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## PRESS CONFERENCE LONGINES GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO 2021



On Saturday 23rd of October 2021 at 19 hs, at Espacio Pelousse of Maroñas Racecourse, the official Press Conference took place, with the attendance of journalists from South America, and featuring the following distinguished key Speakers:

1. Mr. Ramón Rionda, Director of Racing Operations CODERE
2. Mr. Gustavo Anselmi, General Director of Casinos
3. Mr. Horacio Espósito, Vice Chairman of IFHA
4. Mr. Oscar Bertoletti, OSAF General Manager

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. Longines is proud to present in this event the watches from the Longines Conquest VHP Collection, joining the prize-giving ceremony as an award to the winners of the sponsored races.

Mr. Bertoletti opened the Press Conference, thanking the attendants, and the support received from Longines, the Uruguayan General Department of Casinos, Maroñas Racecourse authorities and OSAF members for being able to carry out a new edition of the *Latino* at Maroñas, in the midst of the complex international scenario around the Covid-19 pandemic. He highlighted the support received from the regional racing authorities, to adapt to this exceptional situation and having been able to coordinate the nomination of their runners, successfully facing the challenge that this particular brought as regards the movement of delegations across borders - even more challenging than the movement of horses - due to the current restrictions both within the region and around the rest of the World. He remarked the huge work being carried out during the last few months in order to achieve this, and the fact that in the last 10 days a total of 198 non-residents have been admitted to enter Uruguay to attend the race meeting: professionals' delegations, owners, media and South American authorities.

He also highlighted that, for the first time, the use of RCN (Racing Clearance Notification) has been implemented in South America as a document for the movement of horses across jurisdictions, in line with the racing nations around the World and ensuring the timely arrival of the documents necessary for the proper registration of competitors in the staging country's Stud Book.

Mr. Anselmi thanked OSAF, Longines and CODERE for accepting the challenge to organize this edition of Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano and for their trust in the Uruguayan State for this endeavour. He remarked some of the most important aspects of the racing activity in Uruguay, and ratifying and reinforcing the commitment of the General Department of Casinos (DGC) with the industry.

Mr. Rionda highlighted the support received by OSAF's official sponsor, the LGPL organizing committee and the DGC, and remarked the high level of attendance achieved, with all OSAF member countries being present in the event, by the participation of horses, their delegations, as well as by regional media.

Mr. Espósito begun by thanking the people who asumed the responsibility to organize a race of the scale of Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano in only a few months, overcoming all obstacles around the pandemic. He especially emphasized the confidence on the part of Longines, for this event.

During the second half of the Press Conference, the attending journalists had the opportunity to present a round of questions addressed to the speakers, covering issues such as the opening of borders and the facilitation of movement of horses across countries, both for competition and breeding, and the challenges and opportunities for the growth and consolidation of South American racing in the World-wide context, amongst which there is the quality control of black types, doping control and the limitation to the use of the whip.

Lastly, the venue for the 2022 edition of Longines Gran Premio Latinoamericano and Longines Cup was ratified to be run by the end of March at Hipódromo Chile, over a distance of 2,000 meters over dirt track. During the course of the next weeks, OSAF shall begin working with the staff at the hosting racecourse, and the date of the race shall be confirmed.

## **RACE PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY 24TH OF OCTOBER**

<b>N°</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>RACE</b>
<b>1°</b>	13:40	LUIS COSTA BALETA "PANCHITO"
<b>2°</b>	14:10	LABORATORIO VETNIL
<b>3°</b>	14:40	WALTER HUGO ABELENDIA Negocios Rurales
<b>4°</b>	15:10	REVISTA CARAS
<b>5°</b>	15:40	LABORATORIO MICROSULES
<b>6°</b>	16:10	CLÁSICO VERONA Copa "SIS"
<b>7°</b>	16:45	CLÁSICO CHILE (L)
<b>8°</b>	<b>17:20</b>	<b>LONGINES CUP URUGUAY (G 3)</b>
<b>9°</b>	18:00	<b>JOCKEY CLUB OF TURKEY CUP</b>
<b>10°</b>	18:30	<b>KEENELAND</b>
<b>11°</b>	<b>19:15</b>	<b>LONGINES GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO (G 1)</b>
<b>12°</b>	20:05	OSAF
<b>13°</b>	20:35	DARK BROWN (1981)
<b>14°</b>	21:05	LATENCY (2006)
<b>15°</b>	21:35	ROMAN ROSSO (2018)

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