

## 2012, year of the pony in France



# CSIOP of Fontainebleau 2012 Dress rehearsal for the European Pony Championships

The 11th BIP (for Bonneau International Pony show) will take place from 13 to 15 April in Fontainebleau (France), the biggest international pony event in Europe. It will give the occasion for many nations to come and prepare the next FEI European Pony Championships (show jumping, eventing, dressage) which will happen in Fontainebleau too, from 17 to 22 July.



# Le BIP, répétition générale pour le saut d'obstacles

The organizing committee, managed by André Bonneau, continue the BIP's story. From 13 to 15 April, on the famous equestrian stadium « Grand Parquet de Fontainebleau » (50km south of Paris), completely renovated, more than 3000 riders will participate during 3 days to show jumping classes from national to international level.

Fontainebleau welcomes the only CSIOP in France, and one of the only 7 such competition in the world. That will be the only way for European nations to prepare the FEI European Pony Show Jumping Championships scheduled from 17 to 22 July next Summer. More than 10 nations are expected in April, and the French team will be of course in the starting-blocks to give a try to all new French pony riders to build the strongest team for July. In parallel, a CSIP and international young ponies classes (6/7 years old) will be organized, as well as national classes. Both CSIOP and CSIP classes (Grand Prix, Nations Cup) will serve as a support of the EYCup Pony Challenge, for the 3rd year in a row.



BIP 2011, Michel Valache president of the association «Etrier d'Arbonne» rewards riders coming from all over Europe





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From 17 to 22 July, still on the marvellous equestrian stadium of the Grand Parquet de Fontainebleau, the BIP team will organize the FEI European Pony Championships in 3 disciplines – show jumping, eventing, dressage – to which we add horseball European tournament.

An important breeding village will integrate the event with daily stallion shows, breeding classes and products and services for breeders. The public will then discover many different aspects of pony's world. The whole event is called « Euro Pony », which is a new trademark that gathers all the competitions and animations.

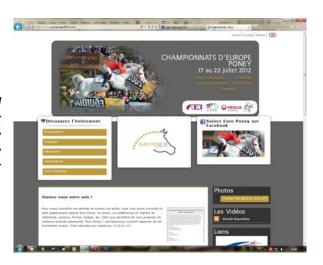
Several open shops will be open during the show: horse riding baptism, horse driving initiation, parties reserved to children, and many other funny things that will transform the Euro Pony as a real Pony Festival!



## The Euro Pony online

## www.europoney2012.com

The official Euro Pony website is now online! Available in French as well as in English, it will allow visitors from all over Europe to get all the last news about the show, the schedule, the accomodation, and during the championships to follow the results. Pony fans and riders can also join the Euro Pony Facebook official page and keep in touch with everything about the event!



### Become a fan!

You want to support your national team by attending to the show? Let us know about all your needs (hotels, transport, etc.) and we will help you to organize your trip. Contact us at +33 164 14 02 37.

The Euro Pony shop will be soon open. T-shirts, polos, sweat-shirts and other gifts will be available online and during the BIP and the championships. A cool way to bring back home a nice souvenir!

#### Websites

The BIP-csiop of Fontainebleau www.csiop-france.com The FEI European Pony Championships www.europoney2012.com

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