

OSAF BOARD IN BUENOS AIRES



On the eve of the running of Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini (G1), on Friday 14th of December, OSAF Board met at the headquarters of the Argentine Jockey Club during morning hours.

Presided by Mr. Carlo Rossi Soffia, the meeting counted with the attendance of:

- Miguel Crotto and Pablo Piffaretti (Jockey Club Argentino)
- Jorge Luis Mujica Cogorno and Octavio Pedraza (Jockey Club del Perú),
- Antonio Bullrich and Ignacio Pavlovsky (h) (Hipódromo Argentino de Palermo),
- Benjamin Steinbruch and Geraldo Salles Jr (Jockey Club de Sao Paulo),
- Carlos Heller Solari (Club Hípico de Santiago and representing Hipódromo Chile),
- Ramón Rionda and Bernardo Sarfiel (Hípica de Panamá and HRU SA)
- OSAF General Manager Mr Oscar Bertoletti and executive secretary Ms. Silvina Korembli

During the meeting, the main issues addressed and agreed on were:

1. Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano 2019 at Club Hípico de Santiago, Chile

a. Starters appointed to nominated horses: The quota of member racecourses and countries for the 2019 edition of Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano was ratified: Argentina: 3, Brazil: 2, Chile: 4, Peru: 3 and Uruguay: 1.

A starter is reserved for a horse to represent North America.

This way, a remaining quota of 4 starters will be available to be appointed for extra-classified horses, adding up to a total of 18 runners.

The names of the selected extra-classified and nominated horses to compete in the LGPL 2019 will be disclosed before February 15th 2019.

b. OSAF Activities during the week prior to the Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano 2019.

During the days prior to the LGPL race meeting, the following activities are scheduled to take place at Club Hípico de Santiago:

- **Handicappers Committee:** March 6th till 8th
- **Stud Books Committee:** Thursday 7th of March, morning
- **OSAF Board :** Friday 8th of March, morning, 10:00
- **Members Annual Conference:** Friday 8th of March, afternoon, 14:00
- Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano **Press Conference:** Friday 8th of March, afternoon, 19:00

2. Summary of OSAF participation in the International Technical Committees:

As it happens every year, the last quarter is very intense as regards the activities of International Committees, which meet in London, Paris and Hong Kong, where OSAF has an active attendance through the representation of its specialists, technicians and delegates. A summary was made as regards the activities in all meetings, and the conclusions most relevant for our region.

- International Stud Book (**ISBC**), London, early October
- Technical Advisory Committee (**TAC**), Paris, early October
- International Race Planning Advisory Committee (**IRPAC**), Paris, early October
- International Handicappers Committee “Longines Worlds Best Racehorse Rankings Committee” (**LWBRRC**), Paris, early October and Hong Kong in December
- **IFHA Executive Committee**, Paris, early October
- **Harmonization of Raceday Rules Committee**, Hong Kong, December
- **International Movement of Horses Committee**, Hong Kong, December

Within the International community, the progress made by OSAF in different areas was much highlighted, but emphasis was made on the need to continue working intensely on areas such as doping control, building of ratings (especially in countries in Part 2), and quality control of Black Type races.

During 2019, within IFHA’s core, OSAF will be involved in the revision of the International Federation’s Bylaws and Governance Policies, through the participation of OSAF Advisor in International Affairs and OSAF Chairman.

3. Activity of OSAF Technical Committees

A summary was made, of the activities of OSAF Technical Committees during the last quarter of 2018: Handicappers, and Official Veterinarians and Analysts.

The issues addressed focused on promoting equine welfare - such as the proper use of the whip - and a review was made on other practices which are not in line with the last recommendations of IFHA.

The work being made within **OSAF Veterinarians, Official Analysts and Equine Welfare Committee** was highlighted, where a document describing the Minimum Requirements for a Veterinary Department in an OSAF Member Racecourse was built (this document will be publicly released, shortly)

On the other hand, following the initiative by IFHA and OIE to create a program for HHP horses (High Health, High Performance), OSAF technical Committees are making progress in the development of this program within South America, where a series of joint and coordinated actions which involve different committees will be set in motion. We trust that the implementation of this program will begin to redefine the participation of our best horses in the international races organized within our region.

