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Chairman's Statement

This is the first Annual Report of our Federation and therefore particularly relevant. It marks a period in which we are more conscious than ever about what we represent in society in terms of sport, entertainment, employment and tax contribution. The data in our Annual Report illustrates the contribution of racing in different parts of the world and the efforts that our Federation is making to promote our sector.

It is important that we communicate what we represent to the outside world, such as to governments, media and the public at large. We are heavily regulated, not at the least because of racing's intrinsic link to betting. As a consequence, we need to be able to provide policy makers with adequate information that leads to a racing-friendly environment. I trust that our Annual Report will satisfy some of the need for global information about horseracing.

The launch of our Annual Report is also on par with a consistent and continuing globalisation of horseracing. We have witnessed Australian horses succeeding in Europe, European jockeys succeeding in the US, Japanese horses in Australia, South American horses in Dubai, etc. The race images are more widely spread, largely due to the increased accessibility of technologies, such as satellite and fibre optic communications, broadband penetration, web streaming and mobile broadband, to name just the most important. The betting offer also becomes more global, although unfortunately not always through authorised distribution.

Unauthorised betting is something racing organizations have to fight against vigorously around the world. Our racing product is expensive to produce and it is up to the rights holders to define its market price. Illegal operators, as well as off-shore gambling regimes that tolerate, even encourage, betting operators to establish their business on the back of racing, should be condemned.

The IFHA has continued its action plan on wagering with extra force in 2006. A Racing Trust Mark has been issued to operators who support the principles of fair trade. We have also started to promote global commingling as a pari-mutuel response to the internationalisation of racing.

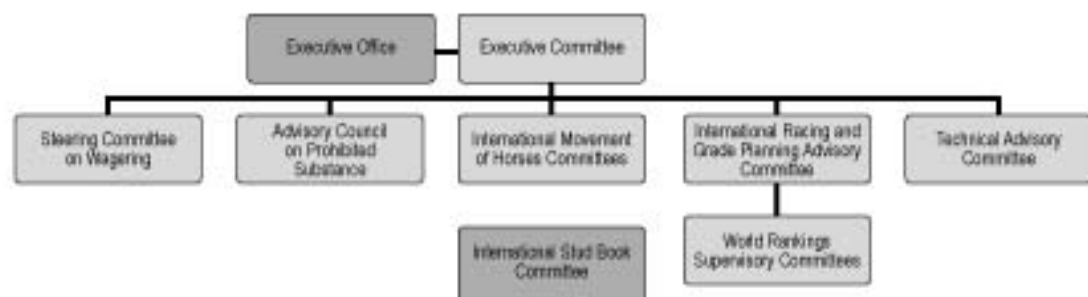
Our efforts on the economics of racing have not diminished our attention to other matters of racing. These include our continuing attempts to harmonising racing rules around the world, improve the international movement of horses and quarantine rules, the expansion of our world rankings of racehorses, our fight against the use of illegal substances for horses, and many others. Some have led to immediate results, whereas others will require much international debate and collaboration to get solved.

One specific issue that we have put at the front is the reciprocation of penalties. We are probably one of the few sports where sportsmen suspended in one jurisdiction may be able to continue their activity in another.

This, and many other issues, will require the continuous attention of our International Federation. I would like to thank all those who have contributed with their time, energy and enthusiasm by serving in the various committees last year and all those who have contributed to this report. I am proud to be part of it and hope to report on our successes in the coming years.

Louis Romanet
Chairman

Organisation of IFHA



Appendix 4 lists the members in 2006 of each of the committees.

Mission Statement

In 1961, the Horseracing Authorities of the United States of America, France, Great Britain and Ireland decided to coordinate their actions in order to protect the integrity of horse races 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 an Annual Conference held in Paris, which brought the main horseracing authorities in the world together and developed an International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering.

To give an official shape to these efforts, they founded in 1993 the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), which brings together 65 members representing 56 countries.

The main objectives of the IFHA are:

1. to coordinate and harmonize the rules of the member countries regarding breeding, racing and wagering;
2. to ensure the quality and fairness of racing in the interests of both the breeding and the public;
3. to promote the organization on racecourses of the protection of the welfare of horses, jockeys and the people attending; and
4. to update the organization of horseracing on account of the technical, social and economical evolution.

The IFHA organizes an annual International Conference, which updates the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering and provides an opportunity for presentations and discussion of major issues facing horseracing.

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

Activity Reports

General Assembly & Annual Conference 2006

As usual, the combined General Assembly and Annual Conference was held in the offices of France Galop in Paris on the Monday after the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, 2 October 2006.

General Assembly

Ninety-seven delegates attended the General Assembly, of which 88 delegates represented 55 members of the International Federation and 46 different countries. Nine further delegates participated as observers.

The General Assembly approved the minutes of the previous General Assembly and the accounts for 2005 and discharged the IFHA's officers. The accounts showed a modest surplus and expenses that remained within budget.

Annual Conference

The Executive Council's decision to change the setting of the conference proved a great success. The panel discussions with a professional moderator, as well as the less formal layout of the conference room, resulted in a greater participation by members. In addition, a production coordinator made generously available by The Jockey Club (USA) ensured the smooth running of the conference in all its technical dimensions.

The first part of the conference was devoted to Regulatory Matters, including amendments to the International Agreement, reports from the Technical Advisory Committee and the International Stud Book Committee, presentations on «the reciprocation of penalties» and «tackling corruption in racing». There was also a report on the first International Doctors' Conference to be held in Tokyo. This was followed by presentations on the following topical racing issues:

- Dr Martin CANEPA, president, Hipica de Panamá S.A., presented the «Commercial approach from South-American racetracks»
- Carl HAMILTON of The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc. presented the ongoing work on the establishment of a harmonised race data transfer standard
- Maurits BRUGGINK gave an update on the IFHA's Action Plan on Wagering
- Three speakers gave an inside view on the development of a legal online betting offer: Nick EAVES of Woodbine Entertainment Group, Isamu TAKIZAWA of Japanese Racing Association, and Sunny LEE of The Hong Kong Jockey Club
- Bertrand BELINGUIER of PMU and Alan MARZELLI of The Jockey Club (USA) presented the progress made on the establishment of worldwide betting commingle pools

In the afternoon, the topic for the main panel was «Promotion of racing through production of racing pictures for TV» and the well-known TV racing journalist Ms Clare BALDING moderated discussions.

Jean Louis BURGAT of French TV production company Léo Vision illustrated the importance of a creative approach to presenting races on the small screen. He emphasized the great future of high definition TV and showed the Prix Arc de Triomphe 2006 in this format.

Len DELUCA of worldwide sports channel ESPN explained the success formula for its network, which focuses on big events, simple and consistent branding, and cross-promoting its content across all of ESPN's media platforms.

Peter SWEENEY of Australian TVN presented some best practices from the angle of a dedicated racing channel, which is owned by racing.

Executive Council

The Executive Council defines the general policy direction of the IFHA, 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 2006, in Paris.

