

## OSAF BOARD MEETING IN LIMA



On Saturday August 19th during morning hours, the members of OSAF Board met at the premises of Jockey Club del Perú, at Monterrico Racecourse, in Lima.

Presided by Mr. Carlo Rossi Soffia, the meeting counted with the participation of Mr Jorge Luis Mujica Cogorno, Octavio Pedraza and Jorge Luis González Angulo (Jockey Club del Perú), Pablo Piffaretti and Enrique Olivera Jr (Jockey Club Argentino), Ignacio Pavlovsky Jr (Hipódromo Argentino de Palermo), Gustavo D'Audia (Hipódromo La Plata), Sergio Coutinho Nogueira (Jockey Club Brasileiro), Carlos Heller Solari (Club Hípico de Santiago), Juan Cúneo Solari (Hipódromo Chile), Ramón Rionda (Hípica de Panamá and HRU SA) and Gabriel Gurméndez (HRU SA), and OSAF CEO Oscar Bertoletti.

In the course of the meeting, the following issues were addressed, amongst others:

### **1. Update of the activities of OSAF Technical Committees during 2017:**

a. ***Handicappers Committee***, presided by Mr Diego Montaña (URU). The last meeting of this Committee took place during June in Río de Janeiro, occasion in which the ratings of the horses competing in OSAF racecourses during the season 2016-2017 were agreed, closing the racing season. A presentation was made of the conclusions taken by the Committee, ratings approved and the proposal of a new weight for age scale that prioritizes the harmonization of weights within the region.

The approved ratings are available in OSAF website in PDF format through the following link:

[www.osafweb.com.ar/downloads/clasificaciones\\_sudamericanas\\_julio\\_2016\\_junio\\_2017\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.osafweb.com.ar/downloads/clasificaciones_sudamericanas_julio_2016_junio_2017_FINAL.pdf)

and in Excel format, at the bottom of the Home page ([www.osafweb.com.ar](http://www.osafweb.com.ar))

b. **Racing Veterinarians, Chemists and Equine Welfare Committee**, presided by Dr Alberto Costa (ARG). The veterinarians in this Committee held a meeting via teleconference on April 18th 2017, with the participation of racetracks from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Uruguay. The meeting had as a goal to go deeper into the current practices in the veterinary departments in order to be able to implement the best procedures in the racecourses themselves, the medical emergency facilities, achieve a better follow up of fatal and non-fatal injuries in racing, and the activities to undertake in order to decrease the amount of lesions associated with training and racing, so as to promote equine welfare.

A second meeting of this Committee is scheduled for the second half of the year, with the participation of all members (veterinarians and chemists), which will take place in Buenos Aires during the first week of September. The meeting will take 3 whole days and will include in this opportunity a visit to the Analytical and Veterinarian department of all 3 main Argentinean racecourses: San Isidro, Palermo and La Plata.

c. **OSAF Pattern Race Committee**, presided by advisor Ciaran Kennelly, where the annual meeting took place on the eve of the current meeting, with the participation of the racing authorities from South America, and addressed the evaluation of the quality of black-type races in all the member racecourses by verifying the rules in force are properly applied.

d. **Stud Books Committee**, presided by Dr Ignacio Pavlovsky Jr (ARG). This Committee met via teleconference, in order to facilitate the participation of all members around Latin America. In this occasion and for the first time - thanks to this method - Ecuador and Colombia were able to take part in the meeting. This Committee has shown good progress both in the development of its meetings as well as in the participation of members, follow up and update of pending matters, including that of countries with less resources.

e. **Harmonization of Rules**. An update was made of the matters of major interest to the region, with a global approach on the main topics on which the international community is focused upon, such as enforcement of penalizations, doping policies, use of the whip - amongst others. Also, an update was given of the progress made in the regional harmonization of policies amongst member racecourses and the stakeholders of the horseracing sport.

f. **OSAF Technical Committees Activities Schedule for 2018**. The Schedule of the activities of OSAF Committees during 2018 was outlined, establishing a first draft of venues and dates for each one of the meetings which take place periodically.

## **2. Presentation of San Isidro Racecourse Laboratory**

Drs. Alberto Costa (veterinarian) and Patricia Porto (analyst) were invited to attend the Board meeting as guest speakers, in order to share with the Board the progress made in the path to obtain IFHA's recognition of San Isidro Laboratory, - of which they are in charge - as reference lab, and therefore become the first South American laboratory to count with this important institutional support.

Dr Porto visited the French Laboratoire des Courses Hippiques in Paris in April in order to carry out a training internship with the French technicians in charge of this laboratory which headed by the main international referent when it comes to doping control in horses, Dr Yves Bonnaire.

### **3. Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano 2018**

The date and conditions for the Grand Prix were confirmed for Sunday 11th of March 2018, over a distance of 2000 meters on dirt track. The starter will feature 14 gates. The deadline for the pre-entry of extra-classified contestants will be December 8th 2017. Such pre-entry will have a cost of USD 1,000.-, which will be deducted from the entry fee in the cases of the ratified runners. The purse of this edition of Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano will be the same as in the past editions: USD 500,000.-

The Longines Cup race was also defined: it will be the Clásico Diana (G3) for fillies and mares 3 years old and up, over a distance of 1,600 meters, and its purse will be raised to a total of USD 54,000.- to be distributed amongst the first five finishers.

### **4. Pan American Conference Washington DC, May 2017.**

Chairman Rossi gave a review of the activities which took place in the Pan American Conference, highlighting the diversity of the issues addressed by speakers from all around the globe, and the experiences and practices shared. He remarks the impact of the panelists which spoke of the battle against doping in horses, the globalization of the industry, the activities of technical committees as a tool for the professionalization, transparency and the development of this activity, and especially the *Forum for the Aftercare of Thoroughbreds*.

Next OSFA Board meeting will take place in December in Buenos Aires, in the premises of the Argentine Jockey Club and in the frame of GP Internacional Carlos Pellegrini (G1).