



Annual Report

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Chairman's Statement



It is a pleasure to introduce our second Annual Report. Last year's inaugural issue was widely appreciated and there was unanimous support for continuation.

I would like to start by thanking all those more than 80 individuals who have worked for the Federation on a voluntary basis in the various committees. This is the "backbone" of our organisation, formed by individuals with demanding positions at national member organisations. They nevertheless find the drive to spend additional time for the promotion of international racing as done under the IFHA and deserve much applause.

Some of the individuals have unfortunately left us in 2007. I would particularly like to thank the following departing members of the Federation's Executive Council for their longstanding contributions: Larry Wong from The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Christopher Foster from the Jockey Club in England, Bob Charley from the Australian Racing Board and D.G. Van Clief of NTRA/Breeders' Cup of the US.

2007 will also be remembered for the regrettable outbreaks of equine influenza in both Japan and Australia. In these difficult situations, the Federation has showed its value as it offered an established international framework for exchange of information and scientific material to help local racing resolve the situation. Horse diseases will unfortunately never be eradicated and as horses participate more and more in international competitions, our work in this area will continue to be of high value.

The IFHA was also represented at the Asian Racing Conference, which was held in Dubai in January. This was important because many of the issues that we are dealing with are also tackled by the Asian Racing Federation (ARF). We also want to ensure that the activities of both organisations complement each other and that participants to both our conferences will be able to enjoy different presentations. The current rethinking of ARF's strategy could also be a useful orientation for the IFHA.

For the year ahead, I see a number of challenges for the Federation, one of which is certainly the further harmonisation on reciprocation of penalties. We have seen unfortunate examples in 2007 of jockeys being suspended in one jurisdiction while continuing to race in another. This is not possible in any other sport and difficult to explain to our fans. There are important legal justifications for these happenings, but they should not prevent us from achieving a more consistent global practice on the matter.



Another area that requires our continuous attention is the interpretation of interference rules. We have started a process in 2007 to first compare the different interpretations of a same racing situation. It came as no surprise that racing officials from different jurisdictions around the world, when they were presented a video of the same race, gave different judgements as to the possible interference and the penalties. Although different interpretations will always be an issue, we have to try to harmonise them as much as possible to ensure consistency in international races.

Early in 2007, we decided to harmonise the control of therapeutic substances commonly used in equine veterinary practice. A work programme has been set in motion and we expect our Advisory Council on Prohibited substances to make recommendations soon. Harmonisation in the area of therapeutic substances and their control remains vitally important, not only for ensuring the integrity of races, but also to facilitate international participation.

Last but not least, the Federation has entered new waters in 2007 by facilitating and promoting commingling of pools by pari-mutuel organisations. The racing product is nowadays traded globally and its value will increase when bettors around the world cannot only watch the race, but also bet into its pools. Pari-mutuel betting is the most important source of income for racing and we should continue to encourage international commingling.

We invite everyone to keep track of our activities during the year by visiting our website. It is regularly updated and is a rich source of information about IFHA and international racing matters.

*Louis Romanet
Chairman*

Mission Statement

In 1961, the Horseracing Authorities of the United States of America, France, Great Britain and Ireland decided to coordinate their action in order to protect the integrity of horseraces and keep their basic aim, which is the organization of competitions to select the best horses in order to improve the quality of breeding.

In 1967, they created the International Conference held in Paris every year, which brings the main Racing Authorities in the world together.

To give an official shape to these efforts, they founded in 1993 the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities which amalgamates around sixty members.

Their main objectives are:

1. to coordinate and harmonize the rules of the member-countries regarding breeding, racing & wagering;
2. to ensure the quality and fairness of racing in the interest of both the breeding and the public;
3. to provide the organisation on race courses of the protection of the welfare of horses, jockeys and the people attending;

4. to update the organisation of horseracing on account of the technical, social and economical evolution;

The Federation organises every year the International Conference, which updates the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering endorsed by the Conference in 1974.

The Federation publishes the main statistics of each member-country concerning breeding, racing and betting.

Organisational Chart



Appendix 6 lists the members in 2007 of each of the committees.

Membership

The IFHA has member organisations in each of the countries coloured in green. Green-white stripes mean observer membership. There is significant racing activity in each of these countries.



Organisation

Below are the countries in which IFHA has a member organisation.
A List with all members is presented in the appendix.

• Americas

ARGENTINA	CHILE	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BRAZIL	MEXICO	URUGUAY
CANADA	PERU	VENEZUELA

• Wider Europe

ALGERIA	GREECE	NORWAY
AUSTRIA	HUNGARY	POLAND
BELGIUM	IRELAND	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO
TCHAD	ITALY	SLOVAKIA
CYPRUS	LEBANON	SLOVENIA
CZECH REPUBLIC	RUMANIA	SPAIN
DENMARK	RUSSIA	SWEDEN
FRANCE	THE NETHERLANDS	SWITZERLAND
GERMANY	TUNISIA	
GREAT BRITAIN	MOROCCO	

• Wider Asia

AUSTRALIA	MALAYSIA	SAUDI ARABIA
BAHRAIN	SINGAPORE	SOUTH AFRICA
HONG KONG	MAURITIUS	THAILAND
INDIA	NEW ZEALAND	TURKEY
JAPAN	OMAN	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
KOREA	PAKISTAN	
MACAU	QATAR	

• Observers

AZERBAIJAN	KAZAKHSTAN	PANAMA
CROATIA	MADAGASCAR	

Executive Council

Chairman	Louis ROMANET
Vice-Chairman, Europe	Christopher FOSTER
Vice-Chairman Asia	Winfried ENGELBRECHT BRESGES
Vice-Chairman, Americas	Alan MARZELLI

EUROPE				
Louis ROMANET France Galop	Christopher FOSTER The Jockey Club (UK)	Nic COWARD British Horseracing Authority	Denis EGAN Irish Turf Club	Brian KAVANAGH Horse Racing Ireland
				

AMERICAS			
Alan MARZELLI US Jockey Club	Alexander WALDROP US Jockey Club-NTRA	David WILLMOT Woodbine Entertainment Group	Fernando José PEÑA Organizacion Sudamericana de Fomento del Pura Sangre de Carrera
			

ASIA		
Winfried ENGELBRECHT BRESGES Asian Racing Federation	Dr. Isamu TAKIZAWA Asian Racing Federation	Dr Cyrus POONAWALLA Asian Racing Federation
		

General Assembly & Annual Conference

The General Assembly and the Annual Conference were held in the offices of France Galop in Paris on the Monday after the Prix de Arc de Triomphe, 8 October 2007.

General Assembly

The General Assembly was attended by close to 100 delegates from the 55 countries that are represented in the Federation.

The General Assembly approved the minutes of the previous General Assembly and the accounts for 2006 and discharged the Federation's officers. The accounts showed a modest surplus and expenses that remained within budget.

Annual Conference

At the regulatory session, the results were presented of a survey among members on the interpretation of interference rules. Videos were shown of the races upon which members have given their interpretation on interference. The result showed a considerable divergence of interpretation among members.

In the first part of the Conference, the following topical racing issues were presented.

- Worldwide Betting Commingle Pools, by Bertrand Belinguier of French PMU
- Global vision on South American racing and breeding activity by Bruno Quintana, representing OSAF
- Presentation of the new Meydan racecourse in Dubai by Frank Gabriel of Dubai Race Club
- IFHA Annual Report by Maurits Bruggink of IFHA

- Impact of takeout rate on revenue by Bobby Chang of the Hong Kong Jockey Club
- Study on Account Betting Patterns by Koh Yong Guan of the Singapore Turf Club

The afternoon presented two Round Table discussions moderated by professional racing journalist Liz Price.

The first Round Table had "Alternative income streams" as its main theme. Michael O'Rourke of Horseracing Ireland presented his views on marketing a racemeeting, with as lightening example the Punchestown Carnival. Claire Golding of the Victoria Tourism Board (Australia) presented her activities to promote racing and tourism. Alan Switzer of Deloitte Consultants' Sport Practice compared the income streams of horseracing with other sports.

The second Round Table had as theme "How to attract new generations". Nic Coward, formerly with the Football Association (UK), gave his experience from football, while Derek McGrath of the European Rugby Cup shared his experience with his sport. Finally, David Nathanson of TVG (US) presented the experience from US Racing Channel.

The conference was supported by technical staff of France Galop and managed by a professional event organiser of The Jockey Club (US).

Executive Council

The Executive Council defines the general policy direction of the Federation, fixes the level of annual contribution, drafts the annual budget and holds responsibility for the good management of resources. It also convenes the Annual Conference. It held two meetings in 2007, both of which were held in Paris.

