

CONGRATULATIONS

FEI APPOINTED GROUP IX MEMBERS

It might be old news to some already but for the record I wish to congratulate the following individuals on their appointments to various committees on the FEI.

2020 appointments

Mrs Diane Baxter (RSA) who will join the FEI Technical committee for Jumping

Mrs. Sharon Du Plessis (BOT) who will join the FEI Technical committee for Endurance

Mrs Theola Barclay (ZAM) who will join the FEI Audit and Compliance committee

2019 appointments

Dr. Ian Baines (NAM) who has joined the FEI Technical committee for FEI Veterinarians

Mr Jean Michel Turlot (COD) who has been doing a great job for Group IX on the FEI Nominations committee

Mrs Glenda Warburton (ESW) who joined in 2019 the FEI Solidarity committee

Mary Binks, one of 3 women has been bestowed the honour to serve as Honorary Board Member for the FEI.

Thank you all for the involvement and support to grow the sport in our Group.

INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK

We need to find volunteers to manage the Social Media pages as discussed at our Virtual meeting.

If possible, please forward your candidate to Mary or me.



FEI GROUP IX WEBPAGE

The Webpage is being created as we speak.

It will be a basic tool with an idea to publish the Group IX invitations, Group IX Calendar and National Officials soon.

For this to be successful we will need as much information as possible. Please forward us your links to your NF websites and the responsible person in your NF who we need to contact for regular updates.

A domain name has been registered under the name of FEIGROUPPIX with the approval of the FEI HQ.

FEI COVID RELIEF FUND 2021

This serves as a reminder to our NF's who wish to apply for the COVID relief fund. 7 out of our 15 National Federations have applied so far.

The closing date is **01st March 2021** for all applications. Please find attached the application document for your ease.

Cela sert de rappel à nos FN qui souhaitent demander le fonds de secours COVID. Jusqu'à présent, 7 de nos 15 fédérations nationales ont postulé.

La date de clôture est le **01 Mars 2021** pour toutes les candidatures. Veuillez trouver ci-joint le document de candidature pour votre facilité.

FEI ONLINE OFFICIALS EDUCATION SYSTEM

More information and the running of this system will be made available in 2021. We thank the FEI Solidarity for this initiative in developing the National Official.

NATIONAL OFFICIALS INFORMATION

To build on regional invitations it would be a tremendous help if all our Federations could submit a list of their most capable National Officials and their email addresses. This information will eventually be available on that Website we are working towards.

THE WAY FORWARD FOR 2021

Fingers crossed that we could have our in-person meeting in Kenya June 2021. For now, we would like to suggest shelving the suggestion made for a virtual/WebEx meeting in February. We are always a phone call away for advice if need be.

Croisons les doigts pour que nous puissions avoir notre réunion en personne au Kenya en juin 2021. Pour l'instant, nous aimerions suggérer de mettre de côté la suggestion faite pour une réunion virtuelle / WebEx en février. Nous sommes toujours à un coup de fil pour obtenir des conseils en cas de besoin.

CALENDAR DATES 2021

Definite dates received for the Africa Shield Series:

Zimbabwe 19-21 March 2021

Namibia 24-26 September 2021

Eswatini 22-24 October 2021

Let us stay positive that borders open and we find a way to continue cross border competitions.

Group IX African Cup Vaulting Festival in RSA from 23-27th April 2021

NAMIBIA is planning an Equestrian Festival June 11-13th at the Duneside Stud, Gobabis incorporating Dressage, Endurance, Eventing and Jumping during this weekend.

The FEI CEI1&2* Walvis Bay Endurance ride in NAM will be hosted from the 27th to 29th of August 2021.

The popular Inter Africa Cup needs a venue and date for 2021. If interested, please forward us your bids.

TOM BASS SEMINAR – DIVERSITY IN EQUESTRIAN SPORT

The full video transcript of the meeting is now accessible at: SportsQuestInternational.com, AfricanConnections.com, EventingNation.com and on the [SQITV channel](#) on YouTube.



From Mary and I (Gigi)