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Conclusion of the 8th Pattern Race & Handicapper Committee meeting:

October, 2nd, 2009, 06:30pm at Saint-Cloud racecourse, Paris

Invitation made by: Comte Jean-Pierre de Gasté c/o AFAC France

Participants:

- Comte Jean-Pierre de Gasté, France, Chairman
- Neil Abrahams, Handicapper, U.A.E.
- Conrad Allen, Handicapper , Qatar
- Wieger de Ruiten, Netherlands
- Graham Walcroft, Handicapper, Great Britain
- Nils Rosenkjaer, Member of the Race Conditions Committee, Sweden
- Cihat Gürüz, Executive board member of IFAHR, Turkey
- Taylan Alper Karaer, Handicapper, Turkey
- Eric Le Guen, Handicapper, France

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**CONVENING FOR THE 8th PATTERN RACE & HANDICAPPER COMMITTEE
MEETING :**

Friday 2nd of October 2009 – 6.30 p.m. at Saint-Cloud racecourse

A G E N D A

1. Conclusion of last Pattern Race and Handicapper Committee Meeting
2. Review of Group PA races run in every country for the season 2008-2009
3. Evaluation of Group PA races per country in 2008-2009
4. Production of a Pattern Race Calendar for the season 2009-2010 and year 2010
5. Establishment of a chart for alignment of handicap ratings between country members
6. Finalisation of an international handicap rating database
7. Review of the list of Group PA races sent for publishing in the Yearbook 2009
8. Any other business
9. Next meeting

Documents to provide for the meeting by each country member in at least 10 copies, or to be sent before the meeting to the following address : stallions@wanadoo.fr

- List of 2009 handicap ratings for 2008-2009
- Evaluation of the level of rating of all Group races in your country

Minutes of the 8th IFAHR Pattern Race and Handicapper Committee Meeting

France: From 2010 will adopt the International system of rating 0-140.

Further discussions took place highlighting the need to harmonize all country's list of ratings as in the Thoroughbred industry.

A review was made of the rules for pattern races and the markers by which group races are established.

Sweden requested consideration for Group races but was unable to provide sufficient details at this time. However, consideration will be given once the full details are received. It was noted that 3 horses from Sweden raced in the UK this summer and thus gives a line on the actual ratings.

Great Britain has suggested that we review the numerical levels for three year old ratings for pattern race purposes. It has been agreed that ratings for three year old races be lowered by 5 lbs to:

Group 1 = 110

Group 2 = 105

Group 3 = 100

Turkey would like to promote 3 races but will forward the details at a later date, data will be sent to all members for comment before a decision is taken for 2010.

Race results for IFAHR races in 2009 will be published by January, 2010. Results shall be forwarded by Nov 15th to afacfrance@wanadoo.fr in order that sufficient time is given for preparation and publication.

A calendar of IFAHR Group races will published by February 15th for 2010.

By the end of 2010 all countries shall be harmonized in their ratings scale so that IFAHR can publish on the website the international listings of all horse's handicap ratings.

All countries shall work towards the examples of UAE, Qatar and England in creating a transparent system and list of ratings.

It is very important that all countries feel concerned about the handicapping and pattern committee such that each country sends representatives to that meeting. Each country shall be represented by the concerned party in their jurisdiction and be completely prepared in advanced. All IFAHR countries should be represented. It is noted that England, France, Qatar, Turkey, Holland and UAE are the only countries that consistently attend all meetings and are completely prepared.

For 2010, the meeting of the handicappers will precede the pattern committee after the ARC.

Minutes taken by Neil Abrahams