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Conclusion of the 6th Pattern Race & Handicapper Committee meeting:

Friday 23rd of January, 2009 - 2 p.m. at France Galop

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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. Letter from Turkey to the Executive Board to request for a third Group PA race for Turkey
6. Any other business
7. 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

Minutes of the 6th Pattern Race and Handicapper Committee Meeting

M. de Gasté apologised for many cancellations made in the last minute, so that it was too late to cancel the whole meeting. Non-attendants for these meeting were:

Neil Abrahams, U.A.E.
Georgina Tomkins, UK
Graham Walcroft, UK
Bo Gilborg, Skandinavia
Wieger de Ruiter, Holland
Michael Fenton, Qatar

1. The conclusions of the last Pattern Race Committee meeting on the 7th October 2008 were reviewed and confirmed except for the evaluation of the Group races for which the average rating of the first 4 (not 5) horses should be used, as it is done with Thoroughbred racing.

2. The review of Group races was limited to those countries present at this meeting. On ratings provided, there is no race in danger of downgrading.

3. For the Evaluation of the Group races, all countries which have not done this yet are requested to send in the ratings for their Group races as soon as possible. It was decided that in races open to colts and fillies, the sex allowance must be added to the ratings.

4. The program of the Group races for 2009 will follow the same lines as in 2008.

Following an application provided by France, it has been decided during the previous meeting in October 2008, that Prix de l'Élevage for 4-Y-O-fillies would become a new Group race. As the rating average for this race in the last 4 years was 115, the race has been welcome as a Group 2 in 2009.

Germany staged only one Group race in 2008, the Preis von Europa at Cologne, as the Group status of the Baden-Baden race in October was suspended for one year. This race can be Group 2 PA again this year.

The Qatar Cup at Hamburg was run for the second time in 2008 and again provided a high rating. Given an appropriate rating again in 2009, the Qatar Cup can go immediately to Group 1 in 2010.

5. Turkey has sent a request to the Executive Board, on October 8th, 2008, for the Riza Bey Stakes to become a new Group PA race.

The chairman pointed out that the Pattern Race Committee has to receive an application for any race applying for Group status. The race needs previously to be open to horses from all countries without any penalties or weight allowances except sex allowance and weight-for-age, and to have a minimum prize-money equivalent to 15,000 euros. After approval from the Pattern Race Committee, the race can be run as a Listed race for the first 3 years. Only by then, the race will be assessed as a Group 1, 2 or 3 PA after reviewing the ratings for that race.

The committee accept therefore the Riaz Bey Stakes as a Listed race in 2009, and confirmed that it will be eligible for Group status in 3 years.

The chairman encouraged Turkey to apply for more Group races, as Turkey is a very strong country for arab racing.

6. Harald Siemen insists on the fact that it is still essential to create a unitary weight-for-age-scale and an International standard for ratings to harmonize the various systems. Unless this work is done there will be no chance of compiling an International Classification. The aim should be an approach to the thoroughbred system with the best horse in the arab world at around 130 lbs. each year.

7. Date and venue for the next meeting were not fixed.

Harald Siemen