A PERSPECTIVE ON EQUINE INFLUENZA

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Overview

- 1. The FEI as a Global organisation
- 2. The FEI International Equestrian Events and Growth Rate
- 3. What needs protecting? What is at risk?
- 4. Key issues, and needs with regard to the threat of Equine Influenza



Who we are

- 132 affiliated National Federations
- Each year approx 3500 international competitions are organised under FEI rules
- Only Olympic sport involving an animal
- Male & female riders share same podium





























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The Unique Partnership with the Horse Requires

RULES OF THE SPORT

Welfare Codes and Legislation

Doping and Medication Controls

OFFICIALS

Safety and injuries

VACCINATION, DISEASE CONTROL AND BIOSECURITY

Indentification methods

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MOVEMENT OF HORSES

Education & Communication

REGULATIONS



FEI Communication Capability



- FEI Website -FEI.org
- Calendar of Events
- Annual Report
- FEI Press News (Weekly - FAX & email)
- Direct memos to National Federations
- Guidance notes



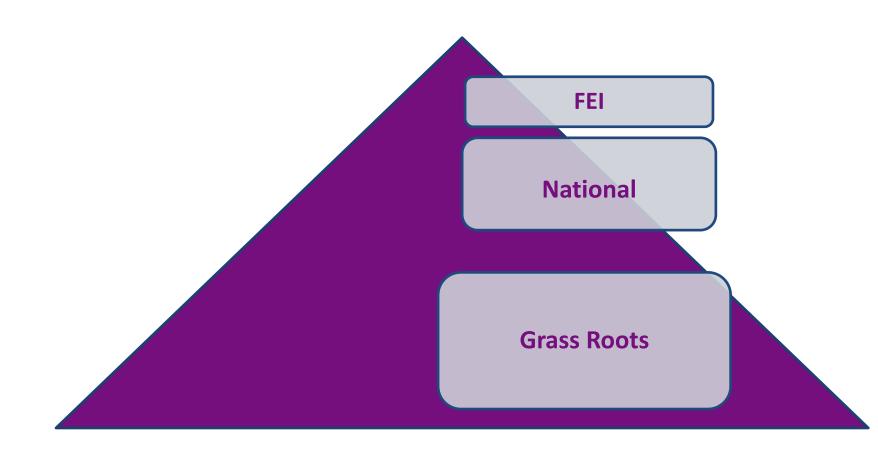
- FEI Focus
- Digital Media
- Social media
- NF Updates
- Direct mailing
- Training and Development Programmes
- Courses
- **REGULATIONS**



- Guidance notes
- FEI Veterinary.org
- FEI Veterinary
 Meetings at major events- Reports
- FEI Veterinary Seminars & Courses
- Direct memos to National Federations
- FEI Directory
- National Head Vets
- FEIvet.com (planned)

