

# International Federation Of Horse Racing Academies



## ***International Horse Racing Industry Skills Passport***



### **Project Time Line**

The International Federation of Horse Racing Academies (IFHRA) has brought together over 40 countries to share education and training best practice ideas for the horse racing industry. I would like to acknowledge the support of IFHRA which was formed through the kindness of HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan as part of his Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival in 2014. This federation has given us all a unique platform to share and develop valuable ideas and programs. We are all driven by a common goal and that is the love of the horse....

The following is a brief timeline on the progress of the International Horse Racing Industry Skills Passport currently in development. Over 10 years of research and communication with many international peak bodies has shaped the outline of the passport. There is a huge amount to do before a user friendly product can be produced that will be recognised by all racing federations (both Arabian & Thoroughbred) so setting the framework properly at the start is crucial. The aim is to produce a matrix of international best practice in education and training for the horse racing industry of both codes to share. Right now there is a huge opportunity to do just that with the experience of so many experts that sit around the IFHRA table. Horses have taught us over many years that knowledge only becomes wisdom when it has been put to practical use.....

#### Stage 1 –to date

2004 – 2016 (a brief history)

- 2004 Mandatory accredited training of jockeys and trainers introduced in Australia
- 2006 Education and training research and communication extended within Australian peak racing industry bodies.
- Meetings with state and federal government, education and immigration agencies
- Research and communication with international peak racing industry bodies
- Establish a list of international colleges/ business that deliver any accredited horse racing qualification (requires updating to remain current)
- 2007 International study paper on stable employees, jockeys and trainers education for Racing Victoria.
- 2009 Fellowship to England & Ireland – face to face meetings with all stakeholders (Racing & Breeding – 36 meetings in total)
- Communication links established with many global racing schools
- 2009 Gather foundation units from interested countries and commence to map performance criteria (ongoing)
- 2010 Create a sample matrix (ongoing)
- 2011 mandatory training of registered stablehands rolled out in Australia
- 2013 Victorian State Government Super Trades Mission to Middle East –representing equestrian skills and courses – Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Turkey
- Define roles of industry professionals with job descriptions (Role = What Training required - A unit of competency? A Skill set? A full Certificate? A Traineeship/ Apprenticeship? (ongoing)
- Presentations on forming a skills passport at national and international education racing conferences (AUS '06, HK'09, Malaysia '12, NZ '12, AD '13)
- November '13: HH Sheik Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Festival. Guest on panel at EARS conference - for education and training conference
- Documented signatures of delegates from racing schools representing 14 countries who support (in principal) the

development of international racing skills passport (this was a great start!!!! Now I had some back up!!!)

2014 (progress)

- Commenced mapping of most employable units of competency – OH&S and Handle Horses Safely
- Commenced mini matrix of accredited international industry qualifications (ongoing)
- Australian Racing Board CEO Mr Peter McGauran- letter of support
- Industry Skills Council CEO Mr Arthur Blewitt- letter of support and travel support
- Racing Victoria CEO Mr Bernard Saundry – letter of support and travel support
- Victorian Racing Minister Dr Denis Napthine – letter of support
- Asian Racing Conference HK – Mr Andrew Harding –letter of support for round table
- International Specialised Skills Institute – letter of support
- September- seminar for Horse Racing Ireland of all schools delivering racing courses (10 schools) HRI letter of support provided
- British Racing Authority-meeting with Paul Bittar (then CEO) letter of support provided
- Expand units to be mapped for matrix by urgency of role- Jockeys/ Trackriders
- November: HH Sheik Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Festival – formation of International Federation of Horse Racing Schools - Observer
- This federation will be the support base for communication of ongoing development

2015-2016

- Update all statistics from previous research
- Update spreadsheet of international racing training providers and accredited courses
- Continue to build matrix of mapping between countries to define common skills training and assessment requirements
- One on one interviews with each racing academy/school to gather further information such as recruitment practices and training stages for jockeys, trainers and other industry professionals to be conducted (ongoing)
- Presentation being prepared for International Association of Horse Racing Authorities
- Formation of an International Horse Racing Industry Skills Passport sub-committee is due by November 2016

End of Stage 1

**Project Links:: [Introduction](#) [Passport Example](#) -- [About the Project Manager](#).**

G Gauci-Marchant May 16 Page source <http://ifhra.ae/en/index.php>