

HORSE SPORT IRELAND

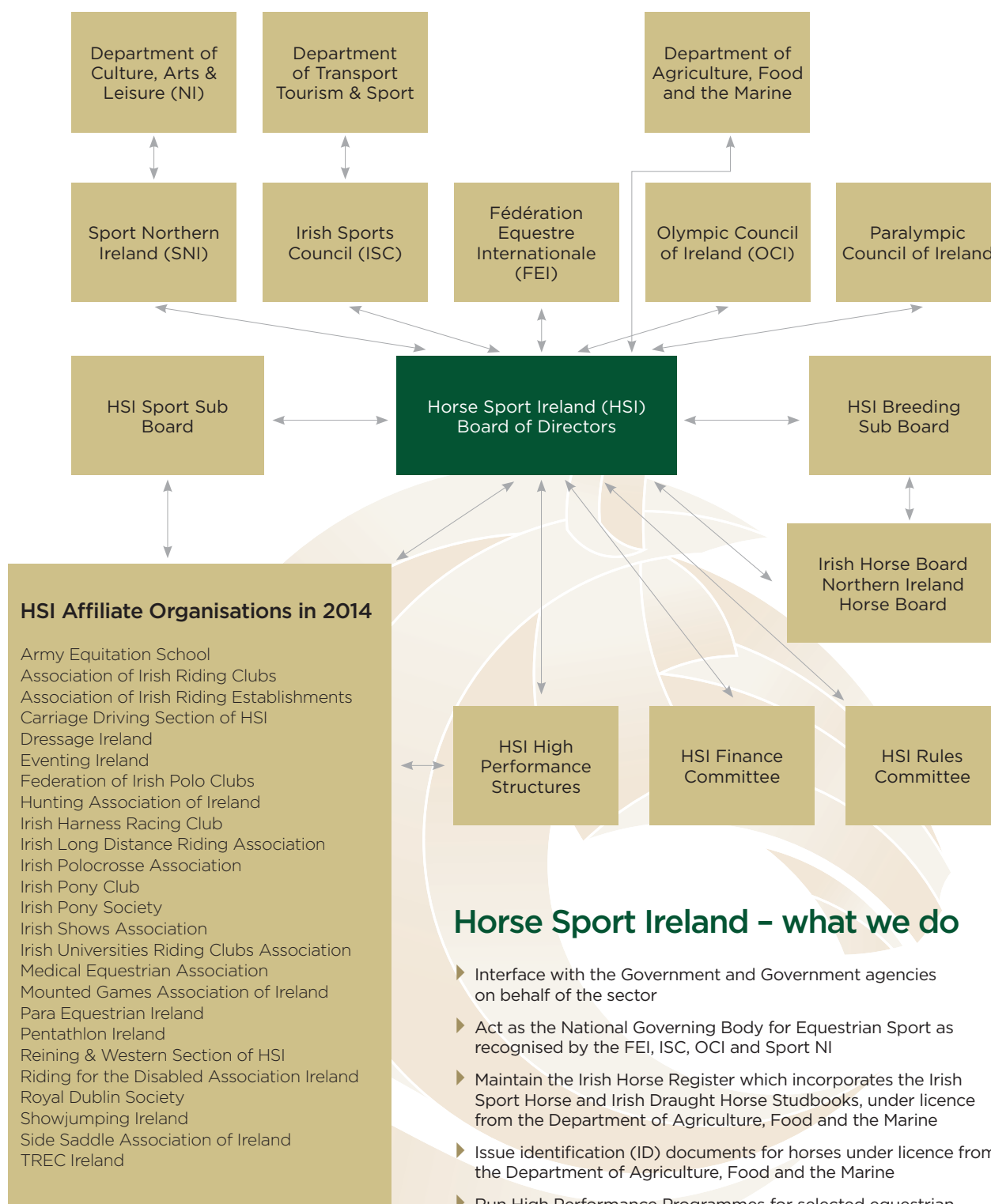


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## Horse Sport Ireland – what we do

- ▶ Interface with the Government and Government agencies on behalf of the sector
- ▶ Act as the National Governing Body for Equestrian Sport as recognised by the FEI, ISC, OCI and Sport NI
- ▶ Maintain the Irish Horse Register which incorporates the Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse Studbooks, under licence from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- ▶ Issue identification (ID) documents for horses under licence from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- ▶ Run High Performance Programmes for selected equestrian disciplines
- ▶ Run the National Horse Anti-Doping Programme for Equestrian Sport
- ▶ Run the National Equestrian Coaching Development Programme with Coaching Ireland
- ▶ Operate the online Pedigree, Progeny and Performance database – CapalloOir

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## Introduction

The year 2014 was my second year as Chairperson of Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) and it has been an honour and a pleasure to hold the position. We have a great 32-county industry with a diverse range of stakeholders. It was a year when we identified many of the challenges faced by the sector. For those people serious about getting a financial return for their efforts and achieving good competition results, the quality of the horses and ponies, the competency of the producers and the skills of the riders were issues that arose and will have to be addressed on an ongoing basis. At the top level, we are in a global competition and the type of animals required for the various disciplines is changing and the required skill of the competitor continues to rise.

It is important to be optimistic and positive about our sector but we have to be realistic and recognise where improvements are needed. Constructive criticism is welcome, as there are always better ways to do things, but we need to progress in a climate of mutual respect for all those involved in our sector. Whether you are partaking in breeding horses or in equestrian sport, for business or pleasure, high standards have to be maintained and everyone should strive to do the very best they can within the resources available to them.

I acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the executive staff of HSI and the contribution of my fellow board members and members of the sub-boards and many committees which enable HSI to function. We have an industry driven by passion and enthusiasm, and the armies of volunteers who populate the affiliates, and enable a diverse array of equestrian activities to take place in Ireland every weekend, bear testimony to this.

The performance of our senior riders across several continents continues to make us proud. They are phenomenal ambassadors for our sport and great role models for our young people. We have a steady stream of young riders emerging, which gives us great optimism for the future. I compliment our Chefs d'Equipe, coaches, all the support staff, the many owners and sponsors who pay the bills, and the parents, who play a huge role in enabling our talented young riders realise their full potential. An investment in our young people is an investment in the future and if we are to have a sustainable industry, we need youth and new blood engaged at all levels.

One objective going forward has to be to connect our breeders with the market requirements and provide Irish horse power to the top riders in the various disciplines. However, in addition to horses for international



competitors, horses for the leisure market and for competitive amateurs also have to be fit for purpose. There is no place for breeding poor-quality animals. Money invested in producing such animals is wasted.

I thank those behind the many equestrian centres, events and shows around the country, who provide the opportunity for developing human and equine talent and for supplying great enjoyment and entertainment for many.

A lot of people, both individuals and families, derive great pleasure from their horses and ponies and it is important to recognise the benefits of being involved which are unrelated to monetary gain. The sport transcends all socio-economic groups and fondness of a horse is often a common denominator that initiates many friendships.

Our many affiliates have different aims and objectives and their members have different ambitions and aspirations for themselves and their equines.

Co-operating and working together, we can achieve great things.

Professor Patrick Wall  
Chairman, Horse Sport Ireland



## Report of the Chief Executive

A lot of Horse Sport Ireland's (HSI) focus in 2014 was taken up with the development of the industry strategic plan. Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, showed great commitment to developing the plan, including participation in well-attended public consultation meetings. By the end of 2014, a draft of the plan *Reaching New Heights*, had been presented to Minister Coveney. The plan will give us a road map for the development of the sector over the next decade.

Once again in 2014, our young Irish riders distinguished themselves on the world stage. Six European medals were won, including two Team Gold medals. A particularly notable achievement this year was Michael G Duffy's gold medal, as part of the European team at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China.

Our senior show jumping and eventing teams performed with distinction at the World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Caen, France. Our eventing team finished sixth, to secure Olympic qualification for the Rio 2016 Olympics, while our show jumping team put up a very strong performance to finish in seventh place,

narrowly missing out on qualification for Rio. Bertram Allen's win, in the opening competition with Molly Malone V, was a particular highlight of the WEG for Ireland. Outstanding performances from Bertram were a feature of 2014, amongst which was his great win in the Dublin Grand Prix. In time to come, 2014 will be remembered as the year when a young Irish star arrived on the world stage.

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook, once again, topped the world eventing rankings. On the show jumping side our ranking needs to improve. The rankings only take into account the points of the top six horses of each studbook. The horses that determine each studbook's ranking tend to be 10 years of age, or older. Looking at the performances in the World Young Horse Championship, where Irish horses have won medals in the five-year-old category in each of the last two years, there are signs of progress. However, it will take a number of years before improvements will be reflected in the World Breeding Federation of Sports Horses (WBFSH) rankings.

While the industry focused on various breeding



## 2014 at a glance:

- 145,384 entries in Olympic discipline competitions in Ireland
- 5,458 foals registered
- 4,316 international entries made for Irish riders
- 4,141 Irish sport horse foals registered
- 1,093 people underwent Garda vetting
- 562 horses with foreign riders competed at Irish internationals
- 407 Irish Draught foals registered
- 400 attended the Coaching and Breeding conference
- 29 countries where Irish riders competed in international competition
- 9 Irish show jumpers in the top 100 of the world rankings as of 31st December 2014
- 7 underage medals won
- 3 Irish eventers in the top 100 of the world rankings as of 31st December 2014

initiatives, the biggest issue for breeding is the number of horses being registered without verified pedigree. All horses registered in the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and the Irish Draught Horse Studbook have had their pedigree verified by DNA. This is crucial in giving increased confidence to the buyers of our horses. Vitally, it allows us to identify the bloodlines that are producing the better horses and those that are not. Registering foals without verified pedigree is damaging our sector. It is something that the whole sector, breeding and sport alike, must do more to address. We need to get to a situation where every sport horse foal born in Ireland is registered in a studbook, with their pedigree verified by DNA.

The number of international events in Ireland grew again in 2014. The Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show was once again an outstanding success. To hear many visitors deem it the best show in the world is a huge boost for Ireland. Tattersalls International Horse Trials, in association with HSI, continues to grow. It is now one of the top events on the global calendar. A particular highlight for 2014, was the European Pony Championships in Millstreet. The competition was a massive success and brought great credit to Ireland.

HSI now has 27 affiliate bodies. The vast majority of these are now based in the same building in Naas and have their meetings there. This has facilitated enhanced levels of cooperation, which has been of real benefit to the sector.

The board of HSI comprises volunteers and they give their time generously. This is also the case with our affiliate bodies. Without this volunteer effort our sector would not function. It is important that those who make their living from the sector acknowledge the important contribution made by volunteers. One such volunteer was former HSI Chairman Joe Walsh, who sadly passed away on 9th November, 2014. Joe made a huge contribution to HSI and it is a pity that he did not get longer to enjoy his retirement. We also lost our long serving Breeding Sub Board member, John Jude Doyle, in 2014. May they rest in peace.

Finally, I want to thank the staff of HSI who give such commitment to the organisation. Most of our staff are accessible in the evenings and at weekends - they are passionate about the sector. As a governing body we have lots of decisions to make. When an organisation is selecting teams, inspecting stallions and allocating funding, amongst other difficult decisions, there will always be those who are successful and those who are not. Sometimes the staff can feel the brunt of people's disappointment. I am very grateful for their commitment to the organisation and the sector.

Damian McDonald  
Chief Executive  
Horse Sport Ireland



Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, with Prof. Cathal O'Donoghue, Head of Teagasc's Rural Economy & Development Programme, and Prof. Patrick Wall, Chairman of Horse Sport Ireland, at a Regional Strategic Planning Meeting.

### Attendance at HSI Board of Directors Meetings in 2014

	21/1	18/3	27/5	15/7	16/9	18/11	Total
Prof Patrick Wall, Chairman (Ministerial appointment)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Pat McCarthy, Irish Horse Board (retired 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2014)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	5/5
Neil Henry, Irish Horse Board (retired 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2014)	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	4/4
Paddy Joe Foy, Irish Horse Board (retired 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2014)	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	4/4
Harold McGahern, RDS, IURCA, MEA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Liam Murphy, Showjumping Ireland	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	3/6
Gerry McCloskey, Showjumping Ireland	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	5/6
Tony Hurley, Showjumping Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Taylor Vard, Showjumping Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Anne Cahill, Dressage Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	5/6
Georgia Stubington, Eventing Ireland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Hugh McCusker, Northern Ireland Horse Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Lt Col Brian MacSweeney, Army Equestrian School	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Rita Dunne, AIRE (retired 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2014)	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Kieran O'Gorman, Irish Horse Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Sean Kavanagh, Irish Horse Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6/6
Larry O'Neill, ILDRA	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	4/6
Barbara Micks, Irish Pony Club (appointed 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2014)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	5/6
Anne Bannon, Irish Horse Board (appointed 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2014)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	✓	1/2
Anne-Marie O'Gorman, Irish Horse Board (appointed 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2014)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	2/2
Jack Murphy, Irish Horse Board (appointed 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2014)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	1/1
Peter Fell, Eventing Ireland (appointed 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2014)	N/A	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	4/5
Kevin McGuinness, AIRC & AIRE (appointed 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2014)	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
Charles Powell, Observer	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	4/6

N/A - not applicable, i.e. not a Board member at that time





Pictured are members of the Horse Sport Ireland Breeding Sub Board. Back row, from left: Neil Henry; Kieran O'Gorman; David McCann; Tom MacLochlainn; Michael Grace; and Prof. Patrick Wall, HSI Chairman. Front row, from left: Sean Kavanagh; Joanne Jarden; Jim Beecher, HSI Breeding Sub Board Chairman; Barbara Hatton; Pat McCarthy; and Dr Jack Murphy. Missing from picture: Anne Bannon, Anne Marie O'Gorman, Alex Deon and Paul Duffy.

### Attendance at HSI Breeding Sub Board meetings in 2014

	14/1	11/3	8/4	13/5	10/6	8/7	10/9	22/9	14/10	19/11	15/12	Total
Jim Beecher, Chairman (Minister's nominee to IHB)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	10/11
PJ Foy, Vice Chairman (IHB, Region 4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/6
Alex Deon replaced PJ Foy on 10/9 (IHB, Region 4)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	4/5
Kieran O'Gorman, Vice Chairman as of 10/9 (IHB, Region 3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11/11
Anne Bannon (IHB, Region 1)	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	7/11
David McCann (IHB, Region 1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	10/11
Anne Marie O'Gorman-Owens (IHB, Region 2)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	8/11
Barbara Hatton (IHB, Region 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	4/5
Pat McCarthy (IHB, Region 3)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11/11
Paul Duffy (IHB, Region 4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	10/11
Neil Henry (IHB, Region 5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11/11
Sean Kavanagh (IHB, Region 5)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10/11
Michael Grace (IPS)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	8/11
Joanne Jarden (NIHB)	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10/11
Andy O'Donoghue (CPBS)	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	N/A	3/9
Dermot Power (on behalf of CPBS)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Tom MacLochlainn (replaced Andy O'Donoghue on 15/12)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	1/1
Dr Jack Murphy (Minister's nominee to IHB)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11/11

N/A – not applicable, i.e. not a sub board member at that time.

- Region 1 – Wicklow, Louth, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Meath, Westmeath, Dublin
- Region 2 – Tipperary, Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny
- Region 3 – Waterford, Kerry, Limerick, Cork
- Region 4 – Mayo, Galway, Clare
- Region 5 – Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Longford, Roscommon



The Horse Sport Ireland Sport Sub Board.

## Attendance at HSI Sport Sub Board meetings in 2014

	6/3	6/5	7/10	Total
John Malone, Chairman	✓	✓	✓	3/3
Lt Col Brian MacSweeney, Army Equestrian School	✓	✓	✓	3/3
David Abbott, Association of Irish Riding Clubs	X	✓	X	1/3
Donal O'Sullivan, Association of Irish Riding Establishments	✓	✓	✓ (Linda Young substitute)	3/3
Hon. Sarah Mullins, Carriage Driving Section of HSI	✓	✓	✓	3/3
Joan Keogh, Dressage Ireland	✓	✓ (Norbert Von Cramon substitute)	✓ (Norbert Von Cramon substitute)	3/3
Alison Packman, Eventing Ireland	✓	✓	✓	3/3
James Kennedy, Federation of Irish Polo Clubs	✓	✓	✓	3/3
David Lalor, Hunting Association of Ireland	X	✓	✓	2/3
James O'Sullivan, Irish Harness Racing Club	✓	X	X	1/3
Larry O'Neill, Irish Long Distance Riding Association	X	X	X	0/3
Paul Boland, Irish Polocrosse Association	X	X	✓	1/3
Barbara Micks, Irish Pony Club	✓	✓	✓	3/3
Patrick Geoghegan, Irish Pony Society	X	X	X (new nominee Margaret Miller)	0/3
Michael Hughes, Irish Shows Association	✓	X	✓	2/3
Daisy Grehan, Irish Universities Riding Clubs Association	✓	X	✓	2/3
Dr Antonia Lehane, Medical Equestrian Association	✓ (Dr Carlos McDowell substitute)	✓	✓	3/3
Jerome O'Connor, Mounted Games Association of Ireland	✓	✓ (Trish O'Connor substitute)	✓	3/3
Michael Kearney, Para Equestrian Ireland	X	✓	✓	2/3
Robert Mooney, Pentathlon Ireland	X	✓	X	1/3
Dara Kearney, Riding for the Disabled Association Ireland	✓	✓	✓	3/3
Marian Condren, Royal Dublin Society (RDS)	X	X	X	0/3
Philip Purcell, Showjumping Ireland	✓	✓ (Aisling Donoghue substitute)	✓ (Elodie McGoldrick substitute)	3/3
Amie Garrigan, Side Saddle Association of Ireland	✓	X	X	1/3
Adrian Flynn, TREC Ireland	✓	X	✓	2/3





## Some Key Highlights in 2014



Irish Junior Eventing team that won Team Gold at the European Championships. Pictured from left: Lucy Latta; Susie Berry; Cathal Daniels, Individual Silver; Debbie Byrne, team manager; Nessa Briody; Tessa Harley; and Shannon Nelson.



Bay My Hero (ISH) and William Fox-Pitt (GBR) win the Rolex Kentucky CCI 4\*.



Bertram Allen (19) pictured here with Molly Malone V, enjoyed huge success in 2014. In October, he broke through into the top 20 of the World Show Jumping rankings after a tremendous year which saw him finishing seventh at the World Equestrian Games, winning two 5-star Grand Prix classes, including the Grand Prix of Dublin, winning his first World Cup Qualifier Grand Prix, and winning gold medal at the World Breeding Championships.



Elizabeth Hayden, pictured with her European Young Rider Eventing Championship medals – Team Gold and Individual Bronze.



Michael G Duffy (second from right) was part of the gold medal-winning European Show Jumping team at the Youth Olympic Games.





Paulank Brockagh (ISH) and Sam Griffiths (AUS) win Badminton CCI 4\*.



Irish Pony Show Jumping team that won Team Silver at the European Championships, held in Millstreet, Co. Cork. Pictured from left: Michael Pender; Grace McHugh; Tom Slattery, team manager; Susan Fitzpatrick, Individual Bronze; Nicholas Connors; and Sean Monaghan.



