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Conclusion of the 7th Pattern Race & Handicapper Committee meeting:

March, 27th, 2009, 13.00h at the Emirates Tower, Dubai

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

Participants: Comte Jean-Pierre de Gasté, France, Chairman
Neil Abraham, Handicapper, U.A.E.
Conrad Allen, Handicapper ,Qatar
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**CONVENING FOR THE 7th PATTERN RACE & HANDICAPPER COMMITTEE
MEETING :**

Friday 27rd of March 2009 – 1 p.m. in Dubai
at Emirates Towers

A G E N D A

1. Conclusion of last Pattern Race and Handicapper Committee Meeting
2. Review of Group Races run in every country for the year 2008
3. Evaluation of Group races per country in 2008
4. Program of Group Races per country for 2009
5. Alignment of handicap ratings between country members
6. Review of the list of Group PA races sent for publishing in the Yearbook 2009
7. Any other business
8. Next meeting

Documents to provide for the meeting by each country member in at least 10 copies:

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

Minutes of the 7th Pattern Race and Handicapper Committee Meeting

- 1.** The conclusions of the last Pattern Race Committee Meeting on January, 23rd 2009 were reviewed and confirmed.
- 2.** M. de Gasté mentions that the main purpose of this present meeting is to progress in the arranging of an international rating standard that would allow to create an international handicapping system for all pure Arabian horses running in Europe and Middle East.

For achieving such goal, the priority is to obtain from all major countries of pure Arabian racing a proper handicap listing of all their horses running.

France is one of the major countries in the world for Arabian racing. However, although there has been a big improvement in recent years, the work on Arabian handicapping in France is not yet as accurate as it should be. As the best Arabian horses in France appear at a rating of about 28, the whole table is too compressed, as there is not enough range for the lower horses. The reason for that is that France Galop feels that the performance relationship between Thoroughbreds and Arabians should be shown on the table by a difference of 30 Kilograms. The committee agrees on the fact that the real difference between the best Thoroughbred horses and the best Arabian horses is far more than 30 Kilograms, so that there is no obvious reason for doing so.

The committee therefore is unanimous in recommending to France to adopt an international scale of 0-140 that is currently running in most of the countries worldwide.

- 3.** The committee also agrees that we need to establish conversion rates between the local ratings of each country at the international scale of 0-140. In the Thoroughbred world, a rating of 59 kg in France, for instance, is converted to 130 in the international scale.
- 4.** To move on to that target, it is necessary to collect the race results of every member country. All members therefore are requested to send the full results of their group races of 2006 and 2007 to Neil Abraham (UAE) as soon as possible.
- 5.** Date of the next meeting should be in the summer 2009.

Harald Siemen