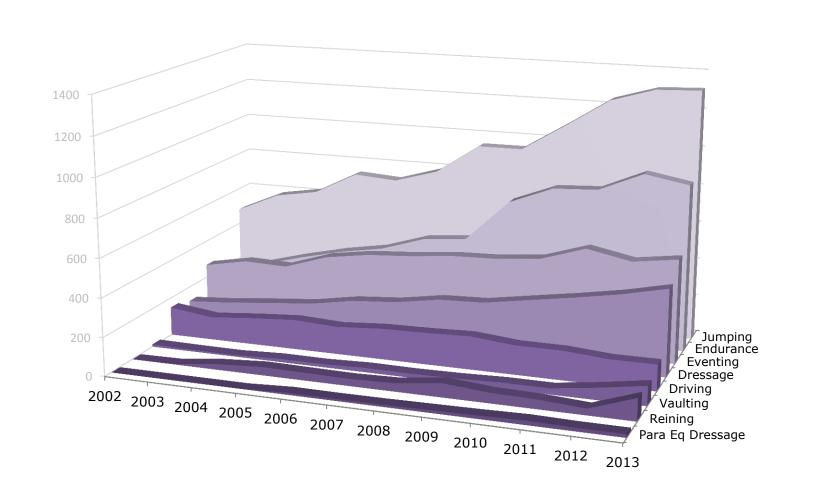


Influence Throughout The Horse World

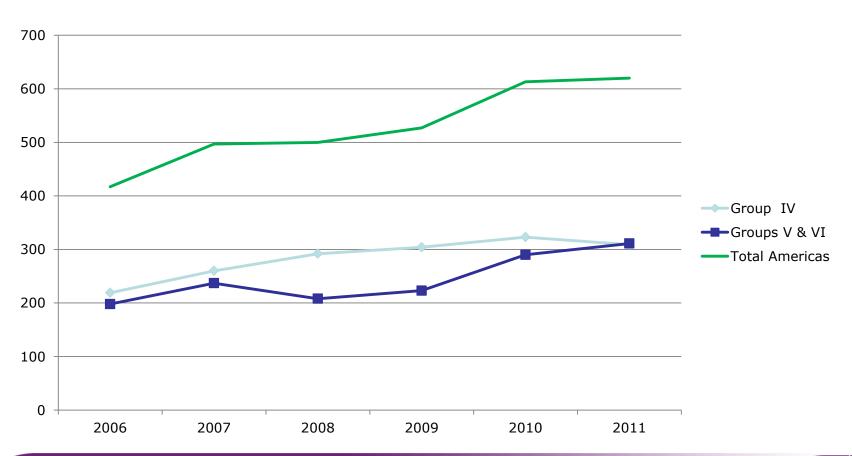




FEI Events 2002 – 2013 by Discipline



Growth in the Americas





Economic and Social benefits of the Equine Industry



SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTER TO THE ECONOMY



SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYER



SUPPORT IN PRESERVATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE



POWERFUL TOOL FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COHESION



The Equine Economic Effect

- Germany , Aachen WEG 160 Million Euro locally for one event
- Pan American Games 2011, Mexico 100 millions of Pesos
- UK equestrian sector is the largest sporting employer in the UK
 - Indirect employment 220 270 000, Greater than UK farming
- EU Equine Industry over 100 billion Euros per year; horse riders growing by 5% per annum, contributed with more than 1.6 billion Euros to government taxes and 400000 jobs
- Hungary The KINCSEM Horse Cluster most jobs from horses
- Ireland Punchestown, 100,000 spectators a year over 3 days
 - 43 million euros worth for the local economy

EVERY 5 HORSES CREATES ONE JOB



THE FEI EVENT







Direct Revenues from a World Games



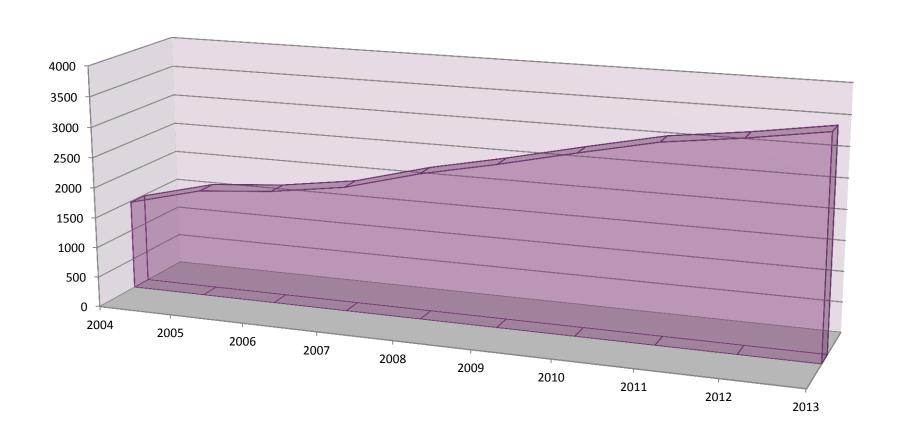


Indirect Revenues from a World Games





Number of FEI Events









KENTUCKY HORSE PARK • LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY USA • SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 10, 2010 • www.feigames2010.org



