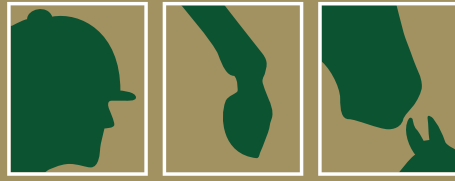


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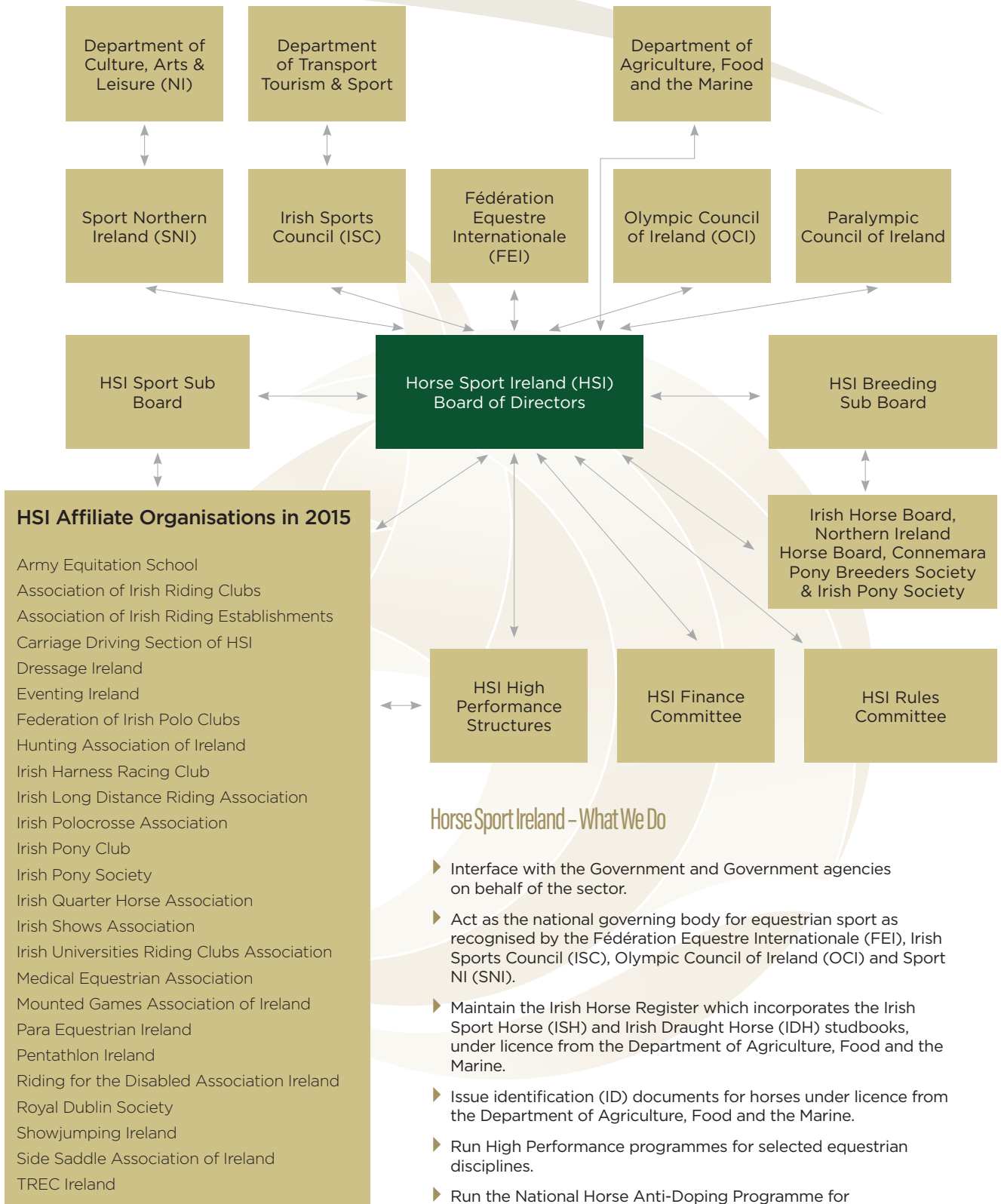


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Horse Sport Ireland – What We Do

- ▶ Interface with the Government and Government agencies on behalf of the sector.
- ▶ Act as the national governing body for equestrian sport as recognised by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), Irish Sports Council (ISC), Olympic Council of Ireland (OCI) and Sport NI (SNI).
- ▶ Maintain the Irish Horse Register which incorporates the Irish Sport Horse (ISH) and Irish Draught Horse (IDH) studbooks, under licence from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- ▶ Issue identification (ID) documents for horses under licence from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
- ▶ Run High Performance programmes for selected equestrian disciplines.
- ▶ Run the National Horse Anti-Doping Programme for Equestrian Sport.
- ▶ Run the National Equestrian Coaching Development Programme with Coaching Ireland.
- ▶ Operate the online pedigree, progeny and performance database, CapallOir.
- ▶ Promote the Irish sport horse industry through the International Marketing Division.





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Introduction

Last year, 2015, was another great year for the sport horse sector and one of the highlights was the launch, in March, of our 10-year strategy, *Reaching New Heights*. This important document was coordinated by Teagasc, the RDS and Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) and received input from a lot of people involved in the sector. The big challenge for the sector, going forward, is in ensuring that we can resource all the ambitious recommendations contained in *Reaching New Heights*, so that our sector can realise its full potential. The ground work has been laid but there is a lot still to do and all stakeholders need to work together if we are to succeed.

The enthusiasm of our young people will make our sector great and investing in them is one way to ensure that we have a sustainable sector. In addition to participation in the sporting disciplines, we need to get more young people involved in breeding and in the organisational infrastructure of HSI and the affiliates, as new, innovative ideas and approaches are needed. In addition, many of our activities depend on an army of volunteers to survive and succession planning is key to a great future.

We have the international marketing division out of the blocks and we plan to build on it over the coming years to make Ireland the 'go to place' for a horse or pony for all level of rider.

The inaugural Jumping in the City series, which endeavoured to attract new spectators to the sport of showjumping, ran on three Fridays in June 2015 in greyhound stadia in Limerick, Cork and Dublin. It was encouraging that the series was winner of the Best Innovation in Sport award at the Irish Sports Awards in early November. Spectators, media coverage and sponsors are inextricably linked and we need to continually look at our various sporting disciplines to make them more attractive to the masses.

Our international showjumping riders, with Bertram Allen in the vanguard, kept the tricolor flying in arenas all around the world throughout the year. And, they certainly didn't disappoint the home spectators when the team of Bertram Allen, Greg Broderick, Cian O'Connor and Darragh Kenny won the Aga Khan trophy at the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show.

One objective for the future has to be to connect our breeders with the market requirements and provide Irish horse power to the top riders in the various disciplines. The calibre of horses jumping in the Studbook Series and young horses classes around the country has to give us optimism for the future. Our eventers continue to hold their own at the top of the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) rankings and Irish-bred show horses are in the limelight in all the big shows in the UK. We have work to do to connect our breeders of young horses with the market place, as many are not getting adequate return for their endeavours. We are in global competition and we need to focus on quality and high standards at all levels if we are to compete with the other horse breeding nations.



Our pony riders and young riders were not to be outdone by their senior counterparts in 2015 and their ongoing successes have to give us great optimism for the future. I compliment our chefs d'équipe, coaches, all the support staff, the many owners and sponsors who pay the bills, and the parents, who play a huge role in enabling our talented young riders realise their full potential.

I acknowledge the hard work of all those in our equestrian centres and show venues. Their endeavours and investment in their facilities enable producers to bring on their young horses, and help riders to hone and develop their skills.

We are a broad church and it is amazing how a love for horses has brought so many people from different walks of life together for business, pleasure and friendship. In addition to the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) disciplines, our affiliates cover disciplines such as polo, harness racing, hunting and mounted games. A passion for horses is in the DNA of many Irish people and despite a lack of monetary return, for a large proportion of us, the enthusiasm does not wane.

We need political recognition and support, in both the north and the south, for a sector that contributes so much to communities throughout the length and breadth of the Island of Ireland, to give a helping hand to the many initiatives, that are ongoing and in the pipeline, for breeders, producers and competitors.

I acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the executive and staff of HSI and the contribution of my fellow board members and members of the sub-boards. I also thank the many committees that enable HSI to function, and the army of volunteers in the affiliates who keep our sector vibrant and growing. Cooperating and working together, we can achieve great things.

Prof Patrick Wall
Chairman
Horse Sport Ireland



Report of the Chief Executive

In 2015, a roadmap for the industry entitled *Reaching New Heights* was published. This document was the product of more than 18 months' work from Teagasc, the RDS and Horse Sport Ireland (HSI). It was launched in March 2015 by then Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney. On foot of the report, an extra allocation was provided to HSI to establish an international marketing division. Subsequently, Elaine Hatton was appointed as director of International Marketing and this new division has now been set up.

The equine sector was also included in the new Knowledge Transfer Programme, which was rolled out by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine during 2015. This model has been very successful in other sectors and it has the potential to be a game changer for the sport horse sector.

The extra funding allocation from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine also allowed us to introduce the new performance foal championships in showjumping and eventing, as well as young mare championships in both disciplines.

The challenge is to continue to implement the recommendations in *Reaching New Heights*. However, it is clear that this will not be possible without the allocation of significant extra resources to the sector. *Reaching New Heights* will need a real commitment from the Government in the form of substantial extra funding.

Last year was another very successful year for Irish equestrian sport. Highlights included the showjumping team winning the Aga Khan in Dublin and the eventers having their first-ever win in a Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) Nations Cup, when they won the final Nations Cup event of the year at Boekelo.

One of the highlights of 2015 was the Jumping in the City series which was run by HSI, in conjunction with the Irish Greyhound Board and Showjumping Ireland. The fact that it secured the Best Innovation in Irish Sport award at the Irish Sport Awards was due recognition for all those involved.



Our showjumping team missed out on Olympic qualification in the European Championships at Aachen by less than one fault. At that event, Cian O'Connor and his horse, Good Luck, had their round interrupted by a ring steward. Unfortunately, Cian and Good Luck picked up four faults. The subsequent appeals all the way to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) proved to be costly and time consuming. The original concept of CAS, as a sport-specific dispute resolution mechanism to avoid costly court cases, is far removed from the reality. It is now a very expensive route to take. Of course, we could have decided not to appeal but when there is still a chance of getting a team to the Olympic Games, there is an expectation from riders, owners and other stakeholders that the National Federation will exhaust every possibility to secure a place.

Our underage teams continued their spectacular run of successes, while there were medals for our young showjumping and eventing horses at their respective World Championships. This augers very well, particularly in showjumping, as it provides demonstrable evidence that progress is being made with the breeding and production of Irish Sport Horses.

No horse ridden by an Irish rider in national or international competition, returned a positive test. However, this is an area we need to keep as a top priority. The integrity of the competitions in our sector underpins the entire industry and must always be a top priority.

I want to thank all HSI board members and volunteers for the commitment they have shown and continue to show to the organisation and the sector in 2015. As CEO, I want to say a special word of thanks to all HSI staff for their work in 2015, and for showing remarkable commitment and flexibility.

Damian McDonald
Chief Executive
Horse Sport Ireland

2015 at a glance

151,886 entries in Olympic discipline competitions in Ireland

6,056 international entries made for Irish riders in FEI competitions

30 countries where Irish riders competed in international competition

7 Irish showjumpers in the top 100 of the Longines FEI World Rankings as of 31st December 2015

6 Irish eventers in the top 100 of the FEI World Rankings as of 31st December 2015

6 underage medals won

7 Irish Sport Horses qualify for the Finals at the World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken

22% of all horses competing at the World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses, Le Lion d'Angers, were Irish Sport Horses

3,926 Irish Sport Horse foals registered

509 Irish Draught Horse foals registered



Pictured at the launch of the industry strategic plan, *Reaching New Heights: Report of the Irish Sport Horse Industry*. Commandant Brian MacSweeney, officer commanding at the Army Equitation School; Professor Pat Wall, Horse Sport Ireland chairman; Simon Coveney TD, former Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Cathal O'Donoghue, Sport Horse Strategy Committee chairman; Pat Hanly, deputy CEO Royal Dublin Society; and Commodore Mark Mellett.

Attendance at HSI Board of Directors Meetings in 2015

	23/1	3/3	5/5	22/7	14/9	17/11	Total
Prof. Patrick Wall, Chairman (Ministerial appointment)	√	√	√	√	√	√	6/6
Harold McGahern, RDS, IURCA, MEA (retired 14 th September 2015)	√	√	√	√	√	N/A	5/5
Jane Darragh (appointed 2 nd October 2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	√	1/1
Charles Hanley, Showjumping Ireland (appointed 21 st January 2015)	√	X	√	√	√	√	5/6
Gerry McCloskey, Showjumping Ireland	√	X	√	√	√	√	5/6
Tony Hurley, Showjumping Ireland	√	√	√	√	√	√	6/6
Sally Ann Tobin, Showjumping Ireland (appointed 21 st January 2015)	√	√	√	√	√	√	6/6
Taylor Vard, Showjumping Ireland (retired 21 st January 2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0/6
Liam Murphy, Showjumping Ireland (retired 21 st January 2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0/6
Anne Cahill, Dressage Ireland (retired 15 th January 2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgia Stubington, Eventing Ireland	√	√	√	√	X	√	5/6
Hugh McCusker, Northern Ireland Horse Board	√	√	√	√	√	√	6/6
Lt. Col. Brian MacSweeney, Army Equitation School	X	√	√	√	√	√	5/6
Kieran O'Gorman, Irish Horse Board (retired 31 st July 2015)	√	X	√	√	N/A	N/A	3/4
Sean Kavanagh, Irish Horse Board (retired 31 st July 2015)	√	√	X	√	N/A	N/A	3/4
Larry O'Neill, ILDRA (retired 2 nd March 2015)	√	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
David Cunningham, ILDRA (retired 17 th November 2015)	N/A	√	√	√	N/A	N/A	3/3
Barbara Micks, Irish Pony Club	√	X	√	√	X	√	4/6
Anne Bannon, Irish Horse Board (retired 31 st July 2015)	√	√	√	√	N/A	N/A	4/4
Anne-Marie O'Gorman, Irish Horse Board	√	X	X	√	X	√	3/6
Jack Murphy, Irish Horse Board	X	√	√	√	√	√	5/6
Peter Fell, Eventing Ireland	X	√	X	√	X	√	3/6
Kevin McGuinness, AIRC & AIRE	√	√	√	√	√	√	6/6
Norbert Von Cramen, Dressage Ireland (appointed 2 nd March 2015)	N/A	√	X	√	√	√	4/5
David McCann (appointed 28 th August 2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	√	√	2/2
Alex Deon (appointed 28 th August 2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	√	√	2/2
Barbara Hatton (appointed 28 th August 2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	√	√	2/2
Gerry O'Gorman (appointed 17 th November 2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	√	1/1
Charles Powell, Observer	√	√	√	√	X	√	5/6
James Kennedy, Chairman, HSI Finance Committee (Observer)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	√	1/1

N/A - not applicable, i.e. not a Board member at that time.



Jim Beecher, Chairman (Minister's nominee to Irish Horse Board), presenting Suma Stud's Susan Lanigan O'Keeffe and Marily Power with their award for Outstanding Contribution to Irish Sport Horse Breeding at the 2015 Breeders Awards.

Attendance at HSI Breeding Sub Board Meetings in 2015

	3/2	6/3	7/4	2/6	7/7	25/8	5/10	3/11	27/11
Jim Beecher, Chairman (Minister's nominee to Irish Horse Board)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anne Bannon (IHB, Region 1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paul Duffy (IHB, Region 4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barbara Hatton (IHB, Region 2)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Neil Henry (IHB, Region 5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joanne Jarden (Northern Ireland Horse Board (NIHB))	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Sean Kavanagh (IHB, Region 5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tom MacLochlainn (Connemara Pony Breeders Society (CPBS))	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David McCann (IHB, Region 1)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dr Jack Murphy (Minister's nominee to IHB)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anne Marie O'Gorman (IHB, Region 2)	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Prof. Patrick Wall (HSI Chairman, Observer)	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓
Alex Deon (IHB, Region 4)	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael Grace (Irish Pony Society (IPS))	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X
Pat McCarthy (IHB, Region 3)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kieran O'Gorman (IHB, Region 3)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Helen Kelly (IHB, Region 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Elizabeth Deane (IHB, Region 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓
John A Cogan (IHB, Region 5)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	X	✓	✓

N/A - not applicable, i.e. not a Sub Board member at that time.

Region 1 - Wicklow, Louth, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Meath, Westmeath, Dublin.

Region 2 - Tipperary, Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny.

Region 3 - Waterford, Kerry, Limerick, Cork.

Region 4 - Mayo, Galway, Clare.

Region 5 - Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Longford, Roscommon.



Horse Sport Ireland's (HSI) Sport Sub Board 2015. Back row: Jerome O'Connor, Mounted Games Association of Ireland; Robert Wallace, Showjumping Ireland; David Lalor, Hunting Association of Ireland; Michael Hughes, Irish Shows Association; Adrian Flynn, TREC Ireland; Brian O'Slatara, Carriage Driving Section of HSI; David Abbott, Association of Irish Riding Clubs; Commandant Brian MacSweeney, Army Equitation School; Charles Hanley, Association of Irish riding Establishments; James Kennedy, Federation of Irish Polo Clubs; and Professor Pat Wall, HSI chairman.

Front row: Marian Condren, RDS; Alison Packman, Eventing Ireland; John Malone, HSI Sport Sub Board chairman; Barbara Micks; Irish Pony Club; Dara Kearney, Riding for the Disabled Association of Ireland.

Attendance at HSI Sport Sub Board Meetings in 2015

	27/1	9/3	12/5	13/10	8/12
John Malone, Chairman	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lt Col. Brian MacSweeney, Army Equitation School	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Abbott, Association of Irish Riding Clubs	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Donie O'Sullivan, Association of Irish Riding Establishments	✓	✓	✓ (Charles Hanley, new nominee)	✓ (Linda Young, substitute)	✓ (Linda Young, substitute)
Sarah Mullins, Carriage Driving Section of HSI	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Keane, Dressage Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alison Packman, Eventing Ireland	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
James Kennedy, Federations of Irish Polo Clubs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Lalor, Hunting Association of Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James O'Sullivan, Irish Harness Racing Club	X	✓	✓	X	✓
Nicola Boud, Irish Long Distance Riding Association	✓	✓	X	✓	X
Paul Boland, Irish Polocrosse Association	✓	X	X	X	X
Barbara Micks, Irish Pony Club	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Margaret Miller, Irish Pony Society	X	X	X	✓ (Dorothy Guilford, new nominee)	✓
Ron Weisz, Irish Quarter Horse Association	✓	✓ (Sue Huxtable, substitute)	✓	✓	✓ (Anna Lehane-Davny, new nominee)
Michael Hughes, Irish Shows Association	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Daisy Grehan, Irish Universities Riding Clubs Association	X	X	X	X	X
Dr Antonia Lehane, Medical Equestrian Association	✓	X	X	X	X
Jerome O'Connor, Mounted Games Association of Ireland	✓	✓ (Debbie McCarthy, substitute)	✓ (Debbie McCarthy, substitute)	X	✓
Michael Kearney, Para Equestrian Ireland	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Siobhan McCartan, Pentathlon Ireland	✓	✓ (Sean McDonnell, substitute)	✓	✓	✓
Dara Kearney, Riding for the Disabled Association of Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marian Condren, Royal Dublin Society	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert Wallace, Showjumping Ireland	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Amie Garrigan, Side Saddle Association of Ireland	X	X	X	X	X
Adrian Flynn, TREC Ireland	✓	✓	✓	X	✓

Key Highlights and High Performance Programmes





Ireland's Senior Eventing Team win their first-ever Eventing Nations Cup at Boekelo in October 2015. Pictured are: Jonty Evans, Cathal Daniels, Padraig McCarthy, Joseph Murphy and Nick Turner, High Performance manager.



Zara Nelson wins Individual Bronze at the Pony European Eventing Championships 2015, in Malmo.



Gain Pony Showjumping Team win Team Silver at the European Championships 2015 in Malmo. Pictured are: Abbie Sweetnam; Michael Pender; Tom Slattery, Chef d'Equipe; Olivia Roulston; and Luke Garrigan.



Jennifer Kuehnle wins Individual Gold at the Children on Horses European Showjumping Championships 2015, in Wiener Neustadt.



Gain Junior Showjumping Team win Team Silver at the European Championships 2015 in Wiener Neustadt. Pictured are: Philip Carey; Anna Carway; Commandant John Ledingham, Chef d'Equipe; Susan Fitzpatrick and Cormac Hanley.