Team Ireland Equestrian riders at the launch of the 2014 competition season. Pictured clockwise from top left: Cian O'Connor; Susan Fitzpatrick; Melanie Young; Lt David Power; Capt. Geoff Curran; Joseph Murphy; and Aoife Clark.



Irish Young Rider Eventing team that won Team Gold at the European Championships. Pictured from left: Elizabeth Hayden, Individual Bronze; Josh Pim; Sally Corscadden, team manager; Harold Megahey; and Jodie O'Keeffe.



The Irish Eventing squad that finished sixth at the World Equestrian Games, have gained qualification for Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Pictured from left: Aoife Clark; Joseph Murphy; Camilla Speirs; Sam Watson; Sarah Ennis; and Clare Abbott.

## High Performance Programmes



In 2008, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) introduced High Performance structures in conjunction with the Irish Sports Council (ISC) and the relevant Affiliate Organisations. The programmes consist of a mix of training and target competitions aimed at preparing combinations for the challenges they are likely to face at European level. Most years, Ireland sends seven underage teams abroad to represent us in European Championships (see below). In 2014, Ireland also sent a pony dressage team to the Pony European Dressage Championships and a show jumping rider to the Youth Olympic Games.

These High Performance Programmes are overseen by High Performance Committees. The High Performance team manager has full selection powers. These programmes are funded by the ISC, Showjumping Ireland and Eventing Ireland. The progress made to date brings credit to the riders, their families, their coaches, their owners, the Affiliate Organisations, the High Performance Programmes and the HSI Coaching Programme. Having achieved such excellent results, the challenge now is to help these exceptional young athletes to make the transition to the successful senior teams.

### Show Jumping

Children on Horses (U14)  
Youth Olympic Games (15 - 18)  
Pony Riders (U16)  
Junior Riders (U18)  
Young Riders (U21)

### Eventing

Pony Riders (U16)  
Junior Riders (U18)  
Young Riders (U21)

### Dressage

Pony Riders (U16)

### Show Jumping: Pony Rider (U16) High Performance Programme

The programme is overseen by the Pony Show Jumping High Performance Committee.

**Chairperson:** Keith Griffin  
**Team manager:** Tom Slattery  
**Member:** Kieran O'Gorman  
**Member:** Katy Saunders  
**Team vet:** Con Kennedy

The highlight of the year was when Susan Fitzpatrick claimed Individual Bronze and the team claimed overall Team Silver at the Pony European Show Jumping Championships in Millstreet, Ireland, in August 2014.

Susan Fitzpatrick on the podium at Millstreet, where she won Individual Bronze at the European Pony Show Jumping Championships.



Silver medal-winning Pony Show Jumping team. Pictured from left: Tom Slattery, team manager; Michael Pender; Sean Monaghan; Susan Fitzpatrick; and Grace McHugh, Individual Bronze.



PONY EUROPEAN SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS - MILLSTREET, IRELAND  
30th July - 3rd August 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Tom Slattery

	Rider	Pony	Qualifier	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2 (Total)	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Final Placing
1	Susan Fitzpatrick	Rock Dee Jay	0	4	0	0	0	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Bronze
2	Grace McHugh	Cassandra Van Het Roelhof	0	4	0	4	13	=15 <sup>th</sup>
3	Michael Pender	Doon Laddie	0	8	4	4	12	22 <sup>nd</sup>
4	Sean Monaghan	Attyrory Rebel	12	14	0	-	-	34 <sup>th</sup>
		Team Total	0	16	0 (16)	-	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Silver
Reserve	Nicholas Connors	Mighty Patch	8	4	8	8	1	23 <sup>rd</sup>



## Show Jumping: Children on Horses (U14) High Performance Programme

CHILDREN ON HORSES EUROPEAN SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS - AREZZO, ITALY  
22nd - 27th July 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Comdt John Ledingham

	Rider	Horse	Qualifier	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2 (Total)	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Final Placing
1	Emelie Larkin	Flexing (ISH)	4	0	0	1	0	=12 <sup>th</sup>
2	Jack Ryan	Cavalier Teaca (ISH)	0	0	5	1	8	26 <sup>th</sup>
3	Abby Morton	Patch Mills Laura	8	0	0	DNQ	DNQ	=32 <sup>nd</sup>
4	Harry Allen	Wild Thing L	4	0	4	DNQ	DNQ	=32 <sup>nd</sup>
		Team Total	8	0	4 (4)	-	-	=6 <sup>th</sup>
Reserve	Killian Ryan	Miss Sour	16	4	14	DNQ	DNQ	=79 <sup>th</sup>

The Children on Horses, Junior Rider and Young Rider Programmes are overseen by a High Performance Committee.

**Chairperson:** James Kernan  
**Team manager:** Comdt John Ledingham  
**Member:** Michael Blake  
**Member:** Heather Coyle  
**Team vet:** Will Lalor



Guests at the Team Ireland Equestrian presentation night for underage medalists at Glanbia House.

## Show Jumping: Junior Rider (U18) High Performance Programme

JUNIOR EUROPEAN SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS - AREZZO, ITALY  
22nd - 27th July 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Comdt John Ledingham

	Rider	Horse	Qualifier	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2 (Total)	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Final Placing
1	Noelle Barry	Norway Venture (ISH)	4	0	0	0	0	7 <sup>th</sup>
2	Matt Garrigan	Quentucky Jolly	0	0	8	DNQ	DNQ	35 <sup>th</sup>
3	Lucinda Roche	Quiberon D	0	5	12	DNQ	DNQ	71 <sup>st</sup>
4	Cormac Hanley	Wido	0	50	8	DNQ	DNQ	88 <sup>th</sup>
		Team Total	0	5	16 (21)	-	-	11 <sup>th</sup>

## Show Jumping: Young Rider (U21) High Performance Programme

YOUNG RIDER EUROPEAN SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS - AREZZO, ITALY  
22nd - 27th July 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Comdt John Ledingham

	Rider	Horse	Qualifier	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2 (Total)	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Final Placing
1	Jonathan Gordon	Bario Van T Martendonkerf	0	4	0	1	0	6 <sup>th</sup>
2	Hayley Dunne	Flinstone De Tiji	0	4	8	DNQ	DNQ	34 <sup>th</sup>
3	Jack Dodd	Player Du Quesnoy	0	4	5	DNQ	DNQ	38 <sup>th</sup>
4	Kellie Allen	Oreal Des Etains Z	0	5	8	DNQ	DNQ	44 <sup>th</sup>
		Team Total	0	12	13 (25)	-	-	8 <sup>th</sup>
Reserve	Paul Kennedy	Cartown Danger Mouse	0	20	5	DNQ	DNQ	55 <sup>th</sup>

## Show Jumping: Youth Olympic Games



Michael G Duffy who won Team Gold at the Youth Olympic Games is pictured with Martin Burke, Sports Director for the Olympic Council of Ireland and Comdt John Ledingham, Underage Show Jumping team manager.

Michael G Duffy was a key part of the European Show Jumping team which won Team Gold at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, in August 2014. Riding a borrowed horse, Commander, he jumped two clear rounds to help secure Europe's win. The European team consisted of Filip Agren (SWE), Matias Alvaro

(ITA), Michael G Duffy (IRL), Lisa Nooren (NED) and Jake Saywell (GBR). Michael went on to finish in fifth place in the individual competition. He was selected to compete in the Youth Olympic Games by HSI's Junior High Performance manager Comdt John Ledingham, who accompanied Michael to Nanjing.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES - NANJING, CHINA  
15th to 24th August 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Comdt John Ledingham

	Rider	Horse	Qualifier	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Final Placing
1	Michael G Duffy	Commander	0	0	0	0	4	1 <sup>st</sup> - Team Gold 5 <sup>th</sup> - Individual

## Eventing: Pony Rider (U16) High Performance Programme

This programme is run by HSI with input from Eventing Ireland. As the European Championships were held in Ireland in 2014, HSI was allowed to field a team of four and eight individual riders.

**Team manager:** Polly Holohan  
**Dressage coach:** Sue Smallman  
**Show jumping coach:** Tom Slattery  
**Team vet:** Con Kennedy

### PONY EUROPEAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS - MILLSTREET, IRELAND 30th July to 3rd August 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Polly Holohan

	Rider	Pony	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Lucy Hancock	Newtown Westie (ISH)	51.3	0	6.4	0	2	59.7	18 <sup>th</sup>
2	Sophie Butler	G Maha (ISH)	50.8	20	10	0	0	80.8	29 <sup>th</sup>
3	Patrick Dennehy	Rose Down (ISH)	53.3	40	14.4	0	0	107.7	36 <sup>th</sup>
4	Fionn Clarke	Black Velvet Band	45.2	40	21.6	4	0	110.8	37 <sup>th</sup>
		Team Total	147.3		245.3		248.2	248.2	5 <sup>th</sup>
5	Alex Power	Keredern Little Heather (ISH)	56.5	0	0	0	0	56.5	14 <sup>th</sup>
6	Shannon Sheridan	Drop The Subject (ISH)	56.5	0	0	0	0	56.5	15 <sup>th</sup>
7	Mary Smiddy	Mr Hale Bob	61.9	0	16.8	0	0	78.7	28 <sup>th</sup>
8	Emma Kennedy	Laburnum Ineer	51	0	10.8	0	0	61.8	19 <sup>th</sup>
9	Jessica Kuehnle	Fernhill Ruby	49	20	10.8	4	0	83.8	30 <sup>th</sup>
10	Maresa Ronan	My Mystic Clover (ISH)	60.2	20	7.6	0	0	87.8	31 <sup>st</sup>
11	Isabel Persse	Mr Blueskies	61.7	0	26	4	0	91.7	32 <sup>nd</sup>
12	Lucy Arkwright	Sally McNally (ISH)	63.5	0	30	0	0	93.5	33 <sup>rd</sup>

## Eventing: Junior Rider (U18) High Performance Programme

### JUNIOR EUROPEAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS - BISHOP BURTON, GREAT BRITAIN 14th to 17th August 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Debbie Byrne

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Cathal Daniels	Rioghan Rua (ISH)	41.7	0	0.8	0	0	42.5	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Silver
2	Susie Berry	Carsonstown Athena (ISH)	43.8	0	7.2	0	0	51	14 <sup>th</sup>
3	Nessa Briody	Tom Boy	55.6	0	0	0	0	55.6	22 <sup>nd</sup>
4	Lucy Latta	Cleo Ferro (ISH)	47.1	20	9.2	0	0	76.3	42 <sup>nd</sup>
		Team Total	132.6		149.1		149.1	149.1	1 <sup>st</sup> - Gold
5	Shannon Nelson	Gina Van De Neerheide	57.7	0	0	0	0	57.7	25 <sup>th</sup>
6	Tessa Harley	Catsky (ISH)	53.3	40	18.8	0	0	112.1	58 <sup>th</sup>



Cathal Daniels, who won Team Gold and Individual Silver at the European Junior Eventing Championships pictured on the right.

This programme is run by HSI with input from Eventing Ireland.

**Team manager:** Debbie Byrne  
**Dressage coach:** Terry Boon  
**Show jumping coach:** Ian Fearon  
**Team vet:** Will Lalor

The highlight of the year was when the team took overall Team Gold and Cathal Daniels won Individual Silver at the Junior European Eventing Championship in Bishop Burton, Great Britain, in August 2014.



## Eventing: Young Rider (U21) High Performance Programme

### YOUNG RIDER EUROPEAN EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS – VALE SABROSO, PORTUGAL 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Sally Corscadden

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Elizabeth Hayden	Miracle	51	0	0	0	0	51	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Bronze
2	Harold Megahey	Chuckelberry	47.5	0	4.8	0	0	52.3	4 <sup>th</sup>
3	Josh Pim	The Irish Minstrel (ISH)	46.7	0	8	4	0	58.7	9 <sup>th</sup>
4	Jodie O'Keeffe	Kachemire Le Beau	44.6	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL
		Team Total	138.8		158		162	162	1 <sup>st</sup> – Gold
5	Tony Kennedy	Westeria Lane (ISH)	54.4	0	0	8	0	62.4	13 <sup>th</sup>
6	Jennifer Diamond	Early Spring (ISH)	58.3	0	0.4	8	0	66.7	14 <sup>th</sup>

This programme is run by HSI with input from Eventing Ireland.

**Team manager:** Sally Corscadden

**Dressage coach:** Heike Holstein

**Show jumping coach:** Ian Fearon

**Team vet:** Will Lalor

The highlight of the year was when the team took overall Team Gold and Elizabeth Hayden took Individual Bronze at the Young Rider European Eventing Championships in Vale Sabroso, Portugal, in September 2014.



Young Rider Eventing Squad at their final training day prior to travelling to the European Championships.

## Dressage: Pony Rider (U16) High Performance Programme

### PONY EUROPEAN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS – MILLSTREET, IRELAND 30<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Anne Marie Dunphy

	Rider	Pony	Team Competition	Individual Competition	Final Placing
1	Alana Cazabon-Sullivan	Schermeer S Hof Arendsoog	66.000	65.366	40 <sup>th</sup>
2	Katie Burns	Caracas II	65.308	63.975	44 <sup>th</sup>
3	Linnea Larkin	Goofy	62.410	63.854	45 <sup>th</sup>
		Team Total	193.718	-	11 <sup>th</sup>

# Team Ireland Equestrian official sponsors and suppliers in 2014



Sponsorship

Team Ireland Equestrian (TIE) was established in 2009 and is a brand that is growing in popularity and success year-on-year. Without the help of TIE official sponsors and suppliers, this would not be possible. All Irish teams competing in FEI international competitions do so as part of TIE, which encompasses the eight FEI disciplines of show jumping, eventing, dressage, para equestrian, carriage driving, endurance, reining and vaulting, and includes all senior teams and all underage teams.



Team Ireland Equestrian riders Cameron Hanley, Shane Breen, Dermott Lennon, Conor Swail and Cian O'Connor.

## Berney Bros:



In 2014, Berney Bros joined TIE as official tack suppliers to TIE. Berney Bros offer a discount on saddles to all athletes who have competed on a TIE championship team. Both senior and underage show jumping and eventing teams also receive a Berney Bros personalised leather head collar.

## Charles Owen:



In 2013, Charles Owen joined TIE as official supplier of helmets to TIE. All TIE athletes receive Charles Owen helmets personalised with the TIE logo. Safety is very important to all in TIE and we are proud to say that Charles Owen helmets exceed all safety standards.

## ComfyBed:



In 2013, ComfyBed joined TIE as official supplier of equine bedding to TIE. All TIE athletes receive one pallet of ComfyBed bedding which is a dust-free, odourless and absorbent bedding.

## Dubarry Ireland:



In 2014, Dubarry Ireland joined TIE as official suppliers. Dubarry Ireland provide trot up wear to the senior eventers on championship teams, as well as Dubarry deck shoes to all underage show jumping and eventing teams.



## GAIN Horse Feeds (Glanbia):

In 2013, GAIN Horse Feeds became sponsors of TIE underage show jumping and eventing teams and official feed consultants to TIE. All underage athletes competing on European championship teams receive a travel bursary from GAIN Horse Feeds as well as regular equine nutritional advice.



## Horseware:

In 2010, Horseware became official supplier of TIE wear to TIE. Horseware provides all TIE athletes with stylish branded clothing and provides rugs and numnahs to all horses.



## TRM:

In 2010, TRM joined TIE as official supplier of equine supplements to TIE. All TIE athletes receive a TRM pack containing vital supplements required by horses in top-level competition.



## Team Ireland Equestrian on Facebook and Twitter in 2014:

By 31st December 2014, the TIE Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/TeamIrelandEquestrian](http://www.facebook.com/TeamIrelandEquestrian)) had received 43,627 'likes', with an average reach of 150,000 people per week.



By 31st December 2014, the TIE Twitter account (@TeamIRLEq) had approximately 9,000 followers.

## Senior Eventing High Performance Programme

This programme is overseen by the Eventing High Performance Committee.

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Brian Mangan
<b>High performance manager:</b>	Nick Turner
<b>Dressage coach:</b>	Terry Boon
<b>Show jumping coach:</b>	Ian Fearon
<b>Team vet:</b>	Hugh Suffern
<b>Member:</b>	Lord Patrick Connolly-Carew
<b>Member:</b>	Jessica Harrington
<b>Member:</b>	Jean Mitchell
<b>Member:</b>	Janet Murray
<b>Member:</b>	Georgia Stubington

The focus of the 2014 programme was on Olympic qualification at the World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Normandy, France. The Irish team comprised Aoife Clark with Fenya's Elegance (ISH), Sarah Ennis with Horseware Steller Rebound (ISH), Joseph Murphy with Electric Cruise (ISH) and Sam Watson with Horseware Bushman (ISH). Clare Abbott with Euro Prince (ISH) and Camilla Speirs with Portersize Just A Jiff (ISH), competed at WEG 2014 as individuals. The Senior Eventing Team finished in overall sixth place, achieving Olympic qualification for Rio 2016.

### SENIOR EVENTING WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES – JARDY, FRANCE 27th to 31st August 2014. Chef d'Equipe: Nick Turner

	Rider	Horse	Dressage	XC Obs	XC Time	SJ Obs	SJ Time	Total	Final Placing
1	Aoife Clark	Fenya's Elegance (ISH)	63.5	0	16.8	4	0	84.3	21 <sup>st</sup>
2	Sam Watson	Horseware Bushman (ISH)	59.8	0	19.2	16	5	100	30 <sup>th</sup>
3	Joseph Murphy	Electric Cruise (ISH)	52.2	40	42.8	0	0	135	45 <sup>th</sup>
4	Sarah Ennis	Horseware Steller Rebound (ISH)	48.5	40	50	4	1	143.5	52 <sup>nd</sup>
	Team Total		160.5					319.3	6 <sup>th</sup>
5	Camilla Speirs	Portersize Just A Jiff (ISH)	56	0	20.8	16	10	102.8	32 <sup>nd</sup>
6	Clare Abbott	Euro Prince (ISH)	57.3	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL	EL



Aoife Clark aboard Fenya's Elegance (ISH), during the cross-country phase of the World Equestrian Games 2014 in Normandy, France.





Joseph Murphy and Electric Cruise (ISH) tackle the show jumping phase in front of a full audience at the World Equestrian Games 2014 in Normandy, France.



Irish supporters fly the flag and cheer on Ireland's eventers at the World Equestrian Games 2014.



Sam Watson and Horseware Bushman (ISH) during the cross-country phase of the World Equestrian Games 2014 in Normandy, France.

## Other High Performance Programmes

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) also supports High Performance Programmes in other disciplines.

### Carriage Driving High Performance Committee 2014

**Chairperson:** Terry Logan  
**Member:** Ger Hennessy  
**Member:** Dan Joe Spillane

In 2014, the HSI Carriage Driving High Performance Section had competitors at Hopetoun, Royal Windsor, Sandringham and Iszal. Barry Capstick had a great season, taking first place at both Royal Windsor and Sandringham in the Advanced Horse Pairs class. Annika Rohrsen was close behind in Sandringham, taking second place, while Matt Were had a win at the same show in the Advanced Single Horse class. Folke Rohrsen won the Advanced Horse Pairs at Hopetoun. HSI also had representatives in two World Championships during 2014. Emma Golding came ninth in the World Para-Equestrian Driving Championships at Sandringham, while Matt Were finished 47th out of 77 competitors at the World Single Horse Championships at Iszak.