2010 World Equestrian Games

Riders:	800 plus
Nations:	60+
Horses:	1000 plus
Spectators:	500'000
TV	250-400 M
FEI Judges:	130
Veterinarians:	140
Grooms:	960
Accreditations:	12,500
Volunteers:	2,000

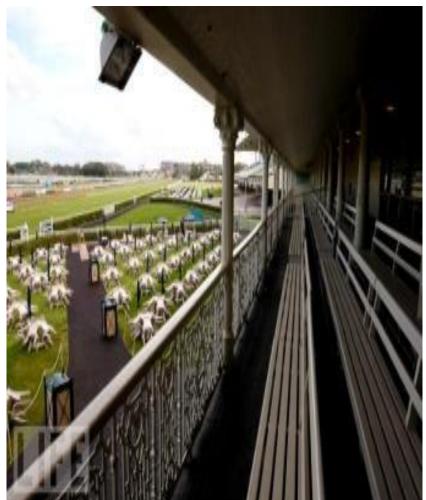






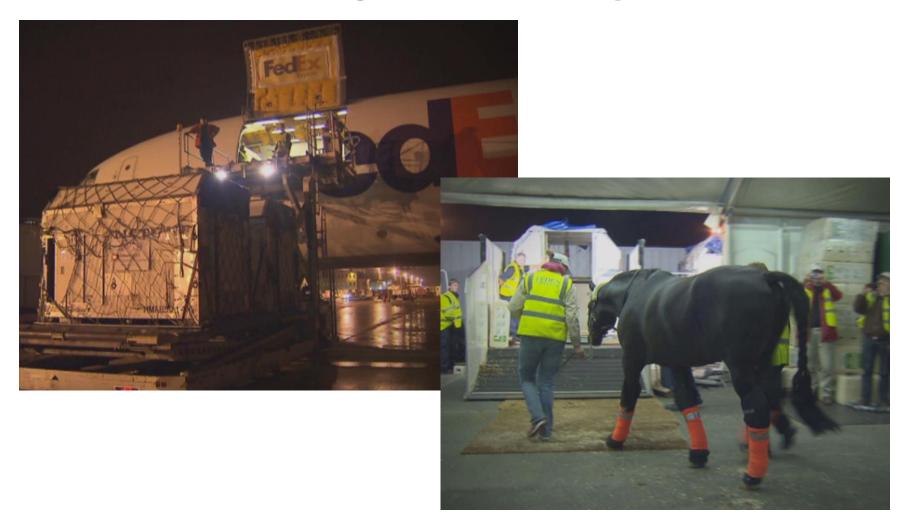