Gain Young Rider Eventing Team win Team Bronze at the European Championships 2015 in Strzegom. The squad, pictured from left are: Tony Kennedy, Cathal Daniels, Susannah Berry, Kelley Hutchinson, Harold Megahey, and Jamie Nolan.



Investec Senior Showjumping Team win the Dublin Nations Cup and Aga Khan trophy 2015. Pictured are: Greg Broderick; Darragh Kenny; Robert Splaine, Chef d'Equipe; Bertram Allen; and Cian O'Connor.



The Irish Showjumping Team win Outstanding Team Achievement award at the Excellence in Sports Awards 2015. Pictured with the team and Chef d'Equipe are: Padraig Harrington, host; and David McCoy, House of Waterford Crystal.



The inaugural Jumping In The City series wins at the Sport Industry Awards 2015 for Best Innovation in Sport. Pictured are: Colin Walsh, IGB; Sophie D'Alton, HSI; Orla Strumble, IGB; Damian McDonald, CEO HSI; Ian Kehoe, Editor of the *Sunday Business Post*; John McNamara, SJI; Tony Hurley, SJI and Gerry O'Gorman, SJI.



Gain Young Rider Showjumping Team win Team Bronze at the European Championships 2015 in Wiener Neustadt. Pictured are: Jonathan Gordon, Michael G Duffy, Eoin McMahon and Michael Duffy.



In 2015, Investec and Horse Sport Ireland announced a sponsorship partnership that saw Investec confirmed as the first-ever corporate sponsor for the Irish showjumping team. Pictured with the squad and Chef d'Equipe are John Treacy, Irish Sports Council chief executive; Richard Archibald, Sports Institute Northern Ireland; and Kieran Mulvey, Irish Sports Council chairman.'



Team Ireland Equestrian official sponsors and suppliers in 2015

Team Ireland Equestrian (TIE) was established in 2009 and is a brand that is growing in popularity and success year-on-year. Without the help of TIE official sponsors and suppliers, this would not be possible. All Irish teams competing in Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) international competitions do so as part of TIE, which encompasses the eight FEI disciplines: showjumping; eventing; dressage; para equestrian; carriage driving; endurance; reining; and vaulting, and includes all senior teams and all underage teams.



Berney Bros

In 2014, Berney Bros joined TIE as official tack suppliers. Berney Bros offers a discount on saddles to all athletes who have competed on a TIE championship team. Both senior and underage showjumping and eventing teams also receive a Berney Bros personalised leather head collar.



Charles Owen

In 2013, Charles Owen joined TIE as official suppliers of helmets to TIE. All TIE athletes receive Charles Owen helmets, personalised with the TIE logo. Safety is very important to all in TIE and they are proud to say that Charles Owen helmets exceed all safety standards.



ComfyBed

In 2013, ComfyBed joined TIE as official suppliers of equine bedding to TIE. All TIE athletes receive one pallet of ComfyBed bedding, which is dust-free, odourless and absorbent.



Dubarry Ireland

In 2014, Dubarry Ireland joined TIE as official suppliers. Dubarry Ireland provides trot-up wear to the senior eventers on championship teams, as well as Dubarry deck shoes to all underage showjumping and eventing teams.



GAIN Horse Feeds (Glanbia)

In 2013, GAIN Horse Feeds became official sponsors of TIE underage showjumping and eventing teams and official feed suppliers to TIE. All underage athletes competing on European championship teams receive a travel bursary from GAIN Horse Feeds, as well as regular equine nutritional advice.



Horseware

In 2010, Horseware became official suppliers of TIE wear. Horseware provides all TIE athletes with stylish, branded clothing and provides rugs and numnahs to all horses.



Investec

In 2015, Investec was the official sponsor of the Irish Nations Cup team at Dublin Horse Show and the Irish European Showjumping team at Aachen.



TRM

In 2010, TRM joined TIE as official suppliers of equine supplements. All TIE athletes receive a TRM pack containing vital supplements required by horses in top-level competition.

Team Ireland Equestrian on Facebook and Twitter in 2015



By 31st December 2015, the TIE Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TeamIrelandEquestrian) had received 64,848 'likes', with an average reach in excess of 215,000 people per week. TIE follower statistics indicate an increase of approximately 1,000 people per week, with a total increase of almost 20,000 followers in 2015.

By 31st December 2015, the TIE Twitter account (@TeamIRLEq) had in excess of 12,000 followers.



High Performance Programmes



In 2008, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) introduced High Performance structures in conjunction with the Irish Sports Council (ISC) and the relevant affiliate organisations. The programmes consist of a mix of training and target competitions aimed at preparing combinations for the challenges they are likely to face at European level. Most years, Ireland sends eight underage teams to represent us in European Championships. These High Performance Programmes are overseen by the High Performance Committees. The High Performance team manager has full selection

powers. These programmes are funded by the Irish Sports Council, Showjumping Ireland (SJI) and Eventing Ireland. The progress made to date brings credit to the riders, their families, their coaches, their owners, the affiliate organisations, the High Performance Programmes, the HSI Coaching Programme and the Team Ireland equestrian sponsors and suppliers. Having achieved such excellent results, the challenge now is to help these exceptional young athletes to make the transition to the successful senior teams.

Showjumping

- Children on Horses (U14)
- Pony Riders (U16)
- Junior Riders (U18)
- Young Riders (U21)

Eventing

- Pony Riders (U16)
- Junior Riders (U18)
- Young Riders (U21)

Dressage

- Pony Riders (U16)

Showjumping: Pony Rider (U16) High Performance Programme

The programme is overseen by the Pony Showjumping High Performance Committee

- Chairperson: Keith Griffin
- Team Manager: Tom Slattery
- Member: Liz Brennan (SJI)
- Member: Kieran O’Gorman (HSI)
- Team Vet: Con Kennedy



Members of the Pony Showjumping squad 2015 during their final training prior to the European Championships. Pictured: Mikey Pender, Luke Garrigan, Tom Slattery (Chef d’Equipe), Kayleigh Soden, Olivia Roulston and Abbie Sweetnam.

The highlight of the year was when the team claimed overall Team Silver at the Pony European Showjumping Championships in Malmo, Sweden, in August 2015.

PONY EUROPEAN SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS – MALMO, SWEDEN 5th to 9th August 2015 Chef d’Equipe: Tom Slattery

	Rider	Pony	Qualifier	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Jump-Off	Final Placing
1	Michael Pender	Imagine If One (ISH)	0	0	0	0	4	12	5 th
2	Olivia Roulston	Ballygawleys Little Ferro (ISH)	0	5	0	0	4	-	12 th
3	Luke Garrigan	Dr Spot	0	0	4	8	0	-	=14 th
4	Abbie Sweetnam	Spartacus Reape	0	0	8	0	10	-	25 th
		Team Total	0	0	4	-	-	-	2 nd - Silver
Reserve	Kayleigh Soden	Castle Hill King	0	5	0	4	16	-	28 th



Showjumping: Children on Horses (U14) High Performance Programme

The Children on Horses, Junior Rider and Young Rider Programmes are overseen by a High Performance Committee. The highlights of the year were when Jennifer Kuehnle claimed Individual Gold at the Children on Horses European Showjumping Championships, the Juniors claimed overall Team Silver at the European Championships and the Young Riders claimed overall Team Bronze at the European Championship at Wiener Neustadt, Austria, in August 2015.

Chairperson: James Kernan

Team Manager: Comdt John Ledingham

Member: Sally Anne Tobin

Member: Michael Blake

Team Vet: Will Lalor



Pictured at the Team Ireland Equestrian medal reception: Henry Corbally, chairman of Glanbia; Sally Anne Tobin; Michael Blake, Jennifer Kuehnle, individual Gold Medal winner; James Kennedy, chairman of Horse Sport Ireland's Finance Committee; Comdt. John Ledingham; and Tony Hurley, chairman of Show Jumping Ireland.

CHILDREN ON HORSES EUROPEAN SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS - WIENER NEUSTADT, AUSTRIA 10th to 16th August 2015 Chef d'Equipe: Comdt John Ledingham

	Rider	Horse	Qualifier	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Jump-off	Final Placing
1	Jennifer Kuehnle	Chaitanya 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 st - Gold
2	Jack Ryan	Cavalier Teaca (ISH)	0	5	0	0	0	-	=10 th
3	Lee Carey	Mt Cruise (ISH)	4	8	4	DNQ	DNQ	DNQ	=62 nd
4	Isabel Fitzpatrick	Ulster	49	4	0	DNQ	DNQ	DNQ	92 nd
		Team Total	4	9	0	-	-	-	=7th

Pictured at the Team Ireland Equestrian medal reception: Comdt John Ledingham; Sally Anne Tobin; Henry Corbally, chairman of Glanbia; Michael Blake; Philip Carey; Susan Fitzpatrick; Anna Carway; Tony Hurley, chairman of Show Jumping Ireland; Will Lalor; and James Kennedy, chairman of Horse Sport Ireland's Finance Committee.



Showjumping: Junior (U18) High Performance Programme

JUNIOR EUROPEAN SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS - WIENER NEUSTADT, AUSTRIA 10th to 16th August 2015 Chef d'Equipe: Comdt John Ledingham

	Rider	Horse	Qualifier	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Final Placing
1	Anna Carway	Ajaccio	0	0	0	4	5	14 th
2	Susan Fitzpatrick	Cavalino	0	4	0	5	4	20 th
3	Cormac Hanley	Character	0	8	WD	DNQ	DNQ	30 th
4	Philip Carey	Belle Rock (ISH)	4	16	0	DNQ	DNQ	62 nd
		Team Total	0	12	0	-	-	2nd - Silver
Reserve	Lucinda Roche	WCE Falco (ISH)	0	4	WD	DNQ	DNQ	98 th

Winners, Team Bronze pictured at the Young Rider European Showjumping Championships 2015: Michael Blake, Eoin McMahon, Jonathan Gordon, Michael Duffy, Comdt. John Ledingham, Michael G Duffy, Sofie Slattery and Will Lalor.



Showjumping: Young Rider (U21) High Performance Programme

YOUNG RIDER EUROPEAN SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS – WIENER NEUSTADT, AUSTRIA
10th to 16th August 2015 Chef d'Equipe: Comdt John Ledingham

	Rider	Horse	Qualifier	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Final Placing
1	Michael Duffy	Miss Untouchable	0	0	0	0	4	5 th
2	Jonathan Gordon	Fellini 131	0	0	4	9	4	18 th
3	Michael G Duffy	Felix XXVIII	0	8	0	15	WD	27 th
4	Eoin McMahon	Prophan	4	16	0	DNQ	DNQ	52 nd
		Team Total	0	8	0	-	-	3rd – Bronze
Reserve	Sofie Slattery	Valentine Du Bois Pinchet	4	EL	-	-	-	73 rd

Eventing: Pony Rider (U16) High Performance Programme

This programme is run by Horse Sport Ireland with input from Eventing Ireland. The highlight of the year was when Zara Nelson won Individual Bronze at the Pony European Eventing Championships at Malmo, Sweden in August 2015.

Team Manager: Becky Cullen
Dressage Coach: Sue Smallman
Showjumping Coach: Tom Doherty
Team Vet: Con Kennedy



Zara Nelson receives her Individual Bronze medal on the podium at the Pony European Eventing Championships in Malmo, Sweden.

PONY EUROPEAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS – MALMO, SWEDEN
5th to 9th August 2015 Chef d'Equipe: Becky Cullen

	Rider	Pony	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Zara Nelson	Millridge Buachaill Bui (ISH)	40.9	0	1.6	0	0	42.5	3 rd – Bronze
2	Lucy Hancock	Newtown Westie (ISH)	46.8	0	0	0	0	46.8	6 th
3	Maresa Ronan	My Rustic Clover (ISH)	51.3	20	4.4	8	0	83.7	32 nd
4	Alex Power	Theo Jackson	40.2	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL
		Team Total	139	20	6	8	0	173	4th
5	Izzy Riley	Monarch Of The Glen (ISH)	56.8	0	0	0	0	56.8	17 th
6	Isabel Persse	Mr Blueskies	67.7	40	18	8	8	141.7	40 th



Eventing: Junior Rider (U18) High Performance Programme

This programme is run by Horse Sport Ireland with input from Eventing Ireland.

Team Manager: **Debbie Byrne**

Dressage Coach: **Terry Boon**

Showjumping Coach: **Tom Doherty**

Team Vet: **JP King**



Pictured at their final training day prior to the European Championships are the Junior eventing squad: Sam Micklem; Adam Haugh; Tessa Harley; Debbie Byrne, team manager; Shannon Nelson; Nessa Briody; and Robbie Kearns.

JUNIOR EUROPEAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS – BIALY BOR, POLAND 13th to 16th August 2015 Chef d'Equipe: Debbie Byrne

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Nessa Briody	Tom Boy	51.3	0	0	0	0	51.3	10 th
2	Robbie Kearns	Garrybritt Bonny (ISH)	41.6	0	10.8	0	0	52.4	11 th
3	Adam Haugh	Jantar	49.1	20	14.4	4	7	94.5	49 th
4	Shannon Nelson	OLS Back Chat (ISH)	55.9	40	38	0	2	135.9	61 st
		Team Total	142	20	25.2	4	7	198.2	5 th
5	Sam Micklem	Smart Spirit (ISH)	48.8	0	0.8	20	0	69.6	30 th
6	Tessa Harley	Catsky (ISH)	51.1	0	15.2	8	3	77.3	38 th

Eventing: Young Rider (U21) High Performance Programme

This programme is run by Horse Sport Ireland with input from Eventing Ireland. The highlight of the year was when the team took overall Team Bronze at the Young Rider European Eventing Championships at Strzegom, Poland, in August 2015.

Team Manager: **Sally Corscadden**

Dressage Coach: **Heike Holstein**

Showjumping Coach: **Mark Kyle**

Team Vet: **Will Lalor**



Pictured are the Young Rider Eventing Squad. Front row: Tony Kennedy, Cathal Daniels, Harold Megahey and Jamie Nolan. Back row: Kelley Hutchinson and Susannah Berry.

YOUNG RIDER EUROPEAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS – STRZEGOM, POLAND 27th to 30th August Chef d'Equipe: Sally Corscadden

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Cathal Daniels	Rioghan Rua (ISH)	47.5	0	0	0	0	47.5	6 th
2	Susannah Berry	Carsonstown Athena (ISH)	50.2	0	0	4	0	54.2	14 th
3	Tony Kennedy	Westeria Lane (ISH)	53.1	0	0	8	2	63.1	24 th
4	Harold Megahey	Chuckelberry	44.7	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL
		Team Total	150.8	0	0	12	2	164.8	3 rd – Bronze
5	Kelley Hutchinson	Ballyduff A-Z (ISH)	47.5	0	0	12	0	59.5	21 st
6	Jamie Nolan	Arodstown Aramis (ISH)	50.9	0	7.2	4	0	62.1	23 rd

Dressage: Pony Rider (U14) High Performance Programme



Pictured at their final training day prior to the Pony European Dressage Championships: Katie Burns; Anne Marie Dunphy, team manager; Sofie Walshe; Alana Cazabon Sullivan; and Robyn O'Neill.

PONY EUROPEAN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS – MALMO, SWEDEN 5th to 9th August Chef d'Equipe: Anne Marie Dunphy

	Rider	Pony	Team Competition	Individual Competition	Final Placing
1	Alana Cazabon Sullivan	Maverick S	62.462	63.927	48 th
2	Robyn O'Neill	Belsasser	60.794	59.317	54 th
3	Sofie Walshe	Horseleap Bruno (ISH)	61.974	57.585	55 th
4	Katie Burns	Caracas II	65.744	EL	EL
		Team Total	190.18	-	13 th

Ireland team manager, Anne Marie Dunphy (front), with Katie Burns and Caracas II; Alana Cazabon Sullivan; Robyn O'Neill; and Sofie Walshe and Horseleap Bruno at Spruce Lodge, Co. Wicklow.





In 2015, Ireland's Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe won gold at the European Modern Pentathlon Championships in Bath and qualified for the Olympic Games in Rio.



Attendees at the Horse Sport Ireland Under-25s Showjumping Development Squad training day, held in association with the Institute for Sport.



Senior Eventing High Performance Programme

This programme is overseen by the Eventing High Performance Committee

- Chairperson: **Brian Mangan**
- High Performance Manager: **Nick Turner**
- Dressage Coach: **Ian Woodhead**
- Showjumping Coach: **Comdt Gerry Flynn**
- Team Vet: **Hugh Suffern**
- Member: **Lord Patrick Connolly Carew**
- Member: **Jessica Harrington**
- Member: **Jean S Mitchell, MBE**
- Member: **Janet Murray**

In 2015, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI), in conjunction with the Irish Institute of Sport, undertook a review of the High Performance Programme, with the goal of Rio 2016 Olympics in mind. One of the key recommendations was to formulate a smaller squad in advance of the 2016 Olympics. On 23rd February, 2015, the Rio squad was announced. Throughout the course of the season, athletes were evaluated and a squad review system was implemented. The highlight of the 2015 programme was when the Irish Eventing Team won their first-ever Eventing Nations Cup at Boekelo in October. With Olympic qualification secured in 2014, the Eventing Team travelled to the European Eventing Championships at Blair Castle, Great Britain, in September 2015.



The victorious Irish eventing team at Boekelo, where they won Ireland's first-ever Eventing Nations Cup. Pictured are Jonty Evans, Padraig McCarthy, Cathal Daniels and Joseph Murphy.

Final standings after the last leg of the FEI Nations Cup Eventing Series 2015

Rank	Team	Venues							Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	GBR	8	11	9	11	7	6	52	
2	GER			11	7	11	11	45	
3	AUS	9		5	9	6	6	39	
4	FRA	11	8	8			5	39	
5	NED	7		7	5	2	8	32	
6	IRL		9			7		27	
7	BEL				8		9	17	
8	NZL					9		17	
9	USA					8	9	17	
10	SWE				6	5		11	
11	ESP			6				6	
12	POL				4			4	
13	CAN					4		4	
14	JPN						2	2	
15	BRA						0	0	

Venues 1 - Fontainebleau (FRA); 2 - Ballindenisk (IRL); 3 - Houghton Hall (GBR); 4 - Strzegom (POL); 5 - Aachen (GER); 6 - Waregem (BEL); 7 - Boekelo (NED).



Eventing Nations Cups 2015

CICO 3* BALLINDENISK (IRL) 25th to 26th April, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Sarah Ennis	Horseware Stellor Rebound (ISH)	43.2	0	0	0	0	43.2	2 nd
2	Joseph Murphy	Westwinds Hercules (ISH)	54.3	0	0	0	0	54.3	12 th
3	Sam Watson	Horseware Lukeswell (ISH)	52	0	2.8	0	0	54.8	13 th
4	Aoife Clark	Arco BB	51.9	0	10.4	0	0	62.3	21 st
	Team Total		201.4	0	13.2	0	0	152.3	2 nd

CICO 3* Aachen (GER) 12th to 14th August, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Pdraig McCarthy	Simon Porloe	49.6	0	5.2	0	0	54.8	17 th
2	Austin O'Connor	Kilpatrick Knight (ISH)	46.2	0	10	4	0	60.2	20 th
3	Michael Ryan	Dunlough Striker (ISH)	63.6	0	10.8	4	0	78.4	22 nd
	Team Total		159.4	0	26	8	0	193.4	4 th

CCIO 3* BOEKELO (NED) 8th to 11th October, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Jonty Evans	Cooley Rorkes Drift (ISH)	42.7	0	8.8	0	3	54.5	8 th
2	Joseph Murphy	Westwinds Hercules (ISH)	53.3	0	6.8	0	0	60.1	16 th
3	Cathal Daniels	Rioghan Rua (ISH)	48.3	0	0	12	0	60.3	17 th
4	Pdraig McCarthy	Simon Porloe	52.3	0	5.6	8	0	65.9	30 th
	Team Total		144.3	0	15.6	12	3	174.9	1 st

EUROPEAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS - BLAIR CASTLE, GREAT BRITAIN 10th to 13th September, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Michael Ryan	Ballylynch Adventure (ISH)	51.9	0	9.2	0	0	61.1	14 th
2	Pdraig McCarthy	Simon Porloe	46.6	EL	-	-	-	-	EL
3	Austin O'Connor	Balham Houdini (ISH)	47.1	EL	-	-	-	-	EL
4	Joseph Murphy	Sportsfield Othello (ISH)	50	EL	-	-	-	-	EL
	Team Total								9 th
5	Sam Watson	Horseware Lukeswell (ISH)	44.1	0	15.2	0	0	59.3	12 th
6	Camilla Speirs	Portersize Just A Jiff (ISH)	53.9	0	21.6	4	0	79.5	29 th



Cooley Rorkes Drift (ISH) and Jonty Evans.



