations internally and has therefore not used any external service providers, except for metadata analysis of pictures and videos in one disciplinary proceeding with the FEI Tribunal in order to ensure that the pictures/videos have not been edited and that they are originals.

The full report, which contains data on horse abuse allegations reported to the FEI, is available [here](#).

WORLD HORSE WELFARE

Roly Owers, CEO of World Horse Welfare (WHW), addressed the General Assembly. The presentation emphasised the horse as the core stakeholder in equestrian sport, advocating for the protection of horse wellbeing as essential to the sport's future sustainability.

FEI SPORTS FORUM 2026

The FEI Sports Forum 2026 will be held in Lausanne (SUI) on 30 and 31 March.

The sessions for the FEI Sports Forum 2026 will include Marketing & Communication strategy: 2026-2028; youth to elite Pathway; rules and regulations: Olympic and Paralympic Regulations LA28; Dressage & Para Dressage Rules; Equine Welfare & Safety; Veterinary Matters: Advancing Rules, Research & Responsibility.

RECOGNITIONS

Outgoing Board Members:

- **Theo Ploegmakers (NED)**, Chair, EEF Regional Group, term in office 2018 – 2025
- **George Dimaras (GRE)**, Chair, EEF Regional Group, term in office 2021 – 2025
- **Carmen Barrera (ESA)**, Chair, Regional Group V, term in office 2011 – 2025
- **Maribel Alonso de Quinzaños (MEX)**, Chair, FEI Dressage committee, term in office 2021 – 2025

The General Assembly confirmed the FEI Board's proposal to appoint Theo Ploegmakers, George Dimaras, Carmen Barrera and Maribel Alonso de Quinzaños as Honorary Board Members.

New Board member elected at the FEI General Assembly 2025:

- **Quentin Simonet (FRA)**, Chair, EEF Regional Group
- **Simone Perillo (ITA)**, Vice President, EEF Regional Group
- **Daniela Garcia Nigalioni (MEX)**, Chair, Regional Group V
- **Diana Al-Shaer (PLE)**, Chair, FEI Dressage Committee

The FEI President offered special gifts to **Lester G. Huang, SBS, JP**, President, Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China and Deputy Chair, Hong Kong Jockey Club; **Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges**, Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong Jockey Club, and Vice President, International Horse Sports Confederation; **Masami Toda**, Secretary General, Equestrian Federation of Hong Kong, China; and **Amanda Bond**, Head of Equestrian Affairs, Hong Kong Jockey Club and FEI Board Member, and thanked him for the excellent organisation and warm hospitality.

The FEI President acknowledged FEI Director Driving, Para Driving, and Special Projects Manuel Bandeira de Mello and Nicole Sigrist, Senior Officer, Communications Platforms, Tools & Templates, who are retiring at the end of the year after many years of remarkable service.

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