Irish carriage driver, Barry Capstick, receiving his rosette from HM Queen Elizabeth II at Royal Windsor Show.

### Dressage High Performance Committee 2014

**Chairperson:** Joan Keogh  
**Member:** Norbert Von Cramon  
**Member:** David Lee  
**Member:** Anne Cahill

Ireland saw a team of four dressage athletes compete at the 2014 WEG in Normandy, France. Roland Tong with Pompidou finished in 61st place, Anna Merveldt with Vancouver in 83rd place, James Connor with Casino Royal in 89th place and Judy Reynolds with Vancouver K in 94th place. The Irish dressage team finished in 22nd place.

#### DRESSAGE WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES - CAEN, FRANCE 24th to 29th August 2014

	Rider	Horse	Qualifier for Grand Prix Special	Final Placing
1	Roland Tong	Pompidou	66.900	61 <sup>st</sup>
2	Anna Merveldt	Vancouver	64.800	83 <sup>rd</sup>
3	James Connor	Casino Royal	62.357	89 <sup>th</sup>
4	Judy Reynolds	Vancouver K	61.086	94 <sup>th</sup>
		Team Total		22 <sup>nd</sup>



## Para-Equestrian High Performance Committee 2014

This programme is run by HSI with input from Para Equestrian Ireland and Paralympics Ireland.

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Lt Col (retired) Gerry O'Gorman
<b>Team manager:</b>	Dara Kearney
<b>HSI representative:</b>	Triona Connors
<b>Paralympics Ireland representative:</b>	David Malone
<b>Team coach:</b>	Donie McNamara

The Irish Para-Equestrian team participated in two Nations Cups in 2014: CPEDI3\* Deauville (FRA) and CPEDI3\* Hartpury (GBR). The Irish Para-Equestrian team competed at the 2014 WEG in Normandy, where they finished in 12th place. Helen Kearney, on her 2012 Paralympic medal-winning horse, Mister Cool, finished best of the Irish in fifth place in the Individual and Freestyle 1a classes, respectively. Businessman Denis O'Brien, once again, generously supported the programme in 2014.

### PARA DRESSAGE WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES - CAEN, FRANCE 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2014 Chef d'Equipe Dara Kearney

	Rider	Horse	Individual	Team	Freestyle	Final Placing
1	Helen Kearney	Mister Cool (ISH)	71.522	68.304	72.050	44 <sup>th</sup>
2	Kate Kerr-Horan	Arlande	66.343	67.647	DNQ	45 <sup>th</sup>
3	James Dwyer	Orlando	64.429	68.238	DNQ	46 <sup>th</sup>
4	Breda Bernie	Master Mexico (ISH)	68.069	EL	DNQ	EL
					Team Total	12 <sup>th</sup>



Ellen McAuley and Amy McAuley competing in endurance.

## Endurance High Performance Committee 2014

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Larry O'Neill
<b>Member:</b>	Nicola Boud
<b>Member:</b>	David Cunningham

Endurance riding is a relatively small sport in Ireland. However, it has a large international following and the sport continues to grow with a dedicated following in Ireland. The focus of the committee during 2014 was the WEG in Normandy, France. Two athletes represented Ireland in the discipline of endurance at the WEG in September 2014: Tom MacGuinness with LR Arista and Helen McFarland with Just C'Mall. Irish endurance rider, Amy McAuley, posted some notable results throughout the year with a second place finish in Keysoe, Great Britain, and a second place finish in Numana, Italy.

## Vaulting

Charlotte Rimaud and her sister Chloe Rimaud are Ireland's only international equestrian vaulters. Following her success in 2013, Charlotte has progressed to competing in CVI3\* shows. Charlotte achieved placings in Saumur (CVI3\*), Ermelo (CVI3\*), Strasbourg Geispolsheim (CVI3\*), Frenstat pod Radhostem (CVI3\*), Moorseele (CVI3\*), Kaposvár (CVI3\*) and Saumur (CVI3\*) in 2014. Chloe competed in Moorseele (CVI1\*) and Strasbourg Geispolsheim (CVI1\*), where she finished on the podium on both occasions.

## Senior Show Jumping High Performance Programme

The Irish Senior Show Jumping Nations Cup team competed in 12 Nations Cups in 2014. Five of these were part of the Furusiyya FEI Top Level Nations Cup Series. The results for all the shows are shown below, with a summary table for the Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup Series. The Senior Show Jumping High Performance Programme is overseen by the Senior Show Jumping High Performance Committee. All selection decisions are made by the team manager.

**Chairperson:** Professor Patrick Wall  
**Team manager:** Robert Splaine  
**SJI representative:** Taylor Vard  
**HSI representative:** James Tarrant  
**Team vet:** Pat Meagher



Robert Splaine

### Final Standings after the last leg of the FEI Furusiyya Nations Cup Series 2014

Rank	Team	Venues								Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	FRA	90	100	55		100				345
2	NED			90		90	70	95		345
3	GER			80		80		95	50	305
4	SWE	50			80		90		80	300
5	BEL	75	90		55			75		295
6	GBR			70			60	57.5	100	287.5
7	ESP	55	57.5		90		80			282.5
8	SUI	100	50		70	60				280
9	IRL		75			55		75	57.5	262.5
10	UKR			60	60		50		80	250
Venues: 1 Lummen (BEL), 2 La Baule (FRA), 3 Rome (ITA), 4 St Gallen (SUI), 5 Rotterdam (NED), 6 Falsterbo (SWE), 7 Hickstead (GBR), 8 Dublin (IRL)										

## Senior Nations Cups 2014

### CSIO 4\* WELLINGTON, FLORIDA (USA) 25<sup>th</sup> February - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Richie Moloney	Carrabis Z	8	0	
2	Shane Sweetnam	Eregast Van't Kiezelhof	4	4	
3	Paul O'Shea	Lilli	5	4	
4	Cian O'Connor	Quidam's Cherie	0	8	
		Team Total	9	8 (17)	5 <sup>th</sup>

### CSIO 5\* LUMMEN (BEL) 30<sup>th</sup> April - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Billy Twomey	Diaghilev	4	0	
2	Mark McAuley	Isco De Amoranda	18	0	
3	Bertram Allen	Molly Malone V	4	0	
4	Thomas Ryan	Caribo	4	4	
		Team Total	12	0 (12)	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### CSIO 3\* ODENSE (DEN) 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Capt. Michael Kelly	Annestown (ISH)	0	4	
2	Thomas Ryan	Caribo	4	4	
3	Michael G Duffy	Murchu	8	8	
4	Niall Talbot	Nicos De La Cense	RT	RT	
		Team Total	12	16 (28)	7 <sup>th</sup>



Cian O'Connor and Quidam's Cherie during the Aga Khan Nations Cup at the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show 2014.



President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins, arrives for the presentation of the Aga Khan Nations Cup at the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show 2014.

CSIO 5* LA BAULE (FRA) 15 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2014					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Denis Lynch	All Star 5	0	4	
2	Cameron Hanley	Antello Z	4	4	
3	Cian O'Connor	Quidam's Cherie	4	0	
4	Billy Twomey	Diaghilev	8	0	
		Team Total	8	4 (12)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
CSIO 3* LISBON (POR) 29 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2014					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Capt. Michael Kelly	Ringwood Glen (ISH)	4	0	
2	Thomas Ryan	Caribo	8	0	
3	Alex Duffy	WCE Cruco (ISH)	0	9	
4	Niall Talbot	Nicos De La Cense	EL	18	
		Team Total	12	9 (21)	4 <sup>th</sup>
CSIO 5* SPRUCE MEADOWS CALGARY (CAN) 12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2014					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Darragh Kenny	Sans Soucis Z	0	1	
2	Richie Moloney	Slieveanorra (ISH)	1	0	
3	Shane Sweetnam	Eregast Van't Kiezelhof	1	0	
4	Conor Swail	Lansdowne	8	DNS	
		Team Total	2	1 (3)	1 <sup>st</sup>
CSIO 5* ROTTERDAM (NED) 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2014					
	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Denis Lynch	Coulisa	4	16	
2	Cameron Hanley	Antello Z	5	5	
3	Cian O'Connor	Quidam's Cherie	4	4	
4	Dermott Lennon	Loughview Lou-Lou (ISH)	8	4	
		Team Total	13	13 (26)	7 <sup>th</sup>



Bertram Allen and Molly Malone V during the Aga Khan Nations Cup at the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show 2014.

#### CSIO 5\* AACHEN (GER) 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> July

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Darragh Kenny	Imothep	4	1	
2	Cameron Hanley	Living The Dream	1	8	
3	Shane Breen	Golden Hawk	13	6	
4	Denis Lynch	All Inclusive NRW	6	18	
		Team Total	11	15 (26)	7 <sup>th</sup>

#### CSIO 5\* HICKSTEAD (GBR) 31<sup>st</sup> July - 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Darragh Kenny	Imothep	0	0	
2	Shane Breen	Golden Hawk	4	8	
3	Bertram Allen	Molly Malone V	0	8	
4	Cameron Hanley	Antello Z	4	0	
		Team Total	4	8 (12)	=4 <sup>th</sup>

#### CSIO 5\* DUBLIN (IRL) 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Darragh Kenny	Imothep	4	0	
2	Bertram Allen	Molly Malone V	8	0	
3	Cian O'Connor	Quidam's Cherie	4	8	
4	Dermott Lennon	Loughview Lou-Lou (ISH)	4	EL	
		Team Total	12	8 (20)	=6 <sup>th</sup>

#### CSIO 5\* CALGARY SPRUCE MEADOWS (CAN) 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Shane Breen	Golden Hawk	4	DNQ	
2	Dermott Lennon	Loughview Lou-Lou (ISH)	13	DNQ	
3	Billy Twomey	Diaghilev	1	DNQ	
4	Conor Swail	Lansdowne	16	DNQ	
		Team Total	18	-	=7 <sup>th</sup>

#### CSIO 3\* AREZZO (ITA) 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014

	Rider	Horse	Round 1	Round 2 (Total)	Placing
1	Greg Broderick	MHS Going Global (ISH)	0	4	
2	Capt. Geoff Curran	Mullaghbane (ISH)	4	5	
3	Alexander Butler	Monastery Stud More Pleasure	8	4	
4	Mark McAuley	Isco De Amoranda	12	4	
		Team Total	12	12 (24)	=3 <sup>rd</sup>



## Senior Show Jumping: World Equestrian Games 2014

The Irish show jumping team came tantalisingly close to obtaining automatic qualification for the 2016 Rio Olympics when finishing seventh at the WEG 2014 in Normandy, France.

Ireland's quartet of Darragh Kenny, Bertram Allen, Denis Lynch and Cameron Hanley needed at least a sixth-place finish to ensure qualification. Nevertheless, the top 10 finish at Normandy was one of Ireland's strongest performances in 2014, with just a single fence denying them a qualification place.

Though missing out on team medals, Bertram Allen finished seventh, Denis Lynch ninth and Darragh Kenny 12th in the Individual Finals. A strong performance by the team, who were just one place away from Olympic qualification, having finished seventh of 35 teams, a particular highlight was Bertram Allen's win in the opening speed class on the first day where he beat 152 of the world's top riders.



Denis Lynch and All Star 5 at the World Equestrian Games 2014, where they finished in overall ninth place.

### SHOWJUMPING WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES - CAEN, FRANCE 31st August to 9th September 2014 Chef d'Equipe: Robert Splaine

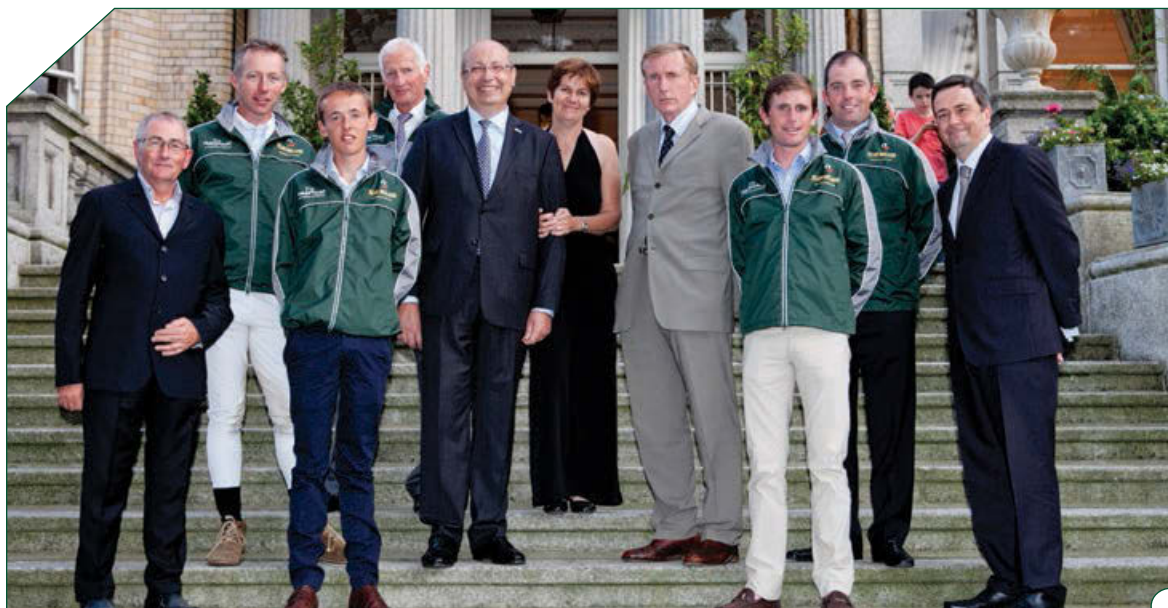
	Rider	Horse	Qualifier (seconds)	Nations Cup Round 1	Nations Cup Round 2 (Total)	Individual Round 1	Individual Round 2	Final Placing
1	Bertram Allen	Molly Malone V	77.01	4	4	1	0	7 <sup>th</sup>
2	Denis Lynch	All Star 5	84.67	4	0	4	0	9 <sup>th</sup>
3	Darragh Kenny	Imothep	84.66	4	1	0	5	12 <sup>th</sup>
4	Cameron Hanley	Antello Z	82.40	12	9	DNQ	DNQ	67 <sup>th</sup>
		Team Total		12	5 (17)			7 <sup>th</sup>



Robert Splaine, Conor Swail, Darragh Kenny and Team Ireland Equestrian support staff look on from the side-lines at World Equestrian Games 2014.

## Owners' Reception

In 2014, Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) organised an Owners' Reception as part of the launch of Team Ireland Equestrian's participation at the WEG 2014. The launch was held at the French Ambassador's residence in Dublin. The event was hosted by His Excellency Jean-Pierre Thebault, Ambassador of France to Ireland, and his wife Aurore, along with Prof. Patrick Wall, Chairman of HSI. The event was part of a new programme, initiated by HSI in 2013, to give greater acknowledgment to owners who provide their horses for the Irish teams.



Tom MacGuinness, endurance rider and managing director of Horseware; Dermott Lennon, show jumper; Bertram Allen, show jumper; Robert Splaine, show jumping team manager; His Excellency Jean-Pierre Thebault, Ambassador of France to Ireland; Aurore Thebault, wife of the Ambassador; Prof. Patrick Wall, Chairman of Horse Sport Ireland; Darragh Kenny, show jumper; Cian O'Connor, show jumper; and Damian McDonald, CEO of Horse Sport Ireland.



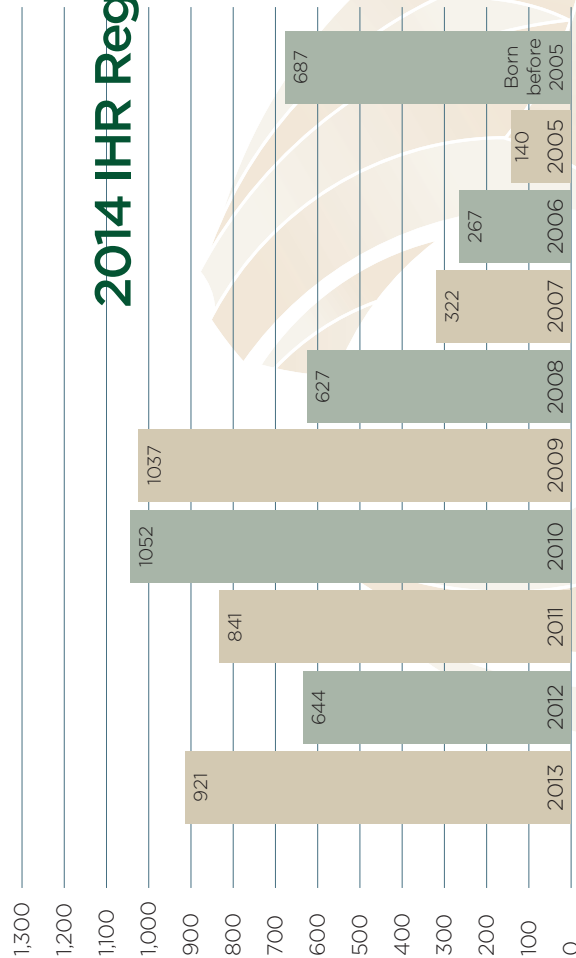
Darragh Kenny and Imotheop at the World Equestrian Games 2014, where they finished in overall 12th place. It was a very successful year for the combination, who also made their Aga Khan debut earlier in the year.





# IHR Registrations

Number of passports issued for adult horses in 2014  
(by year of birth) for horses born before 2014.



