

LONGINES GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO PRESS CONFERENCE



On Saturday 10th of March, the LGPL 2018 Press Conference took place, at the Pelousse Room of Maroñas Racecourse. More than 50 representatives of South American and International Media attended.

The spokesmen for the event, were the following distinguished authorities:

1. Mr. Gabriel Gurméndez, CEO of Hipódromo Nacional de Maroñas
2. Mr. Carlo Rossi, Chairman of OSAF
3. Mr. Miguel Crotto, Vice Chairman of OSAF

Longines is proud to be the Official Partner and Official Watch of OSAF, as well as the Official Chronometer of Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano and Longines Cup. During tomorrow's race meeting, the Swiss watchmaker will organize the Longines Prize of Elegance to award the most elegant lady and gentleman present at the racecourse on this magnificent raceday. Longines is proud to present in this event, the watches from the Longines Conquest Classic collection.

Mr. Gabriel Gurméndez opened the Press Conference, thanking the attendants, and the support of OSAF, Longines and IFHA for the work being carried out by Uruguay and Maroñas Racecourse to meet the required international standards. He thanked the work being carried out by the team behind the organization of this edition of Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano. Maroñas is proud to open for the first time the new turf track, which is a longstanding dream come true.

Mr. Carlo Rossi thanked the authorities present, the regional and international media, and expressed his commitment to continue working with the work being carried out from OSAF, in liaison with its peer institutions within the region and around the World.

He thanked for the support of OSAF Board, the cooperation of the hosts of this new edition of Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano, and OSAF colleagues and staff.

He expressed the honor it is for OSAF to count with the support of Longines as Official Partner, in a relationship that has been already going on for 5 years, and with a view toward a renewal of the votes of mutual cooperation for an additional 5 year term, with the meaningfulness of counting with the support of a World Class partner who shares OSAF passion for equestrian sports, also partner of IFHA and FEI.

He also spoke about LONGINES CUP, which is sponsored for second consecutive year, as OSAF and Longines support an already existing Group race from the racecourse staging LGPL, and explained that as from the renewal of the mutual agreement with Longines, it features already as part of the programme of sponsored races, to be repeated year after year, encouraging the participation of competitors coming from different countries from across South America, always bearing in mind that the race conditions don't compete directly (distance or age) with those of LGPL.

He regretted the health situation (equine influenza breakout) occurred in Chile, that did not allow for the Chilean horses to travel to Uruguay to compete, and he wished the best for all contesting delegations, to meet in a clean and fair competition that brings the Nations and the fans of racing close together.

He summarized the activities carried out during the previous days: OSAF Handicappers Committee, Stud Books Committee, OSAF Board and Annual Member's Conference, where OSAF has the opportunity of communicating the

members, as well as it periodically does through Press releases, the intense activity carried out in order to address the issues most relevant to the racing activity.

He gave a preview of the activities to take place on the LGPL day, on March 11th, at Maroñas Racecourse.

Mr. Miguel Crotto declared his support to OSAF, as well as the honor it means for Argentina to hold the ViceChairmanship. He expressed it is a racing event worth of pride and emotion, to be able to share the same track with his peers from the region, which is a Latin American event and a Latin American victory to be able to stage an event of this nature, where everybody celebrates and everybody becomes peer.

He spoke of the progress made by the laboratory of San Isidro Racecourse to become the first South American laboratory recognized by IFHA. He declared that the doping issue is a core issue, and ratifies his support in the fight against doping, in order to have clean competition, to promote the sport, the breed, the racing show, and the transparency towards race fans and wagers. He adds that even though it is a huge economic effort to achieve the construction and running of a laboratory of these characteristics, this effort is worth making. He specially thanks the support received from OSAF and IFHA to train the analysts and technicians, and to help boost this leap in doping control in South America, in line with the rest of the World and IFHA requirements and standards. He declares that the true success will be having no doping at all.

WE SHARE WITH THE READERS OF OSAF NEWS THE RACING SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY 11TH OF MARCH 2018 at MAROÑAS RACECOURSE

N°	Time	RACE
1	14:05	Alvaro Vargas Guillemette
2	14:30	Eduardo A Pons
3	14:55	Criadores Argentinos del SPC
4	15:20	ABCPCC - Asociación Brasileña de Criadores y Propietarios de Caballos de Carrera
5	15:45	Asociación de Criadores del Caballo Puro de Carreras, Uruguay
6	16:30	Clásico Guillermo Young (L)
7	16:55	Haras La Quebrada - Hernán y María Inés Ceriani
8	17:20	KEENELAND
9	17:50	LONGINES CUP - Clásico Diana (G3)
10	18:25	Haras Don Alberto - Liliana Solari y Carlos Heller Solari
11	19:20	LONGINES GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO (G1)
12	20:00	Asociación de Criadores de Caballos de Carrera del Perú
13	20:25	Criadores Fina Sangre de Carrera SA, Chile
14	20:50	Gran Premio General Artigas (G2)
15	21:15	Jockey Club de Turquía
16	21:40	Sixties Song (2017)

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