Finances

At its March meeting, the Executive Council fixed the 2006 annual contribution at €6.700.

Appointments

The IFHA Executive Council members unanimously elected Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges as IFHA Vice-Chairman representing Asia. He succeeds Mr. Larry Wong, who retired from his position.

IFHA Executive Council members approved the designation of Mr. Carl Hamilton as IRPAC Chairman, Messrs Dominique de Wenden and William A. Nader as Vice-Chairmen and Miss Ruth Quinn as Secretary.

Mr. Rob de Kock was appointed as Chairman of the newly established Committee for the harmonization of raceday rules.

Mr. Ciaran Kennelly was appointed as Consultant to the International Federation on race-planning matters and the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings.

Honorary Member

Due to regulatory changes, The Jockey Club of Great Britain has lost its regulatory authority and, consequently, would no longer fulfil the necessary requirement for IFHA membership. In view of these developments The Jockey Club was granted Honorary Member status as a founding member of the International Federation.

Review of Federation's Scope and Objectives

The Executive Council recognised the important role that Chairman Louis Romanet has played for the Federation and the need to plan his succession in 2009. A review of Executive Positions would run parallel with a review of the scope and objectives of the Federation.

The Executive Council launched a survey among members to identify the various competences and responsibilities. The survey was modelled after a survey by the ARF. The outcome of the survey, expected in 2008, would help the Executive Council to identify the needs of members and to identify a new set of objectives for the Federation.

Establishment of a Committee for the Harmonization of Raceday Rules

An expert group was established to develop a common policy on raceday rules and those relating to "interference" in particular. Membership of this Committee was drawn from the three major racing regions, with two from each region plus an independent Chairman.

The Committee, which works under the authority of the Executive Council held its first meeting in Hong Kong in December 2007.

Protection of Names

It was agreed to apply more stringent criteria for keeping existing names and adding new ones to the International List of Protected Names in order to protect the history of the Thoroughbred.

It was also agreed to amend the rules adopted for establishing the International List of Protected Names with a view to not restrict to Part I countries in the ICS Book alone the possibility for addition to the international list of names justifying international protection.

Various Other Decisions

The Executive Council made a number of other important decisions during 2006:

- A 2nd Doctors Conference would be organised in Turkey in 2008.
- The proposal for a new article 28bis establishing a standard for race data transfer was endorsed.
- Proposals to develop a global exotic bet and to promote commingling were endorsed.
- The membership and terms of reference of the Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances was approved.

Objectives 2007

The Executive Council will continue to define the general policy of the Federation.

In particular:

- A successful review of the scope and objectives of the Federation.
- First proposals on the harmonisation of raceday rules.
- Support a racing calendar for international commingling of pari-mutuel bets.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) aims to ensure the smooth running of international racing with its movement of people and horses around the world. It harmonises rules and current practices and examines all technical matters concerning relations between member-countries. It held its 6th annual meeting in September 2007 in Paris prior to the IFHA Annual Conference. 22 delegates attended representing all regions of the world.

Activities

The Committee considered a number of topics, many of which will need continuing discussion and work in the coming years to come to a conclusion. The work of the Committee has been appreciated by a growing number of member associations. The end product of the Committee is not always a tangible new rule or best practice, but often an exchange of information and policy development. It has therefore been agreed that interested member organisations may receive TAC documents without direct participation in the meeting.

Some of the main issues the Committee dealt with in 2007 include:

The Committee concluded its work on the rationalisation of the list of Internationally Protected Names of horses following consideration by an expert sub-Committee. That Committee continues to give consideration to the best policy for ongoing pruning of the list post-1950.

The Committee considered some minor changes to Article 14, the criteria for naming horses, and made a proposal to the Executive Council.

The Committee discussed a proposal to alter the rules for calculating the age of a horse in the Northern Hemisphere to take account of premature births occurring just before the New Year. While the Committee had sympathy with breeders there was no appetite for changing the rules amongst the representatives of Northern Hemisphere Racing Authorities.

The Committee continued its major review of Article 10 on reciprocation of penalties, natural justice in disciplinary hearings and the essential need for legal representation to be allowed at some stage of the process.

The Committee developed a proposal for the inclusion of a model rule within Article 10 as well as other changes. The draft proposals are expected to be presented to the Executive Council during 2008, following final consultations with interested parties. The Committee expressed its sincere thanks to Andrew Harding of the ARF for co-ordinating the work.

The Committee discussed the wider use of the Internet as a vehicle for the exchange of technical information between racing authorities. It was agreed that Great Britain and Ireland would develop a pilot scheme for the exchange of information on the status of jockeys' and trainers' licences.

The Committee held further discussions on laparoscopic castration, a surgical procedure that did not entail removal of the testicles and the possible implications for race qualification and the calculation of weights. The Committee was inclined to the view that all sterilised males should be recorded as geldings. A new definition of gelding would be required and it was decided to await the views of the International Stud Book Committee before proposing a draft.

The Committee received reports on the outbreaks of Equine Influenza in Japan and Australia during 2007 and discussed the implications both to domestic and international racing. It was noted that with the exception of Australia and New Zealand, other major racing nations had a well-developed vaccination programme.

Objectives 2008

- The sub-Committee on the reduction of the list of protected names will bring forward a proposal for an on-going system of rationalising the list.
- Bring forward proposals for a revision to Article 10 on the reciprocation of penalties.
- Receive proposals for a pilot scheme to explore expansion of the use of the Internet to make communication between authorities more effective, including secure access to parts of the regulatory databases held by authorities.
- To resolve the regulatory and stud book issues surrounding the practice of laparoscopic castration.
- Provide an opportunity for the Committee to discuss topical regulatory issues.

Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances

The Advisory Council deals with issues related to doping control, advises on ways to achieving international consistency on doping matters and makes recommendations on standards of testing and standards of research. In 2006, the Advisory Council met in Tokyo in October.

Activities

Early in 2007 an approach was made by the Advisory Council to seek the support of the Executive Council of the IFHA for international harmonisation for the control of therapeutic substances commonly used in equine veterinary practice. The meeting of the Executive Council of the IFHA in March 2007 gave its full endorsement of the policy to seek consensus on screening limits / detection times for legitimate equine medications and for any necessary amendments to be made to Article 6 as soon as practicable. The Executive Council has instructed the Advisory Council to drive this initiative. The Advisory Council immediately took steps to inform all racing authorities of this initiative, together with their analysts and veterinarians, in order to seek their support.

The Advisory Council formulated the basis of a plan of action throughout the summer of 2007 and a progress report was presented to the General Assembly of IFHA at the Paris Conference in October 2007. The Advisory Council devoted considerable time to discussing this subject at its annual meeting in Paris on the 1st November 2007. At this meeting, the Advisory Council agreed the following wording for consideration for inclusion in Article 6:

“The aim of signatory countries is that their laboratories should control the detection of legitimate therapeutic substances through the application of internationally harmonised screening limits”.

Such wording encourages IFHA member racing authorities to consider being signatory to, “The principle of International Harmonisation for therapeutic substances”, and demonstrate their commitment to this initiative. This proposed amendment to Article 6 will be submitted for consideration at the Executive Council meeting in April 2008

The Advisory Council generally supports the approach currently adopted by the authorities of the five member nations of the European Horserace Scientific Liaison Committee (EHSLC) for the control of therapeutic substance. As within the EHSLC, the Advisory Council proposes that the control of selected therapeutic substances will be undertaken at the screening stage for drugs, with harmonisation resulting from control of the drugs by agreed international screening limits of the sensitivity of the screening methods. The member nations of the EHSLC have agreed screening limits for 14 therapeutic substances and have harmonized their control. Through the Advisory Council, negotiations are currently underway to extend the harmonisation on a wider international basis. The aim of the Advisory Council is to achieve this before the end of 2008.

At the November 2007 meeting, the Advisory Council also discussed new threshold value substances, retrospective testing, international races and testing for “new” substances, the status of ILAC-G7 Revision, the Guidelines for Referee Analysis, the proposed research database and the progress with ICRAV 2008.

The following decisions were reached on these matters:

- Threshold values – It is no longer the intention to introduce a threshold value for IGF-1 and a new threshold value to control administration of nandrolone to the colt, an absolute concentration threshold for 5 α -estrane-3 α ,17 α -diol will be proposed in 2008;
- Retrospective Testing – This will be the subject of a Round Table Discussion at ICRAV2008;
- International races and testing for “new” substances – It was agreed that better intelligence was required on an international basis and that when a “new” substance surfaced in one country then other countries should be informed. The AORC will be approached to investigate the possible use of the AORC website for information gathering/circulation.
- The ILAC-G7 Revision – the ILAC-G7 document was discussed at the AORC meeting in Paris in November 2007 and has been circulated through to all AORC members for comment.