## 2014 IHR Registrations

IHR horse registration statistics for 2014				
	ID	ISH	Total IHR	ID Document
No of 2014 foal passports issued	407	4,141	4,548	910
No of adult passports issued in 2014	134	1,230	1,364	5,174
Total	557	5,355	5,912	6,084
Total No				5,458

### Other registrations services in 2014

Change of ownership	10,822
Naming of adult horses	4,204

## 2014 FOALS BY BREED OF SIRE AND DAM

### MARE BREED

	Thoroughbred*	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught/Class 1	Irish Draught Class 2	Irish Draught Class 3/4	Appendix Irish Draught/Grade Up	Foreign Breed	Weatherby Non TB	Arab Horse	Connemara Pony	Riding Pony	Other	TOTALS
*TB	11	624	150	15	49	5	12	8	0	14	0	30	924
ISH	100	890	77	6	28	10	44	13	0	22	4	33	1232
IDC1	52	180	268	24	57	12	3	4	0	2	0	37	639
IDC2	22	107	43	7	26	1	2	3	0	4	1	3	223
IDC3/C4	14	24	11	2	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	72
FB	81	1546	43	5	17	7	240	18	0	7	2	40	2011
WNTR	0	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18
ARAB	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CP	22	88	9	1	12	1	0	2	2	0	1	28	166
RP	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	7
OTHER	2	5	17	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	35
TOTALS	304	3483	623	60	228	36	304	49	2	53	8	178	5328

# A further 910 foals were registered with unknown or partial pedigree.

## 2013 FOALS BY BREED OF SIRE AND DAM

## MARES BREED

2013 FOALS	Thoroughbred*	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught / Class 1	Irish Draught Class 2	Irish Draught Class 3/4	Appendix Irish Draught/ Grade Up	Foreign Breed	Weatherby Non TB	Arab Horse	Connemara Pony	Riding Pony	Other	TOTAL
*TB	11	564	131	3	56	5	10	9	0	12	0	31	832
ISH	129	952	67	2	22	10	32	13	0	14	6	28	1275
IDC1	63	208	372	12	68	21	2	5	0	2	1	25	779
IDC2	20	101	56	2	25	3	0	1	0	4	0	4	216
IDC3/C4	10	30	10	0	11	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	65
FB	69	1330	64	5	14	7	185	22	1	4	1	34	1736
WNTR	0	22	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	29
ARAB	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
CP	26	99	10	0	5	0	3	6	1	1	7	28	186
RP	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	7
OTHER	1	5	24	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	32
TOTAL	329	3316	737	24	203	48	238	57	3	38	16	151	5160

# A further 1,219 foals were registered with unknown or partial pedigree.

## 2012 FOALS BY BREED OF SIRE AND DAM

## MARES BREED

2012 FOALS	Thoroughbred*	Irish Sport Horse	Registered Irish Draught / Class 1	Irish Draught Class 2	Irish Draught Class 3/4	Appendix Irish Draught/ Grade Up	Foreign Breed	Weatherby Non TB	Arab Horse	Connemara Pony	Riding Pony	Other	TOTAL
*TB	4	482	88	4	41	8	3	14	0	4	1	31	680
ISH	134	963	40	4	14	12	30	16	1	12	5	35	1,266
IDC1	72	234	426	23	63	26	4	2	0	0	2	20	872
IDC2	36	115	60	2	9	6	0	2	0	0	1	2	233
IDC3/C4	11	27	4	0	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	51
FB	85	1,304	41	16	1	8	167	26	1	4	3	25	1,681
WNTR	1	19	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	26
ARAB	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CP	43	95	3	0	4	1	2	8	1	0	8	20	185
RP	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5
OTHER	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	386	3,245	665	49	142	62	208	69	3	22	21	134	5,006

A further 795 foals were registered with unknown or partial pedigree.

# Horse Sport Ireland Mare Selections

Mare selections for the Irish Sport Horse Studbook and Irish Draught Horse Studbook are carried out at regional venues annually in spring and autumn. Mares must be a minimum of three years of age to be presented for selection, although Irish Draught mares can be presented for selection at two years of age in autumn. Mares undergo a veterinary examination and are assessed on conformation and movement using linear profiling. Movement is assessed in hand and loose in an arena. Owners can choose to have their mare's athleticism assessed through loose jumping for additional merits.

## Irish Sport Horse Studbook Mare inspections

Year	Inspected	Achieved Select Status	Did not Achieve Select Status	Loose Jumped	Star Rating for Athleticism
Autumn 2014	17	13	4	13	4
Spring 2014	19	16	3	13	1
Autumn 2013	90	63	27	58	15
Spring 2013	11	10	1	7	2
Autumn 2012	67	58	9	39	3
Spring 2012	78	60	18	44	5
Autumn 2011	96	75	21	35	5
Spring 2011	63	46	17	39	9

## Total number of mares presented for Irish Sport Horse Studbook inspections

Year	Inspected	Select
2014	36	29
2013	101	73
2012	145	118
2011	159	121



## Irish Draught Horse Studbook Mare inspections

Year	Inspected	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Grade Up Register	Did not Achieve Grade Up	Loose Jumped	Bronze Merit for Jumping	Bronze Merit for Conformation/Movement
Autumn 2014	99	57	33	5	1	3	24	3	4
Spring 2014	49	29	17	2	0	1	19	9	0
Autumn 2013	109	57	41	9	1	1	19	11	0
Spring 2013	47	28	13	4	1	1	19	10	1
Autumn 2012	132	62	58	6	3	3	29	20	3
Spring 2012	78	38	26	3	0	11	22	9	0
Autumn 2011	203	103	83	9	4	4	40	14	8
Spring 2011	62	26	25	8	1	2	23	8	0

## Total number of mares presented for Irish Draught Horse Studbook inspections

Year	Inspected	Class 1
2014	148	86
2013	156	85
2012	210	100
2011	265	129



Charmaine Kee, breeder of Gweenarra Genesis (ID), the Irish Draught mare that achieved the highest scores at inspection, receives her 2014 Breeder Award from Horse Sport Ireland Chairman,



# Horse Sport Ireland Stallion Inspections

A total of 25 stallions were presented for inspection during the Horse Sport Ireland Stallion Inspections at Cavan Equestrian Centre on 25th and 26th February 2014. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook saw 14 stallions presented, with 11 stallion presented for the Irish Draught Horse Studbook. The inspection process involves a veterinary examination (including x-rays) and assessment of conformation, movement and athleticism using linear profiling. Movement is assessed in hand and loose in an arena. Athleticism is assessed through loose jumping and/or jumping under saddle. Irish Draught Horse stallions are also assessed on breed 'type'.

## HSI STALLION INSPECTION RESULTS 2014

### Irish Sport Horse Studbook stallion inspections

Breed	Number of stallions inspected
Irish Sport Horse	8
Foreign Breed	2
Thoroughbred	3
Pony	1
Total	14

### Total number of stallions inspected

Year	Inspected
2014	25
2013	47
2012	54
2011	90

### Irish Sport Horse Studbook – Stage 1

A total of 14 stallions underwent Stage 1 and the following met Stage 1 and veterinary requirements:

Horse	Breed	YOB	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire
CC Captain Cruise	ISH	2006	Captain Clover (ISH)	Water Cruising (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)
Numero Cruise	ISH	2010	Numero Uno (ISH)	Ms Cruise (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)
Capri Van Overis Z	ZANG	2010	Canturo (HOLST)	Aroma (HOLST)	Fier De Lui (SF)

### Irish Sport Horse Studbook – Approved

The following thoroughbred stallions met Stage 1 and veterinary requirements and are now classified as approved:

Horse	Breed	YOB	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire
Elusive Emir	TB	2004	Elusive Quality (TB)	Alwaysinbloom (TB)	Unbridled (TB)
Munther	TB	2009	Lawman (TB)	Requested Pleasure (TB)	Rainbow Quest (TB)
Wounderwall	TB	2002	Neshad (TB)	Werra (TB)	Readily (TB)

### Irish Draught Horse Studbook – Class 1

A total of 11 stallions underwent Class 1 and the following met Class 1 and veterinary requirements:

Horse	YOB	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire
Castlegar Fin Grove	2011	Fintan Himself (ID C1)	Feeragh Lass (RID)	Grosvenor Lad (ID C1)
Millhollow Real Mac Coy	2006	Annaghdown Star (ID C1)	Roma Blue Wind (RID)	Blue Henry (ID C1)



## FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses – Lanaken

The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses take place annually in September in Lanaken, Belgium, where the world's best five, six and seven-year-old show jumpers compete. All horses must be registered in a WBFSH member studbook and each country is given a quota for the number of horses they can select to compete per age category. The 15 Irish sport horses selected

to compete in 2014 are shown on the next page with their results. The Irish Chef d'Equipe was Comdt John Ledingham. Below is a graph showing the results from the Championships between 2004 and 2014. In 2014, Ard Ginger Pop (ISH) and Angelica Augustsson (SWE) claimed the Silver Medal in the five-year-old World Championship, while Ireland's Bertram Allen and the Dutch-bred Barnike (NRPS) were crowned seven year old World Champions.

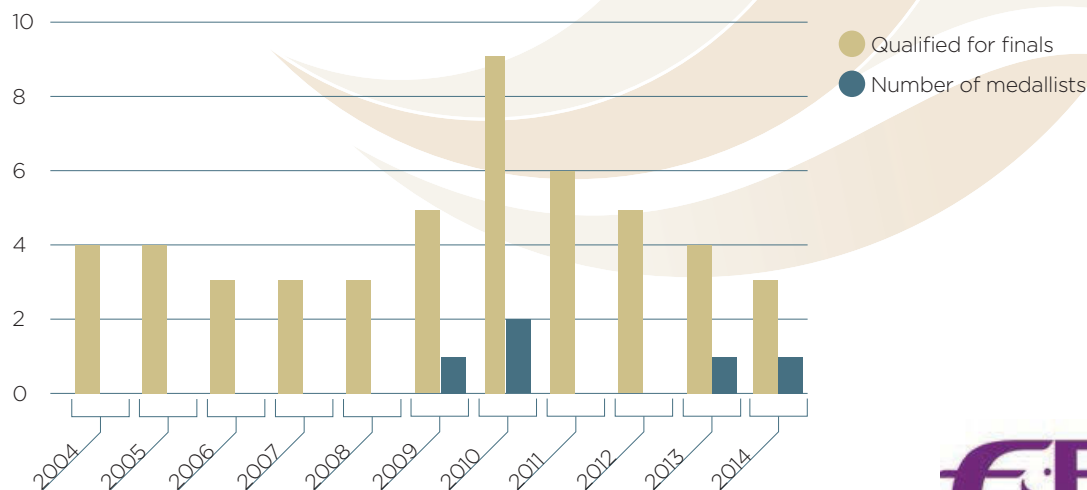


Heather Dean-Wright, breeder of Ard Ginger Pop (ISH), receiving her Breeder Award from Prof. Patrick Wall, Chairman of Horse Sport Ireland.



Ard Ginger Pop (ISH) and Angelica Augustsson (SWE), who claimed Silver at Lanaken 2014, pictured with: Heather Dean-Wright, breeder; Sharon Fitzpatrick, former owner; and Enda Carroll, owner.

### Irish sport horse results in WBFSH Young Horse Championships Lanaken 2004 to 2014



Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider	Consolation class	Final
Five Year Old Irish Sport Horse Lanaken Entries 2014										
Deep Pockets (ISH)	2009	G	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Simply Chic (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Charles Pidgeon, Co. Westmeath	Jim Derwin	Jim Derwin (IRL)		26 <sup>th</sup>
Graf Balouprint (ISH)	2009	M	Balou Du Rouet (OLD)	Graf lady lady (ISH)	Limmerick (HOLST)	Brian Livingstone, Co. Down	Brian Livingstone & Catherine Thornton	Catherine Thornton (IRL)	11 <sup>th</sup>	
LCC Crystal (ISH)	2009	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Sillot Sea Beauty (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	David Hogan, Co. Clare	Linda Courtney	Linda Courtney (IRL)	DNS	
LCC Puss N Boots (ISH)	2009	G	Lux Z (HANN)	Spring Pride (WNTR)	Spring Elegance VII (WNTR)	Andrew Kirwan, Co. Waterford	Linda Courtney	Lucy Buchanan (IRL)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
LCC Troy (ISH)	2009	G	Clinton (HOLST)	Ark Of Diamonds (ISH)	VDL Arkansas (KWPN)	Linda Courtney, Co. Antrim	Linda Courtney	Linda Courtney (IRL)	DNS	
Six Year Old Irish Sport Horse Lanaken Entries 2014										
Good Lux Lucy (ISH)	2008	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Donogue Cavalier Girl (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	George Hill, Co. Monaghan	Peter O'Toole	Daniela O'Toole (IRL)	42 <sup>nd</sup>	
Highly Efficient (ISH)	2008	M	Shannondale Sarco St Ghyvan (BWP)	Derha Fort (ISH)	Coolcaum Hill (ID)	Senan Canny, Co. Clare	Amanda Kirwan	Tholm Keane (IRL)	9 <sup>th</sup>	
LCC Hello Kate (ISH)	2008	M	Luidam (KWPN)	LCC Molly (ISH)	Courage II (HOLST)	Fr Simon Cadam, Co. Antrim	Linda Courtney	Lucy Buchanan (IRL)	DNS	
Lenamore Lucy Lou (ISH)	2008	M	Lux Z (HANN)	Going Dutch (ISH)	Dutch Courage (ISH)	Barbara Fitzpatrick, Co. Dublin	Geraldine Graham	Kenneth Graham (IRL)	146 <sup>th</sup>	
Mini Cruzano (ISH)	2008	M	Silvano (KWPN)	Hyundai Santa Fe (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Oliver Walsh, Co. Galway	Leona Walsh	Thomas O'Brien (ISH)		9 <sup>th</sup>
Seven Year Old Irish Sport Horse Lanaken Entries 2014										
Brookwood Supersonic (ISH)	2007	M	Concorde (KWPN)	Brookwood First Lady (ISH)	Captain Glover (ISH)	Pat Duffy, Co. Kildare	Pat Duffy	Sean Kavanagh (IRL)	DNS	
Erne Ladygoldilocks (ISH)	2007	M	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Erne Touch (ISH)	Not recorder	Hugh Fitzpatrick, Co. Cavan	Hugh Fitzpatrick	Francis Connors (IRL)	46 <sup>th</sup>	
KMS Clintland (ISH)	2007	G	Clinton (HOLST)	Uganna (KWPN)	Corland (HOLST)	Ivor Broderick, Co. Galway	Ivor Broderick	Neal Fearon (IRL)	DNS	
Lates Du Carel (ISH)	2007	M	Harlequin Du Carel (SF)	Phillies Corner (ISH)	Kalypso (KWPN)	Thomas Ryan, Co. Tipperary	Hilda Anthony	Francis Connors (IRL)	49 <sup>th</sup>	
Shantonagh (ISH)	2007	G	Power Blade (TB)	Diamond Explosion (ISH)	King Of Diamonds (ID)	Dermot Forde, Co. Cavan	Dermot Forde	Nicola FitzGibbon (IRL)		36 <sup>th</sup>



# FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses – Le Lion d'Angers

THE FEI World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses take place annually at Le Lion d'Angers, France. These Championships consist of two competitions, a CCI 1\* for six-year-olds and a CCI 2\* for seven-year-olds. The World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) competition forms part of this prestigious event, with the winning studbook awarded the World Breeding Trophy for Young Horses. In total, 104 horses are selected by their countries. In 2014, of the 104 horses selected to compete, 18 were Irish sport horses. Eight of these represented Ireland and 10 represented other countries including Austria, France, Great Britain, Italy, New Zealand, Sweden and the US.

Cathal Daniels and Margaret Kinsella's Riohgan Rua (ISH) competing at Le Lion d'Angers 2014.



Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider	Place
Six Year Old CCI 1* ISHs									
Ard Greyman Attyrory (ISH)	2008	G	Luidam (KWPN)	Derrylea Greylady (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Richard & Heather Wright, Co. Meath	Hasso, Tagerup, Nilsson & Samuelsson	Anna Hasso (SWE)	EL
Castlerichmond SRS (ISH)	2008	G	French Buffet (TB)	Heffo Nono De Reves (ISH)	Hermes De Reve (SF)	Barry Heffernan, Co. Mayo	Galateri Di Genola Alessia	Roberto Rotatori (ITA)	13 <sup>th</sup>
Cooley Dream Extreme (ISH)	2008	G	Cruising (ISH)	The Dreamseeker (ISH)	Ramiro B (BW/P)	Frank Gordon, Co. Mayo	Sara Fowler & Kate Walls	Piggy French (GBR)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Cooley Ground Control (ISH)	2008	G	Chacoa (HOLST)	Cloon Crest (ISH)	Senang Hati (TB)	Kevin Griffin, Co. Kerry	Elisabeth Halliday-Sharp & Deborah Halliday	Elisabeth Halliday-Sharp (USA)	31 <sup>st</sup>

Dam Easy (ISH)	2008	G	Luidam (KWPN)	Domino Royale (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Patrick Kennedy, Co. Wicklow	Heidi Hamilton	Heidi Hamilton (IRL)	24 <sup>th</sup>
Garrybritt Tinkerbell (ISH)	2008	M	Ricardo Z (ZANG)	Bali ML (TRAK)	Eichendorff (TRAK)	Myrtle Lodge Stud, Co. Wicklow	Terry P White	Capt. Terence White (IRL)	EL
Kilnaboy Buffet (ISH)	2008	S	French Buffet (TB)	Cotton Foot (ISH)	Tammouz (TB)	Patrick McCormack, Co. Clare	Katrin Khoddam-Hazrati	Katrin Khoddam-Hazrati (AUT)	16 <sup>th</sup>
Pride Of Tredstep (ISH)	2008	M	Lord Noble (TB)	Felicitys Pride (ISH)	Not recorded	Geraldine Berney, Co. Wexford	Aidan Keogh	Aidan Keogh (IRL)	21 <sup>st</sup>
Swallow Springs (ISH)	2008	G	Chillout (ISH)	Kilila (ISH)	Cult Hero (TB)	Maria Keating, Co. Galway	Paul Ridgdon	Andrew Nicholson (NZL)	9 <sup>th</sup>
Horse	YOB	Sex	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Rider	Place
Seven Year Old CCI 2* ISHs									
BGS Juicyfruit (ISH)	2007	M	Powerblade (TB)	Emmas Courage (ISH)	Courage II (HOLST)	Patrick Byrne, Co. Wexford	Paddy Byrne	Maria Byrne (IRL)	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Cooley SRS (ISH)	2007	G	Ramiro B (BWP)	Ballynattin Pride (ISH)	Kiltealy Spring (ISH)	John Fitzhenry, Co. Wexford	Angela Hislop	Oliver Townend (GBR)	9 <sup>th</sup>
Drumhowan Black Magic (ISH)	2007	G	Cavalier Two For Joy (ISH)	Brackley Rose Plan (ISH)	Creative Plan (TB)	Eamon McArdle, Co. Monaghan	Nikki Neal	Fiona Breach (GBR)	30 <sup>th</sup>
Ivar Gooden (ISH)	2007	G	Young Convinced (TB)	Ballybrohan Diamond (ISH)	Coovers Diamond Boy (ISH)	Pat Coffey, Co. Tipperary	Aviar Ward	Imogen Murray (GBR)	38 <sup>th</sup>
Monarts Garrison Guy (ISH)	2007	G	Garrison Royal (ISH)	Garrison Tara (ISH)	Chacoa (HOLST)	Charles Patterson, Co. Laois	Jim Bolger & Liam Griffin	Niall Griffin (IRL)	RET
Rioghan Rua (ISH)	2007	M	Jack Of Diamonds (SWB)	Highland Destiny (ISH)	Flagmount King (ID)	Margaret Kinsella, Co. Galway	Margaret Kinsella	Cathal Daniels (IRL)	16 <sup>th</sup>
RNH Mc Ustinov (ISH)	2007	G	Ustinov (KWPN)	Onette (SWB)	Junior STV (KWPN)	Norman Hammond, Co. Tyrone	Tristan Chambry, Sonia Chambry & Maxime Livio	Maxime Livio (FRA)	26 <sup>th</sup>
Wasting Light (ISH)	2007	G	Ghareeb (TB)	Barnview Diamond (ISH)	Furisto's Diamond (ISH)	Patrick Jones, Co. Wexford	John Forde & Cressida Legge	Aoife Clark (IRL)	WD
Westwinds Jack Of Hearts (ISH)	2007	G	Touchdown (ISH)	Westwinds Clover (ISH)	Porter Rhodes (TB)	Alice Kehoe, Co. Wexford	Alice Kehoe	Nicola Ennis (IRL)	39 <sup>th</sup>



Kilronan (ISH), ridden by Australia's Paul Tapner, was the highest ranked Irish sport horse in the 2014 World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) Eventing rankings.

