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PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN FEDERATIONS

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On the one hand Mr. Luiz Vaz D'Almada, President of Federação Equestre Portuguesa (FEP)

On the other hand, Mr. Luis Figueroa, President of Real Federación Hípica Española (RFHE)

After the conversations meetings held by them, the Secretary Generals and other members of the NFs of Portugal and Spain, agree the following Protocol that will support the future cooperation between both Federations.

CONSIDERING THAT

1. Portugal and Spain are the Iberia Peninsula and that they have an Sportive Equestrian Story based on a relationship that as begun since the beginning of the XX Century;
2. Both countries are members of the EU and are facing similar difficulties in the Equestrian Sport;
3. Both Federations and their Riders, Organizers, Officials, Trainers, Instructors, Monitors and Riding Centers from most of all disciplines of both countries are in the same situation;
4. Both Federations need to improve and cooperate in a similar way, that will help to face the international problems towards the F.E.I. and get stronger than other countries of the same F.E.I. Groups;
5. Both countries have the same traditional equestrian sponsors, working with both countries with the same kind of interest and a lot more with business development in both countries that are trying to find a main sportive promotional event;



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**FEP AND RFHE AGREE THIS PROTOCOL IN ORDER TO
DEVELOP THEIR COOPERATION IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS**

1 – COMMON DISCIPLINES:

- 1.1 – Olympic Disciplines
- 1.2 – Non Olympic Disciplines

2 – DISCIPLINES FORMALITIES:

- 2.1 – Regulations
- 2.2 – Calendar
- 2.3 – Entries

3 – RIDERS:AND HORSES

- 3.1 Licenses
- 3.2 Insurance
- 3.3 Officials

4 – INTERNATIONAL MATTERS:

- 4.1 – Federation Equestre Internationale
- 4.2 – International events

5 – NATIONAL AND IBERIAN EVENTS:

- 5.1 – National events
- 5.2 – Iberian Circuits
- 5.3 – Iberian Games

6 – SPONSORSHIP:

- 6.1 – Strategic plan
- 6.2 – Sponsors for discipline and / or events



1 – COMMON DISCIPLINES

1.1 – Olympic Disciplines

- Eventing, Dressage and Jumping;

In eventing we agree to coordinate our technical criteria in order to have a common calendrier whichs allows our riders to apticipate in the more events as possible.

For Dressage and jumping both of us will improve our relationship, mainly in competition, training and sport developing areas.

1.2 – Non Olympic Disciplines

- Endurance, Driving Trec, Working Dressage, Horse Ball and Disables

For Endurance and Driving we have already a great co-operation from both sides, we will improve them.

For Horse Ball, Working Dressage and Trec we agree to start our cooperation, as long as on disables equitation too..

2 – DISCIPLINES FORMALITIES

2.1 – Regulations:

As much as possible we will try to have similar national regulations for each discipline, following the FEI regulations, then Regulations will be exchanged by both Federations in order to compare the differences and try to adapt it in the best practical way;

2.2- Calendar:

Both Federations should try to joint they equestrian calendar, specially on dressage, eventing, driving, endurance, trec and horse-ball

2.3 - Entries:

The riders will do they entries according with the approved schedules of the shows;

We wil study and agree a system in order to make it easier for riders to participate on the shows of the other country, gettiing agreements with the regional federations and the organising committees

All entries for the national shows will have to be done by the National or Regional Federations;



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3 – RIDERS:AND HORSES

Taking in consideration that Portugal and Spain have many riders that compete all over the year in both countries, also in most of all of the disciplines

3.1 – Licenses:

In all common disciplines all riders and horses can obtain the national registration, taking in consideration that the RFHE and the FEP certify the rider capability, mentioning that he as not any disciplinary process that will unable him to participate;

Both Federations will study and agree a system in order to make it easier for riders and horses to participate on the shows of the other country, getting agreements with the regional federations and the organising committees

3.2 – Insurance:

The amount due for the insurance of each rider, will be according with the regulations of each Federation;

We are assuming that both Federations have an international insurance contract;

Nevertheless, both Federation will join their efforts to get the best insurance conditions for their riders and horses

3.3 - Officials:

We agree to study and agree the way to get that the officials from both Federations would be able to work in both countries, according with their status;

4 – INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

4.1 – Position towards de F.E.I.

We agree that both Federations will definite a plan together, in order to have more power at the FEI. That plan should include the nominations of persons to Technical Committees, nomination of Portuguese and Spanish FEI Officials to International events and most important nomination of a President for Group FEI that they are included.

4.2 – International events

Following the same thoughts referred in 4.1, both Federations will tyr to convince the FEI that they need more Iberian riders at their international events, that must include Official International events and International events;



Referring to the new invitation system for 2005, at CSI 3 star and 4 star, we agree to work together in order to assure that our riders still have international jumping events to compete at;

Also both Federations will promote courses for Officials of all disciplines

5 – NATIONAL AND IBERIAN EVENTS

5.1 – National events

According with the present proposal both Federations will study a coordinate calendar and conciliate as much as possible the dates;

5.2 – Iberian Circuits

In order to maximize our traditional sponsors and knowing that they have interests in both countries both Federations will try create a Iberian Circuit accordingly with the organising committees that will be interested on it

An Iberian Circuit for all common disciplines will be developed for Teams and Individual

The format of these Circuits will be agree by both Federations

5.3 – Iberian Games

Once the Iberian Circuits are running, we will try to organise Iberian Championship, it will be another big event under the title of both Federations that could be sold to the O. C.'s;

6 – SPONSORSHIP:

6.1 – Strategic plan

We agree to make a common plan to present our common products to the sponsors

6.2 – Sponsor for discipline and / or events

Once we have determinate this plan, we will together work in order to get the sponsor for each discipline and / or event

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