Finances

At its March meeting, the Executive Council fixed the 2006 annual contribution at € 6,500. It developed an annual budget, which takes into account the special financial contribution made by each of the three racing regions to finance the action plan on wagering.

It was agreed to renew the contract of the Executive Director for the period June 2007 - June 2010. A budget was set up to continue the action plan on wagering for the period June 2007 - June 2010.

Appointments

The members of the Executive Council unanimously approved the following appointments and acknowledged that these ensured the necessary continuity and stability of the organisation:

- Louis ROMANET, IFHA Chairman, for the period October 2006 - October 2009
- Christopher FOSTER and Alan MARZELLI, IFHA Vice Chairmen for the period October 2006 - October 2009
- Larry WONG, IFHA Vice Chairman until his successor's election in March 2007

Reciprocation of Penalties

The Executive Council considered the reciprocation of penalties and the difficulties of applying some foreign penalties domestically. In particular, some countries cannot reciprocate a penalty imposed on a jockey by a country where the rules of racing do not provide that a jockey can be assisted, at the hearing, by a professional defence counsel.

The Executive Council decided to ask its Technical Advisory Committee to issue a questionnaire to all IFHA members in order to understand their position on the matter. It was also decided to bring the matter to the attention of the General Assembly and the Asian Racing Federation Conference at Dubai in 2007.

Global Commingling

In view of the ongoing globalisation of racing, the Executive Council agreed for the IFHA to design and execute an action plan to promote global commingling between the various pari-mutuel operators. Bertrand BELINGUIER, member of the Steering Committee on Wagering and Chairman of the French Tote was asked to establish and chair a group of main pari-mutuel operators to explore the various options.

The Executive Council agreed on the approach taken by this global commingling group to create a calendar of races for which a global pool would be organised and to which all pari-mutuels could participate.

Executive Council

Various Other Decisions

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

- Christopher FOSTER was asked to chair provisionally the Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances, which should prepare a proposal for its future functioning.
- Carl HAMILTON was asked to proceed with the development of a harmonised standard for the transfer of race data.
- Certain modifications to the international agreement proposed by the Technical Advisory Committee were discussed.
- Modalities for the practical implementation of the Racing Trust Mark scheme were agreed.
- A budget was agreed to upgrade the International Rankings Computer System.
- The Melbourne Cup should replace the Cox Plate on the list of races of which the names of winners were to be automatically protected as of 2006.

Objectives 2007

The Executive Council will continue to define the general policy of the IFHA. In particular,

- Establish a committee to explore the possible harmonisation of race interference rules and interpretation.
- Promote a new agreement on the reciprocation of penalties.
- Adopt the harmonised standard for the international transfer of race data.
- Continue to promote the Racing Trust Mark and obtain more subscriptions.
- Support the implementation of a global racing calendar for international commingling of pari-mutuel bets.

Technical Advisory Committee

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 harmonizes rules and current practices and examines all technical matters concerning relations between member-countries. It held its 5th annual meeting in September in Paris prior to the IFHA Annual Conference.

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 was therefore agreed that interested member organisations could receive TAC documents without direct participation in the meeting.

Some of the main issues the committee dealt with in 2006 include :

The committee continued to work on amendments to the criteria for registering horse names and the rationalisation of internationally protected names. A sub-committee continued its task of collating and reviewing any comments made by members in order to propose reductions to the list of protected names.

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

Following proposals from the committee, the IFHA introduced on 1 March a Racing Clearance Notification (RCN) divided into three types, covering a single race, multiple races or a world trip. In order to further improve the RCN and make its application more consistent worldwide, a questionnaire had been circulated to TAC members. The conclusions of the survey and subsequent discussions and work should lead to some revisions to the documentation.

The committee considered the possibility of introducing a draft article to the IFHA International Agreement including some basic guidelines on how to deal with betting and to formulate a basic approach to the possibility of unlawful behaviour. The draft was proposed to the Executive Committee.

The committee facilitated an international exchange of information on Non-Racing Agreements (NRA), a process whereby an owner could ensure that a horse did not race again after sale.

The committee discussed a report on the use of 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.

Objectives 2007

- The sub-committee should complete the work on the reduction of the list of protected names in conjunction with the ISBC. A proposal to the executive council in 2007 should summarise the exercise, setting out the process for the future and recommending any new protections (including those of the ISBC).
- Regarding Race Clearance Notifications, the committee should further investigate possible improvements and measures to ensure consistent application globally. It would also decide on whether to put RCN restrictions on the IFHA website.
- The conclusion and adoption of a harmonised system of transfer of race data.
- Propose a new article on the reciprocation of penalties.
- Provide an opportunity for the committee to discuss topical regulatory issues.

Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances

The Advisory Council on Prohibited Substances deals with issues related to doping control, advises on ways to achieve 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

A number of topics have been considered by the committee, most of which will need continuing discussion and work in the coming years.

In 2006, the Advisory Council continued its review of Article 6 of the International Agreement on Breeding and Racing and Wagering, addressing «Prohibited Substances» with the objective of protecting the integrity of horseracing, through controlling the use of substances capable of giving a horse an advantage or being disadvantaged in a race, contrary to the horse's inherent merits. This has led to a proposition to restructure the composition of the council to better represent all parts of the world.

The Advisory Council also discussed the revisions of the IFHA Performance Specification for the horseracing laboratories and the threshold values for testosterone in fillies and mares and available carbon dioxide.

The Advisory Council has kept various authorities informed of the latest development in the control of prohibited substances. Its positions have as usual been presented to the International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians (ICRAV), which was this year held in Tokyo.

The Advisory Council has coordinated the efforts of the Association of Official Racing Chemists (AORC) and the International Group of Specialist Racing Veterinarians (IGSRV) to produce the ILAC-G7 document, «Accreditation Requirements and Operating Criteria for Horseracing Laboratories».

Objectives 2007

The main objectives for 2007 include the following:

- To work with the AORC and IGSRV to produce Guidelines for Referee Analysis.
- Update the ILAC-G7 document, and develop new threshold values.
- To implement a course of action to introduce international harmonization for the control of therapeutic substances by seeking consensus on screening limits / detection times for legitimate equine medications and for the results to be incorporated within Article 6 as soon as practicable.

International Movement of Horses Committee (IMHC)

The IMHC aims, inter alia, to facilitate safe exchange of horses between countries, promote equine health and deal with a range of quarantine issues. It meets annually, most recently in December 2006. It also conducts working group meetings at regional levels, and many ongoing matters are addressed through electronic communications.

Activities

The committee acts as an international platform to exchange information and best practices. The annual meeting provides an efficient and effective forum for recommending specific follow-up action to issues related to the movement of racehorses and for information exchange on such matters. The most significant issues considered and addressed by the committee during 2006 are listed below.

A comprehensive review was conducted of the IFHA's «Guidelines to Facilitate the Temporary Movement of Registered Racehorses for International Races» and of the IFHA's International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering Articles as they related to the health of horses and their international movement.

