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ATTENDANCE OF INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED FOR THE LATINO 2027 AT PALERMO RACECOURSE

In anticipation of the 2027 edition of Gran Premio Latinoamericano (G1), to be held on Saturday, March 6th at the Palermo Racecourse, OSAF has already received confirmation from key international horse racing authorities who will be joining us for the race meeting in Buenos Aires, reaffirming their unwavering support for the South American region and the development of our racing industry over the past 10 years.

The authorities confirmed so far are Mr. Andrew Harding (Executive Director of IFHA and Executive Director of the Racing Department at The Hong Kong Jockey Club), Mr. Masayuki Goto (IFHA Vice Chairman, Vice Chairman of the Asian Racing Federation, and Executive Advisor to the Japan Racing Association), Mr. Tomoaki Hashimoto (General Manager at the New York office of the Japan Racing Association (JRA)), and Ms. Suzanne Eade (CEO of Horse Racing Ireland).



Andrew Harding, Horacio Espósito, Brian Kavanagh, Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Jim Gagliano and Masayuki Goto at IFHA International Conference 2024

We would like to highlight the attendance of Andrew Harding, who has been one of the key authorities from IFHA who provided crucial support for Uruguay's promotion to Part I in 2025, and who - along with IFHA Chairman Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges - facilitated the local negotiations in Hong Kong that enabled San Isidro Racecourse's doping control laboratory to receive 2 analytical equipments, Thermo Scientific Liquid Mass/Mass chromatographs (tandem mass spectrometry systems) over the past two years. These systems, donated by the Hong Kong Jockey Club laboratory, typically cost over USD 450,000 each (new), are already installed and operational for analyzing doping control samples processed by the San Isidro Laboratory.

Currently, work is underway to import a third piece of equipment donated by Hong Kong to San Isidro Laboratory: a High Resolution Liquid Mass Spectrometry Chromatograph, a technology that does not currently exist in Argentina or anywhere in South America, which costs more than USD 800,000. (new).



One of the Liquid mass/mass chromatographs donated by The Hong Kong Jockey Club to San Isidro Racecourse Laboratory

We are still expecting final confirmation regarding the attendance of Mr. Jim Gagliano (IFHA Vice Chairman and President & CEO of the Jockey Club, USA), Mr. Andrew Chesser (Director of IFHA and Director of Registration Services & Business Development at the Jockey Club, USA), Ms. Sarah Carmichael (CEO of the International Thoroughbred Breeders Federation, ITBF), Ms. Ruth Quinn (Director of International Horseracing and Development at the British Horseracing Authority), and Mr. Brant Dunshea (Director at the British Horseracing Authority).

About OSAF

The South American Organization for the Development of Thoroughbred's activities (Organización Sudamericana de Fomento del Pura Sangre de carreras - OSAF) was founded in 1958 as the advisory body for the regulation and harmonization of the thoroughbred racing industry in Latin America, following the recommendations of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), the world's leading regulatory body for the racing sport. Our members include the major racetracks, Stud Books, Breeders' Associations, and Owners' Associations in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia, and Paraguay.

The main objectives of our Organization are:

- To promote an extensive exchange of information between its Members and with International racing organizations worldwide,
- To promote the alliance with international racing and breeding authorities,
- To promote the harmonization of racing protocols and regulations within the region;
- To promote the control and fight against doping in Thoroughbreds and jockeys;
- To improve the quality of pattern races within South America;
- To promote the integrity and the best practices in the Thoroughbred industry in South America;
- To communicate about the evolution achieved by the horseracing activity within the continent, highlighting its quality and importance; developing reports, statistics and technical research on the Thoroughbred industry;
- To organize and take part in regional and international events related to the Thoroughbred industry;

OSAF is Member of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), International Stud Book Committee (ISBC) and the International Thoroughbred Breeders's Federation (ITBF), being the regional representative before these institutions.

About Gran Premio Latinoamericano

Since the merger of OSAF (South American Organization for the Development of Thoroughbreds) and the Asociación Latinoamericana de Jockey Clubes e Hipódromos in December 2012, the **Gran Premio Latinoamericano (G1)** has become the flagship event of OSAF. This prestigious race has solidified OSAF's international presence and elevated the visibility of South American racing and breeding on the global stage.

Held annually at rotating venues across member nations, the "Latino" brings together the best Thoroughbreds from South America, offering the **region's richest purse**, distributed among the top five finishers. More than a race, it is a celebration of unity, excellence, and the spirit of collaboration among South American racing authorities.

Since its inaugural edition in 1981 at **Maroñas Racecourse** in Montevideo (Uruguay), the Gran Premio Latinoamericano has journeyed through Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay, symbolizing the shared commitment to development, harmonization, and sporting excellence within our industry.

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