

Within the International Federations

International Equestrian Federation General Assemblies

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At the Invitation of the Austrian National Equestrian Federation and its president, General Emil Spannocchi, the Extraordinary and Ordinary General Assemblies of the International Equestrian Federation were held in Vienna, the 9th and 10th of December 1981.

This was the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the FEI, under the direction of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

58 nationally affiliated federations of the 72 were present or had sent representatives for these General Assemblies

The extraordinary General Assembly was mainly concerned with the following points :

1. The revision of the General Regulations so as to comply with the newly revised Statutes and in order to better define the Equestrian Sports' specific requirements in respect to Rule 26 of the Olympic Charter and its bye-laws
2. The eventual inclusion of the long distance riding and vaulting disciplines under the Rules of the FEI.
3. The creation of a new international dressage competition for the purpose of promoting this discipline in the national federations of non-European countries.
4. The elaboration of new standards for the FEI jumping competition for the national federations which cannot participate in international events due to great distances from the main centres of activities or who have competitors and their horses whose standards do not meet with the requirements for large international events.
5. The adoption of the new category of "Young Riders – ages 16-21 – whose regulations permit a progressive approach to the difficulties encountered in important international events and championships reserved for the elite.

6. The enforcement of the new Rules for young riders, juniors and ponies as well as for driving events because of the growing interest in these disciplines.
7. The study of various veterinary matters of which the following decision were taken :
 - to maintain for the year 1982 the list of forbidden substances which was established for 1981 after the 1980 General Assembly.
 - to maintain for the year 1982 the maximum permitted level of 4 ug of phenylbutazone for each ml of blood plasma.
 - to continue to study in 1982 the problem of neurectomy of horses and its scientific basis with regard to its implications and methods of use.

Of the *elections* that occurred, the following nominations were made :

1. New Bureau members :

- Mr. Wolfgang Niggli (SUI) as Chairman of the Dressage Committee, replacing Colonel Nyblaeus (SWE) :
- Mr. Ekkehard Krueger (VEN) as representative for South America, replacing Mr. Pedro O. Mayorga (AAG).

2. Members re-elected to the Bureau

- Mr. Eryk Brabec (POL) as Chairman of the Jumping Committee.

3. Vice-Chairmen

Count Landsberg-Velen (FRG) as 1st Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee and Colonel Thackeray (USA) as 2nd Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Driving Committee.

4. Committee Members

- Mr. Luis Calvo-Sotelo (ESP) as member of the Finance and Administration Committee ;
- Mr. A. J. Pot (HOL) as member of the Dressage Committee.

5. Honorary members of the Bureau :

Mr. Pedro O. Mayorga (ARG) and Colonel Gustaf Nyblaeus (SWE) as Honorary Vice-President and Member of the Bureau respectively, in recognition of their service to the FEI during their terms as members of the Bureau respectively during 25 and 16 years



H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. presents the President's Cup 1981 in Vienna to rider Alwin Schockemöhle. holder of the 1976 Olympic Gold Medal for showjumping and member of the West German team, winner of this trophy.

The following federations have become members of the FEI :

- Lebanon Malaysia and Zambia.
- Peoples Republic of China. Nepal and Qatar, temporary affiliation.

The annual report of the Bureau was unanimously approved by the General Assembly.

The report focused on the following main observations :

1. The increasing use of horse passports as identification documents which guarantee a wider recognition by customs and sanitary authorities.
2. The continually increasing number of seminars and courses for judges and course chiefs in order to arrive at a general consensus on course construction and judging methods.
3. The pursuit of the FEI programme in view of the promotion of young judges and international candidate-judges in each equestrian discipline.

4. The fruitful contacts with the International Olympic Committee and the General Association of International Sports Federations.

In view of the required qualifications for competitors and their horses for entering Olympic Games and World Championships, the General Assembly agreed to require Certificates of Capability, already used for the Olympic Games at Moscow and will be vigorously employed for the 1982 World Championships.

The World Cup for Jumping Riders has greatly developed since its creation. With the two leagues formed since its first season (European and North American) in 1978-1979, others have since been added – that of the Pacific (Australia and New Zealand) in 1979-1980, that of South America in 1980-1981 and two sub-leagues are introduced in 1981-1982 covering North America and South America because of long distances to be covered between these two continents.

The Final of the 1981-1982 World Cup will take place in Göteborg (SWE) the 14th-18th April. The 1983 World Cup Final will take place in Vienna.

The site for the *equestrian events of the Olympic Games in Los Angeles* was the subject of great discussion.

The Chairman underlined that the “Santa Anita Park” was acceptable for the obstacle and jumping events.

At present the location for the 3-day event endurance competition has yet to be found.

A definite decision will be taken by the Bureau of the FEI at the latest during a meeting scheduled in Los Angeles for the end of September 1982.

The 1982 calendar includes 16 Championships, the Asian Games and 21 official 3-Day Events. The total number of organised events coming under the responsibility of the FEI is estimated around 280.

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