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Election of IFHA Chair and Vice-Chairs

The Executive Council of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) unanimously re-elected Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges as Chair, and Jim Gagliano, Masayuki Goto, and Horacio Esposito as Vice-Chairs, at its meeting in Paris, France, following the 58th International Conference of Horseracing Authorities. Henri Pouret was also elected as a Vice-Chair, filling a vacancy created by Brian Kavanagh, who stepped down after a long and distinguished period in office.

“I look forward to continue working with my valued colleagues and members of the IFHA to further enhance our sport at an international level,” said Engelbrecht-Bresges. “I would like to thank the Executive Council which has entrusted me to continue to lead the Federation into what is an exciting, but challenging, time for racing globally.”

Key Racing Integrity Developments Announced During IFHA Conference

The 58th International Conference of Horseracing Authorities (ICHA), organised by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), took place on 7 October in Paris, France at Saint-Cloud Racecourse. The focus of this year's Conference was on upholding racing integrity, a key strategic priority of the IFHA.

"Integrity is the foundation on which our sport is built and therefore protecting integrity is essential for the credibility and popularity of our sport," said IFHA Chair Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, who delivered the Conference's opening and closing remarks.

"We have to provide a level-playing field so that our participants feel comfortable to compete," he continued. "Without the highest standards of integrity, our sport loses the trust and confidence of our customers and other key stakeholders, which then places the existence of our industry at stake. With recent events showing how pervasive integrity threats are nowadays, racing must continue to lead the way in protecting sports integrity."

Over 150 delegates from about 40 different countries heard from key integrity leaders from racing and other major sports in a number of presentations and panel discussions. The overall programme examined key integrity threats and learnings from previous cases in order to demonstrate how racing can utilise cutting-edge approaches and techniques to protect the sport.



Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chair of the IFHA

Justice Frank Clarke, Director of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB) and former Chief Justice of Ireland, delivered the keynote speech and discussed the need for robust systems that protect against legal challenges. Clarke highlighted the vital importance of what he believes are the "three pillars" of racing integrity: up-to-date rules of racing, sound processes, and independent decision-makers.

Other speakers from outside of racing included Susan Ahern, Arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport and former Head of Legal and Legislative Affairs at World Rugby; Brett Clothier, Head of the Athletics Integrity Unit; Jenni Kennedy, Senior Director of Investigations at the International Tennis Integrity Agency; and Andrew Adams, Partner at international law firm Steptoe.

Integrity leaders from within racing who presented included Andrew Harding, Executive Director of the IFHA; Marc Van Gestel, Chief Stipendiary Steward at the Hong

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Kong Jockey Club (HKJC); Jamie Stier, Executive General Manager Integrity Services at Racing Victoria; Clíodhna Guy, Head of Governance and Legal of the IHRB; Brant Dunshea, Chief Regulatory Officer at the British Horseracing Authority (BHA); and Martin Purbrick, Chair of the Asian Racing Federation Council on Anti-illegal Betting and Related Financial Crime (ARF Council).

Key integrity-related developments in racing were also announced during the Conference, notably the transition of the ARF Council to the IFHA, as well as the official release of the IFHA Racing Integrity Handbook.

“The release of the Racing Integrity Handbook is a major achievement for the IFHA and its commitment to upholding integrity in our sport,” said Harding. “It is the first of its kind in horse racing, and indeed the most comprehensive such document produced for any sport.”

The IFHA Council on Anti-illegal Betting and Related Crime is the result of the collaboration between key racing bodies, as it is transferring

from the ARF to the IFHA.

“The Council has become an established sports integrity think tank, and its impact, purpose and objectives are now global in nature,” said Purbrick. “On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank both the IFHA and the ARF for their unwavering support of our work, and look forward to contributing to the integrity objectives of the IFHA, horse racing, and sport in general.”

Additionally, during the IFHA General Assembly, Brian Kavanagh, the IFHA’s Vice-Chair, Europe, was honoured upon the announcement of his retirement from the IFHA.

The first International Conference of Horseracing Authorities was organised and hosted by the Société d’Encouragement in Paris, France, on October 9, 1967. Since 1994, the annual conference has been organised by the IFHA. The Japan Racing Association (JRA) has been the official partner of the Conference since 2021. The PowerPoint presentations and the conference video replay can be found on the [IFHA website](#).



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The 58th IFHA Conference in Photos



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Marc Van Gestel, Chief Stipendiary Steward at the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC)



Clodhna Guy, Head of Governance and Legal of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB)



The second session of the IFHA Conference featured a panel discussion on lessons learned from major racing integrity cases from around the globe



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Martin Purbrick on the IFHA's Racing Integrity Handbook and Launching the Anti-Illegal Betting Council

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Q: The Asian Racing Federation Council on Anti-Illegal Betting & Related Financial Crime is transferring to the IFHA and becoming the IFHA Council on Anti-illegal Betting and Related Crime. How meaningful is this transition and why?