Individual committee members have regularly and extensively advised and presented on matters related to horse movements and equine diseases and their control to national and international conferences, workshops, meetings, educational programmes, etc., as well as contributed to both general interest and scientific literature.

The committee has fostered and facilitated contact with various government quarantine authorities. It has particularly engaged in ongoing and constructive dialogue with AQIS/Bio security of Australia and AFCD of Hong Kong about changing pre-export quarantine and post-arrival quarantine (PEQ/PAQ) periods. This has been to great effect.

In 2006, members of the committee were involved with government in developing the new Australia/Dubai bilateral equine quarantine protocols for competition, which facilitate horses' onward travel to third countries for competition and return.

The committee has provided expert opinions on equine infectious diseases to national/federal veterinary authorities and international organisations such as the OIE (the World Organisation for Animal Health), which are involved in veterinary protocols designed to facilitate the safe international movement of horses. In particular, committee members have participated at the OIE's Equine Influenza Ad-Hoc Working Group that was held from 28 February to 2 March 2006.

The committee provided expert advice to the OIE in relation to the revision of Code Chapters on the following equine diseases:

1. Equine Influenza
2. Equine Viral Arteritis
3. Equine Infectious Anaemia
4. Equine Piroplasmiasis
5. Equine Rhinopneumonitis
6. Glanders

Committee members provided input into the OIE's African Horse Sickness Ad-Hoc Working Group and attended its meeting from 7 to 9 November 2006. The draft Code Chapter and Surveillance Chapters have subsequently been circulated within the committee for comment.

International Movement of Horses Committee (IMHC)

The IMHC has started to draft comments on revised OIE Code Chapters on the following equine diseases:

1. African horse sickness Code Chapter
2. African horse sickness Surveillance Chapter
3. West Nile virus Code Chapter
4. Equine Viral Arteritis.

The committee has facilitated the global dissemination of timely and accurate information regarding the occurrence of outbreaks of equine infectious disease that affect the international movement of horses. During 2006, this related in particular to West Nile virus in North America, equine influenza and African horse sickness in South Africa, and the neurological form of equine herpes type-1 infection in North America and Europe.

The committee has liaised with the Global Sprint Challenge and Asian Mile Challenge to facilitate horse movements involved.

Committee members have been closely involved in the development and implementation of the veterinary health protocols and quarantine and isolation arrangements for horses visiting Hong Kong for the equestrian events of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, where both racehorses and equestrian horses will be stabled, train and compete in relatively close proximity.

Objectives 2007

In view of the increasing number of horses travelling internationally for racing and breeding, the Committee will continue to emphasise to all members of the IFHA the importance of timely and accurate equine disease reporting utilising the International Collating Centre (ICC) at the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket, England.

There will be increased collaboration with national/federal and international veterinary authorities, the OIE and racing authorities in order to facilitate the safe international movement of horses. Specifically, areas such as the tests, testing standards and testing schedules for certain diseases, vaccines and vaccination programmes will be closely monitored.

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.

Activities

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

- South America reported on its progress on the implementation of a quality control programme, according to which Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru carried out for the first time a common classification of the best horses based on ratings.
- The USA reported on the continuing implementation of a drug testing protocol in all U.S. racing jurisdictions conducting graded stakes.
- The Australian committee reported on enforcing quality control on the basis of international ratings and criteria.

A majority of IRPAC members decided to recommend to the Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers (SITA) the promotion of Japan to Part I of the International Cataloguing Standards book on the basis of:

- a reduction of the number of graded races (from 158 to about 60); all other races whatever their previous grading being black type races only.
- the 60 graded races being the current international open graded races, which complied with the international parameters based on the 2006 ratings or were within a 3-pound tolerance.
- no new races be upgraded as long as the ownership situation is not changed radically.

The IRPAC chairman and vice chairmen have successfully promoted the recommended position of IRPAC with SITA.

IRPAC members decided not to support the project to create an IFHA Merit Award to replace the World Racing Championship and decided that IFHA focus its attention on the World Rankings.

IRPAC members also considered the following issues:

- A review of black type races pyramid for Part I countries.
- The result of a survey on restrictions in black type races, which illustrated the total absence of restrictions in graded races and rare restrictions in listed races in Part I countries.

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 hemisphere. 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.

International Race Planning Advisory Committee (IRPAC)

Objectives 2007

The committee has the following objectives for 2007:

- RPAC have asked the WRSC to propose recommendations on harmonised weight for age scales and fillies allowance for race rating calculation.
- Support the WRSC with the further promotion of the World Rankings.
- Continuing exchange of information on regional race planning developments.

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 and to provide official ratings to all international bodies and racing organisers and to co-ordinate work between handicappers internationally.

The World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings are the official end of season assessments of the top thoroughbred racehorses. Two editions are published each year, one in January and one in August, corresponding with the world's two racing seasons.

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.

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 London in July and Hong Kong in December. The 2005/6 World Rankings were published in August 2006, and the 2006 World Rankings in January 2007. The Committee also compiled and published six editions of the World's Leading Horses.

Objectives 2007

Among the main objectives for the Committee in 2007 are the following:

- Further promotion and advancement of the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings.
- Expansion and development of the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings web site.
- 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.

Doctors' Conference

Upon instigation by the Executive Council, a Doctors' Conference was held for the first time, in Tokyo in October. Mr. Denis EGAN, member of the Executive Council coordinated the conference, under the hospitality of the Japanese Racing Association. It was held in conjunction with the International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians (ICRAV). The conference attracted 16 participants from 11 countries, among whom were eight medical doctors.

One of the objectives of the Doctors' Conference was the exchange of information and discussion on best practices. The main conclusions and propositions by the conference were:

- To draw up a list of approved safety equipment for use throughout the world.
- To hold a conference every two years as part of ICRAV.
- To share research information.
- To develop a network of contacts.
- To identify and address critical issues.
- To harmonise licensing and medical standards throughout the world.

Since the Conference, membership of European Doctors' Group increased with three new members from Japan, Sweden and Turkey. The Conference also welcomed the creation of an Australian Doctors Advisory Association.

Objectives 2007

- Adoption of a new name for that Conference in order to encourage attendance from non-doctors; as many countries did not employ a chief medical officer.
- Harmonisation of medical and safety procedures.
- To facilitate and encourage networking.
- Increase membership, in particular from the larger countries.

Steering Committee on Wagering

The Steering Committee on Wagering, appointed by the Executive Council to implement the IFHA's policies with respect to betting, worked together with Maurits Bruggink, IFHA's Executive Director, on policies to protect racing around the world from piracy of its product. The committee, consisting of Bertrand Bélinguier of France, Larry Wong of The Hong Kong Jockey Club and Alan Marzelli of The Jockey Club (USA), held five conference calls during 2006 and presented its activities to both the Annual Conference and the two Executive Council meetings.

The key components of the IFHA Action Plan on Wagering in 2006 were the launch of a Racing Trust Mark and the formation and early stages of planning for an international commingling initiative. 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 creation of a harmonised data transfer standard.