- The Guidelines for Referee Analysis – The AORC took this document on board and following some modifications, the document was circulated to all AORC members and has been accepted.
- Proposed research database – the AORC Executive Board will be approached regarding the possibility of setting up a research and development database on the AORC Website.

Objectives 2008

The Advisory Council will continue to work with the Federation, its Executive Council, racing authorities of member countries and their analysts and veterinarians to promote international harmonisation and collaboration and provide veterinary and scientific advice for improving the integrity of racing.

International Movement of Horses Committee (IMHC)

The IFHA International Movement of Horses Committee (IMHC and hereafter called the Committee) acts as an international platform to exchange information and best practices to facilitate the safe international movement of horses. Committee members are drawn from international jurisdictions with a major involvement in the international movement of horses and meet annually, most recently on 10 and 11 December 2007. The Committee conducts working group meetings at regional levels and members interact via electronic communication throughout the year on many ongoing matters.

Achievements 2007

In the inaugural annual report to the IFHA in 2006, the Committee set out to emphasize to the IFHA members the importance of timely and accurate equine disease reporting via the International Collating Center (ICC) at the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket, England.

An important role for the Committee in promoting collaboration with national / federal and international veterinary authorities, the OIE, and racing authorities, was identified and the Committee had as a major objective the monitoring of tests, testing standards and testing schedules for certain diseases, vaccines and vaccination programs with these bodies.

During 2007 there were major outbreaks of equine influenza in both Japan and Australia. The Committee played an important role in the early dissemination of reliable information regarding these outbreaks. At the onset of the outbreaks the usual Committee mailing list for distribution of "cleared" information regarding infectious diseases was expanded to include the International Group of Specialist Racing Veterinarians (IGSRV) members. This was greatly appreciated and acknowledged by IGSRV members.

The Committee assisted Australian horse industry representatives by provision of rapid

access to relevant scientific literature which the industry representatives utilized in their decision making processes and for which they were very appreciative.

The comprehensive review of IFHA's Guidelines to Facilitate the Temporary Movement of Registered Racehorses for International Races was presented as a draft revision at the annual meeting in December during which a final draft was approved.

The Committee has maintained close links with the Hong Kong Jockey Club in their preparation for the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympics Equestrian Events which are being held in Hong Kong. Committee members have provided input on aspects of Pre and Post Arrival Quarantine/Isolation with particular reference to equine influenza and vaccination strategies.

Committee members contributed to ad hoc working groups and submitted comments to the OIE Code Commission on the revision of the Code's Chapters pertaining to:

- 1) Equine Influenza
- 2) Equine herpes virus
- 3) African horse sickness
- 4) African horse sickness surveillance
- 5) West Nile fever

These comments from members and other interested parties resulted in further draft revisions that were reviewed by members at its annual meeting.

The Committee reviewed equine influenza vaccines and vaccination schedules in light of the recent outbreaks and noted that vaccine manufacturers had not kept their vaccines updated with current viral strains; however, it was encouraged that a new vaccine with current strains would soon be available.

The Committee secretary made a presentation on the workings of the IMHC and the international movement of horses to the Asian Racing Conference in Dubai 2007. Additionally, individual Committee members have continued providing regular advice, including presentations on matters related to horse movement, equine disease and their control to national and international conferences, workgroups, meetings and educational programs, as well as contributing to both general and scientific literature.

The Committee has facilitated the global dissemination of timely and accurate information regarding the outbreaks of equine infectious disease that affect the international movement of horses. During 2007 this has related not only to the outbreaks of influenza referred to above but also to equine encephalosis and African horse sickness in South Africa.

Objectives 2008

With the increasing number of horses travelling internationally and the apparently changing pathogen landscape the Committee will continue to emphasize to all members of the IFHA the importance of timely and accurate equine disease reporting utilizing the International Collating Centre at the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket, England.

The Committee will continue to promote collaboration between national/federal and international veterinary authorities, the OIE and racing authorities in order to facilitate the safe international movement of horses.

In particular the Committee will monitor the developments with Bluetongue in Europe and the implications for African Horse Sickness and the effect on the international movement of horses.

The Committee will continue with the OIE Code Chapter revisions, the monitoring of vaccines and vaccination programs and the tests for specific diseases of relevance to the international movement of horses.

International Race Planning Advisory Committee (IRPAC)

The main missions of the IRPAC are to control enforcement of international criteria for grading races and to implement quality control on existing pattern and grading systems. The committee held its annual meeting in October in Paris. IRPAC members took notice of the appointments of new (Vice) Chairmen of IRPAC by the Executive Council (see above).

Activities

The Committee and its members actively supported the application of JRA to the ICSC for the promotion of Japan to Part I of the ICS Book. JRA confirmed its intention to fulfil its commitments concerning ownership and that no new races could be upgraded until this situation was satisfactorily resolved.

The Committee took notice of the decision by ICSC that Group/Grading responsibilities should be under IRPAC with ratification required by SITA.

The regional committees have informed other members on the main developments in their respective regions, which have been the following:

- Europe reported on the downgrading of several Group races in Italy that did not meet the minimum quality requirements. Europe had also showed great concern with the decline in the level of ratings which had occurred in the International Classifications and World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings, and had instigated a review of the ratings to be discussed at the next meeting.
- The USA reported on the decision taken by the US Graded Stakes Committee to turn down the application of the Breeders' Cup for granting immediate Grade 1 status to three new races planned for the 2007 Breeders' Cup and to agree that they could be granted Grade 1 status after one running

if the criterion established for creation of new Group 1 races was satisfactorily met.

- The ARF updated on the changes to the next Global Sprint Challenge.

IRPAC members decided to recommend to SITA the inclusion of Qatar in Part III of the ICS book.

IRPAC were informed about the progress made by the World Rankings Supervisory Committee (WRSC) on:

- An ideal weight for age scale that would apply to both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. This scale would take into account the weights for age as currently applied at major international races.
- Recommendations on the use of fillies allowance for race rating calculation.

IRPAC members also considered the results of a survey regarding the assignment of weight penalties and recommended to conduct a review of purse levels and ratings for graded races in Part II and III, to see if there was a direct relationship between purses and ratings, in order to determine if that might be an appropriate solution.

IRPAC members decided that files for World Leading Horses and World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings section on the IFHA website be enhanced.

Objectives 2008

The Committee has the following objectives for 2008:

- IRPAC have asked the WRSC to draft a detailed progress report on the weight for age scale for both Northern and Southern Hemispheres with detail of actual positive results than of questions yet to be solved.
- Conduct a review of purse levels and ratings for graded races in Part II and III.
- Compile methods in use in Part I and Part II countries to assess and grade their Group/Grade Races.

World Rankings Supervisory Committee

The World Rankings Supervisory Committee is a sub-committee of the International Race Planning Advisory Committee. The principal responsibilities of the Committee are to:

- Administer and direct the compilation of the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings and the lists of the World's Leading Horses;
- Provide official ratings to all international bodies and racing organisers;
- Co-ordinate work between handicappers internationally and the publication of ratings throughout the world;
- Advise any country on the implementation of a classification and ratings system;
- Advise any country on integration into the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings;
- Create, develop and update a website with all international ratings.

The World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings are the official end of season assessments of the top thoroughbred racehorses. See appendix 4 for a brief version.

Two editions are published each year, one in January and one in August, corresponding with the world's two racing seasons. The January publication covers those horses which either raced in or were trained in countries whose racing season runs from 1st January to 31st December, while the August edition comprises those horses which either raced in or were trained in countries whose season runs from 1st August to 31st July (1st July to 30th June in South America). To merit inclusion, a horse must have been rated at 115 or above in the period under review by the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings Conference.

The World's Leading Horses lists the top thoroughbred racehorses to have run anywhere in the world, assessed on the form they have shown in the previous six months.

Due to the contrasting racing seasons employed in different parts of the world, it is not possible to include all the top horses in one end of season assessment. Consequently, the World's Leading Horses are published at various points in the year to show the current star performers in the racing world, and how they compare. The World's Leading Horses will be published ten times during 2008.

Activities

The Committee met in Paris in October. Among the topics discussed were the establishment of a weight-for-age scale which could be adopted by the IFHA, harmonisation of allowances for fillies and mares in Group and Graded races, methods of standardising the treatment of fillies and mares in the calculation of race ratings and the full integration of the South American racing nations into the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings.

The Committee arranged and conducted the two annual World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings conferences, which took place in Del Mar in July and Hong Kong in December. The 2006/2007 World Rankings were published in August 2007, and the 2007 World Rankings in January 2008. The Committee also compiled and published six editions of the World's Leading Horses.

