

Horse Sport Ireland is delighted to announce the details of the upcoming National Coaching Conference titled “*COACHING THE MODERN SPORT HORSE AND RIDER*”. The conference takes place on the 23rd November at the PGA Palmerstown House Stud in Johnstown, Naas and Kill International Equestrian Centre. The day commences with registration at 8:15am in the PGA followed by a continental style breakfast. The conference is opened at 9:00am by Mr Liam Moggin followed by our first guest speaker Dr Gerd Heuschmann who is internationally renowned(see biography), this is followed by a question and answers session with Dr Heuschmann, Billy Twomey and Ferdi Eilberg. Gary Rice who is a Sports Law Specialist from Beauchamps Solicitors will highlight and discuss “Legal Issues for Coaches”

Following lunch in the PGA the conference transfers to Kill International for a practical demonstration with Ferdi Eilberg and Billy Twomey. This demonstration consists of Billy riding three different horses whilst being coached by Ferdi. The practical session is followed by a chance to shop at the stands of Horse Sport Ireland sponsors stands. Sponsors present include Horshare Ireland, Blue Grass Horse Feeds, Champion Hats, Euro-Medic and TRM. The chosen charity at the conference is the I.H.W.T.

Tickets for the conference can be book through Horse Sport Ireland ON 045-854514 or via the website on www.horsesportireland.ie Tickets are €40.00 for adults and €25.00 for students and O.A.P.s.

TIMETABLE:

8:15am-9:00am	Registration, Info Pack, Breakfast
9:00am-9:30am	Liam Moggin-Introduction & Overview
9:30am-11:00am	Dr Gerd Heuschmann-Guest Speaker
11:00am-11:30am	Coffee Break
11:00am-12:00pm	Dr Gerd Heuschmann-Guest Speaker
12:00pm-12:30pm	Question & Answers with Dr Heuschmann, Billy Twomey and Ferdi Eilberg
12:30pm-13:00pm	Gary Rice-Beauchamp Solicitors
13:00pm-13:45pm	Lunch, Transfer to Kill International
14:30pm-16:00pm	Practical Billy Twomey & Ferdi Eilberg
16:00pm-16:30pm	Coffee Break-Sponsors Stands Open
16:30pm-17:30pm	Practical Billy Twomey & Ferdi Eilberg
17:30pm	Conference finishes Sponsors Stands Open

GUEST SPEAKERS;

DR GERD HEUSCHMANN

DR. GERD HEUSCHMANN trained as a Bereiter (master rider) in Germany before qualifying for veterinary study at Munich University. There he specialised in equine orthopaedics for two years before accepting a post as the head of the breeding department at the German Equestrian Federation, which he eventually left to start his own practice in Warendorf. He has produced a successful DVD 'From the Horse's Mouth' and a very successful Book 'Tug of War' At this year's Coaching Conference Dr Heuschmann will present an in-depth presentation into the Biomechanics of the horse.

BILLY TWOMEY

Cork-born BILLY TWOMEY has been a major figure in Irish show jumping for many years. This year he scooped the Amsterdam Grand Prix on 'Je t'Aime Flamenco' in January and took the Leading Rider award at St. Gallen in Switzerland in June. Twomey represented Ireland on the 2010 Meydan Nations' Cup teams in Rome, St. Gallen, and Aachen, where his clear and four-faults helped Ireland claim its fifth Aachen Nations' Cup in the last 81 years. At the Failte Ireland Dublin Horse Show, Billy rode Tinka's Serenade for a 0/4 score in the Aga Khan Nations Cup, this result secured Ireland 4th place in the overall Super League standings. In the Longines International Grand Prix, Twomey steered the 10yo stallion Je t'Aime Flamenco to 3rd place, picking up €26,000. He then travelled to the CSI5* Barcelona, Spain where Je t'Aime Flamenco won the €120,000 Grand Prix. At this year's World Equestrian Games he finished 11th overall riding Tinka's Serenade. For this year's Coaching Conference he will bring three of his own horses to demonstrate the benefits of classical training on the sport horse.

FERDI EILBERG

FERDI EILBERG is a professional dressage trainer and rider from Germany, where he worked with Dr Reiner Klimke and was awarded the Reiter Abzeichnung, a gold medal for success in show jumping and dressage at

advanced level. He has been resident in England since 1980 and has ridden for the British dressage team many times, winning team silver in the 1993 European Championships on Arun Tor. In early 2009 Ferdi was appointed by Horse Sport Ireland as dressage trainer to the Irish Senior Eventing team.

At this year's Coaching Conference he will work with BILLY TWOMEY, further illustrating the benefits of classical training on the modern Sport Horse.

GARY RICE

Gary is a sports solicitor for the Beauchamps group, and will deliver a presentation covering 'Legal Issues for Coaches' which is a very topical area for all Coaches.