



NEWS & MESSAGES

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Open European Endurance Championship 2003, Punchestown, IRL

News from the official web site: www.sporthorseshow.com

Schedule:

"Entries and the schedule for the FEI Open European Endurance Championships will be posted on this web site (www.sporthorseshow.com) in early July. All country federations will be notified."

Draft Programme of Events

Thursday 18th September:

09.30 – 12.30 Sport Ireland IFG European Eventing Championships - Dressage

14.00 – 17.00 Sport Ireland IFG European Eventing Championships - Dressage

Friday 19th September:

09.30 – 12.30 Sport Ireland IFG European Eventing Championships - Dressage

14.00 – 17.00 Sport Ireland IFG European Eventing Championships - Dressage

Saturday 20th September:

09.00 Paddy Power International Hunt Chase

09.00 International Show Jumping

11.15 Sport Ireland IFG European Eventing Championships – Cross

14.00 International Grand Prix Show Jumping

20.00 The International Sport Horse Show Ball at CityWest Hotel

Sunday 21st September:

04.30 Start of the Open European Endurance Championship

08.30 Paddy Power International Hunt Chase

10.15 – 12.15 Sport Ireland IFG European Eventing Championships – Show Jumping

12.40 Paddy Power International Hunt Chase - Final

13.00 Paddy Power International Hunt Chase – Prize giving

13.15 – 14.15 The Irish Horse

15.45 – 16.15 Sport Ireland IFG European Eventing Championships – Prize giving

16.30 Open European Endurance Championship – Expected Finish

17.00 FEI Open European Endurance Championship – Prize giving

The Sport Horse Ball

“We are celebrating this year’s double European Championships with an exciting and spectacular ball – The Sport Horse Ball.”

Programme	8.00 pm	Champagne reception
	9.15 pm	Superb dinner
	11.00 pm until 1.00 am	Dancing
	1.00 am until 3.00 am	Disco
	<i>(4.30 am: Start of the Open European Endurance Championship.....)</i>	
Dress	Elegant Black and White or National Dress	
Cost	100 €	

“In the interest of the competitors, most of whom will be performing the next day and will therefore wish to retire to bed after dinner, everyone is requested to arrive promptly for the Champagne Reception so that dinner can then be served on time.”

FEI Open European Endurance Championships

Draft Programme of Events (as at 6th June 2003 – subject to change)

Monday 15th September:

09.30 Stables are open by prior arrangement – see schedule

Friday 19th September:

14.00 First Veterinary Inspection – at the Punchestown Vet Gate

Saturday 20th September:

10.00 Briefing for all competitors

20.00 The International Sport Horse Show Ball at CityWest Hotel

Sunday 21st September:

04.30 Start of the 160 km course

16.30 expected finish of the race

17.00 Prize giving ceremony

Endurance Accommodation

“Punchestown is located in a rural area and accommodation in the vicinity is limited. A major influx of overseas spectators expected – indeed tickets sales are extremely brisk. Competitors are therefore strongly recommended to book their accommodation as soon as possible.

The competitors lorry park will have toilets and showers.

There will be catering from early morning until late in the evening every day on site.

The accommodation experts of the International Sport Horse Show will do their very best to locate the accommodation required.”

??? (from Suzanne Dollinger)

- Start at 4.30, expected finish at 16.30, prize giving at 17.00....
With an overall holding time of approximately 2 hours 30 minutes and approximately 30 minutes to present the horse for the final control and change in “prize giving dress” – this leaves us at 9.30 hours possible riding time (16.84 km/h) if you want to participate (on the podium or as spectator) at the prize giving ceremony.
At the “pre-ride” race in Punchestown (19.05.02) over 120 km the winner (Sh Rashid bin Mohd Al Maktoum/ Lahi de Figueiredia) finished at 17.23 km/ h, the second placed (Sh Hamdan bin Mohd al Maktoum/ Canelle Rio) at 15.81 km/ h, the third placed (Valerie Kanavy/ Gazy de Lux) at 15.78 km/ h....
And: What about team competition and best condition award? Why on Sunday?

- I just hope that this Championship with the official title:

“The International Sport Horse Show presents: 18th – 21st September 2003
**The sport Ireland IFG European Eventing Championships
and the 2003 Open Endurance Championships”**

will not result in:

“The International Sport Horse Show presents: 18th – 21st September 2003
**The sport Ireland IFG European Eventing Championships
and the 2003 Open Endurance Championships”**

- **Message from Céline Robert (FRA), concerning French Statistics (Newsletter 17 & 18/ 03)** *(French text below)*

In News and Message 17/3 you discovered the French Statistics on horses which needed treatment during or after CEI rides. This work was published on the Internet site of the AFCE (French Association of Endurance Riders). Thank you to Suzanne Dollinger for her translation.

Of course, this is a preliminary study. As Desiree Hanen said in Newsletter 18/03, data from sound horses are missing and it is not possible to conclude now ; ideas presented here are only hypothesis. This was written in the original paper, but it has not been translated. I just said : « This study is a first step in the understanding and the prevention of metabolic troubles in endurance horses. As data from horses that were not treated are missing, these results do not allow any quantification of risk factors and are to be taken with caution. »

The study presented on the ACFE site had no scientific pretension. The objective was just to inform French riders about the first results in order to incite them to participate in the new study which is beginning in France. We ask riders to complete a pre-ride questionnaire about their horse, his carrier, diet, course management... We hope that it will be possible to make difference between CEI-completing horses, non-completers and horses which need treatment.

I think this is in agreement with suggestions from Desiree Hanen...

At that day, we have information from 280 horses, 39 of them were treated. We hope we will be able to present data from this new study next year.

Greetings Céline ROBERT

Dans News and Message 17/3 vous avez pu découvrir les résultats d'une étude sur 200 chevaux soignés sur les CEI en France. Ce travail a été diffusé en français sur le site de l'AFCE (Association Française des Cavaliers d'Endurance) et je remercie Suzanne Dollinger pour sa traduction et sa diffusion.

Il s'agit d'une étude préliminaire. Comme le fait très justement remarquer Desiree Hanen dans la Newsletter 18/03, il manque des données de référence pour conclure et les idées avancées ne sont que des hypothèses. Ces restrictions apparaissaient dans le dernier paragraphe de mon papier, mais elles n'ont pas été traduites. J'ai ainsi écrit : « Cette étude représente un premier pas vers la compréhension et la prévention des troubles métaboliques chez le cheval d'endurance. Cependant, en l'absence de population de référence constituée de chevaux sains, ces premiers résultats ne permettent pas de quantifier l'influence des facteurs de risque évoqués et sont à considérer avec précautions. »

La présentation des résultats sur le site de l'AFCE n'avait aucune prétention scientifique, mais avait pour but d'informer les cavaliers des premiers résultats obtenus afin de les inciter à participer à la nouvelle enquête qui se déroule actuellement en France : nous demandons à tous les cavaliers de remplir un questionnaire sur leur cheval, sa carrière, son alimentation, la gestion de la course... Nous espérons ainsi mettre en évidence des différences de gestion des chevaux terminant les CEI sans difficultés et des chevaux soignés. Je pense que cela concorde avec les suggestions de Desiree Hanen...

A ce jour, nous avons récupéré des informations sur 280 chevaux dont 39 ont été soignés. Nous espérons pouvoir présenter les résultats de cette nouvelle enquête en 2004.

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Cordialement Céline ROBERT