Achievements

- The successful compilation of two editions of the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings and the six editions of the World's Leading Horses;
- The introduction of enhancements to the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings and World's Leading Horses sections of the IFHA website, along with an expansion in content.

Objectives 2008

Among the main objectives for the Committee in 2008 are the following:

- Further promotion and advancement of the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings;
- Expansion to ten of the number of editions of the World's Leading Horses;
- Expansion and development of the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings website;
- Continued research on the production of a harmonised weight-for-age scale;
- Review of the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings and the World's Leading Horses.

Steering Committee on Wagering

The Steering Committee on Wagering worked together with Maurits Bruggink, IFHA's Executive Director on policies, to protect racing from piracy of its product. The Committee, consisting of Bertrand Bélinguier of PMU, Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges of The Hong Kong Jockey Club and Alan Marzelli of The Jockey Club (US), held six conference calls during 2007. Several meetings and conference calls were organised with tote operators.

The key components of the IFHA Action Plan on Wagering in 2007 were the promotion of international commingling and the launch of a Global Trifecta and the promotion of the Racing Trust Mark. Other activities of the Committee included the representation of the IFHA positions on wagering at different national and international forums, the contents management of the IFHA website, the briefing and advice of members on key wagering developments and facilitating the adoption of a harmonised data transfer standard.

International Commingling

The Committee endorsed a work program to promote global commingling, which contained a general, a marketing and a technical component. Participants of the work program were some of the leading tote companies from different regions of the world. The general direction was decided in two meetings held in Dubai, UAE, in January and Paris, France in September. It included the launch of a Global Trifecta on a number of races and in parallel the investigation into a global exotic bet.

The IFHA coordinated the work of a technical group, which ultimately led to a Global ITSP Conference in Tucson, US, in December. This conference was organized in concertation with a group of leading tote service companies and the Thoroughbred Racing Associations (TRA). The result of IFHA's coordination and the conference is to involve the international tote community into the standard setting

process. Additional components to the Intra-Tote Systems Protocol will now be added to improve and facilitate commingling around the world, and it was decided to improve testing methodologies.

In the second half of the year, several IFHA endorsed Global Trifectas have been offered to bettors from different parts of the world on important races in France, UK, US and South Africa. These test bets have highlighted the enormous amount of work that still has to be done to improve commingling in terms of technology, regulation and marketing.

A dedicated group of marketing experts has been launched, which held a number of conference calls and met in Paris, France in September and Tucson, US in December. The group coordinated research on the preferred bet types for a global exotic bet and coordinated marketing activities for the Global Trifectas. An Internet workpage was set up to exchange marketing material and best practices.

Racing Trust Mark

A number of tote operators have been signed up to the Racing Trust Mark, the label that IFHA awards to operators who respect the basic principles of fair trade in the racing product. In addition to a number of single license holder tote operators, subscriptions were also made by US online tote bet distributors as well as one Isle of Man based online tote bet distributor.

The amount of subscriptions to the Racing Trust Mark by both IFHA and non-IFHA members is encouraging but more are needed before it becomes of relevance.

Other Activities

The Committee assisted in the adoption of a harmonised race data transfer standard, which was created with the help of the US Jockey Club, Weatherbys and Australian RISA. The standard will be an important support for the further global distribution of the racing product.

The Executive Director held a number of presentations throughout the world – at commercial conferences as well racing only events to promote the principles of fair trading in the racing product.

Efforts have been made to find a sponsor for the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings. Sponsorship consultants confirmed that more work needs to be done to achieve consistent, global media coverage.

The Wagering Action Plan continued its communications program with the distribution of memoranda to members, which advise them of regulatory and wagering related developments around the world.

External communications continued through press releases and the updates of the IFHA website. In addition, the first Annual Report was launched in 2007.

Objectives 2008

The main objectives for 2008 include the following:

- Advocacy of IFHA's key principles on fair trade in the racing product, to offer betting only where it is legal and only with the consent of the racing's rights holder. The advocacy should translate into favorable positions of international organizations like WTO, WIPO or OECD and should assist members' advocacy programs when required.
- The promotion of international commingling would continue, but fewer resources would be dedicated. The promotion would include:
 - further trials of Global Trifecta's
 - a decision on the type and modalities of a global exotic bet
 - facilitating cooperation in the fields of marketing and technology
- Promotion of the Racing Trust Mark
- Promotion of best practices, including the use of the Race Data Transfer Standard.

Communications

The Federation's internal communications aimed to inform members about key regulatory and political developments in both racing and wagering matters. External communications aimed to present, on the one hand, some specific information on horseracing, like annual statistics or the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Ranking and, on the other hand, the Federation's view on the fair trade in the racing product.

The Federation's communications also aimed to present a different view as that expressed in the various trade and general press and at the many online gaming conferences. The other communications do often not consider the economics of racing.

Website

Website visits continued to grow, although still more than 50% of the visits originated from one country, the USA.

More than 100 news articles have been put on the website's section "News Headlines". Other elements that have been regularly updated were the sections "Results & Fixtures", "Meetings & Events" and "World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings". The latter remained the most popular page of the website.

The website continued to enjoy technical support of the US Jockey Club, as well as sponsorship of *Irish Thoroughbred Marketing and the French Racing & Breeding Committee*.

Outside Presentations

Presentations were given at a commercial online gaming conference in Austria, as well as racing conferences in Dubai (UAE), Singapore and Tucson, USA.

Members' Memoranda

During the year, thirty-two Memoranda have been distributed to members, providing analysis and advice on a variety of topics, such as world trade policy, WTO dispute settlement, gambling regulation in the European Union and the development of commingling.

Media

As each year, trade press has been invited to attend the open session of the Annual Conference. The IFHA press list is managed by France Galop and regularly updated. The secretariat has encouraged all IFHA members to promote its communications domestically.

IFHA issued various media releases, such as on the award of the Racing Trust Mark, the global commingling initiative, the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings and the IFHA Annual Conference.

International Stud Book Committee

The International Stud Book Committee is an independent body that aims to establish standards of stud book operations that will ensure the integrity and future development of the Thoroughbred breed and provide the foundation necessary for a healthy international Thoroughbred industry. During its annual meeting on 1 October 2007, the committee discussed its work programme, of which the main elements are mentioned below.

Adapting the Definition of “Gelding” to Modern Practices

The Committee discussed developments in surgical procedures which remove the ability of a male horse to procreate but leave the testicles in place. It was recognised that this could cause confusion both at the point of purchase and on the racecourse. For their part it was agreed that stud book authorities (SBAs) would need to update their rules. With the objective of achieving clarity for all on this topic the members discussed possible wording for a new definition of a gelding which would be further developed outside of the meeting.

It was agreed that where a horse had been gelded using one of the newly emerging veterinary practices, a direct statement should be entered in the passport and, if applicable, the export certificate, indicating that the testicles of the horse were still present.

The members understood that the topic would also be addressed by the Technical Advisory Committee of the IFHA where the direct implications for racing would be discussed.

Collation of Breeding Statistics

The ISBC agreed that it was appropriate that it accepted responsibility for gathering seasonal breeding statistics from all SBAs.

A process will now be put in place ensuring that this data would be in the hands of the ISBC each year for publication on the ISBC website and for transmission to the IFHA as required.

Unusual Coat Colours in Thoroughbreds

At the meeting last year the members were brought up to date on the emergence of more diverse coat colours in Thoroughbreds. Discussion in 2006 concerned overo coat patterns and in 2004 the colour palomino had been recognised.

On this occasion, further examples of horses showing a divergence from traditional Thoroughbred coat colours were provided through photographs from France. Other members also reported similar examples in their area. The members found difficulty in identifying simple basic colour descriptions for the horses shown, especially in the knowledge that terms were required which the racing public and media could easily understand and therefore recognise. It was therefore concluded that members should be asked to give the matter consideration then to provide suggested colour descriptions to the secretariat. The list of these would then be made available to all members leading to adoption of a single agreed, new and appropriate collective colour term.

However, it was agreed that SBAs should also maintain within their database records a more comprehensive colour description to complement the chosen collective colour term. This can be achieved by utilising detailed descriptive terms such as “overo”, which was approved for use in 2006.

Updated Requirements for Gaining and Maintaining Approved Stud Book Status

Prior to the meeting, the members had been asked to scrutinise the essential requirements for gaining and maintaining approval. Areas of beneficial enhancement and clarification were identified and incorporated in this key document which continues to ensure the best and most appropriate standards are applied by all ASBs.