Racing Trust Mark

The practical and technical details of the Racing Trust Mark were completed, including the design of the label by the Hong Kong Jockey Club. The final Racing Trust Mark scheme was approved by the Executive Council in March.

After its approval, betting organisations around the world were approached to join the Racing Trust Mark community. While many operators received written information about the label, a dedicated tour through the U.S. was organised to present the new IFHA initiative to the management of some of the largest betting operators.

With the help of The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc. a dedicated website was launched, www.RacingTrustMark.com, to provide interested parties with access to basic information and to communicate this initiative to the general public.

The number of subscriptions to the Racing Trust Mark by both IFHA and non-IFHA members has been disappointing. More will need to be done to explain the value of the mark and the need for subscription and use, in particular by IFHA members. The steering committee has made a renewed call to members to support the mark, either directly or through approaches to their national operators.

International commingling

The committee agreed that the IFHA, as the only global body representing racing, should be instrumental in developing international commingling and make resources available for this purpose. A process was therefore started to investigate with tote operators, many of which are not IFHA members, the opportunities for the creation of global pools on races around the world.

Committee member Bertrand Bélinguier was appointed to chair a new working group that would carry out this work. The group's first meeting was held in Paris in conjunction with the IFHA Annual Conference. Participants of the group are the tote representative from the largest racing nations in each of the world's racing regions. A working program was decided with regular email correspondence and one general conference call.

Steering Committee on Wagering

In order to get the necessary technical input, a group of technical experts was set up to provide input. The efforts by all participants led to the creation of a matrix with detailed information about the key technical, commercial and legal characteristics of each country. In addition, participants agreed on the creation of a global racing calendar that would offer a global commingled product.

At the end of the year, all participants agreed that global commingling was a desirable and feasible objective and that great effort should be made for its early introduction.

Other activities

The committee assisted in the creation of a harmonised race data transfer standard. The standard, drafted by The Jockey Club (USA), Weatherbys and Australian RISA, was reviewed by the entire IFHA membership with the objective of adoption in 2007. 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 as racing-only events to promote the principles of fair trade in the racing product. Visits were made to countries in North and South America, Africa, Europe and Asia and to Australia. In addition, IFHA submissions were sent to the authorities of a number of countries upon request of local racing authorities.

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.

Objectives 2007

The main objectives for 2007 include the following:

- The Racing Trust Mark will be further promoted.
- The promotion of international commingling, with trials in the first participating countries and the establishment of a calendar for 2008.
- Reinforcement of both internal and external communications.
- Approval and promotion of the Race Data Transfer Standard.

Communications

A number of targeted communications actions were made in 2006.

Website

The website ifhaonline.com was maintained with help of The Jockey Club (USA). By the end of 2006, the site generated more than 20,000 unique visitors and 180,000 hits per month. Most popular were the sections on World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings and World's Leading Horses.

One part of the website that was updated almost daily was the section « Top Headlines ». Other parts with regular updates included « Race Fixtures & Results » and « Meetings & Events ».

Because of the growing number of visitors to its website, the IFHA has been able to secure the renewed sponsorship of Irish Thoroughbred Marketing and the French Racing & Breeding Committee.

Outside Presentations

The Executive Director has given outside presentations on gambling and IFHA's position at the European Gambling Briefing, an annual conference in Brussels; the European Interactive Gambling Conference in Barcelona; and the Asian Gaming Conference in Hong Kong.

Presentations were also made to the management of Swedish betting operator ATG, the annual Brazilian Breeders' Conference in Sao Paulo, and the European Pari-mutuels Conference in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Executive Director also represented the IFHA at the public hearing for the European Union gambling study, which was held in Geneva.

In April, the Executive Director visited racing associations and betting operators in the U.S. for the promotion of the Racing Trust Mark.

Members' Outreach

The Executive Director visited various members to assist in the promotion of IFHA's global position on gambling issues. The countries visited included Great Britain, France, USA, Australia, Cyprus, Mauritius and Hong Kong.

Members' Memoranda

During the year, 24 memoranda have been distributed to members, providing analysis and advice on a variety of topics, including WTO, WTO Dispute Settlement, exchange betting, national betting policy developments, and European Union regulation.

Communications

Media

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 is regularly updated. The Secretariat has encouraged all IFHA members to promote its communications domestically.

IFHA issued two releases on the award of the Racing Trust Mark, one media release on the launch of the global commingling initiative, six releases on world leading horses, and two on the world rankings.

Objectives 2007

The main objectives for 2007 include the following:

- The creation of the 1st Annual Report.
- The further development and promotion of the website.
- Reinforcement of both internal and external communications.

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 26 September 2006, the committee discussed its work programme, of which the main elements are mentioned below.

Unusual Coat Colours in Thoroughbreds

In 2004 the committee dealt with the emergence of the coat colour Palomino, but it subsequently became apparent that within the world Thoroughbred population there are horses that cannot be readily identified by use of the conventional solid colour descriptions, such as bay, chestnut and grey. By way of example the committee was shown an American-bred horse now standing as a stallion in Ireland with unusual white markings across the body. Such horses, whether exhibiting a genetic mutation of coat colour or with colours resulting from inherent and transmittable characteristics, must have a clear coat colour description for identification purposes whether for breeding or racing. The committee agreed that the conventional coat colour descriptions need to be supplemented by new, more modern descriptions developed and commonly used in other equine areas that are more accustomed to diverse coat colours.

It was agreed that whenever a stud book authority was to register such horses, the first case should be brought to the ISBC together with a genetic report to determine the most appropriate coat colour description. In the case of the stallion in Ireland it was agreed that it should in future be described as a «bay overo».

Laparoscopic Sterilisation of Colts

The European and Mediterranean Stud Book Liaison Committee (EMSBLC), which met in Brussels in May 2006, had received a presentation by Dr Hans Peter Meier on the subject of Laparoscopic Sterilisation of Colts. EMSBLC conveyed details of this modern surgical procedure to ISBC. The committee believed this new technique may well increase in popularity due to a possible reduction in the recovery time and in the risk of infection. It does not involve the removal of the testicles. The question this raises is whether horses, which undergo this surgical procedure, can correctly be described as «geldings»?

While stud book authorities are involved in over-stamping passports and in updating records when horses are gelded, it was the ISBC's view that this subject required the attention of racing authorities in the context of race qualification. They therefore instructed that the details provided by Dr Meier be conveyed to the Technical Advisory Committee of the IFHA for their consideration.

Internationally Protected Names

The ISBC had worked in support of the IFHA's initiative to prune the list of Internationally Protected Names to make it more appropriate for the present day. All ISBC members were contacted on this subject and requested to communicate this issue to their regional members seeking deletions from the list. In this way some 2,500 names were removed, mainly horses foaled prior to 1950.

International Stud Book Committee

This process did, however, prompt stud book authorities to re-examine their breeding records to identify highly successful mares and stallions, the names of which should be afforded International Protection under Appendix 9 of the IFHA International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering. An updated list agreed by ISBC has been forwarded to the Secretariat of the IFHA.