#### 2014 WBFSH Studbook Eventing rankings 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

1<sup>st</sup> Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH) – Total Points 1,254

WBFSH Position	Horse	Points	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kilronan (ISH)	238	Ghareeb (TB)	Ramble Way (ISH)	Diamond Lad (ID)	Patrick Fenlon, Kilkenny
17 <sup>th</sup>	Paulank Brockagh (ISH)	217	Touchdown (ISH)	Calendar Girl (ISH)	Triggerero (TB)	Paula Cullen, Wicklow
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ballynoe Castle RM (ISH)	210	Ramiro B (BWP)	Ballyvaldon Natalie (ISH)	Blue Laser (TB)	Sylvester Cullen, Wexford
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bay My Hero (ISH)	209	Cult Hero (TB)	Bing Power (ISH)	Tomgar Power Crest (ISH)	Bryan Maguire, Wexford
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Improvise (ISH)	206	Master Imp (TB)	Diamond Wood (ISH)	Marwood (TB)	Anastasia Lawlor, Kilkenny
42 <sup>nd</sup>	Electric Cruise (ISH)	174	Cruising (ISH)	Kilnamac Sally (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID)	James J Ryan, Tipperary

#### 2014 WBFSH Studbook Eventing rankings – Top 10 studbooks 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

WBFSH Position	WBFSH Studbook	Total WBFSH Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Irish Sport Horse (ISH)	1254
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Studbook Français du Cheval Selle Français (ANSF) (SF)	1195
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes (HOLST)	1117
4 <sup>th</sup>	Koninklijk Warmblood Paardenstamboek Nederland (NRPS)	1015
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hannoveraner Verband (HANN)	1005
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Horse Breeding of Great Britain (SHBGB)	928
7 <sup>th</sup>	Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch e.V. (WESTF)	860
8 <sup>th</sup>	Verband der Züchter des Oldenburger Pferdes e.V. (OLDBG)	824
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pferdezuchtverband Sachsen-Thüringen e.V. (SATHU)	793
10 <sup>th</sup>	Belgisch Warmbloedpaard v.z.w. (BWP)	685





Castlefield Eclipse (ISH), ridden by Switzerland's Paul Estermann, was the highest ranked Irish sport horse in the 2014 World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH) Show Jumping rankings.

#### 2014 WBFSH Studbook Show Jumping rankings 1st October 2013 – 30th September 2014

12<sup>th</sup> Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH) – Total Points 3,887

WBFSH Position	Horse	Points	Sire	Dam	Dam Sire	Breeder
25 <sup>th</sup>	Castlefield Eclipse (ISH)	1093	OBOS Quality 004 (OLD)	Furisto Clover Hill (ISH)	Furisto (HANN)	Pat Nihill, Clare
81 <sup>st</sup>	Special Lux (ISH)	755	Lux Z (HANN)	Aishling Clover (ISH)	Coille Mor Hill (ID)	Des & Seamus Judge, Mayo
175 <sup>th</sup>	Unex Omega Star (ISH)	530	Quick Star (SF)	High Jump Tarroy (SF)	Quatoubet du Rouet (SF)	Alan Robertson, Tyrone
189 <sup>th</sup>	Suma's Zorro (ISH)	510	Ard VDL Douglas (HOLST)	Vixens Frolic (ISH)	Horos (TB)	Susan-Lanigan O'Keefe, Kilkenny
191 <sup>st</sup>	A Touch Imperious (ISH)	509	Touchdown (ISH)	Cavimperius (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Leo Rice, Monaghan
202 <sup>nd</sup>	Loughview Lou Lou (ISH)	490	Limmerick (HOLST)	Loughview Diamond Lucy (ISH)	Jack of Diamonds (ID)	Judith Sossick, Antrim

#### 2014 WBFSH Studbook Showjumping Rankings – Top 10 studbooks 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014

WBFSH Position	WBFSH Studbook	Total WBFSH Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Koninklijk Warmbloed Paardenstamboek Nederland (KWPN)	7498
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Verband der Züchter des Holsteiner Pferdes e.V. (HOLST)	7108
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Studbook sBs, le cheval de Sport Belge (SBS)	6706
4 <sup>th</sup>	Westfälisches Pferdestammbuch e.V. (WESTF)	6471
5 <sup>th</sup>	Belgisch Warmbloedpaard v.z.w. (BWP)	6374
6 <sup>th</sup>	Anglo European Studbook (AES)	6318
7 <sup>th</sup>	Studbook Français du Cheval Selle Français (ANSF) (SF)	6263
8 <sup>th</sup>	Hannoveraner Verband e. V. (HANN)	5807
9 <sup>th</sup>	Swedish Warmblood Association (SWB)	4965
10 <sup>th</sup>	Studbook Zangersheide (ZANG)	4713
12 <sup>th</sup>	Irish Sport Horse Studbook (ISH)	3887

## Financial Supports

Silver Spurs Finals 2014		
U12s		
Place	Rider	Horse/Pony
1st	Robyn O'Neill	Inse Duchess
2nd	Tara Hayes	Bantiss Holy Joe
3rd	Bonnie O'Reilly	April Pearl
Ponies		
1st	Sofie Walshe	Loughfadda Horseleap Bruno
2nd	Ella Boyle	Rosog Rusty
3rd	Emily Kate Robinson	Tzira Hill
Juniors		
1st	Kate Gibney	Sea Pearl (ISH)
2nd	Sophie Daly	Eicke II
3rd	Una Ferguson	Whitfield Pot Black (ISH)
U25s		
1st	Alex Houston	Skyfall Echo (ISH)
2nd	Megan McGrath	Rommano Frere Jacques
3rd	Rachael Coulter	Gorsehill Maya (ISH)



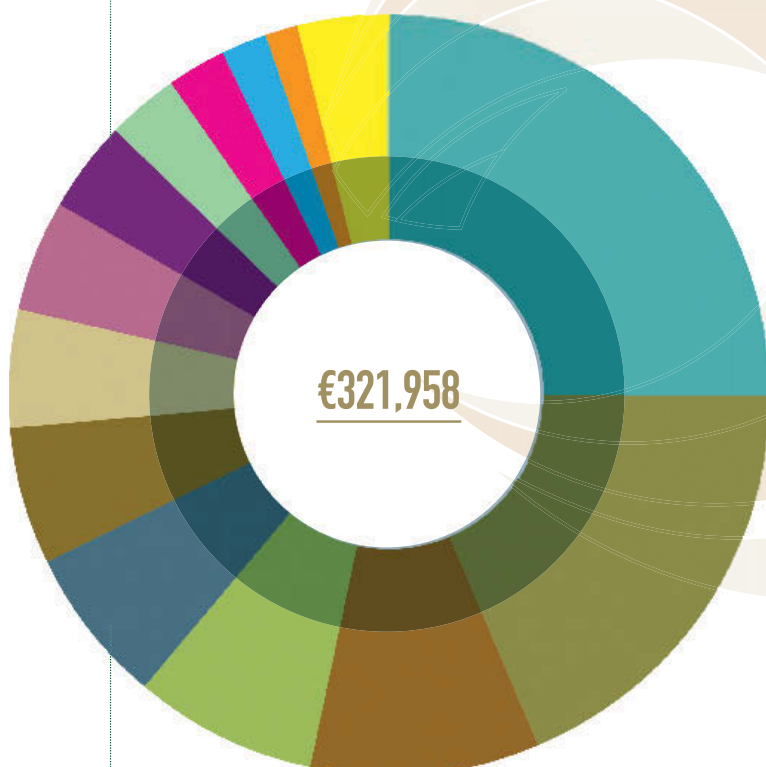
Alex Houston winner of the under-25s section of the Silver Spurs Final 2014.

### Silver Spurs 2014

The Silver Spurs scheme, sponsored by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) and organised by Dressage Ireland, aims to identify and develop talented young riders and encourage their progress by awarding training bursaries, giving direction and advice and providing a pathway for skills development in their chosen equestrian discipline. The table below shows the 2014 Silver Spurs Finals winners.

#### HSI Breeding Sub Board Financial Supports 2014

ISH SJ Series	€80,050
RDS	€60,000
Tattersalls Eventing	€30,000
ISH Eventing Series	€25,000
Badminton	€23,847
Irish Farriery Authority	€20,000
ISA Series	€15,200
Irish Breeders Classes	€15,000
Inward Buyer Programme	€13,171
Millstreet Pony Europeans	€10,000
CPBS Clifden	€8,000
Hickstead	€5,168
Silver Spurs Dressage	€4,000
Others	€12,522
<b>Total</b>	<b>€321,958</b>



## Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show at the RDS

The Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show is Ireland's biggest equestrian event, and takes place at the RDS in August each year. The show is attended by approximately 100,000 visitors over its five-day duration and includes five-star international show jumping, the centrepiece of which is the Aga Khan Nations Cup. In addition, a huge amount of other international and national show jumping classes take place, as well as showing, eventing and pony classes. Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) supports the three-year-old loose, jumping competition and the four, five and six-year-old national show jumping classes.

## Tattersalls International Horse Trials in association with Horse Sport Ireland

Tattersalls International Horse Trials, in association with HSI, are held annually at the Tattersalls sales complex in Ratoath, Co. Meath. Attended by over 20,000 people, the event features a number of classes, at international and national level, and attracts top riders from all over the world to compete. The Irish Sport Horse Studbook is the leading studbook for eventing horses in the world and the HSI Breeding Sub-Board considers it strategically important for Ireland to have a flagship eventing competition in the country.

## Badminton International Horse Trials

Badminton International Horse Trials is one of only six four-star events held in the world each year. Badminton takes place in May and is considered to be the world's premier three-day event. It attracts the elite of eventing competitors – both horses and riders. HSI supports Badminton in the form of promotion of the Irish Sport Horse Studbook – the world's leading studbook for eventing horses.

## Irish Breeders Classic

The Irish Breeders Classic, which was initiated in 2012, is a show jumping competition for five and six-year-old Irish-born horses with a total prize fund of €50,000, making this competition the one with the richest prize fund in the world. Five per cent of the overall prize fund goes directly to breeders, with breeders' prizes of €3,000 provided by HSI. The prize fund is generated by voluntary contributions from organisations and individuals within the Irish sport horse industry, including HSI.

## FEI European Pony Championships at Millstreet

In 2014, Millstreet played host to the European Championships for Ponies. The Cork venue welcomed competitors from throughout Europe in the disciplines of show jumping, eventing and dressage. In total, 17 nations were represented at the Championships, with Ireland securing two medals. HSI supported the European Championships through an international hosting grant, as well as €10,000 in funding from the Breeding Sub-Board.

## Connemara Pony Show

The Connemara Pony Breeders Society (CPBS) hosts the Connemara Pony Show, as part of the Connemara Pony Festival, in August each year at the showgrounds in Clifden, Co. Galway. HSI provides financial support to the show each year. The show includes loose jumping, in-hand classes, ridden classes and working hunter classes.

## Irish Farriery Authority

The Irish Farriery Authority is the umbrella body for farriery in Ireland. It is responsible for providing farriery training in Ireland and maintaining a database of practising farriers. HSI provides annual funding towards the organisation's activities.



## Irish Sport Horse Studbook Show Jumping Series 2014

The Irish Sport Horse (ISH) Studbook Show Jumping Series 2014 consisted of eight legs held across the summer from April to July. The Studbook Series 2014 was open to horses with the breed codes ISH, RID or ID that were registered in the Irish Horse Register (IHR) and with sire and dam documented on their passport. Below are the league standings in the five-year-old, six-year-old and seven-year-old classes for 2014, including breeding details for each animal.



Rincoola Rua (ISH) and Edward Butler, winners of the seven-year-old Irish Sport Horse Studbook Show Jumping Series League.

Irish Sport Horse Studbook Show Jumping Series 2014 League Standings								
Horse	Sex	Rider	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Points
Five-year-olds								
Ard Ginger Pop (ISH)	M	Ger O'Neill	Luidam (KWPN)	Derrylea Greylady (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Heather Dean-Wright, Co. Meath	Sharon Fitzpatrick	27
MHS Peyton (ISH)	G	Peter Moloney	Baloubet Du Rouet (SF)	Lady Ligustra (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Ita Brennan, Co. Kilkenny	Tim Brennan	20
Graf Balouprint (ISH)	M	Catherine Thornton	Balou Du Rouet (OLD)	Graf Landlady (ISH)	Limmerick (HOLST)	Brian Livingstone, Co. Down	Brian Livingstone and Catherine Thornton	17
MHS Walk The Line (ISH)	M	Peter Moloney	O.B.O.S. Quality 004 (OLD)	Naomi Cambell (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Michael Brennan, Co. Kilkenny	Peter Moloney	17
Six-year-olds								
Talks Cheap (ISH)	M	Alexander Butler	Tinaranas Inspector (WESTF)	Dreaming (ISH)	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Ronnie Kelly, Co. Limerick	Hannah Joyce	22
Mini Cruzano (ISH)	M	Thomas O'Brien	Silvano (KWPN)	Hyundai Santa Fe (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Oliver Walsh, Co. Galway	Leona Walsh	22
LCC Hello Kate (ISH)	M	Lucy Buchanan	Luidam (KWPN)	LCC Molly (ISH)	Courage II (HOLST)	Fr Simon Cadam, Co. Antrim	Linda Courtney	19
Seven-year-olds								
Rincoola Rua (ISH)	M	Edward Butler	Diamant De Semilly (SF)	Rincoola Abu (ISH)	Cruising (ISH)	Harold McGahern, Co. Longford	Harold McGahern	36
Shenick (ISH)	G	John Floody	Lux Z (HANN)	Sesario (ISH)	Saracen Hill (TB)	Lynsey Smith, Co. Dublin	Joanne Attley	23
Almost Persuaded (ISH)	M	James Hogg	Ard VDL Douglas (KWPN)	Lady Dreamer (TB)	Brush Aside (TB)	Bernard O'Reilly, Co. Cavan	James Hogg	19
Mise Le Meas (ISH)	G	John Floody	Cruise On (ISH)	Cissie Lass (TB)	Presenting (TB)	Michael Smith, Co. Dublin	Matthew Birch	19

## Irish Sport Horse Studbook Eventing Series 2014

The Irish Sport Horse Studbook Eventing Series 2014 took place at six venues between May and September. The four-year-olds competed at four venues and the five and six-year-olds at five venues. The Series was open to horses registered in the Irish Horse Register (IHR) with the breed codes ISH or ID and with sire and dam recorded on their passport. It was also open to any stallion that had commenced the HSI Stallion Inspection procedure and had been awarded Preliminary Approved classification in the Studbook. Below are the overall league winners, with breeding details for each animal.



Elizabeth Power pictured at the Irish Sport Horse Studbook Eventing Series final, winner of the 6-Year-Old League with Creevagh Miss Ferro SL (ISH).

Irish Sport Horse Studbook Eventing Series 2014 League								Points
Horse	Sex	Rider	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	
4 Year Old League								
Finnsceal (ISH)	G	Nessa Briody	Womanizer (KWPN)	Ghareeb Beauty (ISH)	Ghareeb (TB)	John Headd, Co. Galway	Mary Briody	24
Ardglen Diva Dancer (ISH)	M	Emma Jackson	Ghareeb (TB)	Ardglen Star Dancer (ISH)	Crosstown Dancer (ID)	Viona Wilson, Co. Tyrone	Emma Jackson	16
Tullybroom Eddy (ISH)	G	Malachy Casement	Clerkenwell (TB)	Hill Clover (ISH)	Clover Hill (ID)	Esther Rutledge, Co. Tyrone	Janet Hall	14
5 Year Old League								
Night And Light (ISH)	M	Michael O'Toole	Cavalier Two For Joy (ISH)	Cost A Lot (WNTR)	Mummy's Luck (TB)	Margaret Murphy, Co. Wexford	Michael O'Toole	34
Shannondale Daly (ISH)	G	Michael O'Toole	Hannibal Van Overis Z (ZANG)	Rhineroe Breeze (ISH)	Seamanship (TB)	James C Daly, Co. Clare	Michael O'Toole	11
Glenkeeran Dreamcatcher (ISH)	M	Clare Abbott	Ricardo Z (ZANG)	Glenkeeran Mollie (ISH)	Crosstown Dancer (ID)	Maria Melvin, Co. Louth	John F Melvin	10
Greenhall Derry River (ISH)	G	Fraser Duffy	Crosstown Dancer (ID)		Shernazar (TB)	Mary Rothwell, Co. Wicklow	Carol Gee	10
Beltrim Sweet Clover (ISH)	M	Trevor Smith	Beach Ball (ISH)	Star Anise (ISH)	Triggerero (TB)	Blakiston Houston Estates, Co. Tyrone	Blakiston Houston Estates	10
6 Year Old League								
Creevagh Miss Ferro SL (ISH)	M	Elizabeth Power	S Creevagh Ferro Ex Siebe (KWPN)	Vendetta D'Auline (BEWB)	Quintus (BWP)	Ronnie Hollinger, Co. Monaghan	Margaret Power	26
Fernhill Cayenne (ISH)	G	Fraser Duffy	Porsch (BWP)	Molougha Flora (ISH)	Triggerero (TB)	Jill Carberry, Co. Dublin	Carol Gee	22
Ringfort Rubicon (ISH)	G	Steven Smith	Iroko (WESTF)	Ringfort Ruby Rara (ISH)	Porsch (BWP)	Diane Harron Eakin, Co. Down	Diane Harron Eakin	16

## HSI All Ireland Showing Championship Series, in association with the Irish Shows Association

The Irish Shows Association (ISA) runs a number of Showing All Irelands each year around the country. Qualifiers for these finals take place nationwide. HSI supports a number of these Championships and these

finals makes up the All Ireland Showing Championship Series. Below are the results from the 2014 Series.



Thomas Smyth, breeder of Inistioge Best Betty (ISH), receiving his Breeder Award for the Top Irish Sport Horse Showing Mare from Prof. Patrick Wall, Chairman of HSI.



Raymond Sloyan, breeder of Elm View (ID), receiving his Breeder Award for the Top Irish Draught Showing Mare from Prof. Patrick Wall, Chairman of HSI.