Newly Approved and Emerging Stud Books

The number of ASBs has reached 64 with the Croatian Stud Book being approved by correspondence in December 2006. The Serbian Stud Book has been presented for approval, and with a decision is expected by December 15th, 2007, the number was expected to rise to 65 before the end of the year.

Annual Accounts 2007

Reserves on December 31st 2006		286 346
GENERAL ACCOUNTS	2 006	2 007
Incomings		
Fees	390 000	398 352
Interest	6 773	7 506
Total	396 773	405 858
Expenses		
Organisation of the Conference	121 981	122 537
Committees' Work	146 065	156 681
Total	268046	-279 218
SUB-TOTAL	128 727	126 640
ACTION PLAN		
Special Contributions		
Americas	55 000	50 000
ARF	55 000	50 000
Europe	55 020	50 000
Other	8 673	24 128
Total	173 693	174 128
Expenses	343 905	-298 243
SUB-TOTAL	170 212	-124 115
RESULT	41 485	2 525
Reserves on December 31st 2007		288 871

Statistics

The following statistics have been collected from IFHA member organizations through an annual statistical survey, with the exception of some attendance figures from major racing events or racing festivals, which have been collected from the racecourses directly.

If there is no data shown for a specific country, it means that the racing authority in that country has not replied to the survey. If only specific data elements are missing regarding a country, it means that the local racing authority does not have that data available.

The racing statistics cover flat and jump races only; generally, we have excluded trotting races. This report will indicate by footnote the exceptional case where the figures for gallop and trotting could not be separated.

The way in which the breeding, racing and wagering statistics are organised differs greatly from country to country. This results in some inconsistencies and gaps in the returns.

Nevertheless, the attached statistics provide a unique and comprehensive overview of Thoroughbred activity around the world.

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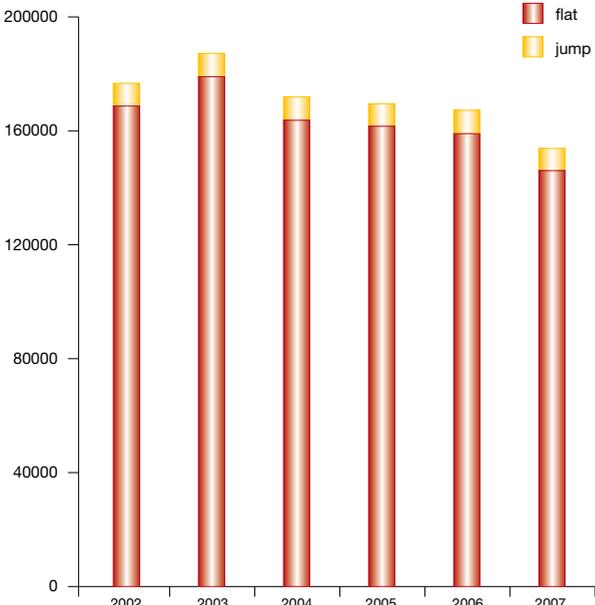
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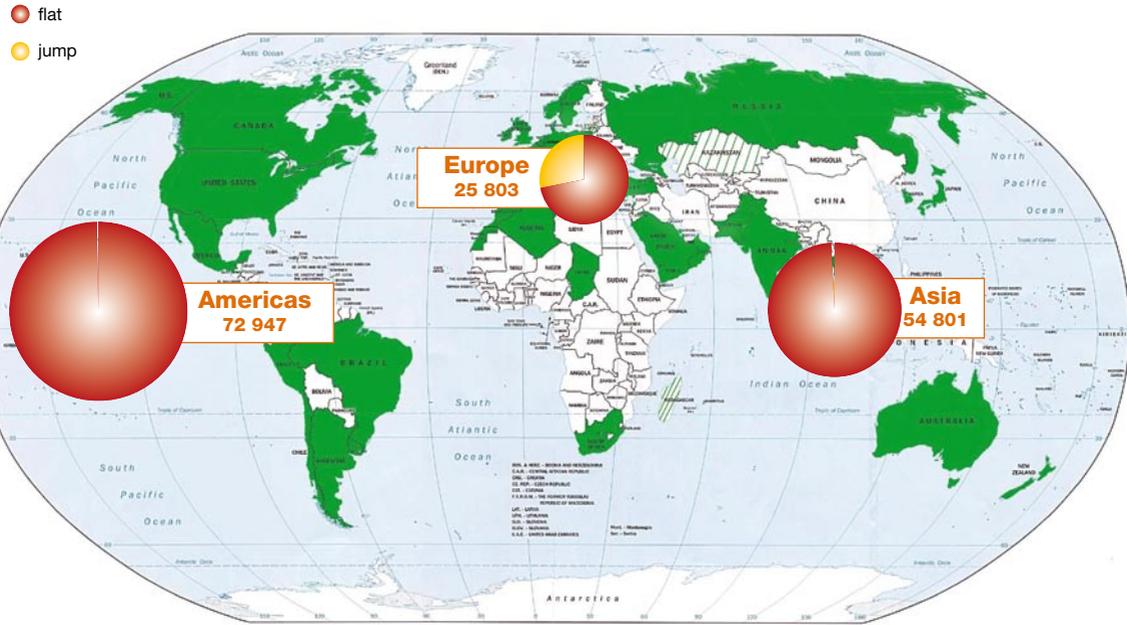
Racing flat & jump 2007

Country	Racing, Flat 2007					Racing, Jump 2007				
	Flat Races	Different Horses Having Run	Starts	Average Runners Per Race	Average Starts Per Horse	Jump Races	Different Horses Having Run	Starts	Average Runners Per Race	Average Starts Per Horse
ARGENTINA	6 101	11 123	49 650	8,1	4,5					
AUSTRALIA	19 382	30 907	192 478	9,9	6,2	163	512	1 528	9,4	3,0
BELGIUM	182	405	1 783	9,8	4,4	4	45	47	11,8	1,0
BRAZIL	4 455	5 600	33 858	7,6	6,0					
CANADA	5 057	7 482	40 608	8,0	5,4					
CHILE	4 949	4 009	56 245	11,4	14,0					
CROATIA	38	94	261	6,9	2,8					
CYPRUS	1 069	1 539	10 724	10,0	7,0					
CZECH REP.	348	939	-	-	-	168	535			
FRANCE	4 633	8 537	50 838	11,0	4,9	2 197	3 901	21 806	9,9	5,6
GERMANY	1 670	2 730	14 892	8,9	5,5	66	71	444	6,7	6,3
GREAT BRITAIN	5 659	9 618	60 081	10,6	5,4	3 218	8 346	33 638	10,5	4,0
GREECE	1 000	1 396	9 173	9,2	6,6					
HONG KONG	726	1 154	9 083	12,5	7,9					
INDIA	3 036	3 540	25 321	8,3	7,2					
IRELAND	958	2 463	12 681	13,2	3,6	1 439	5 350	21 600	15,0	4,0
ISRAEL	39	230		0,0	0,0					
JAPAN	17 476	23 615	182 614	10,4	7,7	132	244	1 766	13,4	7,2
KOREA	1 697	2 999	19 311	11,4	6,4					
LEBANON	369	332	2 269	6,1	6,8					
LITHUANIA	27	25								
MACAU	737	768	8 988	12,2	11,7					
MADAGASCAR	105	68	746	7,1	11,0					
MALAYSIA	770	1 232	8 530	11,1	6,9					
MAURITIUS	243	351	2 108	8,7	6,0					
MOROCCO	462	629	3 663	7,9	5,8					
NETHERLANDS	101	227	798	7,9	3,5					
NEW ZEALAND	2 734	5 489	30 574	11,2	5,4	129	77	1 183	9,2	15,4
NORWAY	260	567	2 439	9,4	4,6	9	14	58	6,4	4,1
SINGAPORE	704	1 099	7 719	11,0	7,0					
SLOVAKIA	140	388	1 154	8,2	3,0	23	75	168	7,3	2,2
SLOVENIA	21	37	153	7,3						
SOUTH AFRICA	3 883	6 567	41 873	10,8	6,4					
SPAIN	509	1 077	5 168	10,2						
SWEDEN	607	1 261	5 959	9,8	4,6	20	56	138	6,9	2,5
SWITZERLAND	169	335	1 561	9,2	4,7	48	97	346	7,2	3,6
TUNISIA	350	550	3 500	-	-					
TURKEY	3 526	4 414	37 773	10,7	8,6					
UAE	305	1 115	3 514	11,5	3,2					
USA	51 132	66 691	418 563	8,2	6,3	172	437	1 321	7,7	3,0
URUGUAY	1 081	1 799	9 836	9,1	5,5					
Total	146 710	213 401	1 366 489	9,3	6,4	7 788	19 760	84 043	10,8	4,3