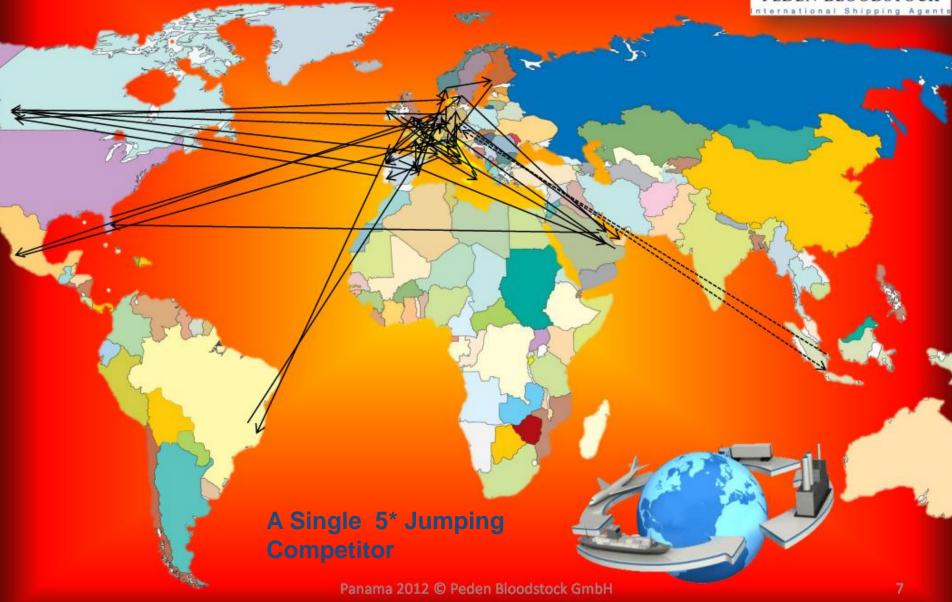
GROWTH OF EQUINE MOVEMENTS

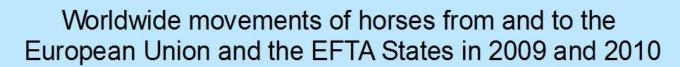


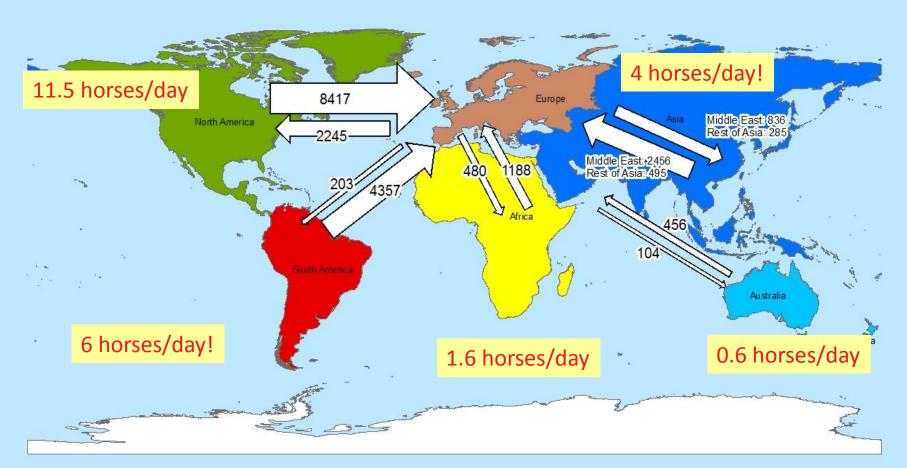


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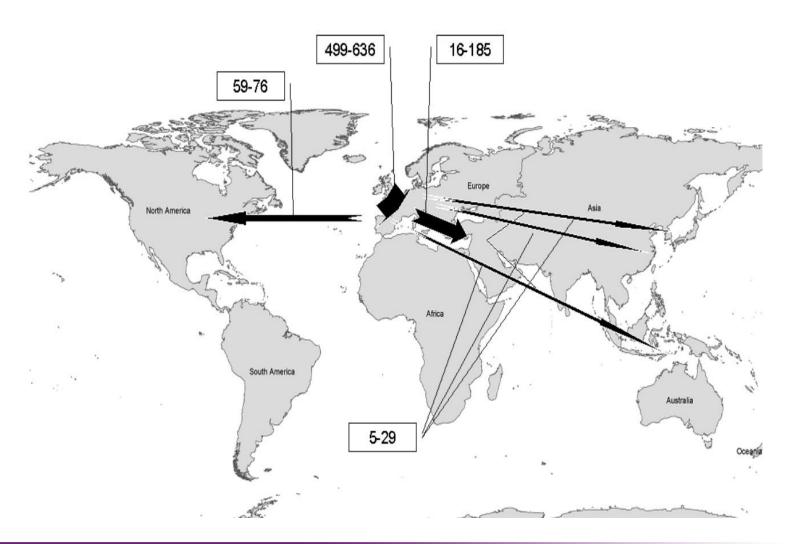