Mitochondrial DNA

The ISBC decided that it would be useful to establish whether anything had altered in the science of mitochondrial DNA since it last considered the subject in 2002.

Updated advice was obtained from Professor Cunningham of University College Dublin, one of the authors of the most recent work on this subject as it affects the Thoroughbred. He was unequivocal in his advice that the science had not progressed since 2002, and as a consequence, whilst historic flaws in pedigrees are acknowledged, it remains impossible to establish the identity of the horses which should correctly have been recorded in bloodlines in the past. Thus, no further action was taken.

Newly Approved and Emerging Stud Books

The stud books of Azerbaijan, Finland and Kazakhstan were approved. The committee was also informed that work was underway on the emerging stud books of Croatia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan.

Report submitted to IFHA by Mr Paul GREEVES, International Stud Book Committee Secretariat.

Appendices

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.

The pages that follow should be regarded as a «work-in-progress», which will be built on in subsequent Annual Reports.

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Statistics

Racing, Flat 2006

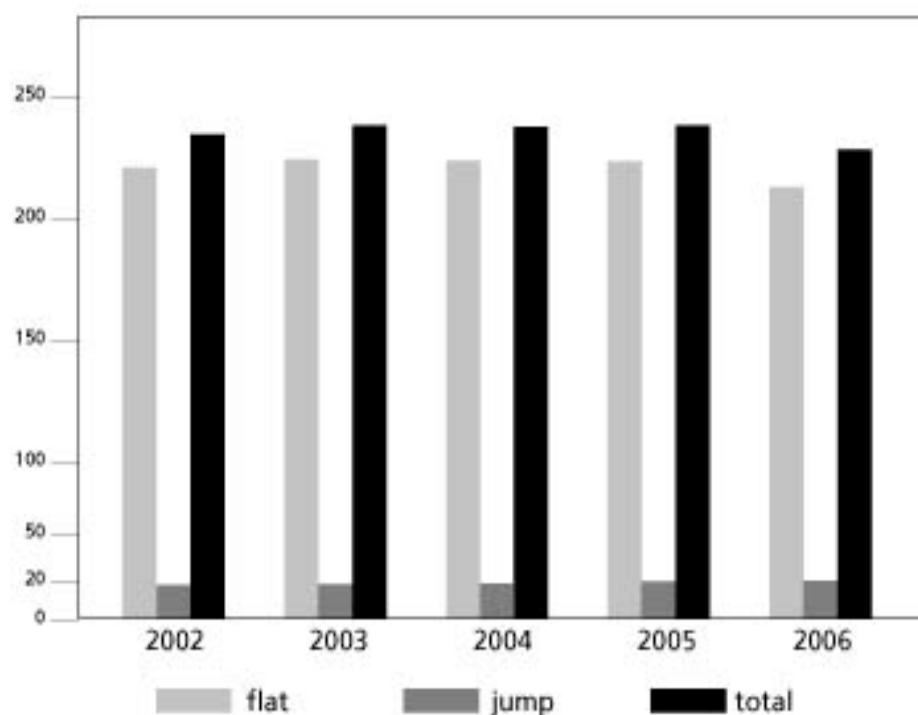
Country	Flat Races	Different Horses Having Run	Starts	Average Runners per Race	Average Starts per Horse
ALGERIA	560	-	6 921	12,36	-
ARGENTINA	6 737	11 824	52 936	7,86	4,48
AUSTRALIA	19 821	30 571	194 462	9,81	6,36
AUSTRIA	132	384	1 075	8,14	2,80
BAHRAIN	162	268	1 439	8,88	5,37
BRAZIL	4 742	6 114	36 014	7,59	5,89
CANADA	5 281	7 913	41 554	7,87	5,25
CHILE	6 136	4 128	62 590	10,20	15,16
COLOMBIA	768	430	4 504	5,86	10,47
CROATIA	32	93	243	7,59	2,61
CYPRUS	1 002	1 444	9 809	9,79	6,79
CZECH REPUBLIC	351	-	-	-	-
DENMARK	300	611	4 224	14,08	6,91
ECUADOR	301	170	1 672	5,55	9,84
FRANCE	4 582	8 307	48 938	10,68	5,89
GERMANY	1 720	2 849	15 388	8,95	5,40
GREAT BRITAIN	5 554	9 379	59 242	10,67	6,32
GREECE	1 203	1 417	10 880	9,04	7,68
HONG KONG	726	1 154	9 083	12,51	7,87
INDIA	2 854	3 676	23 845	8,35	6,49
IRELAND	874	2 306	11 477	13,13	4,98
ITALY	5 550	7 461	46 187	8,32	6,19
JAPAN	17 806	24 534	188 627	10,59	7,69
KOREA	1 670	2 866	18 506	11,08	6,46
LEBANON	304	345	2 080	6,84	6,03
MACAU	785	772	9 583	12,21	12,41
MADAGASCAR	117	89	769	6,57	8,64
MALAYSIA	723	1 206	8 104	11,21	6,72
MAURITIUS	240	327	1 996	8,32	6,10
MOROCCO	462	742	5 582	12,08	7,52
NETHERLANDS	108	218	897	8,31	4,11
NEW ZEALAND	2 855	5 298	29 751	10,42	5,62
NORWAY	253	497	2 354	9,30	4,74
PERU	1 918	1 436	14 127	7,37	9,84
POLAND	382	691	2 811	7,36	4,07
QATAR	246	387	2 384	9,69	6,16
SAUDI ARABIA	422	1 315	5 617	13,31	4,27
SINGAPORE	678	1 010	7 651	11,28	7,58
SLOVAKIA	133	398	1 173	8,82	2,95
SOUTH AFRICA	3 883	6 567	41 873	10,78	6,38
SWEDEN	629	1 266	5 934	9,43	4,69
SWITZERLAND	171	301	1 568	9,17	5,21
TURKEY	3 237	4 178	16 663	5,15	3,99
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	305	1 115	3 514	11,52	3,15
URUGUAY	1 034	1 725	9 646	9,33	5,59
USA	51 491	66 118	420 003	8,16	6,35
TOTAL	159 240	223 900	1 443 696	9,07	6,45