Number of races



Racing by region (# races)



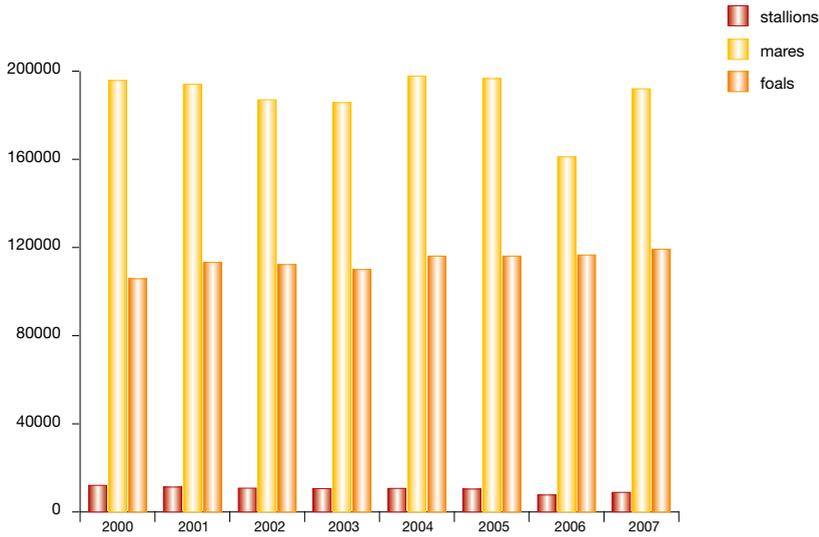
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Breeding 2007

	Breeding 2007			
	Stallions	Mares	Foals	Total
Argentina	916	13 065	7 538	21 519
Australia	827	29 706	18 255	48 788
Belgium	14	59	35	108
Brazil	275	4 060	1 820	6 155
Canada	261	3 169	2 650	6 080
Chile	137	2 408	1 820	4 365
Croatia	14	41	13	68
Cyprus	64	824	328	1 216
Czech Republic	47	630	307	984
France	426	9 004	5 393	14 823
Germany	81	2 240	1 224	3 545
Great Britain	352	11 091	5 839	17 282
Greece	68	430	274	772
India	106	2 743	1 497	4 346
Ireland	416	20 700	12 633	33 749
Italy	150	3 205	2 153	5 508
Israel	7	88	66	161
Japan	270	10 219	7 495	17 984
Korea	89	2 040	1 225	3 354
Lithuania	6	18		24
Madagascar	5	8	4	17
Malaysia	6	79	57	142
Mexico	67	590	459	1 116
Morocco	57	353	95	505
Netherlands	4	25	16	45
New Zealand	259	8 286	4 340	12 885
Norway	11	56	49	116
Peru	60	520	488	1 068
Slovakia	16	211	64	291
Slovenia	13	55	12	80
South Africa	105	3 654	3 526	3 759
Spain	35	360	255	650
Sweden	40	383	313	736
Switzerland	4	83	36	123
Tunisia	8	67	39	114
Turkey	392	3 359	1 590	5 341
United Arab Emirates	2	2	1	5
United States of America	3 050	55 271	34 350	92 671
Uruguay	279	2 925	1 850	5 054
TOTAL	8 939	192 027	118 109	319 075

Breeding 2000-2007

Total amount of horses involved in breeding (mares, stallions, foals)



Breeding by region

- stallions
- mares
- foals

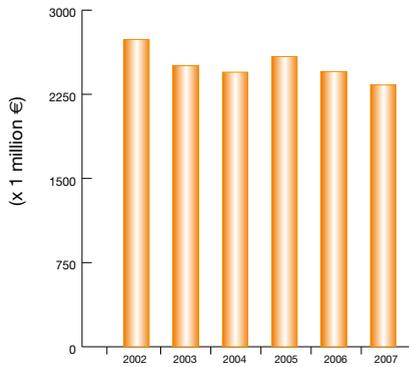


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Prize money in 2007

	FLAT			JUMP		
	Number of races	Prize money (x 1000€)	Average prize money per race (in Euros)	Number of races	Prize money (x 1000€)	Average prize money per race (in Euros)
ARGENTINA	6 101	31 065	5 092			
AUSTRALIA	19 382	223 805	11 547			
BELGIUM	182	521	2 863	4	190	47 500
BRAZIL	4 455	11 716	2 630			
CANADA	5 057	90 886	17 972			
CHILE	4 949	16 458	3 326			
CROATIA	38	80	2 105			
CYPRUS	1 069	5 088	4 760			
CZECH REP.	348	941	2 704	168	589	3 506
FRANCE	4 633	99 945	21 572	2 197	60 203	27 402
GERMANY	1 670	13 968	8 364	66	461	6 985
GREAT BRITAIN	5 659	86 079	15 211	3 218	48 425	15 048
GREECE	1 000	12 527	12 527			
HONG KONG	726	66 471	91 558			
INDIA	3 036	10 663	3 512			
IRELAND	958	31 094	32 457	1 439	28 513	19 814
ISRAEL	39	24	615			
JAPAN	17 476	490 933	28 092	132	20 105	152 311
KOREA	1 697	84 660	49 888			
LEBANON	369	525	1 423			
LITHUANIA	27	13	481			
MACAU	737	17 755	24 091			
MADAGASCAR	105	29	276			
MALAYSIA	770	7 152	9 288			
MAURITIUS	243	2 382	9 802			
MOROCCO	462	1 512	3 273			
NETHERLANDS	101	295	2 921			
NEW ZEALAND	2 734	24 851	9 090	129	1 099	8 519
NORWAY	260	2 890	11 115	9	108	12 000
SINGAPORE	704	25 003	35 516			
SLOVAKIA	140	501	3 579	23	40	1 739
SLOVENIA	21	10	476			
SOUTH AFRICA	3 883	25 239	6 500			
SPAIN	509	5 062	9 945			
SWEDEN	607	5 555	9 152	20	147	7 350
SWITZERLAND	169	1 265	7 485	48	384	8 000
TUNISIA	350	1 131	3 231			
TURKEY	3 526	79 604	22 576			
UAE	305	24 140	79 148			
USA	51 132	663 347	12 973	172	3 528	20 512
URUGUAY	1 081	3 586	3 317			

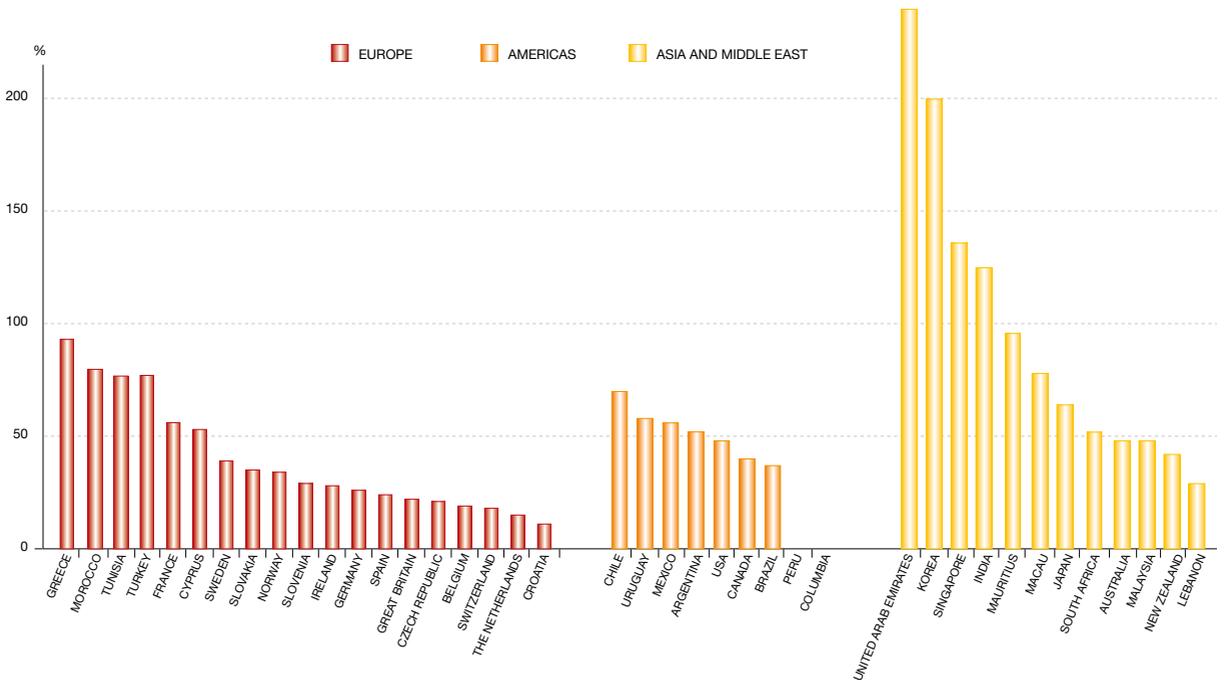
Prize money 2002-2007



Note 1: Prize money does not include breeders' premiums, owners' premiums and travel allowances.