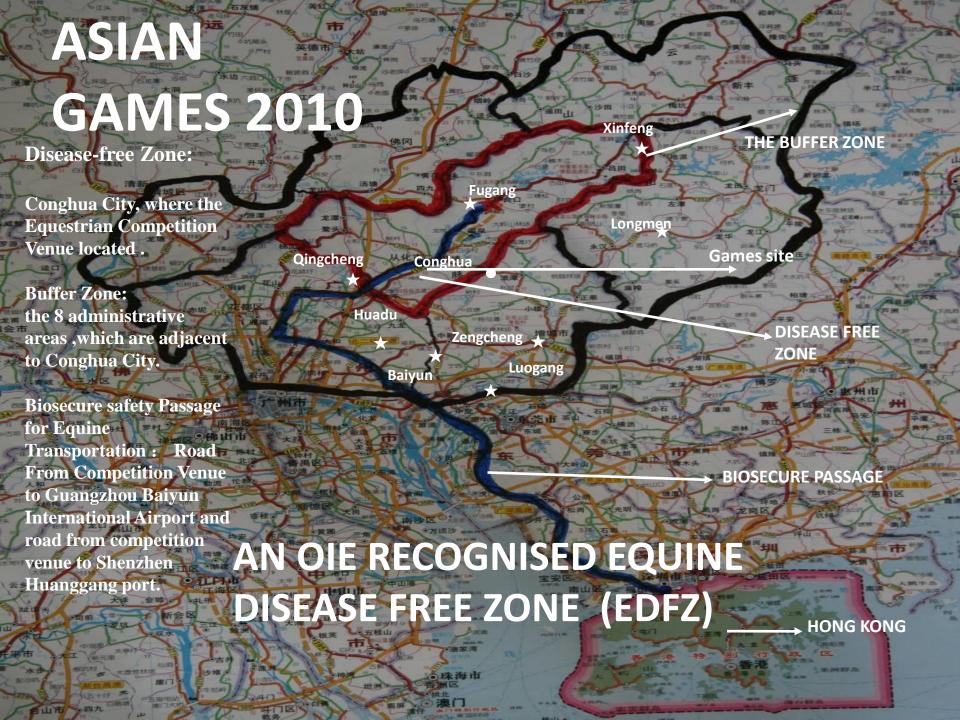


24 horses to EU per day!

International Races







Temporary Quarantine Cincinnati Airport 2010





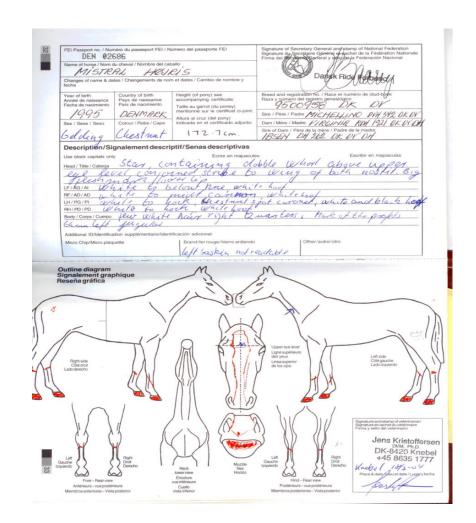
THE FEI HORSE

An International High Performance Horse under strict Controls



FEI Passports







Horse Inspections & Examinations

Essential To FEI Competition

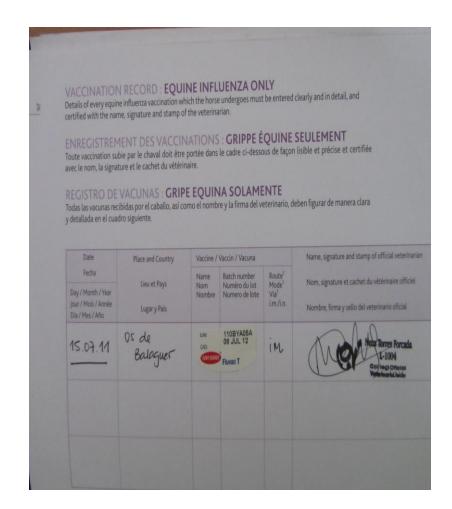
- Passport Control and Health Check
 - biosecurity and Influenza vaccination checks
 - establish horse identity
- Veterinary Examinations
 - clinical examination to establish health
 - Check for possible disease
- Horse Inspections
 - ensuring horses are fit to compete