### HSI All Ireland Showing Championship Series 2014 Winners, in association with the Irish Shows Association

All Ireland Championship	Venue	Winning Horse	Sire	Dam	Sire of Dam	Breeder	Owner	Foal
Three-year-old Horse	Bannow & Rathangan	Unnamed (ISH)	Cougar (ISH)	Tullibards Figaros Girl (OLD)	Painter's Row (TB)	Cyril Conway, Co. Clare	Gerard Mullins	N/A
Two-year-old Filly	Kildysart	Ballykelly Empress (ISH)	Emperor Augustus (TB)	Debbies Clover (ISH)	Farney Clover (ISH)	Margaret Jeffares, Co. Wexford	Margaret Jeffares	N/A
Irish Draught Yearling Filly	Roscommon	Ballykilcross Queen Gypsy (ID)	Fintan Himself (ID)	Lecarrow Gypsy (ID)	Castana (ID)	Anne Rabbittie, Co. Offaly	Aidan Kelly	N/A
Leitrim Irish Draught	Mohill	Elm View (RID)	Elm Hill (ID)	Morning Glow (RID)	Sir Rivie (ID)	Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo	Seamus Sloyan	Fast Silver (ID)
Filly Foal	Moate	Unnamed (ISH)	Bahrain Cruise (ISH)	Kilcahill Naomi (ISH)	Clover Brigade (ISH)	Tom Newell, Co. Galway	Tom Newell	N/A
Irish Draught two-year-old Filly	Limerick	Fuerty Princess (ID)	Welcome Emperor (ID)	Bengour Mist (RID)	Ben Calverstown (ID)	Michael Bailey, Co. Meath	Martin Murphy	N/A
Yearling Filly	Scariff	Unnamed (ISH)	Lux Z (HANN)	Kildysart Royale (ISH)	Cavalier Royale (HOLST)	Kieran O'Gorman, Co. Cork	Kieran O'Gorman	N/A
Irish Draught Stallion	Clonaslee	Gortfree Hero (ID)	Castana (ID)	Princess Royale (RID)	Uibh Fhaili '81 (ID)	Francis Lafferty, Co. Roscommon	Sean Barker	N/A
Colt Foal	Mountbellew	Unnamed (ISH)	Elusive Emir (TB)	Dawn Beauty (RID)	Castana (ID)	Noel Sheridan, Co. Mayo	Noel Sheridan	N/A
Filly Foal	Mountbellew	Unnamed (ISH)	Financial Reward (TB)	Kilcahill Diamond (ISH)	Colin Diamond (ISH)	Tom Newell, Co. Galway	Tom Newell	N/A
Irish Draught Filly Foal	Ballinasloe	Unnamed (ID)	Cappa Cassanova (ID)	Edenagor Wendy (RID)	Fast Silver (ID)	Jim McNulty, Co. Donegal	Jim McNulty	N/A
Irish Draught Colt Foal	Ballinasloe	Unnamed (ID)	Inisfree The Holy Grail (ID)	Inisfree Grey Knave (RID)	Annaghdown Star (ID)	Eddie Murphy, Co. Mayo	Eddie Murphy	N/A



## In 2014, Greg Broderick made history when he won all three young horse National Jumping Championships at the Discover Ireland Dublin Horse Show



BP Castlefield (ISH) and Greg Broderick, winners of the HSI 4-Year-Old National Jumping Championship



Super Chilled (ISH) and Greg Broderick, winners of the HSI 6-Year-Old National Jumping Championship



Alberta Mist (ISH) and Greg Broderick, winners of the HSI 5-Year-Old National Jumping Championship pictured with Prof. Pat Wall, HSI Chairman.



Pictured at the Equestrian Showcase Parade is Glencarrig Knight (CP) - Supreme Champion at the Connemara Pony Show 2014.





Back row, from left: Dr Noel Cawley; Cathal Daniels, on behalf of Margaret Kinsella; Frank Gordon; Seamus and Des Judge; John O'Brien; Richard Power; Raymond Sloyan; Prof. Patrick Wall; Leo Rice; Finbarr Mulligan; Bryan Maguire; Pat Fenlon; and Thomas Smyth. Front row, from left: Charmaine Kee; Barbara Hatton; Paula Cullen; Mary McCann; Joanne Mulligan; and Heather Dean-Wright.

## HSI Breeders' Awards 2014

The annual Horse Sport Ireland Breeders' Awards recognise the achievements of Irish Sport Horse and Irish Draught Horse breeders who have produced outstanding results during the year. The 2014 Breeders' Awards were held in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Co. Tipperary in November, where 15 awards were presented to recipients by HSI Chairman, Prof. Patrick Wall, and HSI Breeding Sub-Board Chairman, Jim Beecher.

### 2014 HSI Breeders Awards recipients:

#### Breeder of the Top International Event Horse 2014

Kilronan (ISH) bred by Patrick Fenlon, Co. Kilkenny

#### Breeder of the winner of the CCI4\* at Badminton Horse Trials 2014

Paulank Brockagh (ISH) bred by Paula Cullen, Co. Wicklow

#### Breeder of the winner of the CCI4\* at Rolex, Kentucky 2014

Bay My Hero (ISH) bred by Bryan Maguire, Co. Wexford

#### Highest Placed ISH at the World Breeding Eventing Championships for Young Horses, Le Lion d'Angers 2014

Cooly Dream Extreme (ISH) bred by Frank Gordon, Co. Mayo

#### Owner and breeder of the most successful young event horse 2014

Rioghán Rua (ISH) bred by Margaret Kinsella, Co. Galway

#### Highest placed show jumping rookie in the WBFSH rankings 2014

Special Lux (ISH) bred by Des & Seamus Judge, Co. Mayo

#### Breeder utilising modern breeding technologies with success

Pembroke Milenia (ISH) bred by Finbar & Joanne Mulligan, Co. Wicklow

#### Highest Placed ISH at the FEI World Breeding Jumping Championships for Young Horses, Lanaken 2014

Ard Ginger Pop (ISH) bred by Heather Dean-Wright, Co. Meath

#### Breeders of the winning Nations Cup Team Odense

Dougie Douglas (ISH) bred by John O'Brien, Co. Limerick

Santa Cruise II (ISH) bred by Hartwell Stud, Co. Kildare

A Touch Imperious (ISH) bred by Leo Rice, Co. Monaghan

Touchable (ISH) bred by Dr. Noel Cawley, Co. Kildare

#### Breeder of Top ISH Showing Mare 2014

Inistioge Best Betty (ISH) bred by Thomas Smyth, Co. Kilkenny

#### Breeder of Top Irish Draught Showing Mare 2014

Elm View (ID) bred by Raymond Sloyan, Co. Mayo

#### Irish Sport Horse mare that achieved highest scores at inspection 2014

Gillbhrí April (ISH) bred by Richard Power, Co. Waterford

#### Irish Draught Horse mare that achieved highest scores at inspection 2014

Gweebarra Genesis (ID) bred by Charmaine Kee, Co. Donegal

#### Leading event horse stallion in the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horse (WBFSH) sire rankings

Master Imp (TB) bred by the late Loftus O'Neill, Co. Carlow

#### Outstanding Contribution Award to ISH Breeding

Mary McCann, Co. Kildare

# General Activities

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## Strategic Plan



Pictured at the presentation of the draft strategic plan are, from left: Damian McDonald, CEO of Horse Sport Ireland; Prof. Cathal O'Donoghue, Chairman of Sport Horse Strategy Committee, Teagasc; Simon Coveney TD, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Prof. Patrick Wall, Chairman of Horse Sport Ireland; and Declan McArdle, Teagasc Equine Specialist.

In January 2014, the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, launched a strategic planning process for Ireland's sport horse sector. The strategy development was undertaken by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI), Teagasc and the Royal Dublin Society (RDS), with an emphasis on export-led growth and increasing employment in the sector. The process was overseen by a Steering Group chaired by Prof. Patrick Gibbons, Professor of Strategic Management, UCD Smurfit Business School.

To aid the development of this strategy, the Irish Sport Horse Industry Strategy Committee held regional meetings for all those involved in the industry. The objective of these meetings was to seek input from those involved at various levels of the industry to deal with challenges facing the sector. The regional meetings were held at four venues in March and April in 2014 (Meath, Kilkenny, Cork and Galway) and in June in

Northern Ireland.

A draft document was presented to Minister Simon Coveney on 16th December 2014, entitled *Reaching New Heights – Report of the Irish Sport Horse Strategy Committee*.



Regional meetings were held throughout the country as part of the strategic planning process.

## Omani buyers



Pictured at Horse Sport Ireland offices following the signing of contracts for the Omani buyers who purchased three Irish horses are, from left: Larry Costello, seller; Margaret McCabe, seller; Said Ali Salim Al Hashimi, trainer; Khalil Salim Said Al - Obaidani, purchaser; Chris Ronan, seller; and Mark Bolger (HSI).

The Irish Horse Gateway (IHG) is an initiative that connects the world to the Irish horse and pony. Launched by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) in May 2013, this sales channel for sellers of Irish-bred horses and ponies began operating commercially in September 2013. The aims of the initiative are to: help breeders and producers in Ireland to sell high quality, Irish-bred horses and ponies in international markets; to give foreign buyers increased confidence in buying horses and ponies in Ireland; to assist foreign buyers in sourcing reputable providers of other services; and to provide market feedback to Irish breeders and producers.



In September 2014, the IHG received a request from an Omani buyer who was interested in sourcing three horses suitable as 'all-rounders' for use at Creo Equestrian Centre in Oman. After discussion with an IHG representative, the buyer, Khalil Salim Al Obaidani, and his trainer, Said Ali Salim Al Hashimi, travelled to Ireland to view a selection of horses.

Three Irish-bred mares were selected by the Omani buyers and the IHG structured the contract for the sale of the horses on behalf of the sellers and the buyers, as well as assisting with arrangements for shipping the

horses to Oman.

Three mares were purchased and their sellers are:

- Larry Costello, Kilkenny (Goodwins Malteaser)
- Chris Ronan, Kildare (Meadowstream Maggie May)
- Margaret McCabe, Wexford (Gale Bust)

The Middle East region is an emerging market for Irish horses. Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, lead a trade mission and visited the region in October 2013. Part of that trade mission was the promotion of Irish horses and to develop equine business relations with Ireland.

## Trade mission to China

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) was represented at the 8th China Horse Fair, held in Beijing, China from 22nd to 24th October 2014. Enterprise Ireland organised a trade stand at the Fair which included HSI, Horsecare, Irish Thoroughbred Marketing, Redmills, The Irish Equine Centre and Mervue Laboratories. Teagasc was also represented there. The quarantine protocols agreed between the Irish and Chinese governments now allow for Irish horses to complete 30 days' quarantine in Ireland (Monasterevin) before departing to China where they undergo a further 30 days in quarantine. Previously, Irish sellers had to quarantine horses in the Netherlands. There is strong market potential for coaching and education. Former Irish international riders Sue Short (eventing) and Jack Doyle (show jumping) attended the Fair. Both Susan and Jack have trained provincial and regional teams in China. The potential is strong for Irish trainers to educate riders and provide high performance training in China.



Irish and Chinese representatives during Ireland's trade mission to China in October 2014.



Horse Sport Ireland's Mark Bolger with Chinese buyers Mr Zhang and Mr Lui, at Emerald Equestrian Centre for the Irish Horse Gateway organised viewing day.



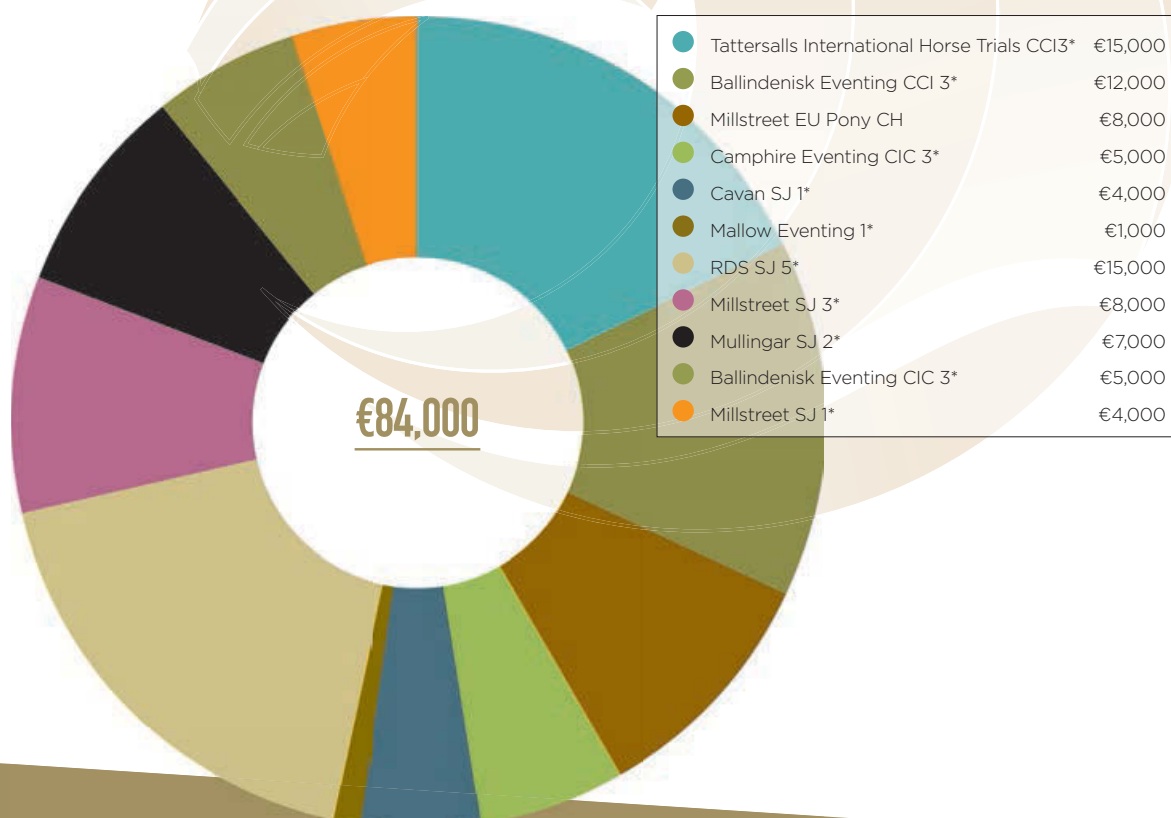
IRISH HOME SHOW JUMPING INTERNATIONALS 2014						
	Millstreet 17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Balmoral 14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Mullingar 31 <sup>st</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Dublin 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Millstreet 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Cavan 7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Total number of horses	63	72	141	212	160	111
Horses with Irish riders	63	42	128	83	105	105
Horses with foreign riders	0	30	13	129	55	6

IRISH HOME EVENTING INTERNATIONALS 2014					
	Ballindenisk 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Tattersalls 28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Mallow 21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Cappoquin 24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Ballindenisk 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> September
Total number of horses	147	312	98	280	164
Horses with Irish riders	110	157	97	190	118
Horses with foreign riders	37	155	1	90	46

### ISC/HSI International Hosting Financial Supports 2014

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) allocates financial supports towards the hosting of international equestrian events in Ireland.

This funding is provided by the Irish Sports Council. The total allocation in 2014 was €84,000. The breakdown is shown below.





In June 2014, Trevor Breen won the prestigious Hickstead Derby with the one-eyed horse, Adventure De Kannan

## National FEI Discipline Statistics 2014

AFFILIATE DISCIPLINE	Total Membership	Total Horse/Pony Registrations	Total Entries
Showjumping Ireland	5,484	6,220	129,540
Eventing Ireland	1,145	1,227	8,936
Dressage Ireland	638	575	6,908
Irish Long Distance Riding Association	132	84	913
Carriage Driving Section of HSI	53	59	N/A
Reining and Western Section of HSI	42	125	N/A

### Irish FEI Registered Riders by Discipline and Gender in 2014

Discipline	Total	Male	Female
Showjumping	303	200	103
Eventing	240	97	143
Dressage	15	4	11
Para Dressage	9	2	7
Endurance	8	1	7
Driving	6	4	2
Para Driving	1	0	1
Vaulting	2	0	2
Total	584	308	276



### NUMBER OF HORSES REGISTERED AS IRISH SPORT HORSES (ISH) WITH THE FEI

YEAR	ALL FEI HORSES	ALL ISH	SHOW JUMPING (SJ)	SJ ISH	EVENTING (EV)	EV ISH
2014	69,983	1,624	42,168	788	8,753	841
2013	63,870	1,503	37,116	646	8,744	863
2012	58,621	1,514	33,312	607	8,167	909
2011	56,432	1,449	31,597	535	8,029	916
2010	52,801	1,323	28,753	491	7,951	832

Some horses may be dual registered (show jumping and eventing). Source - FEI online database



Pictured at Horse Sport Ireland's National Coaching Conference 2014 are, from left: Suzanne Macken; Michel Robert; and Sophie Dalm, mounted.

## HSI Coaching Programme

The Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) Coaching Programme is designed to provide candidates with a pathway to a career as a successful competition coach. HSI coaching courses are delivered by professional equestrian tutors and use modern techniques to improve both horses' and riders' performance. Coaching courses are currently delivered across four levels and are accredited by Coaching Ireland, the Irish governing body for coaching in all sports.

The HSI coaching system is a competition-based coaching system and focuses solely on coaching. The courses offer a better understanding of modern competition requirements, coaching skills, technical knowledge and principles of good communications, so they are also suitable for parents, breeders, young horse producers, competitors, riding school instructors and anyone involved with – or with an interest in – horses and the industry.

Since the HSI Coaching Programme has been operational, it has delivered hundreds of courses all around Ireland and further afield. The HSI Coaching System has been adopted by the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) and the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI).

A very successful year for HSI Coaching, 2014 saw more than 320 applicants taking part in coaching courses around the country.

### HSI Introduction to Coaching

8 courses (146 participants)

### HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach

5 courses (83 participants)

### HSI Level 2 Coach

1 course (16 participants)

### HSI Cross-Country/Eventing workshops

4 workshops (78 participants)

The HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach course is a four-day course providing candidates with the skills and techniques to work competently as a coach to novice level. It is recommended that HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coaches work under the guidance and supervision of a higher qualified coach.

Course	Level	Dressage	Show Jumping	Eventing
Introduction to Coaching	Training	Preliminary	1 metre	N/A
Level 1	Apprentice	Novice	1.10m	Novice
Level 2	Coach	Elementary	1.20m	1 – 2*
Level 3	National	Prix St George	1.40m	CCI2* – CCI3*
Level 4	International	Grand Prix	1.60m	CCI4*



### Thirty-one people achieved their HSI Level 1 Apprentice Coach qualification in 2014:

Marion Murphy	Ellis Keady	Helen Kearney
Rachel Dowley	Louise Magill	Roberto Lubrano
Ines Iabberte	Ruth Daunt	Orla Murphy
Sarah Dinan	Charlotte Walshe	Niamh Mullen
Emer Drumm	Jackie Buckley	Suzanne Hill
Helen Dempsey	Nicola FitzGibbon	Rebecca Beirne
Joan Ryan	Dawn McEntee	Maeve McEvoy
Lisa Dandy	Yasmin Fortune	Sonya McCormack
Kathryn Hazlett	Ursula Fitzpatrick	Anna Fee
Rebecca Gilmartin	Louise Halford	
Yvonne Swanick	Richard Mott	



Ian Fearon is presented with the Coach of the Year award by Prof. Pat Wall, HSI Chairman, at the Horse Sport Ireland National Coaching Conference 2014.

The HSI Level 2 Coach qualification is currently an eight-day course and provides candidates with the skills necessary to work competently as an independent coach up to elementary level. Candidates must attend all course contact time and achieve the required standard at an official assessment in dressage, show jumping and cross-country.

