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European National Equestrian Federations

Dear Friends,

First of all I would like to thank all the National Federation for their condolence letters on the sudden death of Michał Wróblewski, Secretary General of the Polish Equestrian Federation and Member of the Board of the European Equestrian Federation (EEF). Michał Wróblewski was buried on 9 December 2011 in his native Łódź.

Notwithstanding this regrettable loss life goes on and we have to face new challenges. The conference planned by Michał Wróblewski, „BEST PRACTICE IN HORSE INDUSTRY” organized by Polish Equestrian Federation and EEF will go ahead as planned. The conference is a continuation of this year’s meeting of Secretaries General of all the European countries which took place in Warsaw in June 2011. The proposed subjects of the January conference are a result of the discussions held during the meeting in June and the arrangements made with the EEF representatives, Mr Hanfried Haring, President, and Mr Manuel Bandeira de Melo, Secretary General of the EEF.

The following main themes will be addressed at the January conference:

- “Development of equestrian sports”
- “Education in Horse Industry”
- “Horse breeding for equestrian sports”
- “Financing and cooperation between Federations”

We will provide you (the accredited persons) with detailed information about the conference by e-mail on an on-going basis.

We would like to invite representatives of all European countries to Warsaw (without limiting the number of guests from any individual Federation), and at the same time request you to register your representatives as soon as possible with the Polish Equestrian Federation.

The conference will be held in Warsaw in the Hotel Gromada, 17 Stycznia street 32 (close proximity to the airport); it is scheduled to start on 19.01.2012, at 14.30 hours, and end on 20.01.2012 after lunch. We shall cover the accommodation costs (19/20.01.2012) and meals for the participants during their stay in Warsaw. The Polish Federation will also pay the full costs of lecturers at the conference.

During the conference we would also like to discuss the objectives of the project put forward by the Polish Equestrian Federation, of joint preparation of Central and Eastern European riders for the juniors and children European Championships in the Olympic disciplines. We have circulated a letter describing the project to NF representatives during the FEI Congress in Rio de Janeiro (at present we are only sending it to those NFs which did not attend the last Congress).

We shall let you know about the day and time of the meeting devoted to his matter shortly. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding implementation of the program we will be grateful for your contribution.

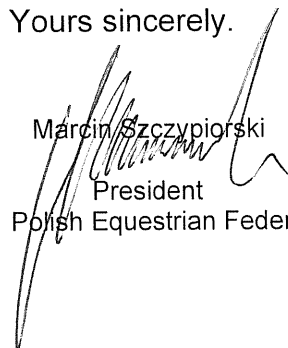
As we said in our letter, we would like all European countries to participate in European Championships for juniors and children in the near future, being represented both in the individual and team classification. We assume that the Western European countries which enjoy a much higher level of development of the equestrian sport will support those NFs which have been unable to take part in these events so far, or participated incidentally.

If the need arises we will hold another working meeting on the subject during the International Indoor Competitions CSI / CDI scheduled for 22 - 25 March 2012 in Warsaw (Torwar indoor arena).

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite riders from all over Europe to the Warsaw competitions. The event is at the same time planned as a Central European League Final for the World Cup Show Jumping, and most likely in Dressage (decision to be made by the FEI shortly).

I would also like to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2012 on behalf of the Board of the Polish Equestrian Federation, the employees of our Office to all horse lovers and all supporters of our sport.

Yours sincerely.


Marcin Szczypiorski
President
Polish Equestrian Federation