Dressage High Performance Committee 2015

- Chairperson: Joan Keogh
- Member: Norbert Von Cramon
- Member: David Keane
- Member: David Lee

Dressage rider, Judy Reynolds, represented Ireland at the 2015 European Dressage Championship at Aachen, Germany. It was a record-breaking year for Judy and for Irish dressage. Not only did she set personal bests, but also went on to set new Irish records in international dressage. October saw Judy move up 10 places in the world rankings to 52nd, after a string of World Cup qualifier and Grand Prix placings.



Judy Reynolds and Vancouver K set a new international record for Irish dressage, scoring 74.425 per cent at the World Cup Qualifier in Lyon, France.

EUROPEAN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS - AACHEN, GERMANY 12 th to 16 th August, 2015				
	Rider	Horse	Qualifier for GP Special	Final Placing
1	Judy Reynolds	Vancouver K	69.486	34 th

Other High Performance Programmes

Endurance High Performance Committee 2015

- Chairperson: Larry O'Neill
- Member: Nicola Boud
- Member: David Cunningham

Endurance is a relatively small sport in Ireland, yet it has a large international following and continues to grow in popularity in this country. In 2015, Irish endurance rider Amy McAuley with Souletoile De Sommant finished in first place in the 1 star endurance competition held in Valeggio Sul Mincio, Italy.



Amy McAuley competes FPA Jaher at the endurance event in Abu Dhabi.

Para Equestrian High Performance Committee 2015

This programme is run by HSI with input from Para Equestrian Ireland and Paralympics Ireland.

- Chairperson: Lt Col (retired) Gerry O'Gorman
- Team Manager: Dara Kearney
- HSI Representative: Triona Connors
- Paralympics Ireland Representative: David Malone
- Team Coach: Donie McNamara

The Irish Para Equestrian team participated in six Nations Cup competitions in 2015.

Date	Venue	Level
9 th to 12 th April	Deauville, France	CPEDI 3*
28 th to 30 th May	Roosendaal, Netherlands	CPEDI 3*
6 th to 12 th July	Hartpury, Great Britain	CPEDI 3*
4 th to 8 th August	Bishop Burton, Great Britain	CPEDI 3*
17 th to 20 th September	Deauville, France	European Championships
27 th to 30 th October	Slapton Bury Farm, Great Britain	CPEDI 3*

Businessman, Denis O'Brien, once again, generously supported the programme in 2015.



Ireland emerged triumphant at the RDS in Dublin, in August 2015, with a decisive win in the Aga Khan Nations Cup, finishing on a team total of four faults. Pictured in front of an ecstatic home crowd are the team during their lap of honour: Cian O'Connor, Greg Broderick, Darragh Kenny and Bertram Allen.



It was another hugely successful year for Bertram Allen who won the World Cup at Bordeaux, finished third in the World Cup at Las Vegas, won the Global Champions Tour at Paris and was part of the Irish team that won the Aga Khan Nations Cup at Dublin. At the end of 2015, Bertram was ranked number 6 in the world.

Senior Showjumping High Performance Programme

The Irish Senior Showjumping Nations Cup team competed in 13 Nations Cups in 2015. Four of these were part of the Furusiyya FEI Top Level Nations Cup Series. The Senior Showjumping High Performance Programme is overseen by the Senior Showjumping High Performance Committee. All selections decisions are made by the team manager.

The highlights of the Nations Cup Series 2015 was when the Irish team swept to victory at Dublin to win the Aga Khan trophy.

Chairperson: Professor Pat Wall

Team Manager: Robert Splaine

SJI Representative: Tony Hurley

HSI Representative: James Tarrant

Team Vet: Pat Meagher



The nine-year-old MHS Going Global (ISH) and Greg Broderick enjoyed a stellar year, jumping in five Furusiyya Nations Cup competitions and producing double clear rounds at St Gallen and Dublin where they were part of the winning team on their debut appearance in the Aga Khan.

Final standings after the last leg of the Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup Series 2015

Rank	Team	Venues								Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	BEL	85	65		100			100		350
2	SUI				90		70	90	80	33
3	GBR			100		100		60	55	315
4	FRA	70	90		60	90				310
5	IRL	45	80		80				100	305
6	NED		45	90		60	100			295
7	SWE	50		80		80	85			295
8	GER				70	70	85	70		295
9	ITA	100		55				50	50	255
10	ESP		65	70			60		60	255

Venues 1 - Lummen (BEL); 2 - La Baule (FRA); 3 - Rome (ITA); 4 - St Gallen (SUI); 5 - Rotterdam (NED); 6 - Falsterbo (SWE); 7 - Hickstead (GBR); 8 - Dublin (IRL).



In February 2015, Ireland's showjumping team were victorious in the 4* Nations Cup at Ocala Florida (USA). Pictured on the winners' podium: Darragh Kenny, Lorcan Gallagher; Robert Splaine, Chef d'Equipe; Kevin Babington; and Conor Swail.

Senior Nations Cups 2015

CSIO 4* OCALA, FLORIDA (USA) 10th to 15th February, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Darragh Kenny	Picolo	0	8	
2	Lorcan Gallagher	Diktator Van De Boslandhoeve	0	4	
3	Kevin Babington	Shorapur	0	0	
4	Conor Swail	Grafton	0	0	
		Team Total	0	4 (4)	1 st

CSIO 4* WELLINGTON, FLORIDA (USA) 24th February to 1st March, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Darragh Kenny	Imothep	4	8	
2	Shane Sweetnam	Chaqui Z	8	0	
3	Cian O'Connor	Quidam's Cherie	4	0	
4	Kevin Babington	Shorapur	4	4	
		Team Total	12	4 (16)	3 rd

CSIO 5* LUMMEN (BEL) 29th April to 3rd May, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Denis Lynch	Abbevail Van Het Dingshof	8	8	
2	Cameron Hanley	Living The Dream	9	4	
3	Greg Broderick	MHS Going Global (ISH)	4	0	
4	Billy Twomey	Diaghilev	9	12	
		Team Total	21	12 (33)	8 th

CSIO 3* DRAMMEN (NOR) 7th to 10th May, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Capt. Brian Cournane	Javas Keltic Mist (ISH)	0	0	
2	Michael G Duffy	Felix XXVIII	4	4	
3	Capt. Geoff Curran	Mullaghbane (ISH)	4	4	
4	Paul O'Shea	Skara Glen's Sienna	16	8	
		Team Total	8	8 (16)	=4 th

CSIO 5* LA BAULE (FRA) 14th to 17th May, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Cian O'Connor	Good Luck	9	0	
2	Darragh Kenny	Sans Soucis Z	4	4	
3	Greg Broderick	MHS Going Global (ISH)	4	0	
4	Bertram Allen	Molly Malone V	0	8	
		Team Total	8	4 (12)	3 rd



CSIO 3* ODENSE (DEN) 14th to 17th May, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Capt. Brian Cournane	Javas Keltic Mist (ISH)	1	5	
2	Capt. Geoff Curran	Mullaghbane (ISH)	9	0	
3	Michael Duffy	Cortina 200	12	1	
4	Thomas Ryan	Caribo	4	0	
	Team Total		14	1 (15)	4 th

CSIO 3* LISBON (POR) 28th to 31st May, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Trevor Breen	Oldtown KC (ISH)	0	9	
2	Anthony Condon	Balzac	4	5	
3	Michael Duffy	Cortina 200	0	9	
4	Michael G Duffy	Felix XXVIII	16	5	
	Team Total		4	19 (23)	6 th

CSIO 5* ST GALLEN (SUI) 4th to 7th June, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Shane Breen	Golden Hawk	0	8	
2	Greg Broderick	MHS Going Global (ISH)	0	0	
3	Cian O'Connor	Good Luck	4	5	
4	Bertram Allen	Romanov	0	8	
	Team Total		0	13 (13)	3 rd

CSIO 5* MANNHEIM (GER) 16th to 19th July, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Shane Breen	Golden Hawk	0	12	
2	Kevin Babington	Shorapur	8	18	
3	Shane Sweetnam	Chaqui Z	1	13	
4	Conor Swail	Grand Cru VD Vijf Eiken	0	1	
	Team Total		1	26 (27)	7 th

CSIO 5* DUBLIN (IRL) 5th to 9th August, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Bertram Allen	Romanov	4	0	
2	Greg Broderick	MHS Going Global (ISH)	0	0	
3	Cian O'Connor	Good Luck	0	4	
4	Darragh Kenny	Sans Soucis Z	0	WD	
	Team Total		0	4 (4)	1 st

CSIO 5* GIJON (ESP) 26th to 31st August, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Cameron Hanley	Z Acodate DDL	0	0	
2	Anthony Condon	Aristio	4	4	
3	Capt. Michael Kelly	Ringwood Glen (ISH)	4	0	
4	Dermott Lennon	Loughview Lou-Lou (ISH)	8	0	
	Team Total		8	0 (8)	=2 nd

CSIO 3* AREZZO (ITA) 2nd to 6th September, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Cian O'Connor	Super Sox	DSQ	DNQ	
2	Paul Kennedy	Cartown Danger Mouse	12	DNQ	
3	Deane Rogan	Falco Van Spieveld	4	DNQ	
4	Capt. Michael Kelly	Ringwood Glen (ISH)	9	DNQ	
	Team Total		25		=9 th

CSIO 5* NATIONS CUP FINAL BARCELONA (ESP) 24th to 27th September, 2015

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2	Placing
1	Bertram Allen	Molly Malone V	5	8	
2	Greg Broderick	MHS Going Global (ISH)	5	4	
3	Cian O'Connor	Good Luck	4	0	
4	Denis Lynch	All Star 5	4	8	
	Team Total		13	12	5 th

Senior Showjumping; European Championships 2015

The European Showjumping Championships took place at Aachen (GER) in August 2015. The Championships were Ireland's last chance to qualify a team for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

The Investec Irish Showjumping Team, came within less than half a point of securing one of the three Olympic qualifying slots available at the final of the European Jumping Championships in Aachen, Germany. With five of the 10 teams that qualified for the final, from 22 starters chasing the three Rio slots, Ireland finished fourth in this category and took seventh spot in the overall European team ranking.

Controversially, Ireland's third rider, Cian O'Connor, and his nine-year-old stallion, Good Luck, were on course to repeat their clear round from the previous day when a member of the Aachen arena staff inexplicably crossed their tracks on the approach to the final sequence of fences. O'Connor unexpectedly had the next fence down. Irish team officials lodged an appeal with the Aachen ground jury over the incident, and then with the appeals committee at Aachen, but without success.

Speaking after the competition Damian McDonald, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) CEO, said: "We are very proud of the Irish team's performance at the European Championships

in Aachen. Regarding the incident where an arena official crossed the tracks of Cian O'Connor and his horse, Good Luck, causing interference, we will be examining all of our options provided for within the rules of the International Governing Body the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) including a potential appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)."

In December 2015, the appeal by HSI and Cian O'Connor was heard by the CAS in Lausanne, Switzerland. Speaking prior to the hearing, HSI chairman, Pat Wall, said: "To have a showjumping team at the Olympic Games is very important for Ireland. Our riders and their owners are doing a huge amount to promote Ireland as a world leader in the sport of showjumping. They went to the European Championships to pursue their Olympic dream. A freak incident occurred on the day which hindered our efforts. All we are looking for is fair play. We are convinced that if this incident had not happened, the Irish showjumping team would be going to the Olympics." CAS advised HSI that the appeal had been rejected. Ireland's only chance of fielding a showjumping team at the 2016 Olympic Games is for another team to drop out. Ireland are however on course to qualifying for at least one, if not two, individual places at the Rio Games.

EUROPEAN SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS – AACHEN, GERMANY 19th to 23rd August 2015 Chef d'Equipe: Robert Splaine

	Rider	Horse	Qualifier (seconds)	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Final Placing
1	Denis Lynch	All Star 5	80.57	4	0	4	4	17 th
2	Bertram Allen	Molly Malone V	69.79	4	4	4	1	16 th
3	Greg Broderick	MHS Going Global (ISH)	74.13	8	4	DNS	DNS	31 st
4	Cian O'Connor	Good Luck	79.01	0	4	DNS	DNS	28 th
	Team Total		9.96	8	8 (25.96)			7th

Team Ireland Equestrian medal reception 2015

The Team Ireland Equestrian medal reception was co-hosted by HSI and Gain Horse Feeds, sponsors of the underage showjumping and eventing teams, to recognise the achievements of Irish medallists in 2015.

Irish underage squads won six medals through showjumping and eventing in 2015. Irish international showjumper and Aga Khan team member, Greg Broderick, spoke at the reception and offered advice on how to succeed at the next level and in the industry as a whole. Greg gave the riders an insight into the feeling of representing your country at the highest level, giving them all something to aspire to in the future.

The riders, trainers, vets, managers and team associates were honoured on the night with framed pictures from the year presented by HSI and Gain Horse Feed vouchers presented by Henry Corbally, chairman of Glanbia.



Irish international showjumper, Greg Broderick, pictured at the 2015 Team Ireland Equestrian medal reception with members of the underage showjumping and eventing teams.



Owners' Reception

In 2015, Horse Sport Ireland and Investec organised an Owners' Reception to thank owners who provide their horses for the Irish teams. The reception was held in the Four Seasons Hotel, Ballsbridge, during the Dublin Horse Show 2015.



Irish Horse Register





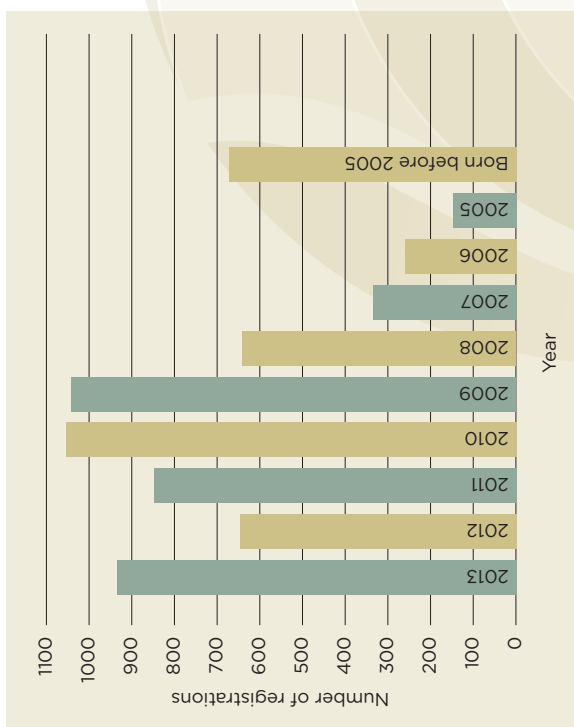
IHR Registrations

IHR horse registration statistics for 2015

	ID	ISH	Total IHR	ID Document	Total
No of 2015 foal passports issued	509	3926	4435	876	5311
No of adult passports issued in 2015	270	2332	2602	4233	6835
Total	779	6258	7037	5109	12146

Other registration services in 2015

Change of ownership	11934
Naming of adult horses	4035



Number of passports issued for adult horses in 2015 by year of birth at time of registration

2015 FOALS BY BREED OF SIRE AND DAM

SIRE BREED	MARE BREED											Totals	
	Thoroughbred*	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught/Class 1	Irish Draught/Class 2	Irish Draught/Class 3/4	Appendix Irish Draught/Grade Up	Foreign Bred	Weatherbys Non TB	Arab Horse	Connemara Pony	Riding Pony		Other
TB*	4	457	98	11	46	6	11	6	0	8	3	19	669
ISH	81	729	54	7	24	9	28	11	0	28	5	24	1000
IDC1	34	150	303	34	58	8	0	2	0	4	1	23	617
IDC2	19	90	42	10	27	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	194
IDC3/C4	13	24	8	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	64
FB	61	1298	29	12	19	5	213	11	0	11	1	51	1711
WNTR	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	14
ARAB	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CP	20	77	4	1	11	1	2	4	1	0	2	23	146
RP	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	6	14
OTHER	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTALS	236	2843	539	77	201	30	255	35	1	55	17	146	4435

A further 876 foals were registered with unknown or partial pedigree.



2014 FOALS BY BREED OF SIRE AND DAM

SIRE BREED	MARE BREED													TOTALS												
	Thoroughbred*	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught/Class 1	Irish Draught Class 2	Irish Draught Class 3/4	Appendix Irish Draught/Grade Up	Foreign Breed	Weatherbys Non TB	Arab Horse	Connemara Pony	Riding Pony	Other	TOTALS	TOTALS												
TB*	11	624	562	150	130	15	15	55	49	5	5	12	11	8	7	0	0	14	12	0	0	30	28	924	830	
ISH	100	890	765	77	56	6	4	33	28	10	6	44	35	13	11	0	0	22	17	4	4	33	30	1232	1041	
IDC1	52	48	180	141	268	229	24	21	57	44	12	7	3	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	37	33	639	530	
IDC2	22	18	107	93	47	43	7	7	26	24	1	2	2	3	2	0	0	4	3	1	1	3	1	223	195	
IDC3/C4	14	13	24	21	11	11	2	2	20	19	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	67
FB	81	65	1546	1311	43	38	5	4	22	17	7	7	240	211	18	18	0	7	5	2	1	40	26	2011	1703	
WNTR	0	0	16	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	18	17	
ARAB	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
CP	22	20	88	72	9	9	1	0	12	10	1	1	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	28	22	166	137	
RP	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	7	4	
OTHER	2	1	5	4	17	15	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	35	23	
TOTALS	304	261	3483	2982	623	532	60	53	228	193	36	27	304	263	49	42	2	1	53	41	8	7	178	142	5328	4548

A further 910 foals were registered with unknown or partial pedigree.

2013 FOALS BY BREED OF SIRE AND DAM

SIRE BREED	MARE BREED													TOTAL	
	Thoroughbred*	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught/Class 1	Irish Draught Class 2	Irish Draught Class 3/4	Appendix Irish Draught/Grade Up	Foreign Breed	Weatherbys Non TB	Arab Horse	Pony	Riding Pony	Other	TOTAL	TOTAL	
TB*	11	564	131	3	56	5	10	9	0	12	0	31	832	832	
ISH	129	952	67	2	22	10	32	13	0	14	6	28	1275	1275	
IDC1	63	208	372	12	68	21	2	5	0	2	1	25	779	779	
IDC2	20	101	56	2	25	3	0	1	0	4	0	4	216	216	
IDC3/C4	10	30	10	0	11	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	65	65	
FB	69	1330	64	5	14	7	185	22	1	4	1	34	1736	1736	
WNTR	0	22	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	29	29	
ARAB	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	
CP	26	99	10	0	5	0	3	6	1	1	7	28	186	186	
RP	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	7	7	
OTHER	1	5	24	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	32	
TOTAL	329	3316	737	24	203	48	238	57	3	38	16	151	5160	5160	

A further 1,219 foals were registered with unknown or partial pedigrees



Horse Sport Ireland Mare Selections

Mare selections for the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and Irish Draught Horse Studbook are carried out at regional venues annually in spring and autumn. Mares must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for selection, although Irish Draught mares can be presented for selection at two years of age in autumn. Mares undergo a veterinary examination and are assessed on conformation and movement using linear profiling. Movement is assessed in-hand and loose in an arena. Owners can choose to have their mare's athleticism assessed through loose jumping for additional merits.

Irish Sport Horse mare inspections

Year	Inspected	Achieved Select Status	Did not achieve Select Status	Loose Jumped	Star Rating for Athleticism
Autumn 2015	23	17	6	13	2
Spring 2015	29	16	13	20	1
Autumn 2014	17	13	4	13	4
Spring 2014	19	16	3	13	1
Autumn 2013	90	63	27	58	15
Spring 2013	11	10	1	7	2
Autumn 2012	67	58	9	39	3
Spring 2012	78	60	18	44	5
Autumn 2011	96	75	21	35	5
Spring 2011	63	46	17	39	9

Total number of mares presented for Irish Sport Horse Studbook inspections

Year	Inspected	Select
2015	52	33
2014	36	29
2013	101	74
2012	145	118
2011	159	121



Irish Draught Horse Studbook mare inspections

Year	Inspected	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Grade Up Register	Did not achieve Grade Up	Loose Jumped	Bronze Merit for Jumping	Bronze Merit for Conformation/Movement
Autumn 2015	126	68	32	6	8	12	39	7	3
Spring 2015	58	37	20	0	1	0	27	8	1
Autumn 2014	99	57	33	5	1	3	24	3	4
Spring 2014	49	29	17	2	0	1	19	9	0
Autumn 2013	109	57	41	9	1	1	19	11	0
Spring 2013	47	28	13	4	1	1	19	10	1
Autumn 2012	132	62	58	6	3	3	29	20	3
Spring 2012	78	38	26	3	0	11	22	9	0
Autumn 2011	203	103	83	9	4	4	40	14	8
Spring 2011	62	26	25	8	1	2	23	8	0

Total number of mares presented for Irish Draught Horse Studbook inspections

Year	Inspected	Class 1
2015	184	105
2014	148	86
2013	156	85
2012	210	100
2011	265	129



Owen Horan, breeder of Sliabh Papillon Breaker (ISH), the Irish sport horse mare that achieved highest scores at inspection 2015, received his 2015 Breeders Award from Jim Beecher, chairman of the Breeding Sub Board, Horse Sport Ireland.