### Twelve people achieved the required standard in the HSI Level 2 Coach course in 2014:

Aisling Doherty
Laura Brown
Cormac Rafferty
Louise Halford
Crea English
Meike Biegel
Eamonn Rice
Michel Cusack
Emma Kieran
Nicola FitzGibbon
Kilian Browne
Robert Murdy

The HSI Coaching and Breeding Conference took place on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at Cavan Equestrian Centre. Over 400 attendees were present to see international show jumping legend, Michel Robert, coach throughout the day. Lead rider physiotherapist to the BEF, Andy Thomas, also worked with riders off the horse to discuss the importance of rider asymmetry. Breeding specialists, Jacques Verkerk and Dr Emmeline Hill of Equinome, gave presentations concentrating on the conformation and genetics of the horse and making the best breeding decisions.





Representing the Irish Draught Horse and the Garda Mounted Unit are Garda Andrew McDonald with Embarr (ID) and Garda Clare Anderson with Cumhall (ID).

## HSI Equestrian Showcase Parade

The third annual HSI Equestrian Showcase Parade was held on 29th April, 2014, and proved once again, to be a popular and colourful spectacle. Now established as one of the highlights of the Punchestown Festival, the parade presents the full diversity of the Irish Equestrian sector. As well as HSI Affiliates and

Sections, this year again saw the inclusion of the Native Irish Breeds. The day was a resounding success, enjoyed by all. Dressed in competition attire, the line-up entered the parade ring before the first race, led by the Army Equitation School with the Garda Mounted Unit bringing up the rear.



Representing the Hunting Association of Ireland (HAI), Philip Lazenby with Star and Chef d'Equipe Phillip Donnelly.

Representing the Army Equitation School, Private Emma Ging with Kilshanna (ISH), Corporal Richard Costello with Ballynacargy (ISH) and Chef d'Equipe Captain Joe Gleeson.



## HSI Affiliate Organisations & Sections in 2014

Army Equitation School (Department of Defence)	Irish Shows Association (ISA)
Association of Irish Riding Clubs (AIRC)	Irish Universities Riding Clubs Association (IURCA)
Association of Irish Riding Establishments (AIRE)	Medical Equestrian Association (MEA)
Carriage Driving Section of HSI	Mounted Games Association of Ireland (MGAI)
Dressage Ireland	Northern Ireland Horse Board (NIHB)
Eventing Ireland	Para Equestrian Ireland (PEI)
Federation of Irish Polo Clubs (FIPC)	Pentathlon Ireland
Hunting Association of Ireland (HAI)	Reining & Western Section of HSI
Irish Harness Racing Club (IHRC)	Riding for the Disabled Association Ireland (RDAI)
Irish Horse Board (IHB)	Royal Dublin Society (RDS)
Irish Long Distance Riding Association (ILDRA)	Showjumping Ireland (SJI)
Irish Polocrosse Association (IPA)	Side Saddle Association of Ireland (SSAI)
Irish Pony Club (IPC)	TREC Ireland (Tourism Related Equestrian Competitions)
Irish Pony Society (IPS)	



## HSI National Anti-Doping Programme

In 2014, the third year of the National Anti-Doping Programme, a total of 100 horses were sampled with only two positive results. Five Affiliate Organisations participated in the programme. Introduced by Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) for horses competing in equestrian competitions in Ireland, the programme is run in conjunction with HSI's Affiliates and was devised by the HSI Rules Committee. Results from the 2014 programme can be seen in the table below.

### HSI Rules Committee:

Charles Powell (Chairman)  
Jean Mitchell  
Ronan Sugrue  
Kate Horgan  
Lord Patrick Carew

## HSI National Anti-Doping Programme 2014 – Summary

Programme investment, legal and testing costs	29,209
Total number of events sampled	23
Total number of days sampled	23
Total number of horses sampled	100
Sanctions issued	2

## FEI Clean Sport

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) carries out testing on horses at international competitions. Ireland is placed in Group I and II for the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Programme (EADCMP). In 2014, a total of 4,752 horses were tested worldwide and 3,492 of those were tested within Group I and II. One hundred and sixteen of those tested from Group I and II were horses and ponies ridden by Irish riders in international competitions. All of the samples taken were found to be clean when tested in the FEI laboratories. No horse ridden by an Irish rider has tested positive in a FEI competition since 2008.

### Irish ridden horses tested by the FEI in 2014

Number of horses sampled	116
FEI sanctions on Irish Riders	0

These figures are accurate as at 20/02/2015



### FEI EADCMP Report 2014

Total FEI events sampled 2014 (worldwide)	Total FEI Horses sampled (worldwide)	Groups I and II Medication Control Programme (EADCMP) Events/Horses		Rest of the World Medication Control (EADCMP) Events/Horses	
632	4,752	370	3,492	262	1,260

## HSI Safeguarding Programme

### Child Welfare and Protection Training:

HSI continues to promote safeguarding young people through the availability of Child Welfare and Protection courses. In 2014, HSI facilitated nine courses in total which were open to all Affiliates.

Horse Sport Ireland Child Protection Course Summary 2014	
Number of courses	9
Spaces available	144
Spaces filled	122
Affiliates represented	14



### Garda Vetting:

HSI is registered with the Garda Central Vetting Unit (GCVU) to conduct vetting for members in the Republic of Ireland. In 2014, HSI signed up to a Service Level Agreement with the Northern Ireland Sports Forum (NISF), a registered umbrella body with AccessNI, to conduct vetting for members in Northern Ireland. Vetting is carried out by the GCVU and NISF in respect of individuals who are applicants for positions, whether full-time, part-time, voluntary or student placements, within organisations by virtue of which they may have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults. HSI is committed to ensuring that the safest possible environment for your people exists and one of the ways HSI ensures this is through the vetting system we provide for HSI Affiliates.

### Horse Sport Ireland Vetting Statistics 2014

Approved applications	1,055
Process pending	38
Total	1,093

These figures are accurate as at 23/12/2014

# Financial Overview

HORSE SPORT IRELAND INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2014	
TOTAL INCOME	€5.049m
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€5.149m
OPERATING DEFICIT	€0.100m





## The Board of Directors

**Patrick Wall** (Chairman)  
**Anne Cahill** (retired  
15th January 2015)  
**Tony Hurley**  
**Lt Col Brian MacSweeney**  
**Hugh McCusker**  
**Kevin McGuinness**  
(appointed 7th May 2014)  
**Liam Murphy** (retired 21st  
January 2015)  
**Anne Marie O’Gorman**  
**Owens** (appointed 10th  
September 2014)  
**Georgia Stubington**  
**Taylor Vard** (retired 21st  
January 2015)

**Anne Bannon** (appointed  
10th September 2014)  
**Peter Fell** (appointed  
22nd January 2014)  
**Sean Kavanagh**  
**Gerry McCloskey**  
**Harold McGahern**  
**Barbara Micks** (appointed  
1st January 2014)  
**Jack Murphy** (appointed  
4th October 2014)  
**Kieran O’Gorman**  
**Larry O’Neill** (retired  
2nd March 2015)

## Company secretary

Mark Bolger

## Registered office

1st Floor  
Beech House  
Millennium Park  
Osberstown, Naas  
Co. Kildare

## Directors’ report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

## Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) is to promote the sport horse sector in Ireland and to co-ordinate the breeding, sport and leisure aspects of the industry. HSI maintains the Irish Horse Register and is recognised as the governing body for the equestrian sector in Ireland by the Olympic Council of Ireland, The Irish Sports Council, Paralympics Ireland, The Federation Equestre Internationale and Sport Northern Ireland.

## Results and dividends

The deficit for the year, after taxation, amounted to €100,823 (2013 - surplus €150,487).

The directors have not recommended a dividend.

## Independent auditors

Grant Thornton  
Chartered Accountants & Registered  
Auditors  
24 - 26 City Quay  
Dublin 2

## Registered number

432092

## Bankers

Allied Irish Bank  
41 South Main Street  
Naas, Co. Kildare

## Solicitors

DAC Beachcroft  
Fleming Court, Fleming Place  
Dublin 4



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## Directors and their interests

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

Anne Cahill	(retired 15th January 2015)
Jack Murphy	(appointed 4th October 2014)
Paddy Joe Foy	(retired 31st July 2014)
Anne Marie O’Gorman Owens	(appointed 10th September 2014)
Tony Hurley	
Lt Col Brian MacSweeney	
Anne Bannon	(appointed 10th September 2014)
Gerry McCloskey	
Harold McGahern	
Kevin McGuinness	(appointed 7th May 2014)
Liam Murphy	(retired 21st January 2015)
Georgia Stubington	
Taylor Vard	(retired 21st January 2015)
Patrick Wall (Chairman)	
Sean Kavanagh	
Hugh McCusker	
Kieran O’Gorman	
Larry O’Neill	(retired 2nd March 2015)
Peter Fell	(appointed 22nd January 2014)
Barbara Micks	(appointed 1st January 2014)
Rita Dunne	(retired 1st February 2014)
Patrick McCarthy	(retired 4th October 2014)
Neil Henry	(retired 10th September 2014)
Peter Molloy	(retired 1st January 2014)

## Financial risk management objectives and policies

The directors consider that the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the company are in the following categories:

### Economic risk

The risk of increased interest rates and/or inflation having an adverse impact on served markets.

These risks are managed by innovative product sourcing and strict control of costs.

### Financial risk

The directors of the company closely monitor the company's trading activities to manage credit, liquidity and other financial risk.

## Accounting records

The measures taken by the directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, regarding proper books of account are the implementation of necessary policies and procedures for recording transactions, the employment of competent accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and the provision of adequate resources to the financial function. The books of account of the company are maintained at Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Co. Kildare.

## Directors' responsibilities statement

For the year ended 31st December 2014:

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations. Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("Irish GAAP"). Under the company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and

## Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year end.

## Auditors

The auditors, Grant Thornton, continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

## People in our business

The continued success of the company has been achieved by the people working in it. There are many long serving members of staff and the relatively low turnover of personnel reflects the general policy of providing good terms and conditions of employment while dealing with staff as well as the other stakeholders in the business, in a fair and consistent manner. Their continued loyalty and hard work is much appreciated. This report was approved by the board on 21st July, 2015 and signed on its behalf.

### Patrick Wall (Chairman)

.....  
Director

### Harold McGahern

.....  
Director

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps, or causes to be kept, adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and directors' report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the board 21st July, 2015

### Patrick Wall (Chairman)

.....  
Director

### Harold McGahern

.....  
Director

## HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HORSE SPORT IRELAND

We have audited the financial statements of Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) for the year ended 31st December 2014, which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) in Ireland).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements giving a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the directors' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2014 and of its loss for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2014.

#### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY THE COMPANIES ACT, 2014

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

#### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the provisions in the Companies Act, 2014 which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.



NOEL DELANEY  
For and on behalf of GRANT THORNTON  
Chartered Accountants, Registered Auditors  
24 - 26 City Quay  
Dublin 2



# HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

	Note	2014 €	2013 €
<b>Income</b>	2	<b>5,049,944</b>	<b>5,237,319</b>
Cost of sales		(2,947,504)	(2,965,253)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>2,102,440</b>	<b>2,272,066</b>
Administrative expenses		(2,202,667)	(2,113,012)
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>	3	<b>(100,227)</b>	<b>159,054</b>
Interest receivable and similar income	5	-	912
<b>(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>(100,227)</b>	<b>159,966</b>
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	6	(596)	(9,479)
<b>(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities after taxation</b>	6	<b>(100,823)</b>	<b>150,487</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) brought forward</b>		<b>98,695</b>	<b>(51,792)</b>
<b>(Loss)/retained profit carried forward</b>		<b>(2,128)</b>	<b>98,695</b>

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2014 or 2013 other than those included in the profit and loss account.

Signed on behalf of the board

**Patrick Wall (Chairman)**

Director

**Harold McGahern**

Director

Date: 21st July, 2015

## HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

### BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

		2014	2013
	Note	€	€
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	69,777	11,931
Investments	8	2	2
		<u>69,779</u>	<u>11,933</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	9	64,168	88,259
Debtors	10	514,421	389,906
Cash at bank		373,516	388,808
		<u>952,105</u>	<u>866,973</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(1,024,012)</u>	<u>(780,211)</u>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>(71,907)</u>	<u>86,762</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>(2,128)</u>	<u>98,695</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Profit and loss account		<u>(2,128)</u>	<u>98,695</u>
	15	<u>(2,128)</u>	<u>98,695</u>

Signed on behalf of the board:

**Patrick Wall (Chairman)**  
.....  
Director

**Harold McGahern**  
.....  
Director

Date: 21st July, 2015

# HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

	Note	2014 €	2013 €
Net cash flow from operating activities	17	79,635	127,176
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	18	-	912
Taxation		(18,891)	(1,199)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	18	(76,036)	(11,933)
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year</b>		<b>(15,292)</b>	<b>114,956</b>
<b>Movement in net debt in the year</b>		<b>(15,292)</b>	<b>114,956</b>
Net funds at 1st January 2014		388,808	273,852
<b>Net funds at 31st December 2014</b>		<b>373,516</b>	<b>388,808</b>



# HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historic cost convention and comply with the financial reporting standards of the Financial Reporting Council, as promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, and Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014.

#### 1.2 Turnover income

Income includes grant amounts received from the Irish Sports Council and Sport NI, and from the Department of Agriculture grant funds and income received from registrations and related activities. Income also includes grants receivable.

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold property	-	25% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	-	25% & 20% Straight Line
Equipment	-	25% & 20% Straight Line

#### 1.4 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

#### 1.5 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

#### 1.6 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

# Horse Sport Ireland A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.7 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into euro at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into euro at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

#### 1.8 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund, and amounted to €85,909 (2013 - €85,473).

### 2. Turnover

The income and profit before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

An analysis of turnover by class of business is as follows:

	2014	2013
	€	€
Republic of Ireland	5,049,944	5,237,319

All turnover arose in Ireland.

### 3. Operating (loss)/profit

The operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2014	2013
	€	€
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the company	18,190	-
Auditors' remuneration	14,146	14,146
Operating lease costs: other	53,997	54,450
Net loss on foreign currency translation	2,939	3,710
Amortised government grants	(15,207)	-

During the year, no director received any emoluments (2013 - €NIL).

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association company directors are precluded from receiving emoluments.

## HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

#### 4. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2014	2013
	€	€
Wages and salaries	1,277,842	1,220,646
Staff welfare costs	138,157	126,417
Other pension costs	<u>85,909</u>	<u>85,473</u>
	<u><u>1,501,908</u></u>	<u><u>1,432,536</u></u>

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:

	2014	2013
	No.	No.
Number of administration and management permanent staff	26	26
Number of administration temporary staff	9	8
Total	<u><u>35</u></u>	<u><u>34</u></u>

#### 5. Interest receivable

	2014	2013
	€	€
Interest receivable	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>912</u></u>

#### 6. Taxation

	2014	2013
	€	€
Irish corporation tax charge on (loss)/profit for the year	<u><u>596</u></u>	<u><u>9,479</u></u>

# Horse Sport Ireland A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

### 6. Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2013 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in Ireland of 12.5% (2013 - 12.5%). The differences are explained below:

	2014	2013
	€	€
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	(100,227)	159,966
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in Ireland of 12.5% (2013 - 12.5%)	(12,528)	19,996
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	993	(3,845)
Utilisation of tax losses	13,088	(6,574)
Additional tax arising on profits chargeable at 25%	-	340
Timing differences	(957)	(438)
Current tax charge for the year (see note above)	596	9,479



## HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

#### 7. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property €	Fixtures and fittings €	Equipment €	Total €
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1st January 2014	284,288	162,548	105,920	552,756
Additions	-	-	76,036	76,036
At 31st December 2014	284,288	162,548	181,956	628,792
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1st January 2014	272,357	162,548	105,920	540,825
Charge for the year	2,983	-	15,207	18,190
At 31st December 2014	275,340	162,548	121,127	559,015
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31st December 2014	8,948	-	60,829	69,777
At 31st December 2013	11,931	-	-	11,931
<b>Leasehold</b>	<b>Leasehold property €</b>	<b>Fixtures and fittings €</b>	<b>Equipment €</b>	<b>Total €Cost</b>
At 1st January 2013	272,357	162,548	105,920	540,825
Additions	11,931	-	-	11,931
At 31st December 2013	284,288	162,548	105,920	552,756
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1st January 2013 and 31st December 2013	272,357	162,548	105,920	540,825
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31st December 2013	11,931	-	-	11,931
At 31st December 2012	-	-	-	-

# HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

### 8. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in group undertakings €
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1st January 2014 and 31 December 2014	2
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31st December 2014	2
At 31 December 2013	2

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) holds 100% of the ordinary share capital of Horse Sport Ireland Export Limited T/A Irish Horse Gateway, whose principal activity is the Irish Horse Gateway website portal. The registered office of Horse Sport Ireland Export Limited is 1st Floor, Beech House, Millennium Park, Osberstown, Naas, Co. Kildare.

### Horse Sport Ireland Export Limited

	2014 €	2013 €
Loss for the period	(52,821)	(60,674)
Capital and reserves	(113,493)	(60,672)

### 9. Stocks

	2014 €	2013 €
Finished goods and goods for resale	64,168	88,259

There are no material differences between the replacement cost of stock and the balance sheet amounts.

## HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

#### 10. Debtors

	2014	2013
	€	€
Trade debtors	69,405	121,383
Amounts owed by group undertakings	123,714	62,222
Corporation tax repayable	9,535	-
Irish Horse Board Co-operative Society Limited	-	31,188
Other debtors	268,906	134,112
Prepayments and accrued income	42,861	41,001
	<u>514,421</u>	<u>389,906</u>

#### 11. Creditors:

##### Amounts falling due within one year

	2014	2013
	€	€
Trade creditors	81,790	151,024
Irish Horse Board Co-operative Society Limited	41,189	-
Corporation tax	-	8,760
Other taxes (see below)	78,863	42,740
Accruals	720,128	577,687
Deferred income	102,042	-
	<u>1,024,012</u>	<u>780,211</u>

##### Other taxes

	2014	2013
	€	€
PAYE/PRSI	43,685	42,087
VAT	35,178	653
	<u>78,863</u>	<u>42,740</u>

# HORSE SPORT IRELAND A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

### 12. Government grants

	2014	2013
	€	€
<b>Received and receivable:</b>		
January 2014	<u>448,526</u>	<u>448,526</u>
December 2014	<u>448,526</u>	<u>448,526</u>
<b>Amortisation</b>		
January 2014	<u>448,526</u>	<u>448,526</u>
December 2014	<u>448,526</u>	<u>448,526</u>

The company received a grant for the fitout of the premises at Millennium Park. This grant was written off over the term of the lease (four years).

### 13. Operating lease commitments

At 31st December 2014 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings	
	2014	2013
	€	€
Expiry date:		
Within 1 year	100,391	100,391
Between 2 and 5 years	<u>100,391</u>	<u>200,782</u>

### 14. Related party transactions

Horse Sport Ireland (HSI) is related to Irish Horse Board Co-op Society Limited (Irish Horse Board) by way of common directors. At 31st December 2014, HSI owed Irish Horse Board Co-op Limited a balance of €41,189 (2013: €31,188 due from Irish Horse Board Co-op Limited). No other transactions are required for disclosure under FRS 8.

### 15. Company status

The company is limited by guarantee without having a share capital.