Note 2: Prize money does not cover trotting races.

Percentage of keeping and training expenses covered by prize money won, per horse having run



These statistics do not consider horses in training which did not run.

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Betting & deductions

Country	Betting Turnover (x 1000€)	Returned to Bettor (x 1000€)	%	Total Deductions (x 1000€)	%
ARGENTINA	125 217	90 156	72,00	35 061	28,00
AUSTRALIA (tote)	5 568 010	4 788 489	86,00	779 521	14,00
AUSTRALIA (book)	2 090 529	1 881 477	90,00	209 052	10,00
AUSTRALIA (total) °1	7 658 540	6 669 965	87,00	988 574	13,00
BRAZIL	110 476	77 333	70,00	33 143	30,00
CANADA °2	1 197 858	918 846	76,70	279 012	23,30
CHILE	158 671	111 069	70,00	47 601	30,00
CYPRUS	101 378	76 689	75,65	24 689	24,35
FRANCE °2	9 035 972	6 697 051	74,12	2 338 921	25,88
GERMANY (tote)	82 149	59 147	72,00	23 002	28,00
GERMANY (book)	51 627				
GERMANY (total) °2	133 776				
GREAT BRITAIN (tote) °7	481 179	404 130	83,40	74 284	15,44
GREAT BRITAIN (book) °7	16 039 784	14 275 010	89,00	1 764 267	11,00
GREAT BRITAIN (total) °7	16 520 963	14 679 140	88,85	1 838 551	11,15
GREECE	283 150	226 520	80,00	56 630	20,00
HONG KONG °1	6 207 984	5 144 880	82,88	1 063 104	17,12
INDIA (tote)	258 365	223 344	86,40	35 021	13,60
INDIA (book)	21 554				
INDIA (total)	279 920				
IRELAND (tote)	61 320	50 741	82,70	10 579	17,30
IRELAND (book) °3	3 931 030	3 459 307	88,00		
IRELAND (total) °3	3 992 351				
JAPAN	19 032 681	14 166 458	74,40	4 866 222	25,60
KOREA	4 671 729	3 372 945	72,20	1 298 784	27,80
LEBANON	6 278	4 493	71,60	1 785	28,40
MACAU	221 097	184 383	83,40	36 714	16,60
MADAGASCAR	4 589	2 616	57,00	1 973	43,00
MALAYSIA	244 388	193 360	79,10	51 028	20,90
MAURITIUS (tote)	36 904	27 678	75,00	9 226	25,00
MAURITIUS (book)	71 433	53 575	75,00	17 858	25,00
MAURITIUS (total)	108 337	81 253	75,00	27 084	25,00
MOROCCO	244 211	170 802	69,90	73 408	30,10
NETHERLANDS °2	34 328				
NORWAY °2	395 338	263 325	66,60	132 013	33,40
SINGAPORE	923 570	735 449	79,60	188 121	20,40
SLOVAKIA	119	77	65,20	42	34,80
SOUTH KOREA	4 104 169	2 949 637	71,87	1 154 532	28,13
SOUTH AFRICA (tote)	421 887	325 451	77,10	96 437	22,90
SOUTH AFRICA (book)	n/a				
SOUTH AFRICA (total)	n/a				
SPAIN	26 509	16 301	61,50	10 209	38,50
SWEDEN °2	1 246 224	876 488	70,30	369 737	29,70
SWITZERLAND °2	69 133	50 797	73,50	18 336	26,50
TURKEY	1 063 182	518 346	48,80	544 836	51,20
USA °4	9 998 058	7 898 466	79,00	2 099 592	21,00

Note °1 - For these countries in the Southern Hemisphere, the statistics cover the racing season from July 2006-July 2007.

Note °2 - The betting figures for these countries cover both gallop and trotting races. The betting turnover on trotting races can be important, from an estimated 50% of the total in France to more than half in Canada to more than 90% in Scandinavian countries.

Note °3 - The betting figure for bookmaking includes the betting on sports, which is estimated at around 50% of the total betting turnover by bookmakers, the other 50% is on horseracing.

Note °4 - The betting turnover only covers betting on gallop racing and not the betting turnover on trotting races.

Received by Government (x 1000€)	%	Returned to Racing (x 1000€)	%	Other (x 1000€)	%
3 506	2,80	11 269	9,00	20 285	16,00
226 061	4,10				
35 539	1,70				
261 600	3,42				
1 657	1,50				
57 156	4,83				
4 760	3,00	16 660	10,50	26 181	16,50
8 723	8,60				
1 094 538	12,61				
542	0,70				
3849	0,95	n/a		n/a	
264 695	1,65	158 790	0,99	1 340 919	8,36
268 544	1,63				
3 398	1,20				
779 781	12,56	142 438	2,29	140 885	2,27
14 829	5,80	9 801	3,80	10 199	3,90
0		673	1,10	10 579	17,30
		58 539	1,50		
1 794 748	9,40	1 013 139	5,30	2 058 337	10,80
840 882	18,00	94 504	2,00	363 401	7,80
341	5,40				
1 786	0,80				
782	17,00				
28 545	11,70				
3 457	9,40	1 840	5,00	3 928	10,60
7 635	10,70	2 475	3,50	7 748	10,85
11 092	10,24	4 315	3,98	11 676	10,78
28 850	24,10				
14 763	3,70	58 113	14,80	59 138	14,90
47 030	5,10				
1	1,00				
816 118	19,89				
7 261	1,70				
135 818	10,90				
2 082	3,00				
326 759	30,70				
184 964	1,90	801 619	8,00	1 113 009	11,10

Note °5 - At the time of print, June 2008, the betting figures of some main racing nations were not yet available, notably the UK and New Zealand.

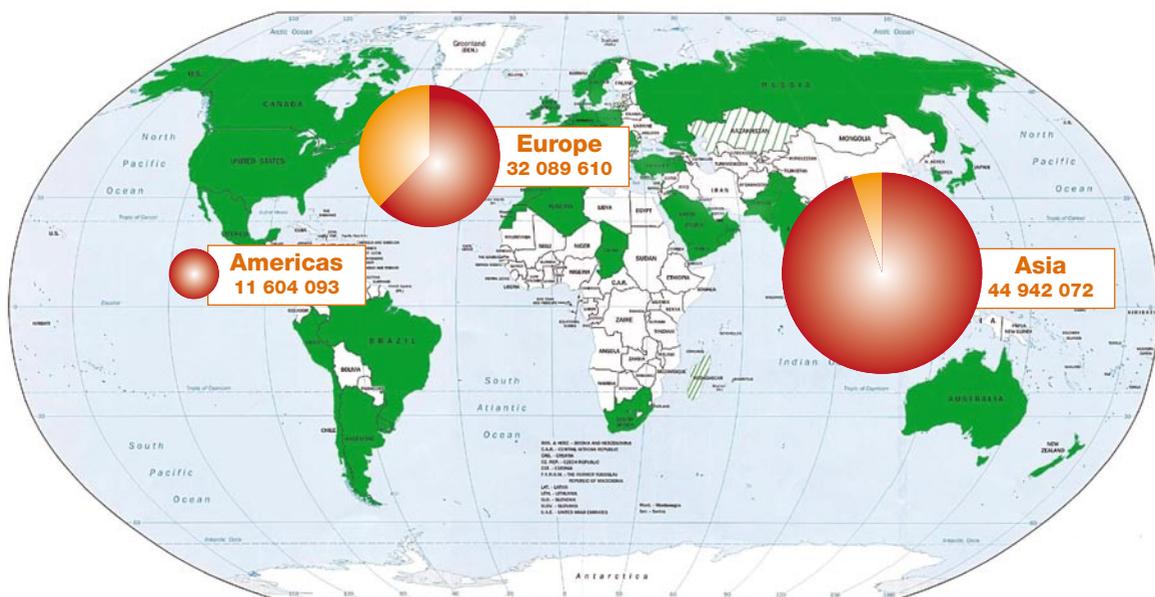
Note °6 - All figures are given in Euro exchange rate of 31 December 2007. The weak position of the national currency against the Euro, notably the US dollar, has obviously deflated the figures of these countries. Alternatively, if figures would have been expressed in US dollars, the figures of many countries would have been inflated, notably in the Euro zone.

