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| **Ogden Mills (Dinny) Phipps, Jockey Club (USA) Chairman, to Deliver Keynote Speech at 48th International Conference of Horseracing Authorities**  **2013 IFHA Annual Report Now Available** |
| The Jockey Club (USA) chairman Ogden Mills (Dinny) Phipps will deliver the keynote address at the 48th International Conference of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) on Monday, 6 October, at the France Galop Offices in Paris, France.  “The devotion and commitment of the Phipps family to Thoroughbred breeding and racing has long been established, and as chairman, Dinny has been the driving force behind The Jockey Club’s activities domestically and internationally,” said Louis ROMANET, chairman of the IFHA. “The Jockey Club (USA) is a founding member of the IFHA, and actively participates on all committees of the federation and we look forward to hear his perspectives on a wide range of topics, including medication.”  Ogden Mills (Dinny) Phipps has served as chairman of The Jockey Club since February 10, 1983. It is the longest tenure for a chairman of The Jockey Club. He also serves as a board member for the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and the wholly owned subsidiaries of The Jockey Club. He is also a member of the Equibase Management Committee.  Before becoming chairman of The Jockey Club, he was the chairman of the board of The New York Racing Association Inc. from 1976 until 1983. A New York City native, Phipps attended Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Mass., and Yale University, where he received a B.A. degree in 1963.  The International Conference of Horseracing Authorities, chaired by Louis ROMANET, will spotlight two main areas. The first topic titled “Racing Surfaces and Safety” features presentations from Dr Michael (Mick) PETERSON, executive director of the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory and trainer Mr H. Graham Motion, trainer Herringswell Stables (USA). This topic and accompanying presentations will be moderated by Mr Brian KAVANAGH, chief executive officer of Horse Racing Ireland Club and vice chairman of the IFHA. The second topic of the IFHA Conference is titled “Building a Successful Social Media Strategy” and will showcase speakers Mr David Sternberg, Head of Media for Manchester United and Mr Wolfgang Breyer, Head of International Advertising, Online Communication and Entertainment Marketing for BMW Group. This session will be chaired and moderated by Mr Winfried ENGELBRECHT-BRESGES, chief executive officer of The Hong Kong Jockey Club and vice chairman of the IFHA.  The conference will also feature a report from Dr Yves BONNAIRE on behalf of the IFHA Advisory Council on Equine Prohibited Substances detailing global lab certification and other matters forthcoming from the International Conference of Racing Analysts and Veterinarians (ICRAV). Mr Andrew HARDING, director of racing development for The Hong Kong Jockey Club, and special counselor to the Chairman of the IFHA will give an update on pertinent issues related to the international movement of horses, and the federation’s agreement with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). Mr. Jim GAGLIANO, president & chief operating officer of The Jockey Club, and vice-chairman of the IFHA, will give a brief update on the upcoming 2015 Pan American Conference that will be held in New York City in June. In addition, racing in Scandinavia and Korea, will be respectively presented by Mr Harald DORUM, chief executive officer of Norwegian Tote and PARK Yang-Tae, general manager of race planning & strategy department of the Korea Racing Authority.  The full agenda of the conference can be found at [*ifhaonline.org/default.asp?section=Resources&area=11*](http://www.ifhaonline.org/default.asp?section=Resources&area=11).  A live video stream of the Open Forum of the International Conference of Horseracing Authorities will be available on the IFHA’s website beginning at 10:30 CEST (GMT+2). A replay of the live video stream will be available in the days following the conference.  In addition, the IFHA has proudly unveiled the 2013 IFHA Annual Report. The report features reports of IFHA committees as well as important global data on racing and breeding for 2013. The report and individual country information can be found at [*ifhaonline.org*](http://www.ifhaonline.org) under the Resources tab.  The first International Conference of Horseracing Authorities was organized and hosted by the Société d'Encouragement in Paris, France, on October 9, 1967. Since 1994, the annual conference has been organized by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities at France Galop.  **About IFHA** The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) is the world peak body for the international sport of thoroughbred racing. Its members are the national racing authorities across the globe which stage thoroughbred races. Collectively these countries account for annual raceday attendance of more than 100 million people, total wagering turnover of some €90 billion and 170,000 races per year. The Federation organizes the annual International Conference, now in its 48th year.   Major areas of the IFHA’s activities include:   * Making and amending the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering (the IABRW). The IABRW was first published in 1974 and sets out the definition of the thoroughbred and the core requirements for the organisation of racing events and the health and welfare of jockeys and horses. * Policy development relating to welfare and safety of horses and riders * International Race Planning and Grading (“black type”) * World Rankings * Equine Prohibited Substances and Practices * Harmonisation of Race Day Rules * Fostering commercial development of the racing industry globally   The IFHA is a foundation member of the International Horse Sports Confederation and is affiliated to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).  Contact:  Andrew Chesser  Deputy Secretary General, International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA)  Telephone +1 859 224 2741  Email achesser@jockeyclub.com |
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