A: The global impact of the ARF Council has expanded, but the ARF Council itself is largely an Asia regional entity. Of the current 25 members of the Council, 18 are based in jurisdictions that are members of the ARF while only seven are based in non-ARF jurisdictions. All of the seven non-ARF jurisdiction Council members are based in Europe, so the Council has no members in the Americas. Given the increasing international global recognition of the Council and its work, the absence of members from other regions where racing is conducted is a weakness that will limit the impact of the Council in the longer term and hence we are moving under the auspices of the IFHA.

The new IFHA council will have a truly global outlook as part of the global racing federation. Members of the IFHA Council will include new thought leaders from the Americas, Europe, and other less well represented regions. The IFHA Council's research and writing will increasingly focus on the Americas and Europe in addition to Asia. Lastly, and importantly, the IFHA Council will engage with stakeholders around the world to influence racing and other sports leaders, government policy makers, regulators (of gambling and also sport), intergovernmental organisations, and law enforcement agencies regarding the threat of illegal betting and other crime, to horse racing integrity in particular, and sport in general.



Martin Purbrick, Chair of the IFHA Council on Anti-illegal Betting and Related Crime

Q: What can the racing industry expect from the new IFHA council?

A: The IFHA Council will present horse racing as the leading sport dealing with the impact of betting on integrity and the global thought leader on how illegal betting presents a particular challenge to all sports. We should openly say how horse racing has historically developed highly effective structures and

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processes to manage the impact of betting, which other sports should learn from now that all sports are 'betting sports.'

Whilst the IFHA Council will project the strengths of horse racing to an external audience, we will also be partners to any racing authority that would like assistance to influence stakeholders in their own jurisdiction of the impact of illegal betting.

As online betting, legal and illegal, has expanded in the past 10 years, one of the responses from gambling regulators has been to tighten restrictions on legal betting, which drives consumers to illegal markets and lessens betting revenue to horse racing (through levies, taxes, or grants, etc). A key role of the IFHA Council is to support racing authorities and racing operators to persuade regulators that legal betting on horse racing is not the problem but that illegal betting markets have a far more serious negative impact on society.

Q: How significant is it that the IFHA Racing Integrity Handbook has been published?

A: The Racing Integrity Handbook demonstrates how horse racing has the most developed integrity management systems as well as the strongest global bench of experts involved in integrity of any sport.

The Racing Integrity Handbook demonstrates the strength of integrity in racing despite the diversity of structures and rules in racing around the world. Although racing is run slightly differently in every jurisdiction, the principles and practices outlined in the Racing Integrity Handbook can be applied to anywhere.

Q: How long have you been working on the Racing Integrity Handbook and who all was involved?

A: Work on the Racing Integrity Handbook started in 2022 and has involved 25 experts from around the world of racing. The experts who contributed to the Racing Integrity Handbook are an extraordinary bench of talent who all illustrate why horse racing leads integrity management in sports.

Q: What do you hope the international racing industry at large will take away from the Racing Integrity Handbook?

A: Those involved in the regulation and the operation of horse racing should be proud that this sport is a leader in integrity. They should all be confident to talk about why horse racing has strong governance structures and rules, has world leading approaches to complex issues such as prohibited substances, has a progressive approach to athlete (horse and human) welfare, and also highly effective anti-corruption measures. Horse racing is a leading sport, and we should be proud to say this openly.

Q: How important is integrity to the future of horse racing?

A: The integrity of horse racing is essential to customer confidence in both the sport itself as well as betting on the outcome. Integrity relates to both fair as well as safe competitions and in modern definitions includes a wide range of issues. The Racing Integrity Handbook demonstrates how horse racing effectively delivers integrity in the sport, and hence how we can maintain the confidence of fans of horse racing in the future. Integrity is essential for the future of the sport of horse racing.

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WORLD RANKINGS

With a rating of 128, Laurel River currently leads the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings for 2024. He earned his rating following his easy victory in the Dubai World Cup sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1).

City of Troy is the second highest rated horses in the world with a rating of 127. City of Troy earned his rating in the Juddmonte International Stakes (G1).

The next edition of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings will be published on Thursday, the 14th of November.

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World's Best Racehorse Rankings
Leading Horses

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1st January 2024 - 6th October 2024

Rank	Horse	Rating	Trained
1	Laurel River (USA)	128	UAE
2	City of Troy (USA)	127	IRE
3	Calandagan (IRE)	125	FR
3	Goliath (GER)	125	FR
5	Economics (GB)	123	GB
5	Fierceness (USA)	123	USA
5	Rebel's Romance (IRE)	123	UAE

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Jockey	Total Points
Ryan L. Moore	150
James McDonald	120
William T. Buick	78
Craig A. Williams	64
Damian Lane	42

Ryan Moore has overtaken James McDonald in the 2024 Longines World's Best Jockey competition. He currently has 150 points, while McDonald sits in second with 120 points.

Moore's qualifying victories thus far include the Coronation Cup (Luxembourg), Betfred Derby (City of Troy), Prince of Wales's Stakes (Auguste Rodin), Gold Cup (Kyprios), Coral-Eclipse (City of Troy), Al Shaqab Goodwood Cup (Kyprios), Qatar Nassau Stakes (Opera Singer), and Juddmonte International Stakes (City of Troy).