Horse Sport Ireland Stallion Inspections

A total of 34 stallions were presented for inspection during the Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) Stallion Inspections at Cavan Equestrian Centre on 25th and 26th March, 2015. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook saw 24 stallions presented, with 10 stallions presented for the Irish Draught Horse Studbook. The inspection process involves a veterinary examination (including X-rays) and assessment of conformation, movement and athleticism using linear profiling. Movement is assessed in-hand and loose in an arena. Athleticism is assessed through loose jumping and/or jumping under saddle. Irish Draught Horse stallions are also assessed on breed 'type'.

HSI Stallion Inspection Results 2015

Irish Sport Horse Studbook stallion inspections

Breed	Number of stallions inspected
Irish Sport Horse	13
Foreign Breed	7
Arab	1
Thoroughbred	1
Pony	2
Total	24

Total number of stallions inspected (ISH & ID)

Year	Inspected
2015	34
2014	25
2013	47
2012	54
2011	90

Irish Sport Horse Studbook – Stage 1

A total of 24 stallions underwent Stage 1 and the following sport horse stallions met Stage 1 and veterinary requirements:

Horse	Breed	YOB	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner
Adieu Z	ZANG	2011	Andiamo (NRPS)	Olandria (KWPN)	Quidam De Revel (SF)	Oldenaller Stoeteru, Belarus	Erika Leonard & Eleanor O'Dea
Carisma	SF	2012	Nabab De Reve (BWP)	For Life Hero (BWP)	For Pleasure (HANN)	M Claude Christian, France	Team Z7
Celtic Hero BZ	ZANG	2012	Calikot Hero (SBS)	Cricket Z (ZANG)	Caretano Z (HOLST)	Etter Sportpferde AG, Offaly	Etter Sportpferde AG
Kiltealy Ghareeb	ISH	2011	Ghareeb (TB)	Sky Polly (ISH)	Kildalton King (ID C1)	JJ Bowe, Wexford	JJ Bowe
Kingship Courcel	ISH	2011	Dow Jones Courcel (SF)	Porsch Lady (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Frances Horgan, Kildare	Frances Horgan
Mr Nelson B	ISH	2012	Radolin (KWPN)	Loriana II (SWWB)	Lombard (HOLST)	Etter Sportpferde AG, Offaly	Etter Sportpferde AG
Z7 Ascot	ISH	2011	Non Stop (BWP)	Tee (KWPN)	Voltaire (HANN)	Marion Hughes, Kilkenny	Team Z7





Irish Sport Horse Studbook – Approved

The following thoroughbred stallion met Stage 1 and veterinary requirements and is now classified as Approved:

Horse	Breed	YOB	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner
Island Commander	TB	2008	Giant's Causeway (TB)	Island Escape (TB)	Petionville (TB)	Everest Stables Inc, USA	Michael Murphy

The following stallions presented for linear profiling and met the veterinary requirements and are now classified as Approved:

Horse	Breed	YOB	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner
Hannibal Van Overis Z	ZANG	2005	Heartbreaker (KWPN)	Aira (BWP)	Perhaps VH Molenvondel (BWP)	G Lenaerts, Belgium	Martin Walsh
Kojak	KWPN	1992	Pit I (WESTF)	Roos (WESTF)	Rex Fritz (WESTF)	R Billie, Netherlands	Liam Lynskey
Snipe	ISH	2003	The Wren Boy (ISH)	Leskinfere Lady (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	John Walsh, Wexford	Andrew Dunne

The following pony stallion met Stage 1 and veterinary requirements and is now classified as Approved in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and the Irish Sport Pony Studbook. This is the first pony stallion to be approved in the Irish Sport Pony Studbook following selection:

Pony	Breed	YOB	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner
Hans	KWPN	2012	Kojak (KWPN)	Oprah (KWPN)	Holland (KWPN)	Stal Eursung, Netherlands	Liam Lynskey

Irish Draught Horse Studbook – Class 1

A total of 10 stallions underwent selection for Class 1 status and the following three met Class 1 and veterinary requirements:

Horse	YOB	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner
Cappa Aristocrat	2011	Star Kingdom (ID C1)	Bellview Golden Girl (RID)	Carrabawn View (ID C1)	Pascal Claffey, Galway	James Quinn
DS Ballagh Bouncer	2012	Moylough Bouncer (ID C1)	Mount Diamond Princess (RID)	Mount Diamond Flag (ID C1)	Brendan Duffy, Roscommon	Liam Lynskey
Gortfree Lakeside Lad	2012	Gortfree Hero (ID C1)	Springvale Rose (RID)	Ginger Dick (ID C1)	Sean Barker, Mayo	Sean Barker

CapallOir

Established in 2011, CapallOir is an online version of the Irish Horse Register, developed and maintained by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI). The database contains records for more than 420,000 horses, with pedigree dating back to before 1890.

A four-generation pedigree and progeny report can be displayed on screen with a facility to have either report emailed to the user as a PDF document. In cases where horses have competed under Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), British Eventing (BE), Showjumping Ireland (SJI), Eventing Ireland (EI), or Association of Irish Riding Clubs (AIRC) rules, there will be a link directly to that horse's results in the relevant database. Genetic diversity percentages are shown on CapallOir for Irish Draught stallions and mares in Ireland, Australia and Canada.

In 2015, CapallOir was accessed 3,969 times and had a total of 1,145 users. The total number of animals searched for on the database was 44,5096. The most searched for horse was the Irish sport horse stallion, Carrick Diamond Lad, followed by the legendary stallion, Cruising (ISH).

FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses – Lanaken

The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, take place annually in September in Lanaken, Belgium, where the world's best five, six and seven-year-old showjumpers compete. All horses must be registered in a WBFSH member studbook and each country is given a quota for the number of horses they can select to compete per age category. The 15 Irish sport horses selected to compete in 2015 are shown on the

next page with their results.

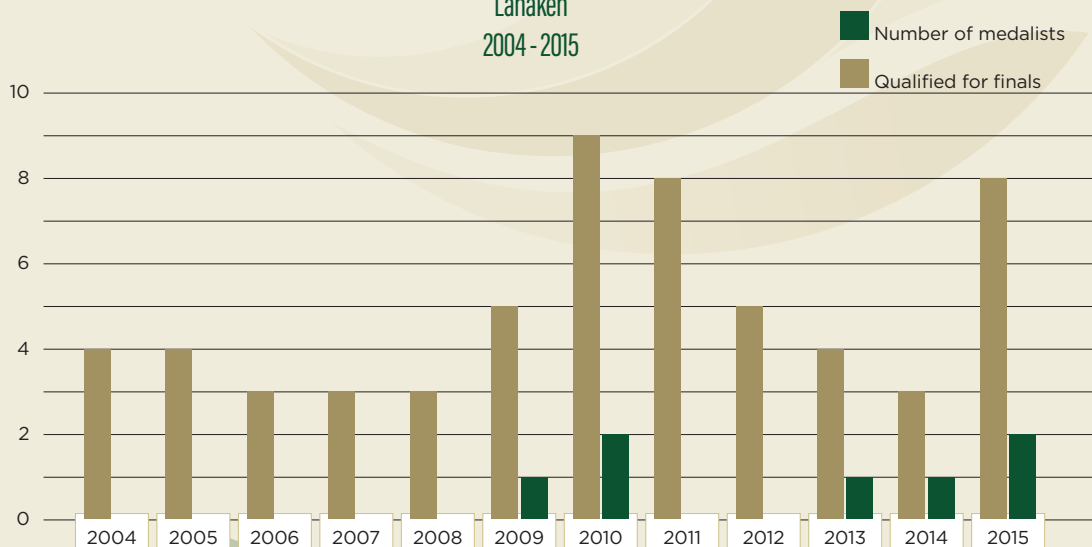
The Irish Chef d'Équipe was Comdt John Ledingham. Below is a graph showing the results from the Championships between 2004 and 2015. In 2015, MHS Washington (ISH) and Laura Renwick (GBR) claimed silver medal in the 7 Year Old World Championship, while Ireland's Eoin McMahon claimed bronze medal with Talks Cheap (ISH) in the same Championship final.



Left: MHS Washington (ISH) and Laura Renwick (GBR) win silver medal in the 7-Year-Old World Championship Final at the FEI WBFSH World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses 2015 at Lanaken, Belgium. Right: Talks Cheap (ISH) and Eoin McMahon (IRL) take bronze medal in the same World Championship.

Irish sport horse results in the FEI World Breeding Championships

Lanaken
2004 - 2015





Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider	Consolation class	Final
Five-Year-Old Irish Sport Horse Lanaken Entries 2015										
Cruiceraith Flexianna (ISH)	2010	M	Flexible (ISH)	Pannamarenca (KWPN)	Holland (KWPN)	Gerard Campbell, Kildare	USA Young Jumpers LLC	Eddie Moloney		22 nd
KMR Twilight (ISH)	2010	M	Vechta (KWPN)	Diamond Chin Jenkins (ISH)	Diamond Chin (ISH)	William Windrum, Monaghan	Cormac Rafferty	Cormac Rafferty	44 th	
MHS Attraction (ISH)	2010	M	Numero Uno (KWPN)	French Ballerina (ISH)	Diamant De Semilly (SF)	Michael Brennan, Kilkenny	Deirdre Bourns	Jenny Rankin	22 nd	
RVS Lui Fortunus (ISH)	2010	G	Luidam (KWPN)	Fortunus Lady (ISH)	Heritage Fortunus (HANN)	Dominic Vallely, Armagh	Noel Ryan	Gemma Phelan	49 th	
Castlefield Cass (ISH)	2010	S	Cassidee (SWB)	La Moette (ISH)	Puissance (ISH)	Jim O'Neill, Kilkenny	Paul O'Byrne & Jim O'Neill	Ger O'Neill	DNS	
Six-Year-Old Irish Sport Horse Lanaken Entries 2015										
Drumiller Houdini (ISH)	2009	M	Clinton (HOLST)	Never (ISH)	Ballinvella (TB)	Paul Dillon, Armagh	The Grove Group	Francis Connors		9 th
Alberta Mist (ISH)	2009	G	Womanizer (KWPN)	Lisa (WESTF)	Landino (HOLST)	Ronnie Kelly, Limerick	Caledonia Stables	Greg Broderick		38 th
Beech Hill Lucia (ISH)	2009	M	Luidam (KWPN)	Felice De Champeix (SF)	Not recorded	Alex Tracy, Dublin	Deirdre Bourns	Jenny Rankin	23 rd	
LCC Puss N Boots (ISH)	2009	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Spring Pride (WNTR)	Spring Elegance (WNTR)	Andrew Kirwan, Waterford	Linda Courtney	Paul Devlin	59 th	
Deep Pockets (ISH)	2009	G	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Simply Chic (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Charles Pidgeon, Westmeath	Jim Derwin	Jim Derwin	DNS	
Seven-Year-Old Irish Sport Horse Lanaken Entries 2015										
MHS Washington (ISH)	2008	M	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Mill Royale (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan, Kilkenny	Mr J & Mrs L Renwick	Laura Renwick		2 nd
Talks Cheap (ISH)	2008	M	Tinaranas Inspector (WESTF)	Dreaming (ISH)	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Ronnie Kelly, Limerick	Carl Hanley Sporthorses GmbH	Eoin McMahon		3 rd
KMR Benzini (ISH)	2008	G	Morgangold Major (ZWEI)	Benzini Belle (TB)	Colonel Godfrey (TB)	Carol A McLaughlin, Donegal	Aoife Rafferty	Cormac Rafferty	38 th	
Liberation (ISH)	2008	G	Guidam (SF)	Harvalier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	John Greene, Offaly	Frances O'Regan	Alan O'Regan	49 th	
CHS Inception (ISH)	2008	G	Clover Flush (ISH)	Bohemia (ISH)	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Ard Ri Properties, Cavan	Deirdre Bourns	Declan Egan	DNS	



Shannondale Rahona (ISH) with Capt. Geoff Curran competing in the inaugural Jumping in the City Series in 2015.



Members of the Garda Mounted Unit at the Equestrian Showcase Parade, Punchestown 2015.



SRS Adventure (ISH) and Sophie Richards (IRL) took the bronze medal at the Fédération Equestre Internationale World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses World Breeding Eventing Championships 2015 at Le Lion d'Angers, France.

FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses – Le Lion d'Angers

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses take place annually at Le Lion d'Angers, France.

These championships consist of two competitions, a CCI 1* for six-year-olds and a CCI 2* for seven-year-olds. The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) competition forms part of this prestigious event, with the winning studbook awarded the World Breeding Trophy for Young Horses. In total,

104 horses are selected by their countries. In 2015, of the 104 horses selected to compete, 23 were Irish Sport Horses. Eight of these represented Ireland and 15 represented other countries including Australia, Finland, Great Britain, Italy and New Zealand. Ireland's Sophie Richards and SRS Adventure (ISH) won bronze medal in the six-year-old World Championship 2015, while the Irish Sport Horse Studbook took the Overall World Championship title.



Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider	Place
Six-Year-Old CCI 1* ISHs									
SRS Adventure (ISH)	2009	G	Newmarket Venture (HANN)	Newmarket Dato Two (ISH)	Aldato (KWPN)	Billy Daly, Cork	Steven Smith & Sophie Richards	Sophie Richards (IRL)	3 rd
Chance Encounter (ISH)	2009	G	Creevagh Grey Rebel (ID)	Camedia (TB)	Lord Americo (TB)	Robin, Johnston, Down	Richard Ames	Caroline Powell (NZL)	8 th
Ard Cluedo (ISH)	2009	G	Luidam (KWPN)	Cloverhill Girl (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID)	Richard & Heather Wright, Meath	Caroline Bjoerk	Melanie Young (IRL)	9 th
Jump Jet (ISH)	2009	G	Captain Clover (ISH)	Kilmullen Cruisallier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Gerard Jennings, Sligo	Tom March	Piggy French (GBR)	13 th
BGS Class Affair (ISH)	2009	G	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Rubys Rosshaven Flight (ISH)	Laughton's Flight (ISH)	Maurice O'Brien, Kilkenny	Patrick Byrne	Maria Byrne (IRL)	16 th
Shearwater Sportsfield (ISH)	2009	G	Chillout (ISH)	Carravilla Girl (UNK)	Not recorded	Fiona Sheridan, Mayo	Shearwater Insurance	Oliver Townend (GBR)	18 th
Daenerys (ISH)	2009	M	Limmerick (HOLST)	Skreenmor Dark Stranger (ISH)	Big Sink Hope (TB)	Jim Tempany, Sligo	Heli Nannimainen	Heli Nannimainen (FIN)	22 nd
Seven-Year-Old CCI 2* ISHs									
Cooley Lands (ISH)	2008	G	Cavalier Land (ISH)	Clover Light Girl (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID)	Peter Rice, Monaghan	Kate Walls	Christopher Burton (AUS)	4 th
Fernhill Tabasco (ISH)	2008	G	Tabasco Van Erpekom (BWP)	Dinin Rhoda (ISH)	Porter Rhodes (TB)	John Nulty, Kilkenny	Kevin McNab, Dom & Poppy Worcester, Julia & Jamie Dougall	Emma Dougall (AUS)	5 th
Morswood (ISH)	2008	G	Ricardo Z (ZANG)	Princess In Arms (ISH)	Present Arms (TB)	John Doherty, Louth	Susie Wood	Piggy French (GBR)	12 th
Cooley Again (ISH)	2008	G	Ramiro B (BWP)	Lady Ger (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Gerard Gannon, Roscommon	Maggie Sargent	Laura Collett (GBR)	16 th
Dam Easy (ISH)	2008	G	Luidam (KWPN)	Domino Royale (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Patrick Kennedy, Wicklow	Heidi Hamilton	Heidi Hamilton (IRL)	18 th
Castlerichmond SRS (ISH)	2008	G	French Buffet (TB)	Heffo Nono De Reves (ISH)	Hermes De Reve (SF)	Barry Heffernan, Mayo	Galateri Di Genola Alessia	Roberto Rotatori (ITA)	19 th
Santiago Bay (ISH)	2008	M	Ars Vivendi (HOLST)	Zantus (ISH)	Aldatus Z (OLD)	Thomas Merrigan, Wicklow	Caroline Teitsch	Gemma Tattersall (GBR)	21 st
Pride of Tredstep (ISH)	2008	M	Lord Noble (TB)	Felicitys Pride (ISH)	Not recorded	Geraldine Berney, Wexford	Aidan Keogh	Aidan Keogh (IRL)	27 th
Skyfall Echo (ISH)	2008	M	Clover Echo (ISH)	Nagem (ISH)	Not recorded	Ross Crawford, Antrim	Geraldine Houston	Alex Houston (IRL)	30 th
BT Cloud Nine (ISH)	2008	G	Golden Master (TB)	Slyguff Amber (ISH)	Maltstriker (KWPN)	Barbara Hutton, Carlow	Bridget Speirs	Camilla Speirs (IRL)	34 th
Cuffesgrange Ars Royale (ISH)	2008	G	Ars Vivendi (HOLST)	Noble Cavalier (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (ISH)	Marion Hughes, Kilkenny	Mr & Mrs Philip Jenkins	Jonty Evans (IRL)	38 th
Tullaher Sunrise (ISH)	2008	G	Shannondale Sarco St Ghyvan (BWP)	Ashlea Promise (ISH)	Flagmount King (ID)	Charles Killeen, Clare	Penelope Ecroyd	Sam Ecroyd (GBR)	42 nd
Croisiere (ISH)	2008	G	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Tisara (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Clement Stapleton, Tipperary	Nicki Lay	Ben Way (GBR)	RET
The Soapdodger (ISH)	2008	G	Camiro Dr Haar Z (ZANG)	Cruising Pearl (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Seamus Doyle, Cavan	Catherine Witt	William Fox-Pitt (GBR)	WD
Ridire Dorcha (ISH)	2008	G	Limmerick (HOLST)	Skreenmor Dark Stranger (ISH)	Big Sink Hope (TB)	Jim Tempany, Sligo	Oliver Townend & Karyn Shuter	Oliver Townend (GBR)	WD
Reinstated (ISH)	2008	G	Loughhoe Guy (ISH)	Bahrain Miss (ISH)	Furisto (HANN)	James McEvoy, Down	Teresa Stopford Sackville & Catherine Butler	William Fox-Pitt (GBR)	EL



Cambalda (ISH), ridden by Jennie Brannigan (USA), was the highest ranked Irish Sport Horse in the 2015 World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses eventing rankings.

World Breeding for Sport Horses eventing rankings

2015 WBFSH Studbook Eventing Rankings 1st October 2014 - 30th September, 2015

1ST IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK - TOTAL POINTS 1,308

WBFSH Position	Horse	Points	YOB	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder
9 th	Cambalda (ISH)	259	2002	Balda Beau (WNTR)	Cathys Lady (ISH)	Diamond Serpent (ISH)	John Irish, Kilkenny
14 th	Cooley SRS (ISH)	224	2007	Ramiro B (BWP)	Ballynattin Pride (ISH)	Kiltealy Spring (ISH)	John Fitzhenry, Wexford
15 th	Loughan Glen (ISH)	223	2003	Limmerick (HOLST)	Tattymacall Mustard (ISH)	Cut The Mustard (TB)	Daragh Geraghty, Galway
17 th	Master Frisky (ISH)	221	2004	Master Imp (TB)	Frisky Legs (ISH)	Coopers Hill (ID)	Sean Power, Kilkenny
27 th	Ringwood Sky Boy (ISH)	194	2003	Courage II (HOLST)	Sky Lassie (ISH)	Sky Boy (TB)	Myles Mahon, Wexford
30 th	One Two Many (ISH)	187	2002	Chacoa (HOLST)	Cul Na Breathar (ISH)	Colin Diamond (ISH)	John O'Brien, Limerick

2015 WBFSH Studbook Eventing rankings - Top 10 studbooks 1st October 2014 to 30th September 2015

WBFSH Position	WBFSH Studbook	Total WBFSH Points
1 st	Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH)	1,308
2 nd	Hannoveraner Verband (HANN)	1,167
3 rd	Verband der Zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (OLDBG)	1,144
4 th	Verband der Zuchter des Holsteiner Pferdes (HOLST)	1,136
5 th	Koninklijk Warmbloed Paardenstamboek Nederland (KWPN)	1,046
6 th	Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (SHBGB)	991
7 th	Studbook Francais du Cheval Selle Francais (ANSF) (SF)	970
8 th	Anglo European Studbook (AES)	940
9 th	Verband der Zuchter und Feunde des Ostpreussischen Warmblutpferdes Trakehner Abstammung (TRAK)	834
10 th	Pferdezuchtverband Baden-Wurttemberg (BAD-WU)	758



Castlefield Eclipse (ISH), ridden by Paul Estermann (SUI), was the highest ranked Irish Sport Horse in the 2015 World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses showjumping rankings.

