



ITBF GENERAL MEETING
Held in Tokyo, Japan
Commencing at 09.30 hrs (Tokyo local time)
on Thursday, 23rd May 2024

AGENDA

Session 1: start time 09.30

- 1.1 **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT & REPORT**
Kirsten Rausing, ITBF Chairman
- 1.2 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
Held in Newmarket, England. Copies previously circulated (and on Members' Secure Area on website) and taken as read.
MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
To approve the Minutes as a true record. *Circulated 06/2022 & 03/2024*
- 2 **COLLABORATION OF THE ITBF & IFHA**
Kirsten Rausing, ITBF Chairman
Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, IFHA Chairman
- 3 **CEO's REPORT**
Development of the ITBF
Financial & Sponsorship
Sarah Carmichael, CEO ITBF
- 4.1 **EQUINE DISEASE REPORTS**
Disease Reports submitted to Veterinary Chairman, Dr Des Leadon.
A compilation will be available on the website prior to the meeting and hard copies in the meeting pack.
Dr Des Leadon, ITBF Veterinary Chairman
- 4.2 **VETERINARY DELEGATES' MATTERS**
To receive a report from Dr Des Leadon on the meeting held the previous day. His full report will form part of the minutes of this ITBF Meeting.
Dr Des Leadon, ITBF Veterinary Chairman
- 5 **EIDS (Equine Infectious Disease Surveillance)**
Report and Financial Update
Dr James Crowhurst, EIDS Advisor to the ITBF
- 6 Video **THE AMAZING STORY OF THE THOROUGHBRED**
Courtesy of EFTBA.
Introduced by Joe Heron, EFTBA Chairman

with Q & A

Session 1: 1hr 20 mins

BREAK FOR COFFEE

Session 2: start time 11.20

- 7 **JAPAN'S INTEGRATED APPROACH TO THOROUGHBRED BREEDING AND RACING**
Dr Ueno, Executive Vice Chairman JBBA
Kaoru Matsuda, Stallions Operations & International Affairs JBBA
- with Q & A*
- 8 **CLOSURE OF RACETRACKS IN THE USA & THE IMPACT ON THOROUGHBRED BREEDING**
Dan Metzger CEO, TOBA USA
- with Q & A*
- 9.1 **'MY 15 CHAMPIONS'** Incentivising scheme for Thoroughbred Breeding.
Ignacio Hurtado, Chilean TBA
- 9.2 **BREEDING IN LATIN AMERICA - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**
Ezequiel Valle, OSAF
- with Q & A*

Session 2: 1hr 30 mins

BREAK FOR LUNCH

Session 3: start time 14.00

- 10 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN STUD FARMING**
Claire Sheppard, CEO British TBA (Northern Hemisphere)
Justine Sclater, Head of Sustainability & Welfare NZTR (Southern Hemisphere)
- with Q & A*
- 11 **EQUINE WELFARE AS THE FOUNDATION OF A SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE SPORT**
Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, IFHA Chairman
Panel: Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges & James Given, Director of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare, The British Horseracing Authority and member of IFHA Advisory Council (James Given attending by zoom)
- with Q & A*
- 12 **INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL OF RACING** - Video
Ameeta Mehra, Owner and Manager of Usha Stud Farms, India
Presented by Zoom

Session 3: 1hr 20 mins

BREAK FOR COFFEE

Session 4: Start time 15.50

- 13 **RACING AND BREEDING, THE FRENCH SYSTEM**
Pierric Rouxel, President French TBA (West Region)
- with Q & A*

- 14 **HOSTING OF 2026 GENERAL MEETING**
Kirsten Rausing, ITBF Chairman
- 15 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- 15.1 **Succession Planning**
Dan Metzger, ITBF Executive Committee Member for North America
- 15.2 **Inclusion of Active Breeder Representation (as required)**
Kirsten Rausing, ITBF Chairman
- 15.3 **Rotation of Countries within Executive Committee Regional Representation**
Kirsten Rausing, ITBF Chairman
- 16 **STATUTES & ITBF STRUCTURE**
Kirsten Rausing, ITBF Chairman
- 17 **A.O.B. Submissions before 1st May. None received**
- 18.1 **Chairman's introduction to 18.2**
- 18.2 **TO VOTE FOR:**
"The ITBF continues its resolute stand against the use of artificial breeding methods on Thoroughbreds (Artificial Insemination, Embryo Transfer, Cloning, Sexing of sperm, Genetic engineering/manipulation, and other potential methods yet to be defined)"
- International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA)**
ARTICLE 12 of the IFHA International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (IABRW):
- 12.1.1 The Thoroughbred must be the result of a Stallion's mating with a Mare which is the physical mounting of a Mare by a Stallion with intromission of the penis and ejaculation of semen into the reproductive tract.*
- 12.3.1 A natural gestation must take place in, and delivery must be from, the body of the same Mare in which the Foal was conceived. Any Foal resulting from or produced by the processes of Artificial Insemination, Embryo Transfer or Transplant, Cloning or any other form of genetic manipulation not herein specified, shall not be eligible for recording in a Thoroughbred Stud Book approved by the International Stud Book Committee.*
- 12.B The heritable genome of a prospective or registered Thoroughbred must not be modified in any way at any time, including during its conception, gestation or at any stage thereafter in its existence.*
- 19 **CONCLUDING REMARKS FROM ITBF CHAIRMAN**
Kirsten Rausing

Close of General Meeting 2024

Finish by 16.45 (Tokyo local time)