FEI Influenza Regulations







FEI Vaccination Regulations

Equine Influenza (EI)

Primary Course: 2 vaccinations: 21-92 days apart

First Booster: 7 calendar months

Booster Vaccinations:

- a) minimum every 12 months
- b) Horses competing:

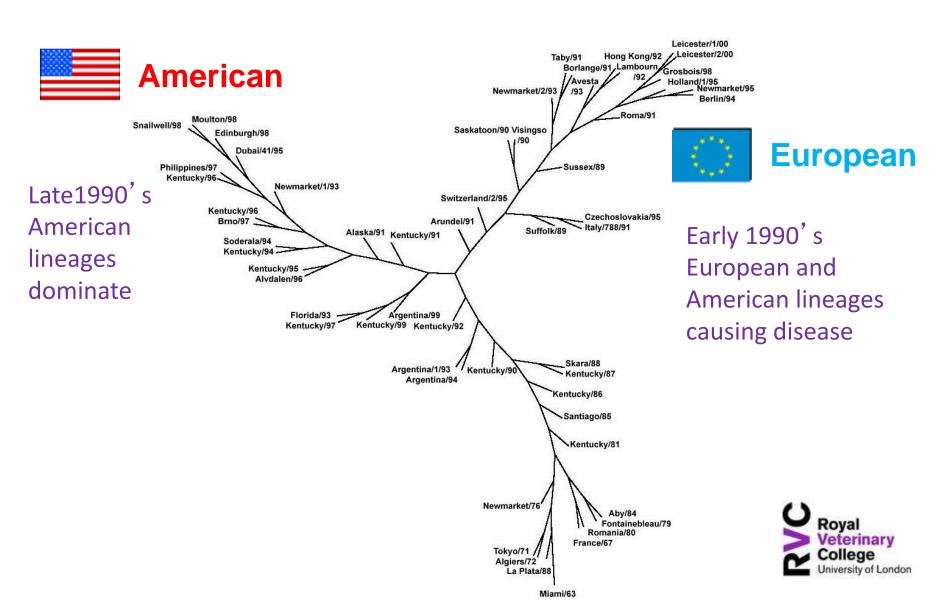
within 6 months +21 days (not within the 7 days) before arrival at the Event



Key issues, and needs with regard to the threat of Equine Influenza



HA Phylogenetic Tree Up To 2000



HA Phylogenetic Tree 2010 – Continuing Evolution Of American Lineage

Clade 2 Florida sublineage (A/eq/Newmarket/5/03) Clade 1 Florida sublineage (A/eq/Ohio/1/03) **European American** (A/eq/Newmarket/1/93) (A/eq/Newmarket/2/93)

OIE Influenza Expert Surveillance Panel Recommendations

1995 Representatives of both American and European lineages should be included in vaccines Newmarket/1/93 or Kentucky/94 and Newmarket/2/93 or Suffolk/89

2004 Update American lineage to S. Africa/03 or Ohio/03, no change ref European strain

2010 Include American Florida sublineage Clade 1 and Clade 2 strains, no need to include European lineage strains



Equine Influenza Concerns

- All European countries have widespread influenza vaccination but not sufficient to provide protection at population level
- Equine influenza vaccines are updated too slowly
- Strains with sufficient antigenic differences cause significant disease in vaccinated horses e.g. Newmarket in 2003, Normandy 2012
- OIE reccomended Clade 2 not included in commercial vaccinations – many reasons given
- Manufacturer Regulatory Fastrack not available in past
- Industry proactivity has been slow but must change





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- World Animal Health Organisation (OIE)
- Royal Veterinary College London



SUMMARY

✓ Now More Movements and Competitions than ever

✓ Need to include American Florida sublineage Clade 1 and Clade 2 strains

- ✓ Find a way for manufacturers to introduce updated vaccines easily
- ✓ Industry awareness and Biosecurity awareness essential



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