2015 WBFSH Studbook Showjumping Rankings 1st October 2014 - 30th September, 2015

13TH IRISH SPORT HORSE STUDBOOK - TOTAL POINTS 3,826

WBFSH Position	Horse	Points	YOB	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder
71 st	Castlefield Eclipse (ISH)	843	2002	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Furisto Clover Hill (ISH)	Furisto (HANN)	Pat Nihill, Clare
94 th	Flexible (ISH)	780	1996	Cruising (ISH)	Flex (ISH)	Safari (TB)	Catherine Doyle, Kildare
129 th	Loughview Lou-Lou (ISH)	685	2002	Limmerick (HOLST)	Loughview Diamond Lucy (ISH)	Jack Of Diamonds (ID)	Judith Sossick, Antrim
143 rd	MHS Going Global (ISH)	643	2006	Quidam Junior I (KWPN)	Gowran Lady (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan, Kilkenny
293 rd	Dougie Douglas (ISH)	455	2005	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Neills Girl (ISH)	High Roller (ISH)	John O'Brien, Limerick
340 th	Mark Q (ISH)	420	2002	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Abbey Emerald (ISH)	Positively (TB)	John & Barbara Walshe, Carlow

2015 WBFSH Studbook Showjumping rankings - Top 10 studbooks 1st October 2014 - 30th September, 2015

WBFSH Position	WBFSH Studbook	Total WBFSH Points
1 st	Verband der Zuchter des Holsteiner Pferdes (HOLST)	8,181
2 nd	Koninklijk Warmbloed Paardenstamboek Nederland (KWPN)	7,824
3 rd	Studbook sBs, le cheval de Sport Belge (SBS)	7,096
4 th	Studbook Francais du Cheval Selle Francais (ANSF) (SF)	7,074
5 th	Belgisch Warmbloedpaard (BWP)	7,038
6 th	Anglo European Studbook (AES)	6,651
7 th	Hannoveraner Verband (HANN)	5,854
8 th	Westfalisches Pferdestammbuch (WESTF)	5,663
9 th	Verband der Zuchter des Oldenburger Pferdes (OLDBG)	5,240
10 th	Studbook Zangersheide (ZANG)	5,000
13 th	Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH)	3,826

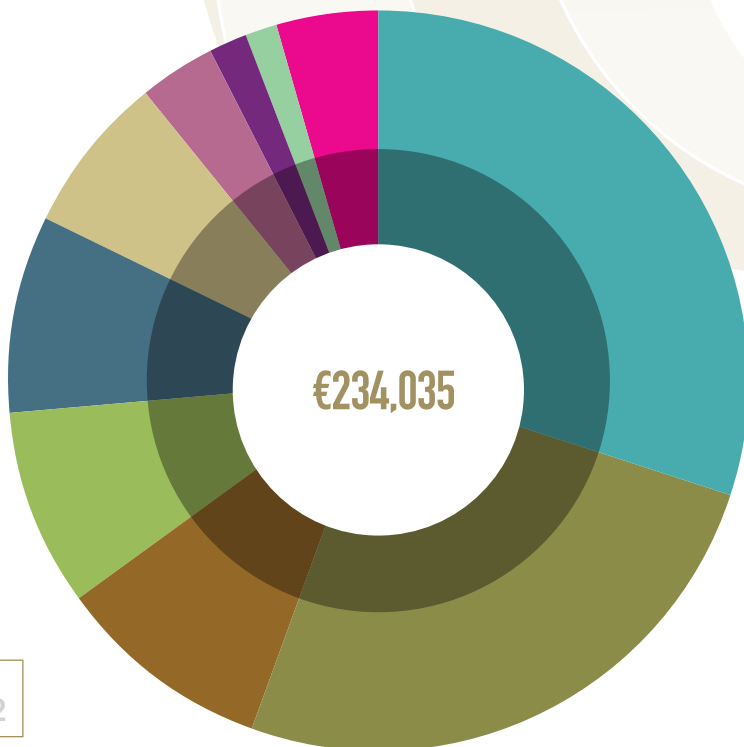


Silver Spurs Finals 2015		
Place	Rider	Horse/Pony
U12s		
1 st	Killian Murphy	Cullintra Gold
2 nd	Bronte Collins	Reduster Martin
3 rd	Ellen Creed	Miss Delilah
Ponies		
1 st	Tara Hayes	Bantiss Holy Joe
2 nd	Victoria Campbell	Dennis The Menace
3 rd	Kate Lenihan	Sheeba's Boy
Juniors		
1 st	Kevin Acres	Little Miss Daydream (ISH)
2 nd	Lynn Clarke-Hearty	Homegrown Lexi (ISH)
3 rd	Roisin Winters	Rhos Royal Velvet
U25s		
1 st	Shannon Cussen	Varthago Van't Kiezelhof
2 nd	Linda Murphy	Annestown Emperor (ISH)
3 rd	Heather Murray-Good	Marfield Fallon (ISH)



Silver Spurs 2015

The Silver Spurs scheme, sponsored by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) and organised by Dressage Ireland, aims to identify and develop talented young riders and encourage their progress by awarding training bursaries, giving direction and advice and providing a pathway for skills development in their chosen equestrian discipline. The table opposite shows the 2015 Silver Spurs Finals winners.



HSI Breeding Sub Board Financial Supports 2015	
ISH SJ Series	€70,009
RDS	€60,000
ISH Eventing Series	€22,147
Tattersalls	€20,000
Irish Farriery Authority	€20,000
ISA Series	€16,200
CPBS	€8,000
Silver Spurs	€4,000
Breeders Classic	€3,000
Other	€10,679
Total	€234,035



Damian McDonald, Horse Sport Ireland chief executive, and Roger Casey, Tattersalls Ireland managing director, at Tattersalls International Horse Trial in Ratoath, Co. Meath.

Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show at the RDS

The Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show is Ireland's biggest equestrian event and takes place at the RDS in August each year. The show is attended by approximately 100,000 visitors over its five-day duration and includes five-star international showjumping, the centrepiece of which is the Aga Khan Nations Cup. In addition, a huge amount of other international and national showjumping classes take place, as well as showing, eventing and pony classes. Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) supports the three-year-old loose jumping competition and the four-, five- and six-year-old national showjumping championship classes.

Tattersalls International Horse Trials, in association with Horse Sport Ireland

Tattersalls International Horse Trials, in association with HSI, are held annually at the Tattersalls sales complex in Ratoath, Co. Meath. Attended by more than 20,000 people, the event features a number of classes at international and national level, and attracts top riders from all over the world to compete. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook is the leading studbook for eventing horses in the world and the HSI Breeding Sub Board considers it strategically important for Ireland to have a flagship eventing competition in the country.

Badminton International Horse Trials

Badminton International Horse Trials is one of only six four-star events held in the world each year. Badminton takes place in May and is considered to be the world's premier three-day event. It attracts the elite of eventing competitors – both horses and riders. HSI supports Badminton in the form of promotion of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook – the world's leading studbook for eventing horses.

Irish Breeders Classic

The Irish Breeders Classic, which was initiated in 2012, is a showjumping competition for five- and six-year-old Irish-born horses with a total prize fund of €50,000, making this competition the one with the richest prize fund in the world for young horses. Five per cent of the overall prize fund goes directly to breeders, with breeders' prizes of €3,000 being provided by HSI. The prize fund is generated by voluntary contributions from organisations and individuals with the Irish sport horse industry, including HSI.

Connemara Pony Show

The Connemara Pony Breeders Society (CPBS) hosts the Connemara Pony Show, as part of the Connemara Pony Festival, in August each year at the showgrounds in Clifden, Co. Galway. HSI provides financial support to the show each year. The show includes loose jumping, in-hand classes, ridden classes and working hunter classes.

Irish Farriery Authority

The Irish Farriery Authority is the umbrella body for farriery in Ireland. It is responsible for providing farriery training in Ireland and maintaining a database of practising farriers. HSI provides annual funding towards the organisation's activities.



Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series 2015

The Irish Sport Horse (ISH) Studbook Showjumping Series celebrated its 10th year in existence in 2015. Eight legs were held between April and August. The Studbook Showjumping Series 2015 was open to horses with the breed codes ISH, RID or ID that were registered in the IHR (Irish Horse Register) and with sire and dam documented on their passport. Weatherbys thoroughbred mares and stallions which had met the IHR inspection criteria were also eligible to compete, as well as any stallion which had commenced the HSI stallion inspection procedure and been awarded 'Preliminary Approved' classification.

Below are the final league standings in the five-year-old, six-year-old and seven-year-old classes, including breeding details for each animal.

Drumiller Houdini (ISH) and Francis Connors, winners of the Six-Year-Old Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series League 2015.



Irish Sport Horse Studbook Showjumping Series 2015 League Standings

Horse	Sex	Rider	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Points
Five-Year-Olds								
MHS Attraction (ISH)	M	David Moran	Número Uno (KWPN)	French Ballerina (ISH)	Diamant De Semilly (SF)	Michael Brennan, Kilkenny	Tim Brennan	22
KMR Twilight (ISH)	M	Cormac Rafferty	Vechta (KWPN)	Diamond Chin Jenkins (ISH)	Diamond Chin (ISH)	William Windrum, Monaghan	Cormac Rafferty	17
Lissyegan Geoffrey (ISH)	G	Damien Griffin	Hermes De Reve (SF)	Woodbank Shiraz (ISH)	Captain Clover (ISH)	Geoffrey Hall, Longford	Damien Griffin	17
RVS Lui Fortunus (ISH)	G	Gemma Phelan	Luidam (KWPN)	Fortunus Lady (ISH)	Heritage Fortunus (HANN)	Dominic Vallely, Armagh	Noel Ryan	17
Six-Year-Olds								
Drumiller Houdini (ISH)	M	Francis Connors	Clinton (HOLST)	Never (ISH)	Ballinvella (TB)	Paul Dillon, Armagh	The Grove Group	20
Deep Pockets (ISH)	G	Jim Derwin	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Simply Chic (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Charles Pidgeon, Westmeath	Jim Derwin	15
Hill Top Beach (ISH)	G	Yvonne Whiteside	Beach Ball (ISH)	Hill Top Porsch (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Trevor McCabe, Down	Elaine Whiteside	15
LCC Puss N Boots (ISH)	G	Paul Devlin	Lux Z (HANN)	Spring Pride (WNTR)	Spring Elegance (WNTR)	Andrew Kirwan, Waterford	Linda Courtney	15
Seven-Year-Olds								
KMR Benzini (ISH)	G	Cormac Rafferty	Morgangold Major (ZWEI)	Benzini Belle (TB)	Colonel Godfrey (TB)	Carol A McLaughlin, Donegal	Aoife Rafferty	32
Aldaluck (ISH)	G	Clem McMahon	Aldato (KWPN)	My Mystic River (UNK)	Rassan Boy (ISH)	RP Kelly, Tyrone	Charlotte Gibson	25
Lissyegan Lui Royale (ISH)	M	Damien Griffin	Luidam (KWPN)	Lissyegan Clover Royale (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Margaret Griffin, Galway	Margaret Griffin	25



Business Class (ISH) and Brianne Stanley, winners of the Five-Year-Old Irish Sport Horse Studbook Eventing Series League, 2015.

Irish Sport Horse Studbook Eventing Series 2015

The Irish Sport Horse (ISH) Studbook Eventing Series 2015 took place at five venues between June and September. The four-year-olds competed at four venues and the five- and six-year-olds at all five venues. The series was open to all horses registered in the Irish Horse Register (IHR) with the breed codes ISH or ID and with sire and dam recorded on their passport. Weatherbys thoroughbred mares and stallions which had met the IHR inspection criteria were also eligible to compete, as well as any stallion which had commenced the HSI stallion inspection procedure and been awarded 'Preliminary Approved' classification.

Below are the overall league winners, including breeding details for each animal.

Irish Sport Horse Studbook Eventing Series 2015 League Standings								
Horse	Sex	Rider	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Points
Four-Year-Olds								
Willows Peeping Pocket (ISH)	G	Daisy Duggan	Chacoa (HOLST)	Curraghchase Lady (ISH)	Easy Lift (TB)	Anthony Cregan, Limerick	Daisy Duggan	28
Barnahown Corn Hill (ISH)	G	Ian Hannon	Chinook Eclipse (TB)	Mats Lady (UNK)	Not recorded	Michael Lynch, Cork		18
Barnadarrig Boy (ISH)	G	David Maher	Shannondale Sarco St Ghyvan (BWP)	Mark Clover (ISH)	Mark Twain (TB)	William Kirwan, Laois	William Kirwan	14
Five-Year-Olds								
Business Class (ISH)	G	Brianne Stanley	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Moxella (OLD)	Quick Star (SF)	Don Hadden, Wicklow	Brianne Stanley	22
Fernhill Exchange (ISH)	G	Fraser Duffy	Shannondale Sarco St Ghyvan (BWP)	Tessie Rossa (ISH)	Beau Royale (TB)	Patricia Hassett McMahon, Clare	Deirdre Lanigan	20
LEB Lias Jewel (ISH)	M	Camilla Speirs	Limmerick (HOLST)	LEB Liath (ISH)	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Jo Breheny, Waterford	Jo Breheny	18
Six-Year-Olds								
Cushlas Skyimp (ISH)	M	Emma Jackson	Master Imp (TB)	Sky Blue Rose (ISH)	Sky Boy (TB)	William Donegan, Carlow	Emma Jackson	26
Loughnavatta Cedar (ISH)	G	Camilla Speirs	Luidam (KWPN)	Ballydoolagh Aimee Sunrise (ISH)	Aldato (KWPN)	Rory Costigan, Tipperary	Rory Costigan	17
Summer At Fernhill (ISH)	G	Fraser Duffy	Summer At Saratoga (TB)	Sea Condios Cavalier (ISH)	Condios (HOLST)	James & John Meade, Clare	Carol Gee	16



HSI All-Ireland Showing Championship Series in association with the Irish Shows Association

The Irish Shows Association (ISA) runs a number of Showing All-Irelands each year around the country. Qualifiers for these finals take place nationwide. HSI supports a number of these championships and these finals make up the All-Ireland Showing Championship Series. Below are the results from the 2015 Series.



Margaret Walsh, breeder of Killeany Mystic (ISH), the top Irish sport horse showing mare 2015, receives her 2015 Breeders Award from Jim Beecher, chairman of Horse Sport Ireland's (HSI) Breeding Sub Board.



Raymond Sloyan, breeder of Elm View (RID), the top Irish draught showing mare 2015, receives his 2015 Breeders Award from Jim Beecher, chairman of Horse Sport Ireland's (HSI) Breeding Sub Board.

HSI All-Ireland Showing Championship Series 2015 Winners

All-Ireland Championship	Venue	Winning Horse	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Foal
Broodmare Championship	Charleville	PJs Dream (ISH)	Lux Z (HANN)	PJs Hope (ISH)	Big Sink Hope (TB)	PJ Lehane, Cork	PJ Lehane	Munther (TB)
Three-Year-Old Horse	Bannow & Rathangan	Notalot (ISH)	Lancelot (KWPN)	Clooneen Cavalier Countessa (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	James Thomas Wallace, Clare	Rebecca Monahan	N/A
Yearling Filly	Kildysart	Unnamed (ISH)	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Mythical Cruise (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Kevin Barry, Clare	Sheila Barry	N/A
Two-Year-Old Filly	Kildysart	Kief Queen B (ISH)	Munther (TB)	Madame Noir (ISH)	Kings Master (ISH)	Kieran Fahey, Cork	D Gordon	N/A
Irish Draught Yearling Filly	Roscommon	I Dream Of Ruby (ID)	Inisfree The Holy Grail (ID)	Tiffanys Dream (RID)	Clonleigh Dancer (ID)	Kathleen Gielty-Cunney, Mayo	Kathleen Gielty-Cunney	N/A
Leitrim Irish Draught	Mohill	Kilmovee White Carnation (RID)	Carrabawn View (ID)	Knockatoher Lass (RID)	Knave Of Hearts (ID)	James Duffy, Mayo	Seamus Duffy	Harkaway Lionhawk (ID)
Irish Draught Two-Year-Old Filly	Limerick	Clew Bay Countess (ID)	Clew Bay Bouncer (ID)	Ballintaff Lady (RID)	Grosvenor Lad (ID)	Thomas Burke, Mayo	Seamus Sloyan	N/A
Filly Foal	Moate	Parkmore La Vie (ISH)(TIH)	Robin De La Maison (TB)	Parkmore Evita (ISH)	Ghareeb (TB)	Patrick Wafer, Wicklow	Patrick Wafer	N/A
Traditional Foal	Mountbellew	Ballyvoureen Emperor (ISH)(TIH)	Emperor Augustus (TB)	Ballyvoureen Diamond (ISH)	Cougar (ISH)	Padraig Gleeson, Limerick	Padraig Gleeson	N/A
Irish Draught Stallion	Clonaslee	Cappa Cassanova (ID)	Welcome Flagmount (ID)	Headfort Beauty (RID)	Kildalton Gold (ID)	James Quinn, Galway	James Quinn	N/A
Irish Draught Filly Foal	Ballinasloe	Cherie Bouncer (ID)	Moylough Bouncer (ID)	Liath Venus (ID)	Carrickrock Close Shave (ID)	John Fitzgerald, Carlow	Joan Fitzgerald	N/A
Irish Draught Colt Foal	Ballinasloe	Kilmovee Lionhawk (ID)	Harkaway Lionhawk (ID)	Kilmovee White Carnation (RID)	Carrabawn View (ID)	James Duffy, Mayo	Seamus Duffy	N/A



Connemara Pony Breeders Society at the Equestrian Showcase Parade, Punchestown 2015.



Notalot (ISH) and Rebecca Monaghan were the winners of the three-year-old Championship at Bannow & Rathangan in 2015, part of the HSI Showing Championship Series.



Jim Beecher, Chairman of HSI's Breeding Sub-Board, with the late Ita Brennan, breeder of MHS Going Global (ISH).



Back row: Brendan Doyle, on behalf of Marion Hughes; Raymond Sloyan; Barry Kehoe; Gerard Leahy; Kenneth Bell; Owen Horan; and Billy Daly. Front row: Marily Power; Susan Lanigan-O'Keefe; Ita Brennan; Wendy Bell; Margaret Walsh; Liz Brown, on behalf of William McCarrison; and Alice Keogh.

Horse Sport Ireland Breeders Awards 2015

The annual Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) Breeders Awards recognise the achievements of Irish Sport Horse (ISH) and Irish Draught Horse (IDH) breeders who have produced outstanding results during the year. The 2015 Breeders Awards were held in the Hotel Kilmore, Co. Cavan, in November, where 11 awards were presented to recipients by HSI Breeding Sub Board chairman, Jim Beecher.

2015 HSI Breeders Awards recipients:

ISH that contributed most to the Irish Showjumping Team in 2015

MHS Going Global (ISH), bred by Ita and Tom Brennan, Co. Kilkenny.

ISHs that contributed to the success of the Irish Nations Cup Eventing Team who won at Boekelo, 2015

Rioghan Rua (ISH), bred by Margaret Kinsella, Co. Galway.
Westwinds Hercules (ISH), bred by Alice Keogh, Co. Wexford.
Cooley Rorkes Drift (ISH), bred by William McCarrison, Co. Down.

ISH medal winners at FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken, 2015

MHS Washington (ISH), bred by Ita Brennan, Co. Kilkenny.
Talks Cheap (ISH), bred by Ronnie Kelly, Co. Limerick.

Highest placed ISH at FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses, Le Lion d'Angers, 2015

SRS Adventure (ISH), bred by Billy Daly, Co. Cork.

Breeder of top ISH Showing Mare 2015

Kilkeany Mystic (ISH), bred by Margaret Walsh, Co. Tipperary.

Breeder of top IDH Showing Mare 2015

Elm View (RID), bred by Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo.

ISH mare that achieved highest scores at inspection 2015

Sliabh Papillon Breaker (ISH), bred by Owen Horan, Co. Galway.

IDH mare that achieved highest scores at inspection 2015

Castleview Farmers Lady (ID), bred by Kenneth and Wendy Bell, Co. Derry.

Medal winner at the Pony European Eventing Championships

Millridge Buachaill Bui (ISH), bred by Gerard D Leahy, Co. Kildare.

