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SOUTH AMERICA PRESENT AT THE ICRAV 2026 IN AUSTRALIA



From Sunday, March 22nd to Sunday, March 29th - in the frame of the running of the TAB Australian Cup (G1) at Victoria Racing Club - the International Conference of Official Racing Chemists and Veterinarians (ICRAV) is being held in Melbourne, Australia.

As in previous editions of this biennial conference, South America has been present, represented by the attendance of Official Analysts and Regulatory Veterinarians, as well as authorities from OSAF and IFHA.



Mr. Horacio Espósito (IFHA VP and OSAF Advisor in International Affairs), Dr. Mayra Frederico (veterinarian, Brazil), Dr. Patricia Porto (analyst, Argentina), Dr. Paula Soza (specialist in equine medicine, Chile), Dr. Rita Rocca (veterinarian, Uruguay), Mr. Oscar Bertoletti (CEO OSAF)

The weekend activities began with private sessions of the AORC (Association of Official Racing Chemists) and IGSRV (International Group of Specialist Regulatory Veterinarians) on Saturday. These sessions covered topics such as Introduction to Robotics and Analysis of Miscellaneous Samples for Research Purposes (in the chemists' session) and Harnessing the Power of Technology (for the veterinarians' session). They continued their working sessions on Sunday, where the meetings of the IFHA Equine Welfare Committee and the IFHA Advisory Council on Equine Prohibited Substances and Practices also took place.

The week's program of meetings included presentations aimed at technical colleagues, as well as racing authorities and regulatory bodies.

In the coming weeks, we will share the translation into Spanish of some of the presentations given by specialists from our region, as well as other presentations by key experts, of interest to the racing community and the general public.

- “Yerba Mate Intake and its Correlation With Results of Xanthines Above the International Residue Limits,” presented by Dr. Patricia Porto.
- “ISO 9001-2015 Certification: A Major Challenge in the World of Veterinary Horse Racing,” presented by Dr. Victoria VH Hernández.
- “ISO9001 Quality Management Certification in Hipódromo Chile Test Barn: Enhancing Integrity in Equine Doping Control in Chile,” presented by Dr. Paula Soza.
- “Detection of Formestane, 4-Hydroxytestosterone, and 6 α -Hydroxyandrostenedione in a Female Thoroughbred Racehorse in Chile: Analytical Findings, Origin Hypotheses, and Regulatory Collaboration,” presented by Dr. Paula Soza.

For more information about ICRAV 2026, please visit: www.icrav2026.org

For more information about AORC: www.aorc-online.org/home

For more information about IGSRV: <https://igsrv.org>

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, Panama, 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.