### 16. Reconciliation of movement in members' funds

	2014	2013
	€	€
Opening members' funds/(deficit)	98,695	(51,792)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	<u>(100,823)</u>	<u>150,487</u>
Closing members' (deficit)/funds	<u>(2,128)</u>	<u>98,695</u>



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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

#### 17. Net cash flow from operating activities

	2014	2013
	€	€
Operating (loss)/profit	(100,227)	159,054
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	18,190	-
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	24,091	(11,375)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(53,488)	10,925
Increase in amounts owed by group undertakings	(61,492)	(93,410)
Increase in creditors	211,372	82,954
Increase/(decrease) in amounts owed to Irish Horse Board Co-operative Society Limited	<u>41,189</u>	<u>(20,972)</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u><u>79,635</u></u>	<u><u>127,176</u></u>

#### 18. Analysis of cash flows for headings netted in cash flow statement

	2014	2013
	€	€
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	<u>-</u>	<u>912</u>
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<u><u>(76,036)</u></u>	<u><u>(11,933)</u></u>

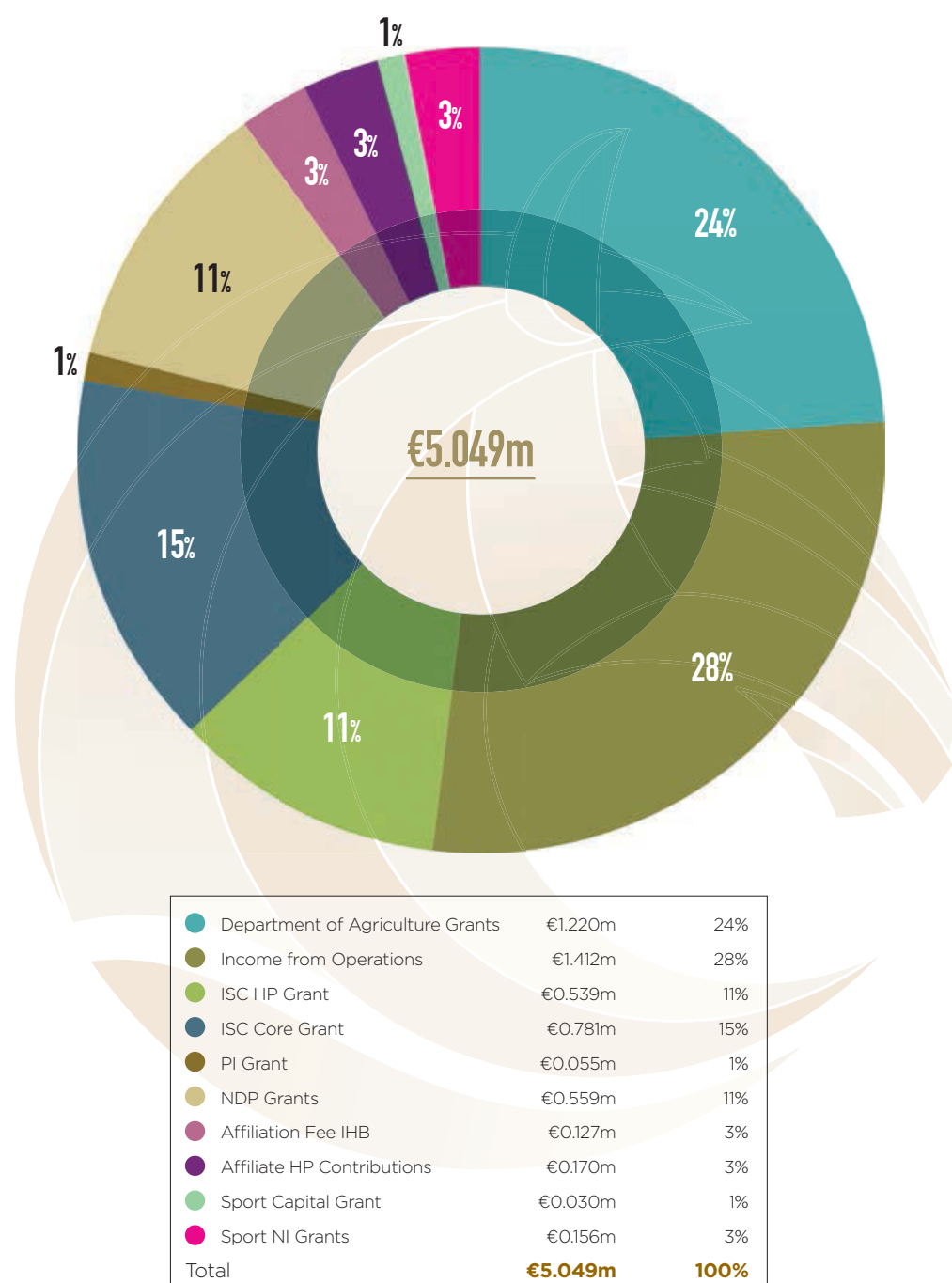
#### 19. Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 January 2014	Cash flow	31 December 2014
	€	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>388,808</u>	<u>(15,292)</u>	<u>373,516</u>
Net funds	<u><u>388,808</u></u>	<u><u>(15,292)</u></u>	<u><u>373,516</u></u>

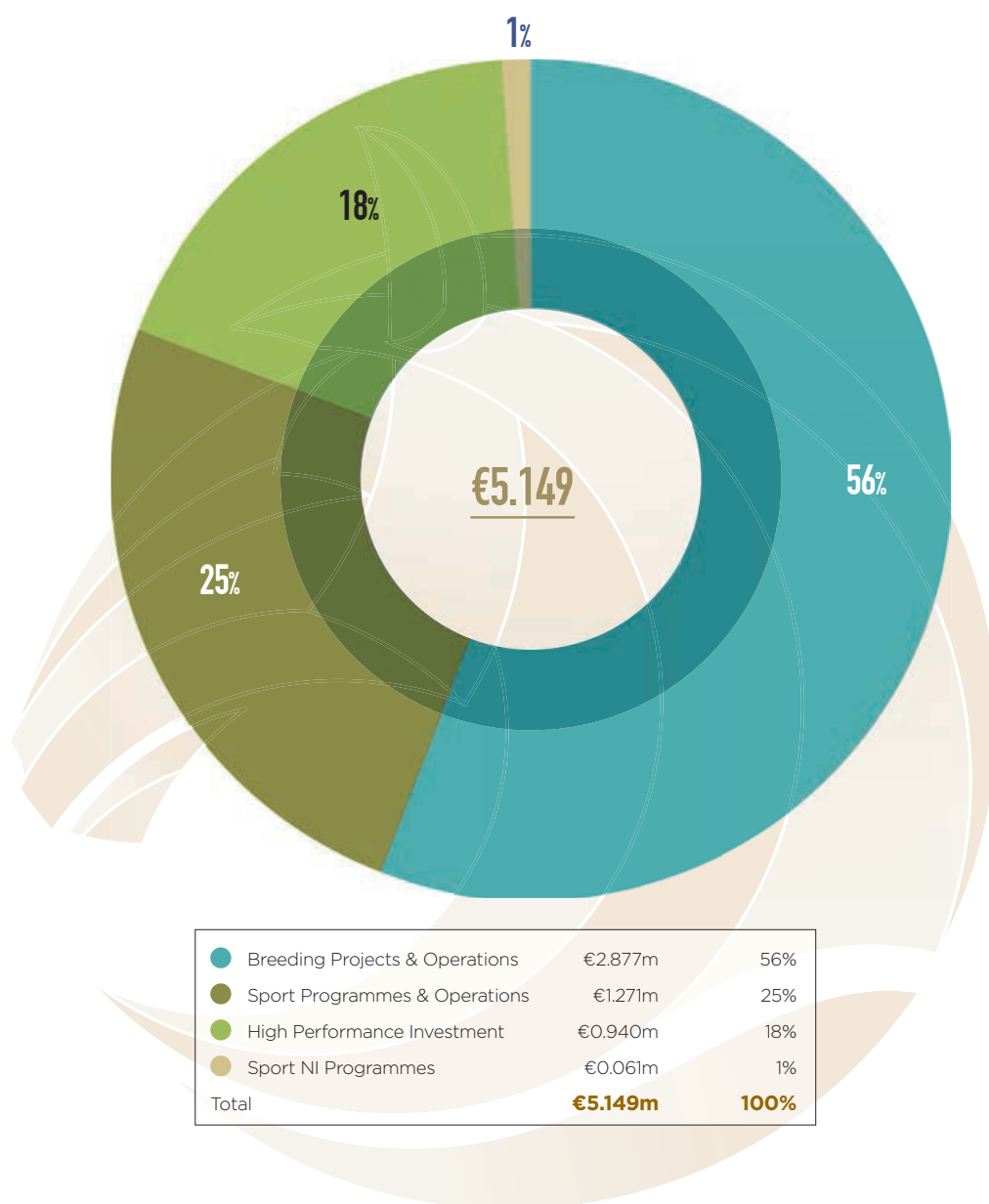
#### 20. Approval of financial statements

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 21st July, 2015

## Horse Sport Ireland Sources of Income 2014



## Horse Sport Ireland Allocation Of Funds 2014



## Breeding Projects & Operations Expenditure – €2.877m

Items of Expenditure	€m
Employment costs	€0.968
Breeding Sub Board financial supports	€0.293
Advertising/PR/information notices	€0.174
DNA	€0.156
Printing/stationary/office expenses	€0.124
IT maintenance/development/CapallOir/website	€0.124
Post	€0.104
Recoupment fee	€0.091
Rent & rates	€0.089
Marketing & exhibitions	€0.086
Microchips	€0.078
Irish Horse Gateway	€0.062
IHB grant	€0.059
Publications	€0.058
Lanaken & Le Lion d'Angers	€0.053
Cleaning/telephones/utilities/sundries	€0.053
Stallion inspections	€0.050
Mare inspections	€0.049
Meeting expenses (Sub Board & Board)	€0.042
Genetic indexing	€0.036
NIHB rebate	€0.034
Staff expenses/motor/travel/meeting	€0.024
Insurance	€0.014
Breeder forums/conference	€0.013
Legal & professional fees	€0.012
Bank charges	€0.011
WBFSH	€0.010
Storage	€0.008
Auditor's fee	€0.006
Breeding policy review projects	€0.005
Industry VAT submission	€0.005
Young breeders/training	€0.001
Release of provision	-€0.015
Total	€2.877



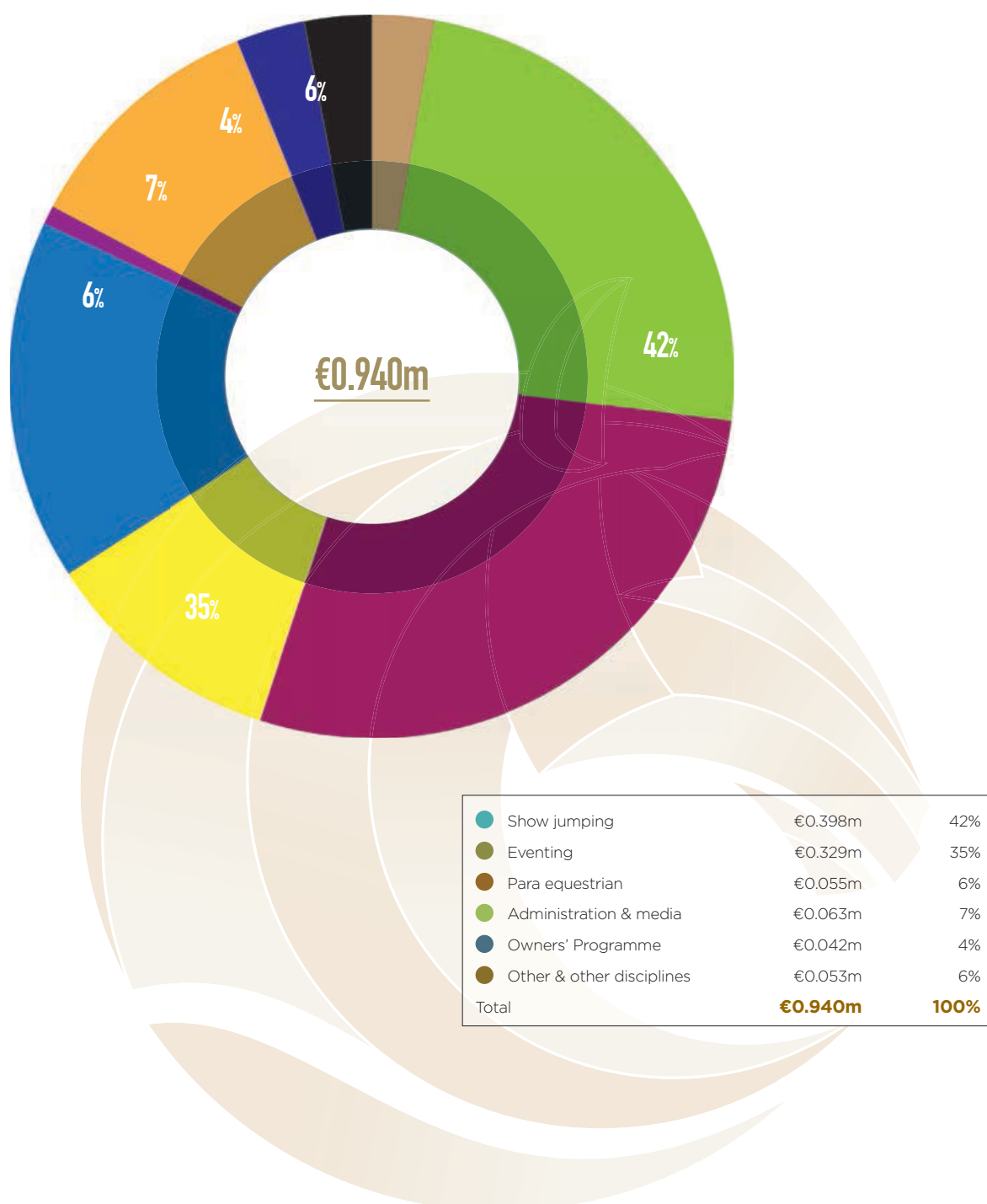
## Sports Programmes, HP, SNI & Operations Expenditure - €2.272m

Items of Expenditure	€m
High performance investment	€0.940
Employment costs	€0.475
Coaching programmes	€0.116
FEI & NF costs	€0.093
International hosting grants	€0.084
Affiliate sports grants including pentathlon	€0.078
Sports NI programmes	€0.061
Rent & rates	€0.054
IT maintenance	€0.042
Advertising/PR/information notices	€0.034
Sports equipment grant	€0.031
National Anti-Doping Programme	€0.029
Communications	€0.029
Legal & professional fees	€0.023
Schools' programme/shared affiliate projects	€0.021
Stationary & printing	€0.019
Telephones	€0.017
Cleaning/canteen/subscriptions	€0.016
HSI sections	€0.016
Postage	€0.015
Insurance	€0.014
Board expenses	€0.013
Staff expenses/motor/travel	€0.011
Audit	€0.008
Storage	€0.007
Honorarium	€0.006
Utilities	€0.006
Team Ireland promotion	€0.006
Bank charges	€0.004
Repairs/premises	€0.002
Bad debt write off	€0.001
FX translation	€0.001
Total	€2.272

### HSI Finance Committee 2014

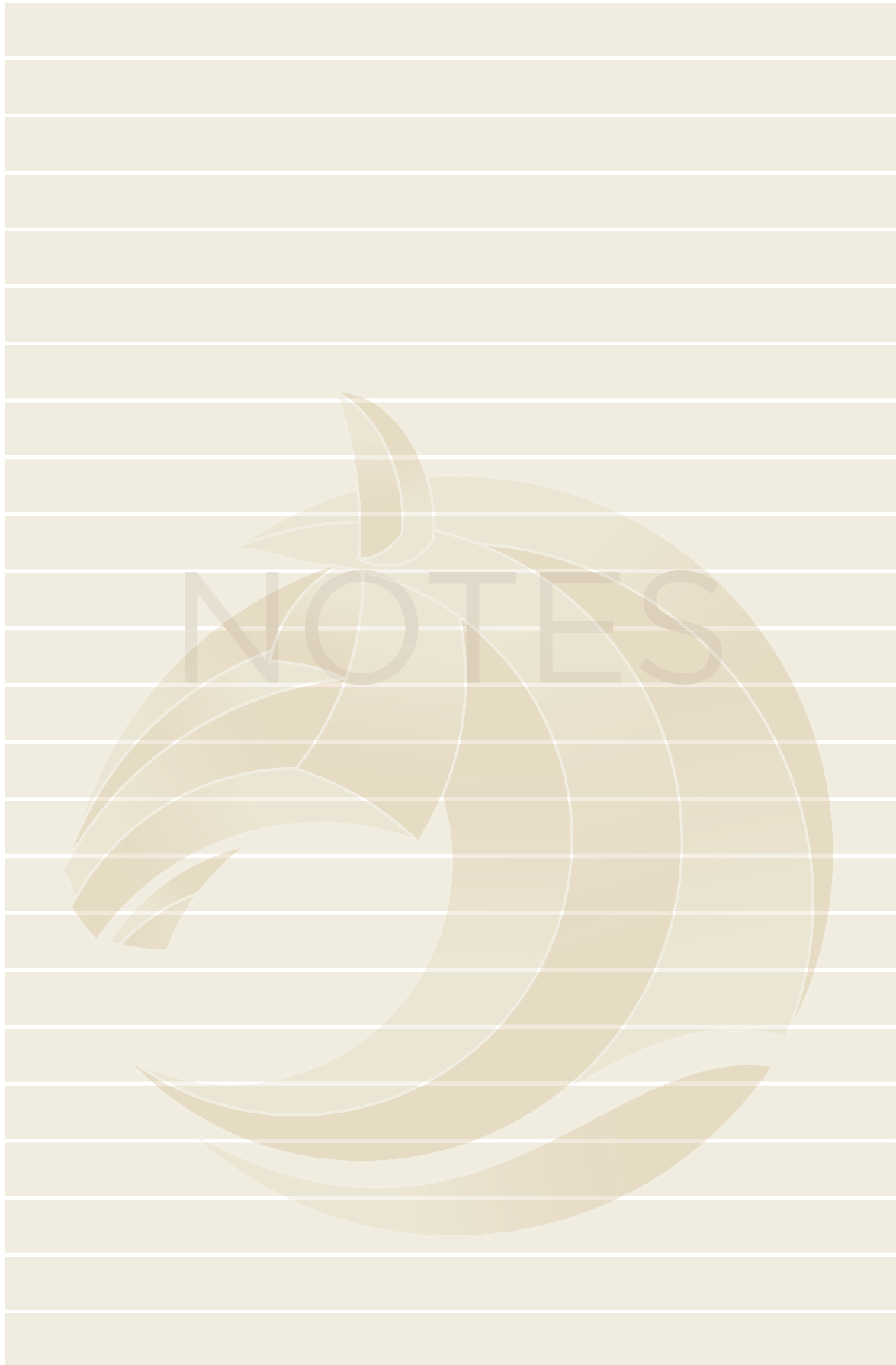
- James Kennedy, Chairman
- Prof. Pat Wall
- James Beecher
- Lt Col Gerry O'Gorman (retired 17th November 2014)
- Damian McDonald
- Mark Bolger

## Horse Sport Ireland High Performance Investment Allocations 2014



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