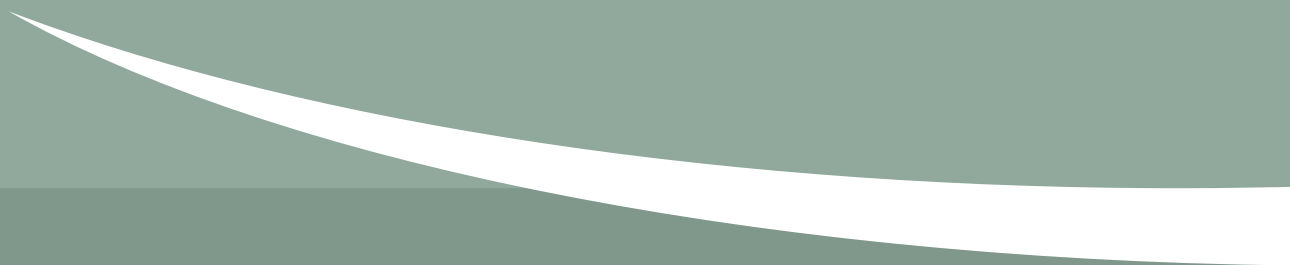
Special award for breeding successful ISH mares

Marion Hughes, Co. Kilkenny.

Outstanding Contribution Award to ISH Breeding

Marily Power and Susan Lanigan O'Keefe, Suma Stud, Co. Kilkenny.

International Marketing





International Marketing Division

In April 2015, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) announced the appointment of Elaine Hatton as international marketing director, heading up the new International Marketing Division within HSI. The creation of this new department was recommended in the industry strategic plan, *Reaching New Heights*, and funded from an additional allocation made to HSI by the then Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, in the 2015 Budget.

Speaking at the announcement, HSI chief executive, Damian McDonald, said: "There is a global market for horses and ponies for all levels of riders and we need to connect our breeders and producers with buyers in a range of markets. Elaine's experience in Irish thoroughbred marketing, which does outstanding work in marketing to the thoroughbred sector abroad, will be a huge asset as we start out on the journey of establishing an International Marketing Division for the sport horse sector. The Irish sport horse sector is worth over €700m to the Irish economy and we believe we can grow the sector further by driving export growth in the coming years."



Elaine Hatton,
international
marketing director,
Horse Sport Ireland.

The International Marketing Division, through the Irish Horse Gateway (IHG), promotes Irish horses and ponies, liaises with prospective international clients and oversees the Inward Buyer Programme. In addition, the division manages Team Ireland Equestrian sponsorship and promotional activities, as well as overseeing the press and public relations wing of HSI.



Irish Horse Gateway
Connecting the World to the Irish Horse

Irish Horse Gateway

Established in 2013 by HSI, the Irish Horse Gateway (IHG) was initiated to connect the world to the Irish horse. It is the first point of contact for overseas clients seeking information on Irish horses and ponies for equestrian sport and leisure. In 2015, under the banner of the IHG, the International Marketing Division of HSI had a presence at all domestic and select international sales auctions, to ensure that the IHG message is being communicated and international buyers

are aware of the services being offered. Feedback was sought about international buyers' experiences of purchasing animals at Irish sales. In addition to sales, the IHG also had a visible presence at international events held in Ireland in 2015. RDS Dublin Horse Show, Millstreet International, Camphire International, Ballindenisk International and Clifden Pony Show were some of the events that were sponsored by or attended in order to meet visiting international riders and owners.

Record-breaking year for Goresbridge Go For Gold & Supreme Sale of Showjumpers

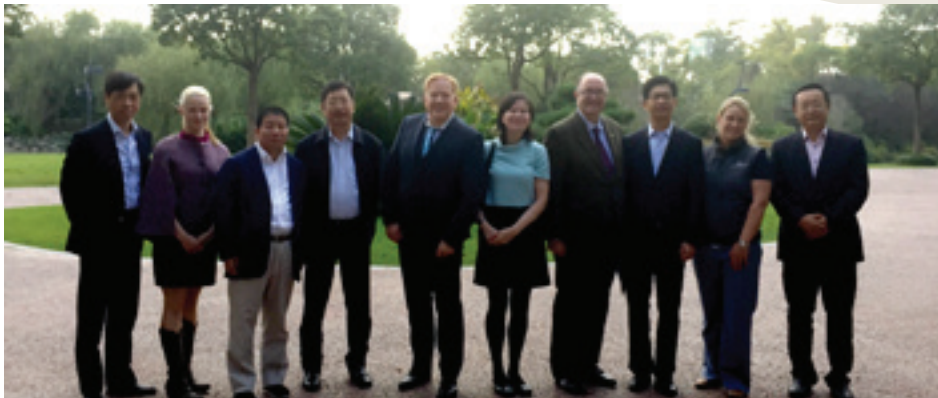
The Goresbridge Go For Gold and Supreme Sale of Showjumpers sales took place in November 2015. The latter sale saw the Irish sport horse, Dougie Douglas, set a new Irish record for public auction by selling for €1.4 million. The Nations Cup showjumper, competed by Holly Gillott and jointly owned by the rider and Graham Smith, has represented Great Britain in a number of Nations Cups. The 10-year-old chestnut gelding, by Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN) out of the High Roller (ISH) dam Neills Girl (ISH), was purchased by Irish agent, Barry O'Connor, for USA's Katie Dinan.

Alexander Butler and Neal Fearon's seven-year-old prospect, Dekato, was sold for €250,000 to Michael Drea of Great Britain as a mount for his daughter, showjumper Jessie Drea. The 11-year-old Irish sport horse, Javas Wild Child, was also purchased by Michael Drea for €80,000. The last lot of the auction was another first for Ireland, where an embryo out of the 2014 Goresbridge sales graduate, Ard Ginger Pop, was purchased for €50,000 by Barry O'Connor on behalf of a European client.

The 2015 Go For Gold sale recorded the highest-ever clearance rate recorded at Goresbridge public auction, with a rate in excess of 85 per cent clearance. The 10-year-old Irish sport horse mare, Gorsehill Pearl was purchased for €85,000 by Irish Olympian, Joseph Murphy. The Go For Gold sale



Dougie Douglas (ISH) and Holly Gillott (GBR) were part of the winning Nations Cup team at Odense in 2014. Dougie Douglas set a new Irish record for public auction at Goresbridge in 2015.



The China Horse Fair was the first stop on the tour, followed by a visit to Shanghai and the Chongming East Beach Equestrian Centre.

generated sales of over €1 million throughout the auction. The two sales auctions attracted buyers from the UK, America, Europe and beyond and highlighted the standard of sport horse production in Ireland. Combined, the sales generated approximately €3.2 million for Irish breeders and producers.

Advertising

The UK is and will continue to be a critical market for Irish horses and in 2015, an advertising deal was brokered with the UK's most popular equestrian magazine *Horse and Hound*. The advertising campaign was set up to advertise the IHG, Irish sales dates, and to publicise the success of Irish horses in international competition.

International sponsorship

In September 2015, HSI, under the IHG brand, was official partner at the Longines FEI European Eventing Championships, held at Blair Castle. The IHG sponsored the International Supporters Pavilion, had a dedicated televised fence on the cross-country course and a branded fence in the showjumping ring. An IHG trade stand was also in operation at the event to publicise the services on offer from the IHG and to promote the Irish Sport Horse Studbook as the world's leading studbook for eventing horses.

Staying in the UK but moving to the disciplines of showing and showjumping, the IHG was sponsor at the prestigious

Horse of the Year Show (HOYS) in Birmingham in October, 2015. This show attracts in excess of 60,000 visitors annually and more than 80 per cent of those are horse owners. Highlighting the favourable message of buying in euro to the English buyer was a key selling point at this show, in addition to increasing awareness of the IHG brand.

Trade missions

In November 2015, the IHG travelled to Asia to attend trade fairs in China and Korea. The China Horse Fair was the first stop on the tour, followed by a visit to Shanghai, where the Chongming East Beach Equestrian Centre was built in March 2016. Following on from this, the IHG was represented at the Korea Equine Industrial Association Symposium. Asia is a new emerging market in the field of equestrianism and it is hoped the IHG can be involved in supplying goods, services and livestock to this developing market.

IHG Brand

In 2015, there was a strong focus on the IHG brand and website services, aiming to connect both national and international buyers with registered horse breeders and producers. The IHG website attracted, on average, more than 8,000 users per month. Internationally, it was the most visited by users in the UK, followed by the US and then Sweden. There were 270 active sellers registered with the IHG.



Elaine Hatton, director of International Marketing, Horse Sport Ireland presents Britain's Michael Whitaker with his trophy after winning the Irish Horse Gateway international class at the Horse of the Year Show in Birmingham.



The Irish Horse Gateway trailer



Gorsehill Pearl (ISH), pictured here with Luke Drea, sold for €85,000 at the 2015 Go For Gold sale.



Comdt John Ledingham received his Coach of the Year award from Paudie O'Neill and Prof. Pat Wall.

General Activities





HSI Coaching Programme

Course	Level	Dressage	Showjumping	Eventing
Introduction to Coaching	Training	Preliminary	1 metre	N/A
Level 1	Apprentice	Novice	1.10m	Novice
Level 2	Coach	Elementary	1.20m	1* - 2*
Level 3	National	Prix St George	1.40m	CCI 2* - CCI 3*
Level 4	International	Grand Prix	1.60m	CCI 4*

The Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) Coaching Programme is designed to provide candidates with a pathway to a career as a successful competition coach. HSI coaching courses are delivered by professional equestrian tutors and use modern techniques to improve both horses' and riders' performance. Coaching courses are currently delivered across four levels and are accredited by Coaching Ireland, the Irish governing body for coaching in all sports.

The HSI coaching system is a competition-based coaching system and focuses solely on coaching. The courses offer a better understanding of modern competition requirements, coaching skills, technical knowledge and principles of good communications, so they are also suitable for parents, breeders, young horse producers, competitors, riding school instructors and anyone involved with, or with an interest in, horses and the industry.

Since the HSI Coaching Programme has been operational, it has delivered hundreds of courses all around Ireland and

further afield. The HSI Coaching System has been adopted by the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) and the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI). A very successful year for HSI Coaching 2015 saw more than 320 applicants taking part in coaching courses around the country.

HSI Introduction to Coaching

Eight courses (157 participants)

HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach

Six courses (88 participants)

HSI Level 2 Coach

Assessments only (2 participants)

HSI Level 3 National Coach

One course (25 participants)



Coaches attending the first multidiscipline HSI Level 3 Coach course in Cavan Equestrian Centre in November 2015.



Eighty people achieved HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach qualification in 2015:

Alejandro Bel	Danielle Foy	Kelsey Murphy
Jo Breheny	Paula Maria Geiger	Shane Murphy
Deirdre Brennan	Edmond Gibney	Janet Murray
Assumpta Byrne	Caitriona Gilmore	Elaine Neary
Suzanne Byrne	Robert Harrison	Claire O'Dwyer
Jenny Caldwell	Richard Kyle Hayes	Samantha O'Sullivan
Rosemary Caplice	Jenny Heffernan	Tara O'Sullivan
Victoria Carpenter	Ashleigh Hughes	Ebba Pate
Virginia Cassidy	William Hughes	Margaret Jayne Patterson
Rebecca Chow	Nadine Johnson	Tara Patton
Victoria Clarke	Hilary Jones	Birgit Pike
Jonathan Cleary	Rebecca Kavanagh	Lorraine Reid
Joanne Clery	Maria Kenny	Niamh Rothwell
Sara Danaher	Dr. Jane Kinsella	Tomas Ryan
Melanie Davidson	Cathal Lynch	Clare Savage
Declan Devine	Sharon Madine	Katy Scott
Brigid Devine	Sharon McConnell	Donal Scully
Eilish Devine	Rio McGonigle	Claire Sedgeman
Jayne Doherty	Tiarnan McGrane	Ruth Solan
Sinead Donnellan	Aisling McGrath	Patricia Stewart Greer
Martin Duffy	Kevin McGuinness	Becky Tandy
Desmond Dully	Robert McHugh	Andrew Thompson
Sarah Elebert	Una McSorley	Terry Walsh
Gina Fennessy	Emma Meagher	Pam Walshe
Hannah Fielding	Pietro Moglia	Jane Whitaker
Liam Filan	Marie Moloney	Andrea Wiers
Laoise Fitzsimons	Brian Morrison	

HSI Cross-Country/Eventing Workshops

Five workshops (79 participants)

The Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) Level 1 Apprentice Coach course is a four-day course providing candidates with the skills and techniques to work as a coach to novice level. It is recommended that HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coaches work under the guidance and supervision of a higher qualified coach.

The HSI Level 2 Coach qualification is currently an eight-day course and provides candidates with the skills necessary to work competently as an independent coach up to elementary level. Candidates must attend all course contact time and achieve the required standard at an official assessment in dressage, showjumping and cross-country. Two people achieved the required standard in the HSI Level 2 Coach course in 2015: Amy Fitzgerald and Mary Ellen Rice.

In November 2015, the first multidiscipline HSI Level 3 Coach course began. Twenty-five coaches attended the initial course days, which took place at Cavan Equestrian Centre and at the National Sports Campus, Abbotstown.

The HSI Level 3 Coach course aims to provide coaches with the capacities to train performance riders to compete at the highest level in regional and national competitions (up to 1.45m showjumping, Prix St George dressage and 3-star eventing). The HSI Level 3 Coach course is discipline-specific

so each candidate specialises in their chosen field and there are some core elements which will be similar in all three fields. However, some coaches did choose to specialise in more than one discipline. Six dressage candidates, 14 showjumping candidates and eight eventing candidates attended each day, which was affiliated by top-class equestrian coaches, tutors and professionals. Candidates travelled from all over Ireland, as well as from Istanbul and America, to take part. Heike Holstein delivered the dressage practical sessions, Comdt John Ledingham and Denis Flannelly delivered the showjumping sessions and Yogi Breisner delivered the eventing sessions. Day two at the National Sports Campus was delivered by Liam Moggan of Coaching Ireland, who delivered a very insightful session on the role of the coach, improving coach communication skills, coaching delivery styles and refining the structure of the coaching session. Day three began with Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) veterinary delegate, John Killingbeck, discussing veterinary care of the competition horse. He was joined by rider physiotherapist, Andy Thomas, to discuss physical fitness and asymmetry of the rider. This made for a very interactive day with practical and theory sessions throughout, concentrating on both horse and rider.

The HSI Level 3 Coach course is a nine-day course in total and will continue throughout 2016, with the first batch of final assessments expected to take place before the end of next year.



Governance



HSI Rules Committee

Horse Sport Ireland's (HSI) Rules Committee met in April, September and November in 2015. The committee is responsible for recommending changes in HSI rules to the Board and is the first step in HSI's disciplinary process. The committee is comprised of the following members:

Charles Powell (Chairman)
Lord Patrick Connolly Carew
Jean S Mitchell, MBE
Kate Horgan
Ronan Sugrue

HSI Medical Working Group

HSI's Medical Working Group is a sub-committee of HSI's Sport Sub Board. The group advises HSI and its affiliates on matters relating to the health and safety of athletes and on all matters related to safety in equestrian sport. The group met in September and December in 2015 and is comprised of the following members:

Damian McDonald, Horse Sport Ireland chief executive (Chairman)
Dr Mary O'Flynn Flannery, HSI Medical & Anti-doping Officer
Dr Antonia Lehane, Medical Equestrian Association of Ireland
Dr Susanna Franke, Medical Equestrian Association of Ireland
Dr Mary Roycroft, Showjumping Ireland
Alison Packman, Eventing Ireland
David Abbott, Association of Irish Riding Clubs
Linda Young, Association of Irish Riding Establishments
Dermot Cannon, Dressage Ireland

Anti-Doping Programme

In 2015, the fourth year of the National Anti-Doping Programme, a total of 80 horses were sampled with no positive results. Four affiliate organisations participated in the programme. Introduced by HSI for horses competing in equestrian competitions in Ireland, the programme is run in conjunction with HSI's affiliates and was devised by the HSI Rules Committee. Results from the 2015 programme can be seen in the table below.

HSI National Anti-Doping Programme 2015 – Summary

Total number of events sampled	19
Total number of days sampled	19
Total number of horses sampled	80
Sanctions issued	0

FEI Clean Sport

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) carries out testing on horses at international competitions. Ireland is placed in Group I and II for the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Programme (EADCMP). In 2015, a total of 5,096 horses were tested worldwide and 3,594 of those were tested within Group I and II. A total of 122 of those tested from Group I and II were horses and ponies ridden by Irish riders in international competition. All of the samples taken were found to be clean when tested in the FEI laboratories. No horse ridden by an Irish rider has tested positive in a FEI competition since 2008.

Irish ridden horses tested by the FEI in 2015	
Number of horses sampled	122
FEI sanctions on Irish riders	0

These figures are accurate as of April 2016

FEI EADCMP Report 2015	
Total FEI events sampled 2015 (worldwide)	712
Total FEI horses sampled (worldwide)	5,096

HSI Safeguarding Programme

Safeguarding Training

HSI continues to promote safeguarding young people through the availability of Safeguarding Courses, previously known as Child Welfare and Protection courses. In 2015, HSI facilitated 23 courses in total at Level 1 and Level 2, which were open to all Affiliates.

Horse Sport Ireland Child Protection Course Summary 2015	
Number of courses	23
Spaces available	368
Spaces filled	347
Affiliates represented	13

Garda Vetting/AccessNI

HSI is registered with the National Vetting Bureau (NVB) to conduct vetting for members in the Republic of Ireland. In 2014, HSI signed up to a Service Level Agreement with the Northern Ireland Sports Forum (NISF), a registered umbrella body with AccessNI, to conduct vetting for members in Northern Ireland. Vetting is carried out by the GCVU and NISF in respect of individuals who are applicants for positions, whether full-time, part-time, voluntary or student placements, within organisations by virtue of which they may have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults. HSI is committed to ensuring that the safest possible environment for young people exists and one of the ways HSI ensures this is through the vetting system provided for HSI affiliates.

Horse Sport Ireland vetting statistics 2015	
Approved applications	1,572
Process pending	86
Total	1,658

These figures are accurate as at 23/12/2015



Affiliate Organisations



Affiliate representatives at the 2015 Horse Sport Ireland Equestrian Showcase Parade.

The fourth annual Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) Equestrian Showcase Parade took place on Tuesday, 28th April, in the Punchestown parade ring. The 2015 Equestrian Showcase Parade saw 19 HSI affiliates and three rare breeds parade on the day.

HSI Affiliate Organisations & Sections 2015





New Initiatives



Second Lieutenant, Jennifer Larkin, and Templetuohy, with Simon Coveney TD, former Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, at the launch of the strategic plan *Reaching New Heights*.

Strategic Plan Launched

In March, the then Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, launched *Reaching New Heights: Report of the Irish Sport Horse Industry Strategy Committee*, which contains a wide range of recommendations for the development of the sport horse industry over the next 10 years.

Speaking at the launch at the Irish Army School of Equitation in Dublin, Minister Coveney said; "I commend Horse Sport Ireland (HSI), Teagasc and the Royal Dublin Society, who have combined their expertise to produce this comprehensive report which involved a detailed consultation process with stakeholders. I was delighted to have been able to attend a number of the regional meetings that were organised as part of that process".

The report contains 35 key recommendations over a broad range of issues, including improving the quality of horses

through more focused breeding, developing the education and training structure for the transfer of knowledge to breeders, improving the marketing and sales capacity across the industry, increasing participation in the sector, progressing the health and welfare of horses and deepening the institutional capacity to deliver on the goals of the strategy. Minister Coveney added: "I have been conscious of the absence of a coherent vision and plan for the sport horse sector to enable it to grow and develop and reach its full potential. We have all the natural advantages for horse breeding and production in this country, a natural affinity for the horse, an abundance of horsemanship and world class riders."

Acknowledging that there has been significant investment in equestrian infrastructure including a wide range of equestrian educational and training facilities he said: "We need to take full advantage of the infrastructure and expertise that has been built. I believe that the report that is being launched today provides the framework to harness our resources in order to achieve our goals".

The former Minister emphasised: "It is not always appreciated that the sport horse sector contributes over €700m per annum to the economy, and reaches into communities the length and breadth of the country." He underlined the Government's commitment to the development of the sport horse industry, saying: "The extra funding that was made available to Horse Sport Ireland from budget 2015 will facilitate plans to enhance marketing, to increase prize-money across a range of competitions and to stimulate some innovative events."

Concluding, Minister Coveney said that the strategic report provides a roadmap to inject greater confidence and professionalism into the industry and will be used as a vehicle to promote and inform policy with particular emphasis on job creation and sustainable enterprise development and the facilitation of export-led growth.

HSI Sport Horse Foal Championship 2015

HSI introduced a Sport Horse Foal Championship in 2015 with a very generous prize fund of €30,000. The aim of the Championship was to identify, evaluate and reward breeders who have bred a foal that has the potential to be competitive at the highest International level in the disciplines of showjumping or eventing.

Six regional qualifiers were held throughout the country with separate sections for potential showjumping foals and potential eventing foals. Four foals were selected from each qualifier for the Final; the best showjumping type colt and filly, and the best eventing type colt and filly.