Note °7 - BHA estimates.

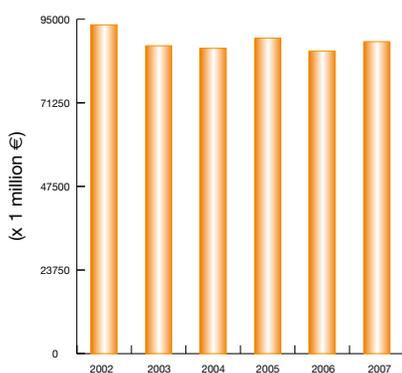
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Betting by Region 2007

- Tote handle
- Bookmaking



Total Betting Volume



Note 1: The global betting figures are expressed in Euros. The depreciation of some currencies compared to the Euro has had a considerable impact on global total betting figures for 2006.

Note 2: Betting figures for some countries include betting on trotting races. USA figures only cover flat and jump races.

Top Twenty Attendances

2007

	Meeting (number of days)	Country	Attendance
1	Melbourne Cup Carnival (4)	Australia	397,000
2	Royal Ascot (5)	Britain	275,000
3	Cheltenham Festival (4) JC	Britain	226,800
4	Galway Festival (7)	Ireland	203,000
5	Kentucky Derby (1)	USA	156,600
6	Aintree Grand National meeting (3)	Britain	148,000
7	Epsom - Derby meeting (2) JC	Britain	140,000
8	Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) (1)	Japan	131,200
9	Preakness Stakes (1)	USA	121,300
10	Arima Kinen (1)	Japan	110,400
11	Listowel Festival (7)	Ireland	107,000
12	Japan Cup (1)	Japan	103,500
13	Glorious Goodwood (5)	Britain	102,200
14	Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) (1)	Japan	100,100
15	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (1)	Japan	100,000
16	Punchestown Festival (4)	Ireland	91,000
17	Tenno Sho (Spring) (1)	Japan	85,400
18	Yasuda Kinen (1)	Japan	82,000
19	Grand Opening Tokyo Racecourse	Japan	80,400
20	York Ebor Meeting (3)	Britain	74,500

2006

	Meeting (number of days)	Country	Attendance
1	Melbourne Cup Carnival (4)	Australia	418,000
2	Royal Ascot (4)	Britain	312,000
3	Cheltenham Festival (4)	Britain	228,000
4	Galway Festival (7)	Ireland	217,000
5	Kentucky Derby (1)	USA	157,500
6	Aintree Grand National meeting (3)	Britain	144,000
9	Epsom - Derby meeting (2)	Britain	140,000
7	Japan Cup (1)	Japan	120,200
8	Preakness Stakes (1)	USA	118,400
9	Arima Kinen (1)	Japan	117,300
10	Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) (1)	Japan	106,200
13	Tenno Sho (Autumn) (1)	Japan	98,000
15	Tenno Sho (Spring) (1)	Japan	93,300
12	Glorious Goodwood (5)	Britain	91,000
14	Yushun Himba (Japanese Oaks) (1)	Japan	91,000
17	Listowel Festival (7)	Ireland	90,000
17	Punchestown Festival (4)	Ireland	85,000
10	Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) (1)	Japan	77,400
16	Breeders' Cup (2)	USA	75,100
19	Satsuki Sho (1)	Japan	72,900
20	York Ebor Meeting (3)	Britain	71,000

World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings

Part I - Southern Hemisphere

TOP 10 HORSES IN 2006/2007

Rank	Horse	Rating	Trained
1	Invasor (ARG)	129	USA
2	Admire Moon (JPN)	125	JPN
2	Premium Tap (USA)	125	KSA
4	Linngari (IRE)	122	SAF
4	Vengeance Of Rain (NZ) ex Subscribe	122	HK
4	Viva Pataca (GB) ex Comic Strip	122	HK
7	Absolute Champion (AUS) ex Genius And Evil	121	HK
8	Armada (NZ) ex After The Dance	120	HK
8	Asiatic Boy (ARG)	120	SAF
8	Delta Blues (JPN)	120	JPN

TOP RANKED BY DISTANCE CATEGORY, AGE AND SURFACE

3yo Turf			
Category	Horse	Rating	Trained
S: 1000m-1300m	Mythical Flight (SAF)	117	SAF
	Haradsun (AUS)	117	AUS
M: 1301m-1899m	He's No Pie Eater (AUS)	117	AUS
	Mentality (AUS)	117	AUS
I: 1900m - 2100m	Haradsun (AUS)	115	AUS
	He's No Pie Eater (AUS)	115	AUS
L: 2101m - 2700m	Fiumicino (NZ)	116	AUS

3yo Dirt			
Category	Horse	Rating	Trained
M: 1301m-1899m	Asiatic Boy (ARG)	120	SAF

4yo and up Turf			
Category	Horse	Rating	Trained
S: 1000m-1300m	Absolute Champion (AUS) (ex Genius and Evil)	121	HK
M: 1301m-1899m	Admire Moon (JPN)	125	JPN
I: 1900m - 2100m	Pompeii Ruler (AUS)	120	AUS
L: 2101m - 2700m	Vengeance of Rain (NZ) (ex Subscribe)	122	HK
	Viva Pataca (GB) (ex Comic Strip)	122	HK
E: 2701+	Delta Blues (JPN)	120	JPN

4yo and up Dirt			
Category	Horse	Rating	Trained
S: 1000m-1300m	Kelly's Landing (USA)	115	USA
M: 1301m-1899m	Spring at Last (USA)	125	USA
I: 1900m - 2100m	Invasor (ARG)	120	USA

Part II - Northern Hemisphere

TOP 10 HORSES IN 2007

Rank	Horse	Rating	Trained
1	MANDURO (GER)	131	FR
2	AUTHORIZED (IRE)	129	GB
2	CURLIN (USA)	129	USA
2	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)	129	IRE
2	INVASOR (ARG)	129	USA
6	STREET SENSE (USA)	126	USA
7	ADMIRE MOON (JPN)	125	JPN
7	ENGLISH CHANNEL (USA)	125	USA
7	SOLDIER OF FORTUNE (IRE)	125	IRE
10	ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (USA)	124	USA
10	LAWYER RON (USA)	124	USA
10	YOUMZAIN (IRE)	124	GB

TOP RANKED BY DISTANCE CATEGORY, AGE AND SURFACE

3yo Turf			
Category	Horse	Rating	Trained
S: 5f - 6.5f :1000m-1300m	SAKHEE'S SECRET (GB)	120	GB
M: 6.51f - 9.49f :1301m-1899m	DARJINA (FR)	122	FR
	EXCELLENT ART (GB)	122	IRE
I: 9.5f - 10.5f : 1900m - 2100m	AUTHORIZED (IRE)	129	GB
L: 10.51f - 13.f : 2101m - 2700m	AUTHORIZED (IRE)	129	GB
E: 13.51f+ : 2701+	ASAKUSA KINGS (JPN)	115	JPN
	COASTAL PATH (GB)	115	FR
	HONOLULU (IRE)	115	IRE
	LUCARNO (USA)	115	GB

3yo Dirt			
Category	Horse	Rating	Trained
S: 5f - 7.99f : 1000m-1599m	HARD SPUN (USA)	120	USA
M: 8f - 9.49f : 1600m-1899m	ANY GIVEN SATURDAY (USA)	124	USA
I: 9.5f - 10.5f : 1900m - 2100m	CURLIN (USA)	129	USA
L: 10.51f - 13.f : 2101m - 2700m	CURLIN (USA)	127	USA

4yo and up Turf			
Category	Horse	Rating	Trained
S: 5f - 6.5f :1000m - 1300m	MISS ANDRETTI (AUS)	120	AUS
M: 6.51f - 9.49f :1301m - 1899m	MANDURO (GER)	126	FR
I: 9.5f - 10.5f : 1900m - 2100m	MANDURO (GER)	131	FR
L: 10.51f - 13.f : 2101m - 2700m	DYLAN THOMAS (IRE)	129	IRE
E: 13.51f+ : 2701+	SEPTIMUS (IRE)	122	IRE

4yo and up Dirt			
Category	Horse	Rating	Trained
S: 5f - 7.99f : 1000m - 1599m	MIDNIGHT LUTE (USA)	121	USA
M: 8f - 9.49f : 1600m - 1899m	LAWYER RON (USA)	124	USA
I: 9.5f - 10.5f : 1900m - 2100m	INVASOR (ARG)	129	USA

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Association of Racing Commissioners International, ARCI	http://www.arci.com

ASIA

Asian Racing Federation, ARF	http://www.asianracing.org/
Asian Stud Book Conference	http://www.studbook.jp/en/index.php

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