

## OSAF VETERINARIANS, ANALYSTS AND EQUINE WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING in Buenos Aires



OSAF's Veterinarians, Analysts and Equine Welfare Committee members held their annual meeting in Buenos Aires from September 4<sup>th</sup> till 6<sup>th</sup>. This 3-day meeting included a visit to the Analytical and Veterinarian department of all 3 main Argentinean racecourses: San Isidro, Palermo and La Plata.

In attendance:

### **Analysts:**

From Argentina: Dr. Patricia Porto and Barbara Cecilia (San Isidro), María de los Angeles Cristofano, Liliana Madarro and Cristian Oliver (La Plata), Osvaldo Teme Centurión and Mariela García (CENARD),

From Brazil: Dr. Mirtes Velletri de Souza (Sao Paulo)

From Chile: Dr. Patricia Murquillaza (Consejo Superior de la Hípica Nacional)

From Peru: Mr Juan Assereto (Jockey Club Perú)

From Uruguay: Dr. Eleonora Scosería (Infodynamics)

### **Veterinarians:**

From Argentina: Dr. Alberto Costa, Teresita Zambruno, Valeria Wasinger (San Isidro), Ramón López (La Plata), Ricardo Campodónico (Palermo),

From Brazil: Dr. Mayra Frederico and Luis Renato Oseliero (Sao Paulo)

From Chile: Dr. Mariano Goic (Club Hípico de Santiago), Arnaldo Croxatto (Hipódromo Chile)

From Peru: Dr. Jorge Lozano (Jockey Club Perú)

From Uruguay: Dr. Rita Rocca and Natalia Guelfi (Maroñas)

From OSAF: Mr Oscar Bertoletti and Silvina Koremblit

This was the first opportunity for most of the attendants, to get to know the technical facilities from their peer OSAF member racetracks, and allowed for more interaction, comparisons and exchange of opinions, amongst all present.



On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of September during morning hours, the Analysts visited the facilities of CENARD doping control laboratory, which tests Palermo Racetrack Samples, and the Veterinarians visited the Equestrian Villa of Palermo Racetrack. During the afternoon (raceday in Palermo Racecourse) the joint group visited the sampling facility and observed the sampling and custody chain of custody procedures.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> during morning hours, the Analysts visited the facilities of the doping control laboratory at the University of Veterinary Sciences of La Plata, which tests La Plata Racetrack Samples, and the Veterinarians visited the Equestrian Villa and Veterinarian department of La Plata Racetrack. Afterwards, at noon, the joint group was given a presentation of the research facilities, team and ongoing research being carried out by the equestrian specialists working at the University of Veterinary Sciences. During the afternoon (raceday in La Plata Racecourse) they visited the sampling facility and observed the sampling and custody chain of custody procedures.



On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> during morning hours, the Analysts visited the facilities of San Isidro doping control Laboratory, and the Veterinarians visited the Equestrian Villa, the Veterinarian Hospital and Equestrian Sciences Museum of San Isidro Racetrack. During the afternoon (raceday in San Isidro Racecourse) the joint group visited the sampling facility and observed the sampling and custody chain of custody procedures.

As closing for the 3-day activities during, the group convened the same day (Wednesday) in late afternoon hours - first separately, then together - in order to summarize and give feedback of the activities carried out during the past days, and discussing the local issues to be addressed for the future development of the individual veterinarian and analysis departments, towards improving their operations and optimizing procedures, and a work plan was sketched.





The delegates from the veterinary departments made a survey on the different aspects of the veterinary practice within each racecourse, in order to identify the differences and in order to be able to sketch a common scenario of best practices recommended by OSAF to their members. The following issues were addressed:

1. Control of Compliance of health regulations upon the horses entering your racecourse
2. Individual registry of the horses living inside the Equestrian Villa
3. Requirement for trainers to keep registry of therapeutic medication and veterinarian practices in the stable
4. Clinical check-up carried out to every horse on racedays, before competition
5. Thorough assessment and observation in motion, in case something out of the ordinary is detected in the d spot
6. Supplementary study/certificate of good health ordered from their private veterinarian in order to be re-entered for running again, upon either discomfort or intense pain observed during check-up
7. Equipment of the veterinarian facility with all necessary supplies (e.g. ice, medication, shower, shade, saline solution) in order to immediately assist a contestant with signs of Overtired Horse Syndrome on racedays
8. Does the starter vet accompany the runners with a vehicle equipped with supplies necessary to rapidly intervene in an accident?
9. Adequate record of information about accidents
10. Sampling of blood/urine taken for control of forbidden substances in animals that suffer a fatal or non-fatal accident
11. Necropsies in fatal accidents in order to confirm diagnosis and for obtaining additional information
12. Urine and plasma samples taken for testing for forbidden substances in case of accidents
13. ISO Certification of Veterinary Service count with ISO Certifications for all its processes
14. ISO Certification of Veterinary Service count with ISO Certification in the area of sampling
15. Do you have a law that protects equines against mistreatment/abuse?

It is the aim of this Committee to continue identifying matters to harmonize, generating more awareness on issues that were not previously addressed, in order to create a path towards best practices within OSAF member racetracks, both in the doping control and the veterinarian departments.