A total of 158 foals competed in the qualifiers, out of which 24 were selected to compete the final of the inaugural HSI Sport Horse Foal Championship, which took place at Millstreet International Horse Show on the 16th August, 2015.

HSI Mare Championships

HSI also introduced a new HSI Mare Showjumping Championship and Mare Eventing Championship for five- and six-year-old mares in 2015. The two separate Championships had a prize fund of €15,000 and each aimed to identify, evaluate and reward owners of mares that are capable of performing at the highest level in showjumping or eventing and are suitable for producing progeny that would be competitive in that discipline.

The inaugural HSI Mare Show Jumping Championship took place at Wexford Equestrian Centre on the 1st November 2015, where Cruicerath Flexianna (ISH), bred by Gerard Campbell, Kildare, and owned by USA Young Jumpers LLC, was ridden to victory by Eddie Moloney.

The inaugural HSI Eventing Mare Championship was held on the 13th September, 2015 at Lisgarvan House, Co. Carlow. Graf Maypole (ISH), ridden by Lindsay Graham and owned by Gilbert Graham took first place. This 2009 mare is by Metropole (KWPN), out of Graf Phantom (ISH), by Porsch (BWP) and was bred by Brian Livingstone, Co. Down.

Jumping in the City

In 2015, a new showjumping event called Jumping in the City was unveiled. Launched at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium by Simon Coveney TD, the then Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Jumping in the City took place in greyhound stadia in Limerick, Cork and Dublin on Friday nights during the month of June. It hoped to attract not just showjumping fans, but also people looking for an alternative experience on their Friday night out.

Run by HSI, in conjunction with the Irish Greyhound Board and Showjumping Ireland, Jumping in the City saw three different classes of competition each night — an amateur series for grassroots riders, a Grand Prix for Ireland's top riders and crowd favourite, the puissance, where riders try to jump a huge red wall as it is built progressively higher. The new initiative was met with enthusiasm from the industry, with entries being well oversubscribed. HSI was delighted to engage The Underwriting Exchange as Grand Prix sponsors, Devenish as sponsors for the puissance and Westwood Ifor Williams as sponsors of the amateur series. Jumping in the City was in support of Special Olympics Ireland equestrian athletes travelling to represent Ireland at the World Summer Games 2015.

The overall series was a resounding success, attracting 1,500 attendees to Limerick, 2,000 to Cork and 3,500 to Shelbourne Park. Jumping in the City attracted top riders based both in Ireland and abroad, with top Irish internationals Bertram Allen, Billy Twomey, Cian O'Connor and Dermott Lennon lining out to compete.



Greg Broderick and MHS Automatic (ISH) clear the fence during Jumping in the City Underwriting Exchange Grand Prix.



Winner of the Amateur title of Jumping in the City, Joanna Penfold collects her new horse box from Alan Cole of Westwood/Ifor Williams.



Dermott Lennon and Loughview Lou-Lou (ISH) competing during Jumping in the City 2015. The pair went on to win the Underwriting Exchange Grand Prix at Shelbourne Park.



Awards

In November 2015, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) won the Best Innovation in Sport award at the Sport Industry Awards 2015, organised by the Federation of Irish Sport. One of three shortlisted, the Jumping in the City initiative that saw top-level showjumping take place in Irish greyhound stadia during the summer, took the winner's trophy at the ceremony held in the Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin.

The award, sponsored by *The Sunday Business Post*, was given to Jumping in the City under various criteria, including: 'seizing an opportunity to create a new market or industry'; creating an 'effective communication strategy around the innovation'; and producing 'an immediate and likely longer term impact on sport'.

In December 2015, the Irish showjumping team won an Outstanding Team Achievement award at the Irish Youth Foundation Excellence in Sport Awards. The annual awards recognise outstanding contributors to Irish sport. The Irish showjumping team were chosen as award recipients on the back of their victory in the Aga Khan Nations Cup at the RDS in August.

The Aga Khan team of Bertram Allen, Greg Broderick, Cian O'Connor and Darragh Kenny, and team manager, Robert Splaine, joined a galaxy of sporting stars on the night. The awards were hosted by three-time Major golf champion, Padraig Harrington, while jockey AP McCoy received the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement award. Ten awards were presented on the evening, with funds raised going to the Irish Youth Foundation.



Irish showjumpers survey the Main Arena at the RDS prior to the Dublin Nations Cup 2015.

Investec Sponsorship

In 2015, Investec and HSI announced a sponsorship partnership that confirmed Investec as the first-ever corporate sponsor for the Irish showjumping team. The partnership saw Investec sponsoring Team Ireland's involvement in Dublin Horse Show and the FEI European Championship at Aachen, Germany – a key stage for HSI as Ireland's showjumpers focused their individual and collective efforts on qualifying for the Rio Olympics in 2016. Investec in Ireland is a leading specialist bank and wealth

investment manager, based in Dublin. It is part of a leading international specialist-banking group, with headquarters in Johannesburg, South Africa. Investec Ireland has undertaken a number of high-profile sponsorships and is the current sponsor of Monaghan GAA. It has also developed enduring relationships with leading sports figures, such as Paul McGinley and Jonathan Sexton. Internationally, Investec has a sponsorship portfolio encompassing horseracing, cricket, golf, hockey and cultural events.

Speaking at the launch of the sponsorship, Michael Cullen, Chief Executive of Investec Ireland said: "Investec is really pleased to partner with HSI. Ireland is an exemplar in the equestrian world – renowned for breeding world-class horses and developing showjumping talent to compete with the very best at international level. Its commitment to excellence reflects on our own focus in Investec, on being the very best at what we do. This latest sponsorship builds on many high profile and enduring engagements Investec has both in Ireland and internationally with leading teams and sporting individual sporting figures in golf, rugby, hockey and horse racing." The Investec Irish Showjumping Team went on to win the 2015 Dublin Nations Cup and claimed the prestigious Aga Khan trophy.

Knowledge Transfer Programme

In October 2015, HSI announced its intention to establish five equine discussion groups under the new Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine's (DAFM) Knowledge Transfer Programme. HSI staff member, Michael Doherty, has been approved as one of the facilitators for the scheme by DAFM.

A suite of knowledge transfer measures are included in the new Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which includes support for knowledge transfer groups across the beef, sheep, dairy, poultry, tillage and equine sectors. The measure is co-funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) with total funding of €100 million available for the measure under the Rural Development Programme. This will provide for 27,000 farmers participating for three years in knowledge transfer groups across the dairy, beef, equine, sheep, tillage and poultry sectors. The programme will be administered by the DAFM and delivered by a network of DAFM-approved facilitators.

The scheme design has been guided by experiences from previous Dairy Advisory Schemes and Beef and Sheep Discussion Groups and following extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. The scheme builds significantly on the discussion group model and is designed in such a way as to ensure the farmer and advisor engage in one-on-one discussion on key aspects of a farmers' business, such as profitability, environmental sustainability, breeding and herd health.

Based on the level of interest from breeders received by HSI, Michael Cullen will be facilitating groups in Tipperary, Galway, Sligo, Kildare and there are plans for a joint Laois/Offaly group. Each group has received the maximum of 18 applications. On successful completion of the programme, each participating breeder will receive an annual payment of €750 per annum for three years.



Bertram Allen (far right), who finished in third place in the Longines FEI World Cup Final in Las Vegas, in April 2015, pictured here with winner Steve Guerdat (SUI) and runner-up Penelope Leprevost (FRA).

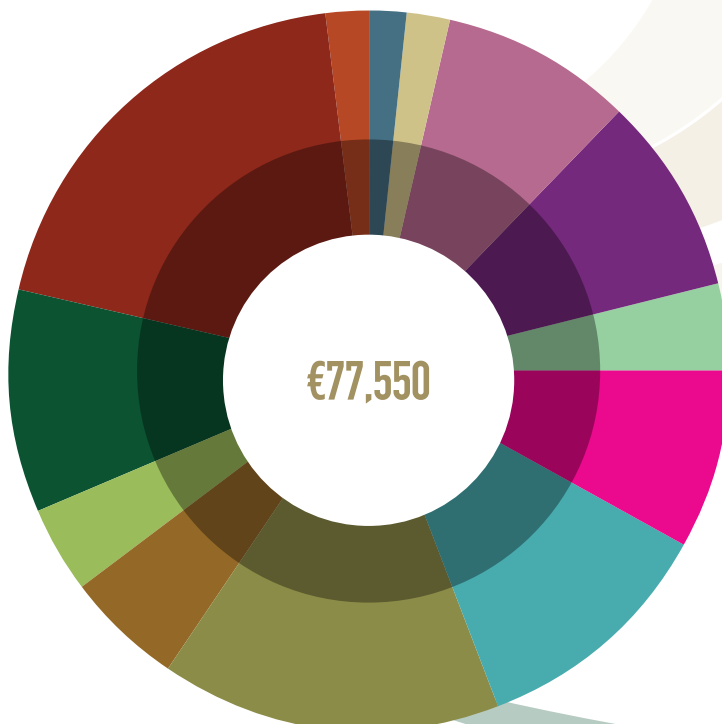
Registration and Entries

ISC/HSI International Hosting Financial Supports 2015

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) allocates financial supports towards the hosting of international equestrian events in Ireland. This funding is provided by the Irish Sports Council (ISC). The total allocation in 2015 was €77,550. The breakdown is shown below.

IRISH HOME SHOWJUMPING INTERNATIONALS, 2015								
	Millstreet 4 th to 6 th April	Millstreet 10 th to 12 th April	Balmoral 13 th to 15 th May	Mullingar 30 th May to 1 st June	Dublin 5 th to 9 th August	Millstreet 13 th to 16 th August	Millstreet 23 rd to 25 th October	Cavan 6 th to 8 th November
Total number of horses	43	69	65	142	209	141	61	95
Horses with Irish riders	42	68	38	134	84	119	55	86
Horses with foreign riders	1	1	27	8	125	22	6	9

IRISH HOME EVENTING INTERNATIONALS, 2015						
	Ballindenisk 25 th to 26 th April	Tattersalls 27 th to 31 st May	Kilguilkey 19 th to 21 st June	Camphire 23 rd to 26 th July	Millstreet 28 th to 30 th August	Ballindenisk 24 th to 27 th September
Total number of horses	198	330	85	273	211	163
Horses with Irish riders	131	158	85	178	140	81
Horses with foreign riders	67	172	0	95	71	82



International Hosting

● Millstreet 1* April	€1,500
● Millstreet 1* April	€1,500
● Millstreet 3* August	€6,750
● Millstreet 3* August	€6,900
● Millstreet 1* October	€3,000
● Ballindenisk 3* April	€6,450
● Ballindenisk 3* September	€8,550
● Tattersalls 3* June	€11,850
● Mullingar 2* June	€3,750
● Mallow 2* June	€3,000
● Camphire 3* July	€7,800
● Dublin 5* August	€15,000
● Cavan 1* November	€1,500
Total	€77,550



National FEI Discipline Statistics 2015

AFFILIATE DISCIPLINE	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL HORSE/PONY REGISTRATIONS	TOTAL ENTRIES
Showjumping Ireland	6,670	7,913	134,307
Eventing Ireland	1,214	1,297	9,483
Dressage Ireland	664	585	7,165
Irish Long Distance Riding Association	146		931
Carriage Driving Section of HSI	52	60	N/A
Irish Quarter Horse Association	23	120	N/A

IRISH FEI REGISTERED RIDERS BY DISCIPLINE & GENDER IN 2015

Discipline	Total	Male	Female
Showjumping	324	217	107
Eventing	241	90	151
Dressage	21	3	18
Para Dressage	12	2	10
Endurance	9	2	7
Driving	5	3	2
Vaulting	3	0	3
Para Driving	0	0	0
Total	615	317	298

NUMBER OF HORSES REGISTERED AS IRISH SPORT HORSES (ISH) WITH THE FEI

Year	All FEI Horses	ALL ISH	Showjumping (SJ)	SJ ISH	Eventing (EV)	EV ISH
2015	75,433	1,781	44,842	865	8,943	934
2014	69,983	1,624	42,168	788	8,753	841
2013	63,870	1,503	37,116	646	8,744	863
2012	58,621	1,514	33,312	607	8,167	909
2011	56,432	1,449	31,597	535	8,029	916
2010	52,801	1,323	28,753	491	7,951	832

Some horses may be dual registered (showjumping and eventing). Source: FEI online database.



Did You Know?

Irish riders competed internationally at 321 venues worldwide in the disciplines of showjumping, eventing, dressage, para dressage, driving and endurance.

Irish riders competed internationally in 30 different countries in 2015 and across five different continents.

In Europe, Irish riders were represented in 19 different countries.

In excess of 6,000 entries were made by Horse Sport Ireland in 2015 for Irish riders competing around the world.

International Statistics 2015

Country	Discipline	No. of shows Irish riders competed at in that country	No. of Irish entries	No. of ISH entries (with IRL riders)
Austria	Jumping	15	109	14
Austria	Dressage	2	2	0
Belgium	Jumping	39	579	111
Belgium	Vaulting	1	3	0
Belgium	Dressage	1	1	0
Belgium	Para Dressage	1	2	0
Canada	Jumping	17	83	6
Canada	Endurance	1	1	0
China	Jumping	6	7	0
Denmark	Jumping	3	24	7
Denmark	Dressage	1	1	0
Egypt	Jumping	1	1	0
France	Jumping	52	434	124
France	Eventing	5	19	14
France	Dressage	10	18	0
France	Endurance	3	3	0
France	Driving	1	4	0
France	Vaulting	1	2	0
France	Para Dressage	2	9	2
Great Britain	Jumping	14	282	63
Great Britain	Eventing	28	185	114
Great Britain	Dressage	4	15	4
Great Britain	Endurance	1	1	0
Great Britain	Driving	2	8	0
Great Britain	Para Dressage	2	14	2
Germany	Jumping	45	313	30
Germany	Eventing	2	5	3
Germany	Dressage	7	9	0
Germany	Driving	1	3	0
Hungary	Jumping	1	4	0
Ireland	Jumping	7	566	282
Ireland	Eventing	6	773	612
Ireland	Endurance	1	3	1
Iran	Jumping	1	2	0
Italy	Jumping	24	225	19
Italy	Eventing	1	1	1
Italy	Italy	1	2	0

Country	Discipline	No. of shows Irish riders competed at in that country	No. of Irish entries	No. of ISH entries (with IRL riders)
Italy	Endurance	2	2	0
Luxemburg	Jumping	1	7	1
Morocco	Jumping	3	18	6
Mexico	Jumping	1	1	1
Monaco	Jumping	1	2	0
Netherlands	Jumping	23	238	17
Netherlands	Eventing	1	10	7
Netherlands	Dressage	3	5	0
Netherlands	Driving	2	10	0
Netherlands	Para Dressage	1	4	0
Norway	Jumping	3	42	9
Poland	Jumping	8	46	5
Poland	Eventing	2	12	9
Portugal	Jumping	14	303	75
Portugal	Eventing	2	10	6
Qatar	Jumping	2	9	0
Qatar	Dressage	1	1	0
Qatar	Endurance	1	1	0
Qatar	Para Dressage	1	1	0
Slovenia	Dressage	1	2	0
Slovakia	Jumping	2	8	1
South Africa	Eventing	1	1	0
Spain	Jumping	32	1,060	199
Sweden	Jumping	6	29	3
Sweden	Eventing	1	6	4
Sweden	Dressage	1	4	1
Switzerland	Jumping	10	85	10
United Arab Emirates	Jumping	7	30	11
United Arab Emirates	Endurance	4	4	0
Uruguay	Endurance	3	6	0
USA	Jumping	35	371	38
USA	Eventing	4	5	5
USA	Dressage	5	5	0
USA	Endurance	3	5	0
TOTAL	30	497	6,056	1,817



Edward Butler, on CSF Whiterock Cruise (ISH), with Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Defence, and Elizabeth Mair, Special Olympics Ireland athlete, at the launch of Jumping in the City, 2015.



Financial Overview

HORSE SPORT IRELAND INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2015	
TOTAL INCOME	€6.127m
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€6.099m
OPERATING SURPLUS	€0.028m





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Company Information

Directors

Patrick Wall (Chairman)
Jack Murphy
Tony Hurley
Gerry McCloskey
Georgia Stubington
Peter Fell
Norbert Van Cramon (appointed 2 March 2015, retired 28 February 2016)
Charles Hanley (appointed 21 January 2015)
Sally Ann Tobin (appointed 21 January 2015)
Barbara Hatton (appointed 28 August 2015)
David McCann (appointed 28 August 2015)
Alex Deon (appointed 28 August 2015)
Gerry O’Gorman (appointed 17 November 2015)
Jane Darragh (appointed 2 October 2015)
Anne Cahill (retired 15 January 2015)
Anne Bannon (retired 31 July 2015)
Harold McGahern (retired 14 September 2015)
Liam Murphy (retired 21 January 2015)
Taylor Vard (retired 21 January 2015)
Sean Kavanagh (retired 31 July 2015)
Kieran O’Gorman (retired 31 July 2015)
Larry O’Neill (retired 2 March 2015)
Barbara Micks (retired 1 January 2016)
Kevin McGuinness (retired 1 February 2016)
Rita Dunne (appointed 1 February 2016)
David Keane (appointed 28 February 2016)
Peter Molloy (appointed 1 March 2016)
Hugh McCusker (retired 3 May 2016)
Samuel Smyth (appointed 3 May 2016)
Ann Marie O’Gorman Owens (retired 12 May 2016)
Elizabeth Deane (appointed 12 May 2016)
Tom Freyne (appointed 17 May 2016)
Brian Mac Sweeney (retired 17 May 2016)

Company secretary Mark Bolger

Registered number 432092

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Beech House, Millennium Park
Osberstown, Naas
Kildare

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Naas, Kildare

Solicitors DAC Beachcroft
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Directors' report

For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

Principal activities

The principal activity of Horse Sport Ireland is to promote the sport horse sector in Ireland and to co-ordinate the breeding, sport and leisure aspects of the industry. Horse Sport Ireland maintains the Irish Horse Register and is recognised as the governing body for the equestrian sector in Ireland by the Olympic Council of Ireland, the Irish Sports Council, Paralympics Ireland, the Federation Equestre Internationale and Sport Northern Ireland.

Results and dividends

The surplus for the year, after taxation, amounted to €16,790 (2014 - deficit €100,823).

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

Jack Murphy
 Tony Hurley
 Gerry McCloskey
 Georgia Stubington
 Patrick Wall (Chairman)
 Peter Fell
 Charles Hanley (appointed 21 January 2015)
 Sally Ann Tobin (appointed 21 January 2015)
 Barbara Hatton (appointed 28 August 2015)
 David McCann (appointed 28 August 2015)
 Alex Deon (appointed 28 August 2015)
 Gerry O'Gorman (appointed 17 November 2015)
 Jane Darragh (appointed 2 October 2015)

The following directors retired during the year:

Anne Cahill (retired 15 January 2015)
 Anne Bannon (retired 31 July 2015)

Harold McGahern (retired 14 September 2015)
 Liam Murphy (retired 21 January 2015)
 Taylor Vard (retired 21 January 2015)
 Sean Kavanagh (retired 31 July 2015)
 Kieran O'Gorman (retired 31 July 2015)
 Larry O'Neill (retired 2 March 2015)

Since the year end the following directors have been appointed / retired to/ from the board:

Barbara Micks (retired 1 January 2016)
 Kevin McGuinness (retired 1 February 2016)
 Rita Dunne (appointed 1 February 2016)
 Norbert Van Cramon
 (appointed 2 March 2015, retired 28 February 2016)
 David Keane (appointed 28 February 2016)
 Peter Molloy (appointed 1 March 2016)
 Hugh McCusker (retired 3 May 2016)
 Samuel Smyth (appointed 3 May 2016)
 Ann Marie O'Gorman Owens (retired 12 May 2016)
 Elizabeth Deane (appointed 12 May 2016)
 Tom Freyne (appointed 17 May 2016)
 Brian MacSweeney (retired 17 May 2016)

Principal risks and uncertainties

The directors consider that the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the company are in the following categories.

Economic risk:

The risk of increased interest rates and or inflation having an adverse impact on served markets. These risks are managed by innovative product sourcing and strict control of costs.

Financial risk:

The directors of the company closely monitor the company's trading activities to manage credit, liquidity and other financial risk.



Health and safety of employees

The wellbeing of the Company's employees is safeguarded through strict adherence to health and safety standards. Health and safety legislation imposes certain requirements on employers and the Company has taken the necessary action to ensure compliance with the legislation, including the adoption of a safety statement.

Environmental matters

The Company will seek to minimise adverse impacts on the environment from its activities, whilst continuing to address health, safety and economic issues. The Company has complied with all applicable legislation and regulations.

Accounting records

The measures taken by the directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at the company's registered office at Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Events since the end of the year

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the period end.

Future developments

The company plans to continue its present activities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Grant Thornton, continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014. This report was approved by the board on 27 July 2016 and signed on its behalf.