Statistics
Racing, Jumps 2006

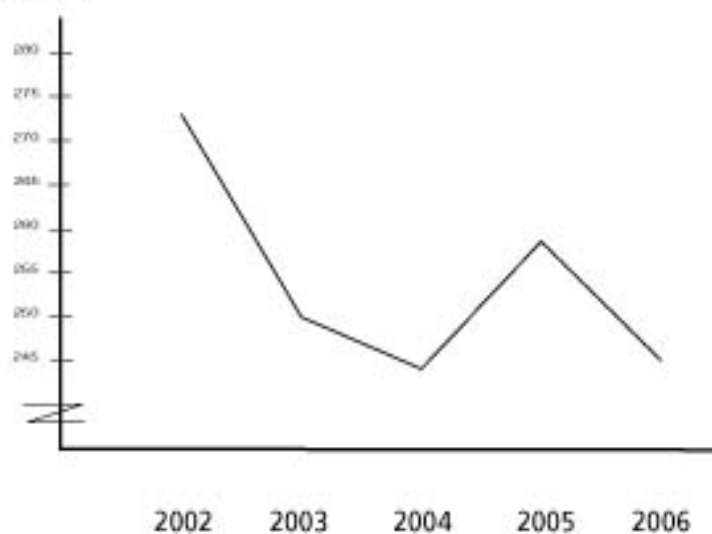
Country	Jumps Races	Different Horses Having Run	Starts	Average Runners per Race	Average Starts per Horse
ALGERIA	-	-	-	-	-
ARGENTINA	-	-	-	-	-
AUSTRALIA	142	677	1 258	8,86	1,85
AUSTRIA	2	13	20	10,00	1,17
BAHRAIN	-	-	-	-	-
BRAZIL	-	-	-	-	-
CANADA	-	-	-	-	-
CHILE	-	-	-	-	-
COLOMBIA	-	-	-	-	-
CROATIA	-	-	-	-	-
CYPRUS	-	-	-	-	-
CZECH REPUBLIC	168	-	-	-	-
DENMARK	-	-	-	-	-
ECUADOR	-	-	-	-	-
FRANCE	2 179	3 796	21 282	9,77	3,95
GERMANY	60	77	419	6,98	2,45
GREAT BRITAIN	3 380	8 208	35 368	10,46	3,61
GREECE	-	-	-	-	-
HONG KONG	-	-	-	-	-
INDIA	-	-	-	-	-
IRELAND	1 394	4 976	20 119	14,43	3,42
ITALY	272	593	2 019	7,42	3,40
JAPAN	133	221	1 789	13,45	3,35
KOREA	-	-	-	-	-
LEBANON	-	-	-	-	-
MACAU	-	-	-	-	-
MADAGASCAR	-	-	-	-	-
MALAYSIA	-	-	-	-	-
MAURITIUS	-	-	-	-	-
MOROCCO	-	-	-	-	-
NETHERLANDS	-	-	-	-	-
NEW ZEALAND	132	83	1 230	9,31	3,57
NORWAY	7	7	45	6,43	2,14
PERU	-	-	-	-	-
POLAND	13	14	68	5,23	3,09
QATAR	-	-	-	-	-
SAUDI ARABIA	-	-	-	-	-
SINGAPORE	-	-	-	-	-
SLOVAKIA	26	105	182	7,00	1,50
SOUTH AFRICA	-	-	-	-	-
SWEDEN	15	42	87	5,80	1,40
SWITZERLAND	54	78	384	7,11	3,28
TURKEY	-	-	-	-	-
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	-	-	-	-	-
URUGUAY	-	-	-	-	-
USA	177	453	1 377	7,78	2,24
TOTAL	8 154	19 343	85 647	10,50	4,43

Graphics

1. Total races - flat and jump



2. Prize Money



Note 1 : prize money does not include breeder's premiums, owner's premiums and travel allowances.
Note 2 : Prize money does not cover trotting races.

Statistics
Prize Money - Flat and Jump 2006

Country	FLAT			JUMP		
	Number of Races	Prize Money (x 1,000 €)	Average Prize Money per Race	Number of Races	Prize Money (x 1,000 €)	Average Prize Money per Race
ALGERIA	560	1 023	1 827			
ARGENTINA	6 737	24 163	3 587			
AUSTRALIA	19 821	218 385	11 018	142	2 390	16 831
AUSTRIA	132	1 211	9 172	2	12	6 000
BAHRAIN	162	503	3 104			
BRAZIL	4 742	11 146	2 350			
CANADA	5 281	85 722	16 232			
CHILE	6 136	16 226	2 644			
COLOMBIA	768	488	636			
CROATIA	32	65	2 041			
CYPRUS	1 002	7 490	7 475			
CZECH REPUBLIC	351	946	2 694	168	565	3 362
DENMARK	300	1 983	6 610			
ECUADOR	301					
FRANCE	4 582	95 655	20 876	2 179	58 110	26 668
GERMANY	1 720	14 707	8 551	60	452	7 537
GREAT BRITAIN	5 554	98 637	17 760	3 380	54 873	16 235
GREECE	1 203					
HONG KONG	726	66 471	91 558			
INDIA	2 854	9 756	3 419			
IRELAND	874	27 965	31 997	1 394	27 096	19 438
ITALY	5 550	62 724	11 302	272	5 626	20 685
JAPAN	17 806	524 517	29 457	133	21 316	160 270
KOREA	1 670	101 092	60 534			
LEBANON	304	560	1 842			
MACAU	785	20 865	26 580			
MADAGASCAR	117	40	338			
MALAYSIA	723	7 146	9 883			
MAURITIUS	240	1 857	7 737			
MEXICO		4 645				
MOROCCO	462	1 438	3 112			
NETHERLANDS	108	329	3 043			
NEW ZEALAND*	2 987	21 413	7 169			
NORWAY	253	2 507	9 910	7	82	11 772
PERU	1 918	2 398	1 250			
POLAND	382	627	1 643	13	22	1 730
QATAR	246	4 568	18 568			
SAUDI ARABIA	422	4 512	10 693			
SINGAPORE	678	24 561	36 226			
SLOVAKIA	133	481	3 616	26	44	1 688
SOUTH AFRICA	3 883	27 533	7 091			
SWEDEN	629	5 610	8 919	15	110	7 333
SWITZERLAND	171	1 287	7 529	54	412	7 628
TURKEY	3 237	57 914	17 891			
U.A.E.	305	26 925	88 280			
URUGUAY	1 034	3 267	3 160			
USA	51 491	708	13 750	177	3 522	19 896

* One figure for New Zealand that covers both prize money for flat and jump

Statistics
Betting & Deductions

Country	Betting Turnover (x 1,000 €)	Returned to Bettor (x 1,000 €)	%
ALGERIA	16 500	9 075	55,00
ARGENTINA	114 956	82 768	72,00
AUSTRALIA	6 992 918	6 151 993	87,97
BRAZIL	97 885	68 520	70,00
CANADA	1 127 530	864 066	76,63
CHILE	159 207	111 445	70,00
COLOMBIA	3 051	1 831	60,00
CYPRUS	89 635	68 211	76,10
CZECH REPUBLIC	1 414	1 109	78,39
FRANCE	8 301 610	6 058 045	72,97
GERMANY	153 986		
GREAT BRITAIN	15 480 511	13 755 574	88,86
HONG KONG	6 207 984	5 144 880	82,88
INDIA	245 127	207 685	84,73
IRELAND	3 611 440	3 174 416	87,90
ITALY	2 900 713		
JAPAN	20 335 405	15 132 572	74,41
LEBANON	6 354	4 387	69,05
MACAU	276 613	231 200	83,58
MADAGASCAR	3 844	2 113	54,97
MALAYSIA	204 153	161 526	79,12
MAURITIUS	79 719	59 770	74,98
MOROCCO	190 835	121 158	63,49
NETHERLANDS	33 769	23 638	70,00
NEW ZEALAND	625 870	505 164	80,71
NORWAY	336 332	222 059	66,02
PERU	16 724	10 423	62,32
SINGAPORE	924 525	748 044	80,91
SLOVAKIA	100	66	65,64
SOUTH KOREA	4 104 169	2 949 637	71,87
SWEDEN	1 240 569	869 253	70,07
SWITZERLAND	68 257	49 115	71,96
TURKEY	783 456	348 874	44,53
URUGUAY	11 226	8 036	71,58
USA	11 221 984	8 865 367	79,00
TOTAL	85 968 374		