Directors' responsibilities statement For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland. Under company law, the directors must not approve financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair value of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at the financial year end date and of the profit or loss of the Company for that financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the Republic of Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the board 27 July 2016



Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Horse Sport Ireland

We have audited the financial statements of Horse Sport Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2015, which comprise the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of cash flows, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland including FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and the Auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-

financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2015 and of its profit for the year ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Matters on which we are required to report by the Companies Act 2014

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Molyneux House
Bride Street
Dublin 8

Noel Delaney, FCA
for and on behalf of
Grant Thornton
Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors



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Statement of comprehensive income			
For the Year Ended 31 December 2015			
		2015	2014
	Note	€	€
Income	3	6,126,675	5,049,944
Cost of sales		(3,663,303)	(2,947,504)
Gross surplus		2,463,372	2,102,440
Administrative expenses		(2,435,824)	(2,202,667)
Operating surplus/(deficit)	4	27,548	(100,227)
Tax on surplus/(deficit)	6	(10,758)	(596)
Profit/(loss) for the year		16,790	(100,823)
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Total comprehensive income for the year		16,790	(100,823)
All amounts relate to continuing operations.			

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Statement of financial position					
As at 31 December 2015					
			2015		2014
	Note		€		€
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		51,591		69,777
Investments	8		2		2
			51,593		69,779
Current assets					
Stocks	9	15,191		64,168	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	10	733,445		514,421	
Cash at bank and in hand	11	525,249		373,516	
		1,273,885		952,105	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,310,816)		(1,024,012)	
			(36,931)		(71,907)
Net current liabilities					
Total assets less current liabilities			14,662		(2,128)
Net assets			14,662		(2,128)
Capital and reserves			14,662		(2,128)
Income and expenditure account			14,662		(2,128)
The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on 27 July 2016.					
Signed on behalf of the board:					
Patrick Wall (Chairman) Director		Jack Murphy Director			
Date: 27 July 2016					
The notes on pages 76 to 84 form part of these financial statements.					



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Statement of changes in equity		
For the Year Ended 31 December 2015		
	Retained earnings	Total equity
	€	€
At 1 January 2015	(2,128)	(2,128)
Surplus for the year	16,790	16,790
At 31 December 2015	14,662	14,662
Statement of changes in equity		
For the Year Ended 31 December 2014		
	Retained earnings	Total equity
	€	€
At 1 January 2014	98,695	98,695
Deficit for the year	(100,823)	(100,823)
At 31 December 2014	(2,128)	(2,128)
The notes on pages 76 to 84 form part of these financial statements.		

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Statement of cash flows		
For the Year Ended 31 December 2015		
	2015	2014
	€	€
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus / (deficit) for the financial year	16,790	(100,823)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	18,186	18,190
Decrease in stocks	48,977	24,091
Taxation	10,758	596
Increase in debtors	(214,621)	(53,488)
Increase in amounts owed by groups	(13,936)	(61,492)
Increase in creditors	285,523	252,561
Corporation tax	56	(18,891)
Net cash generated from operating activities	151,733	60,744
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(76,036)
Net cash from investing activities	-	(76,036)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	151,733	(15,292)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	373,516	388,808
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	525,249	373,516
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:		
Cash at bank and in hand	525,249	373,516
	525,249	373,516



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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and Irish statute comprising of the Companies Act 2014. Information on the impact of first-time adoption of FRS 102 is given in note 16.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 2).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

1.2 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the transaction;
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The Company adds to the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred, if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the Company. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold property	- 25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% & 20% straight line
Equipment	- 25% & 20% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within 'other operating income' in the Statement of comprehensive income.

1.4 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment. Where merger relief is applicable, the cost of the investment in a subsidiary undertaking is measured at the nominal value of the shares issued together with the fair value of any additional consideration paid.

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Investments in unlisted Company shares, whose market value can be reliably determined, are remeasured to market value at each balance sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the Income statement for the period. Where market value cannot be reliably determined, such investments are stated at historic cost less impairment. Investments in listed company shares are remeasured to market value at each Statement of financial position date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss for the period.

1.5 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis. Work in progress and finished goods include labour and attributable overheads.

At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

1.6 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. In the Statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts.

1.8 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration, expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and in non-puttable ordinary and preference shares are measured:

- i) at fair value with changes recognised in the Income statement if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably;
- ii) at cost less impairment for all other investments.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Income statement.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.



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1.8 Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or income as appropriate. The company does not currently apply hedge accounting for interest rate and foreign exchange derivatives.

1.9 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

The company's functional and presentational currency is Euros.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Income statement except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Income statement within 'finance income or costs.' All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Income statement within 'other operating income.'

1.11 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund.

1.12 Taxation

Tax is recognised in the Income statement, except that a change attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

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2. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

When preparing the financial statements, management makes a number of judgments, estimates and assumptions about the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Useful lives of depreciable assets

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technical and physical obsolescence that may change the utility of certain assets.

Accrued amounts

Management have to use their best estimate for some costs in relation to the financial year where bills have not yet been received at year end date in order to give a true and fair view of the financial statements.

3. Analysis of income

Analysis of turnover by country of destination:

	2015	2014
	€	€
Republic of Ireland	6,126,675	5,049,944
	6,126,675	5,049,944
All turnover arose in Ireland.		

4. Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation

The surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	2015	2014
	€	€
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	18,186	18,190

5. Employees

Staff costs were as follows:	2015	2014
	€	€
Wages and salaries	1,363,898	1,277,842
Social security costs	148,221	138,157
Other pension costs	93,797	85,909
	1,605,916	1,501,908
Capitalised employee costs during the year amounted to €NIL (2014 -€NIL).		
The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:		
	2015	2014
	No.	No.
Number of administration and management permanent staff	26	26
Number of administration temporary staff	9	8
	35	34



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6. Taxation

	2015 €	2014 €
Corporation tax		
Current tax on surplus for the year	1,875	596
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	8,883	-
	10,758	596
Total current tax	10,758	596
Taxation on surplus on ordinary activities	10,758	596
Factors affecting tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is higher than 2014 and higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in Ireland of 12.5% (2014 -12.5%). The differences are explained below:		
	2015 €	2014 €
Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities before tax	27,548	(100,227)
Surplus / (deficit) on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in Ireland of 12.5% (2014 -12.5%)	3,444	(12,528)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(274)	993
Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation	478	(957)
Utilisation of tax losses	(1,773)	13,088
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	8,883	-
Total tax charge for the year	10,758	596



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7. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property	Fixtures and fittings	Equipment	Total
	€	€	€	€
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2015	284,288	162,548	181,956	628,792
At 31 December 2015	284,288	162,548	181,956	628,792
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2015	275,340	162,548	121,127	559,015
Charge owned for the period	2,979	-	15,207	18,186
At 31 December 2015	278,319	162,548	136,334	577,201
Net book value				
At 31 December 2015	5,969	-	45,622	51,591
At 31 December 2014	8,948	-	60,829	69,777
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2014	284,288	162,548	105,920	552,756
Additions	-	-	76,036	76,036
At 31 December 2014	284,288	162,548	181,956	628,792
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2014	272,357	162,548	105,920	540,825
Charge owned for the period	2,983	-	15,207	18,190
At 31 December 2014	275,340	162,548	121,127	559,015
Net book value				
At 31 December 2014	8,948	-	60,829	69,777
At 31 December 2013	11,931	-	1	11,932
The net book value of land and building may be further analysed as follows:				
			2015 €	2014 €
Long leasehold			5,969	5,969
			5,969	8,948



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8. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies		
	€		
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2015	2		
At 31 December 2015	2		
Net book value			
At 31 December 2015	2		
At 31 December 2014	2		
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2014	2		
At 31 December 2014	2		
At 31 December 2014	2		
Net book value			
At 31 December 2014	2		
At 31 December 2013	2		
Subsidiary undertakings			
The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Company:			
Name	Country of incorporation	Class of Shares	Holding
Horse Sport Ireland Export Limited T/A Irish Horse Gateway	Ireland	Ordinary	100%
	Principal Activity		
	Operation of the Irish Horse Gateway website portal		
Name	Registered office		
Horse Sport Ireland Export Limited T/A Irish Horse Gateway	1st Floor, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Co. Kildare		
The aggregate of the share capital and reserves as at 31 December 2015 and of the profit or loss for the year ended on that date for the subsidiary undertakings were as follows:			
	Aggregate of share capital and reserves €		Profit/(loss) €
Horse Sport Ireland Export Limited T/A Irish Horse Gateway	(126,689)		(13,194)
	(126,689)		(13,194)

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9. Stocks

	2015 €	2014 €
Finished goods and goods for resale	15,191	64,168
	15,191	64,168

10. Debtors

	2015 €	2014 €
Trade debtors	260,056	69,405
Amounts owed by group undertakings	137,650	123,714
Other debtors	299,528	278,441
Prepayments and accrued income	36,211	42,861
	733,445	514,421

11. Cash and cash equivalents

	2015 €	2014 €
Cash at bank and in hand	525,249	373,516
	525,249	373,516

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2015 €	2014 €
Trade creditors	252,734	81,790
Corporation tax	1,279	-
Taxation and social security	58,485	78,863
Irish Horse Board Co-operative Society Limited	110,755	41,189
Accruals	699,584	720,128
Deferred income	187,979	102,042
	1,310,816	1,024,012
Other taxation and social security		
	2015 €	2014 €
PAYE/NI control	51,437	43,685
VAT control	7,048	35,178
	58,485	78,863



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13. Financial instruments

Financial assets	2015 €	2014 €
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	525,249	373,516
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	697,234	471,560
	1,222,483	845,076
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(952,318)	(801,919)
	(952,318)	(801,919)
Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other debtors.		
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other creditors		

14. Company status

The Company is limited by guarantee without having a share capital.

15. Related party transactions

Horse Sport Ireland is related to Irish Horse Board Co-Op Society Limited (Irish Horse Board) by way of common directors. At 31 December 2015, Horse Sport Ireland owed Irish Horse Board Co-Op Limited a balance of €110,755 (2014: €41,189 due from Irish Horse Board Co-Op Limited).

Horse Sport Ireland Export Limited is a subsidiary of Horse Sport Ireland. At 31 December 2015, Horse Sport Ireland Export Limited owed Horse Sport Ireland a balance of €137,650 (2014: €123,714).

During the year 8 (2014: 7) key management personnel were in receipt of combined employee benefits of €622,235 (2014: €582,177).

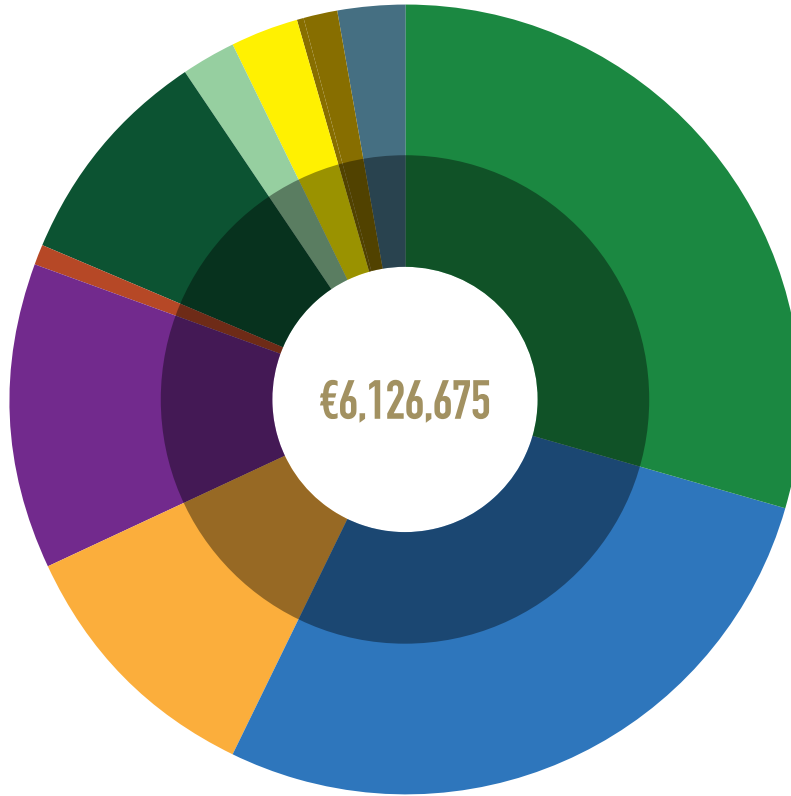
16. First time adoption of FRS 102

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on equity or profit or loss.

17. Approval of financial statements

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 27 July 2016.

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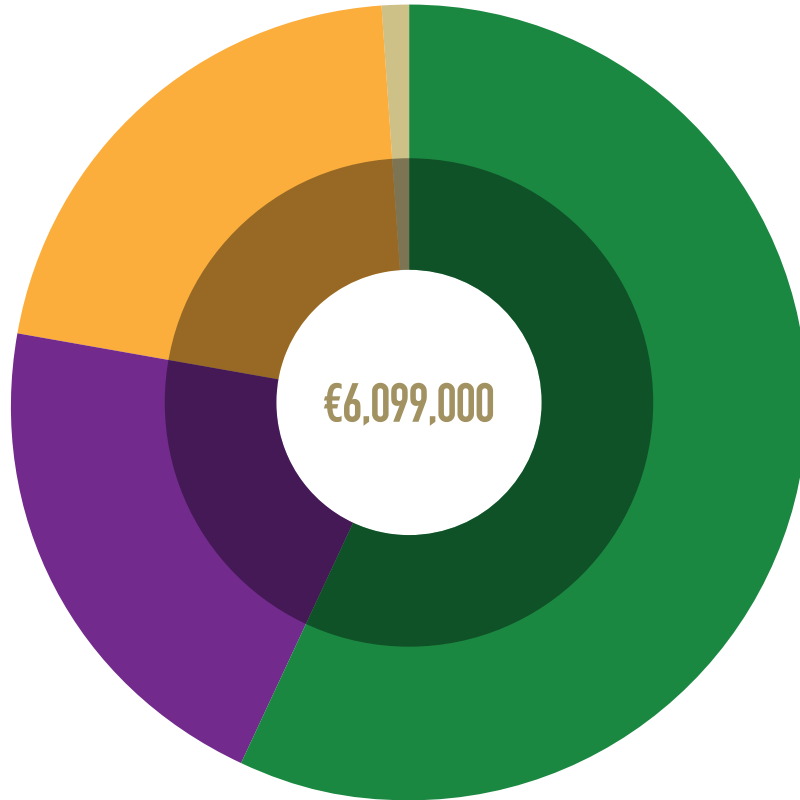


Sources of Income 2015

	%	€
Department of Agriculture Grants	29.8	1,820,000
Income from Operations	27.6	1,690,776
ISC HP Grant	10.8	663,045
ISC Core Grant	12.7	773,191
PI Grant	0.9	55,000
Equine Support Project Grants	9.1	556,645
Affiliation Fee IHB	2.1	129,375
Affiliate HP Contributions	2.8	177,500
Sport Capital Grant	0.3	15,207
Private Donations to HP	1.4	89,000
Sport NI Grants	2.5	156,936
		6,126,675



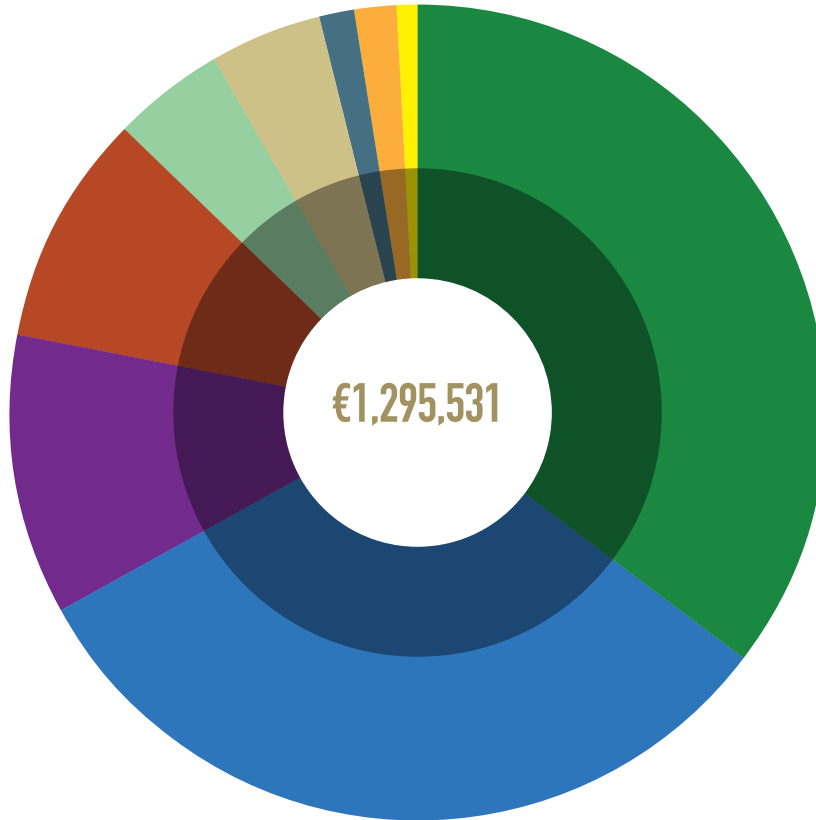
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Allocation of Funds 2015
Total €6.099m

	%	€m
Breeding Projects, Initiatives, International Marketing & Operations	57	3.455
Sport Programmes & Operations	21	1.285
High Performance Investment	21	1.295
Sport NI Programmes	1	.064
		€6.099

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Horse Sport Ireland - High Performance Investment 2015 Investment By Discipline Summary

	%	€
Showjumping	35.4	€458,994
Eventing	31.8	€413,260
Pentathlon	10.9	€142,260
Legal (incl. Provision)	9.5	€122,344
Para Equestrian	4.2	€55,000
Administration	4.1	€53,460
Dressage	1.5	€17,657
Owners Programme	1.6	€19,905
Other & Other Disciplines	1.0	€12,651
		€1,295,531



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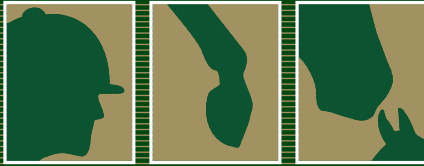
Breeding Projects, Initiatives,
International Marketing & Operations Expenditure
€3.455m

Items of Expenditure	€m
Employment Costs	1.029
Promotional Initiatives	0.261
Breeding Sub Board Financial Supports	0.234
IT Maintenance/Development/CapallOir/Website	0.168
Post	0.164
DNA	0.152
Marketing & Exhibitions	0.132
International Marketing	0.104
Breeding Initiatives	0.100
Innovation Fund	0.097
Rent & Rates	0.095
DAFM Recoupment Fee	0.091
Printing/Stationery/Office Expenses	0.087
Advertising/PR/Information Notices	0.081
Publications	0.065
IHB Grant	0.060
Lanaken & Le Lion d'Angers	0.059
Microchips	0.057
Genetic Indexing/Conservation	0.055
Stallion Inspections	0.052
Meeting Expenses (Sub Board & Board)	0.046
Mare Inspections	0.045
Cleaning/Telephones/Utilities/Sundries	0.044
NIHB	0.035
Other Inspection Costs	0.028
Recruitment costs	0.022
Research	0.020
Staff Expenses/Motor/Travel/Meeting	0.019
Bank Charges	0.014
Insurance	0.013
WBFSH	0.011
Auditor's Fee	0.008
Legal & Professional Fees	0.007
Young Breeders/Training	0.006
Depreciation	0.003
Breeder Forums/Conference	0.002
Release of Provision	- 0.011
Total	€3.455

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Sport Programmes,
HP, SNI & Operations Expenditure
€2.644m

Items of Expenditure	€m
High Performance Investment	1.295
Employment Costs	0.523
FEI & NF Costs	0.138
Coaching Programmes	0.117
Affiliate Sports Grants including Pentathlon	0.078
International Hosting Grants	0.078
Sport NI Programmes	0.064
Rent & Rates	0.053
IT Maintenance	0.043
Advertising/PR/ Information Notices	0.028
Communications	0.025
National Anti-Doping Programme	0.023
Board Expenses	0.017
HSI Sections	0.016
Stationery & Printing	0.015
Sports Equipment Grant	0.015
Cleaning/Canteen/Subscriptions	0.015
Telephones	0.014
Insurance	0.013
Staff Expenses/Motor/Travel	0.013
Legal & Professional Fees	0.011
Audit	0.010
Postage	0.009
Storage	0.008
Honorarium	0.006
FX Translation	0.006
Utilities	0.006
Bank Charges	0.005
Shared Affiliate Projects	0.005
Team Ireland Promotion	0.004
Repairs/Premises	0.001
Release of Provisions	-0.010
TOTAL	€2.644



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