Statistics
Betting & Deductions

Total Deductions (x 1,000 €)	%	Received by Government (x 1,000 €)	%	Returned to Racing (x 1,000 €)	%	Other (x 1,000 €)	%
7 425	45,00	1 485	9,00				
32 188	28,00	3 219	2,80	18 623	16,20	10 346	9,00
840 925	12,03	227 935	3,26				
29 366	30,00	1 468	1,50				
263 464	23,37	54 464	4,83				
47 762	30,00	4 776	3,00	16 717	10,50		
1 220	40,00	61	2,00	610	19,99	549	18,01
21 424	23,90	8 076	9,01				
306	21,61	34	2,38	128	9,03		
2 243 565	27,03	1 047 136	12,61	693 433	8,35	502 996	6,06
1 724 937	11,14	251 674	1,63	165 362	1,07	1 307 900	8,45
1 063 104	17,12	779 781	12,56	142 438	2,29	140 885	2,27
37 442	15,27						
		50 327	1,39	56 687	1,57		
5 202 833	25,59	1 925 683	9,47				
1 967	30,95	382	6,01				
45 413	16,42	3 297	1,19				
1 731	45,03	677	17,62				
42 627	20,88	23 845	11,68				
19 949	25,02	7 679	9,63	1 002	1,26	11 268	14,13
69 676	36,51	57 092	29,92				
10 131	30,00	68	0,20				
120 706	19,29	38 421	6,14				
114 272	33,98	12 560	3,73	49 017	14,57	52 696	15,67
6 302	37,68	137	0,82				
176 481	19,09	44 120	4,77				
34	34,36	1	0,98				
1 154 532	28,13	816 118	19,89				
371 316	29,93	140 932	11,36	131 197	10,58	99 187	8,00
19 143	28,04	2 002	2,93				
434 582	55,47	315 052	40,21				
3 190	28,42						
2 356 617	21,00	207 607	1,85				

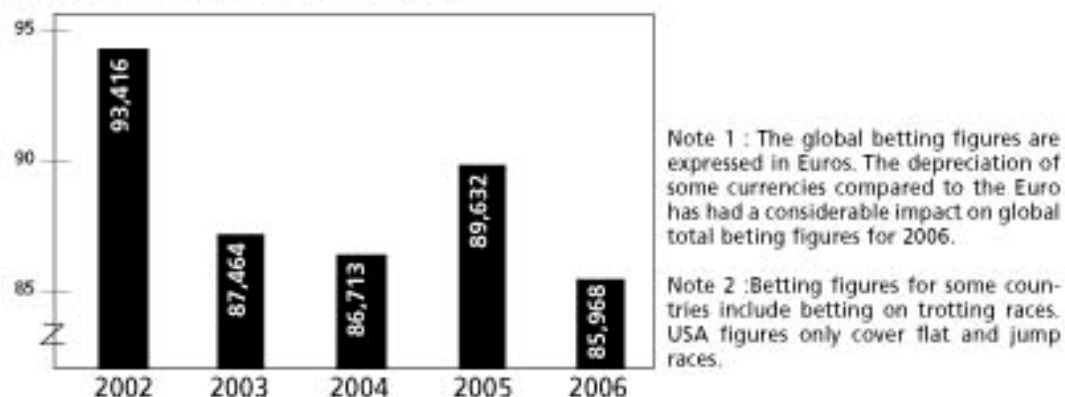
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Breeding 2006

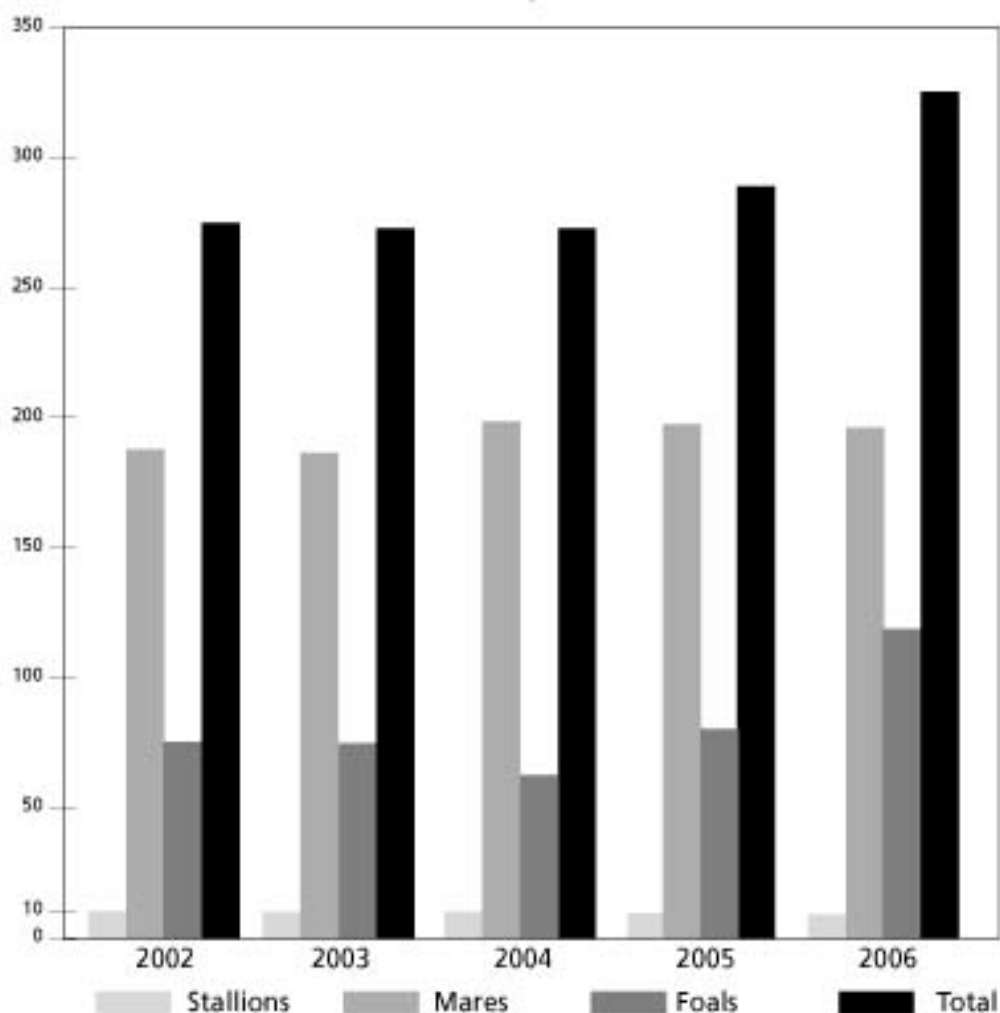
Country	Stallions	Mares	Foals
ALGERIA	32	235	183
ARGENTINA	840	12 542	7 269
AUSTRALIA	882	29 070	17 854
AUSTRIA	11	75	42
BAHRAIN	45	116	73
BRAZIL	289	4 071	3 079
CANADA	294	3 531	2 759
CHILE	160	2 490	1 824
CYPRUS	62	804	387
COLOMBIA	18	238	130
CROATIA	13	59	16
CZECH REPUBLIC	56	651	319
DENMARK	22	218	142
ECUADOR	14	125	55
FRANCE	417	8 691	5 369
GERMANY	81	2 224	1 159
GREAT BRITAIN	374	11 326	5 486
GREECE	71	442	298
HONG KONG	0	0	0
INDIA	106	2 594	1 517
IRELAND	414	19 251	12 004
ITALY	165	3 304	2 259
JAPAN	291	10 272	7 632
KOREA	49	1 936	1 028
LEBANON	0	0	0
MACAO	0	0	0
MADAGASCAR	4	6	2
MALAYSIA	6	74	55
MAURITIUS	0	0	0
MEXICO	68	622	416
MOROCCO	52	362	91
NEW ZEALAND	196	8 286	4 522
NORWAY	9	52	53
OMAN	25	27	4
PERU	52	473	429
POLAND	87	900	519
QATAR	10	43	13
SAUDI ARABIA	135	1 541	788
SLOVAKIA	18	235	84
SOUTH AFRICA	105	3 654	2 839
SWEDEN	43	387	298
SWITZERLAND	7	92	30
THE NETHERLANDS	3	25	18
TUNISIA	16	130	59
TURKEY	361	3 112	1 570
U.A.E.	1	65	35
URUGUAY	279	2 925	1 712
USA	3 424	58 028	34 200
TOTAL	9 607	195 304	118 621

Graphics

3. Total Betting Volume (billion euros)



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



Statistics

Top 20 meeting attendances 2006

Meeting (number of days)	Country	Attendance
1 Melbourne Cup Carnival (4)	Australia	418,000
2 Royal Ascot (5)	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

GENERAL ACCOUNTS		2005	2006
Incomings			
Fees		381 150	390 000
Interest		5 648	6 773
Total		386 798	396 773
Expenses			
Organisation of the Conference		102 195	121 981
Committees' Work		139 943	146 065
Total		- 242 138	- 268 046
SUB-TOTAL		144 660	128 727
ACTION PLAN			
Special Contributions			
Americas		55 000	55 000
ARF		55 000	55 000
Europe		55 020	55 020
Other		5 811	8 673
Total		170 831	173 693
Expenses		- 311 109	- 343 905
SUB-TOTAL		- 140 278	- 170 212
RESULT		4 382	- 41 485
Reserves on December 31st 2005		327 831	
Reserves on December 31st 2006		286 346	

Members

ALGERIA	Société des Courses Hippiques et du Pari Mutuel
ARGENTINA	Jockey Club Argentino
AUSTRALIA	Australian Racing Board
AUSTRIA	Direktorium für Galopprennsport und Vollblutzucht in Österreich
BAHRAIN	Equestrian and Horse Racing Club
BELGIUM	Jockey Club Royal de Belgique
BRAZIL (2 members)	Jockey Club Brasileiro Jockey Club de São Paulo
CANADA	The Jockey Club of Canada
CHAD	Association d'Encouragement pour l'Amélioration des Races de Chevaux au Tchad
CHILE	Club Hípico de Santiago
CYPRUS	Cyprus Turf Club
CZECH REPUBLIC	Jockey Club Ceske Republiky
DENMARK	Danish Jockey Club
FRANCE	France-Galop
GERMANY	Direktorium für Vollblutzucht und Rennen
GREAT BRITAIN (2 members)	The Jockey Club The British Horseracing Board
GREECE	The Jockey Club of Greece
HONG KONG	The Hong Kong Jockey Club
HUNGARY	Nemzeti Lovarseny Kft
INDIA	The Turf Club Authorities of India
IRELAND (2 members)	Registry Office of the Turf Club Horse Racing Ireland
ITALY	U.N.I.R.E.
JAPAN (2 members)	Japan Racing Association National Association of Racing
KOREA	Korea Racing Association
LEBANON	SPARCA
MACAU	Macau Jockey Club
MALAYSIA and SINGAPORE (3 members)	Penang Turf Club Selangor Turf Club Singapore Turf Club
MAURITIUS	Mauritius Turf Club
MEXICO	Jockey Club Mexicano
MOROCCO	Société Royale d'Encouragement du Cheval
NEW ZEALAND	New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc.
NORWAY	Norsk Jockeyklub

OMAN	The Royal Horse Racing Club of the Sultanate of Oman
PAKISTAN	Jockey Club of Pakistan
PERU	Jockey Club del Perú
POLAND	Polish Jockey Club
QATAR	Racing and Equestrian Club
ROMANIA	Jockey Club de Roumanie
RUSSIA	Rosplemkonzavod
SAUDI ARABIA	The Equestrian Club
SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	Hipodrom Beograd
SLOVAKIA	Turf Direktorium für die Slowakei
SLOVENIA	Slovenian Turf Club
SOUTH AFRICA	The National Horseracing Authority of Southern Africa
SPAIN	Sociedad de Fomento de la Cría Caballar de España
SWEDEN	The Swedish Jockey Club
SWITZERLAND	Galopp Schweiz
THAILAND	The Royal Bangkok Sports Club
THE NETHERLANDS	Stichting Nederlandse Draf- en Rensport
TUNISIA	Société des Courses de Tunis
TURKEY	Jockey Club of Turkey
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Emirates Racing Association
USA (2 members)	The Jockey Club National Thoroughbred Racing Association
URUGUAY	Hípica Rioplatense Uruguay SA
VENEZUELA	Instituto Nacional de Hipódromos (INH)

Observers

Racing authorities that wish to understand the Federation's workings before making a formal application for membership can become Observer Member. They do not have voting rights.

AZERBAIJAN	Azerbaijan Horse Club
CROATIA	Jockey Club of Croatia
KAZAKHSTAN	Jockey Club of Kazakhstan
MADAGASCAR	ASCEL
PANAMA	Hípica de Panamá S.A.

Executive Council

Members represent one of the three main racing regions, Europe, Americas and Asia. Each of the three regions has three votes in the executive council. The Asian Racing Federation appoints the three members representing Asia. For the Americas, North America represents two votes and South America one vote. Three European countries represent one vote each: France, Great Britain and Ireland.

Representing Europe

Louis ROMANET	Chairman
Christopher FOSTER	Vice Chairman in charge of Regulatory Matters
Chris BRAND	The British Horseracing Board
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