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82nd UET GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Paris-Vincennes (France), Saturday 25th January 2025

Mr. Peter TRUZLA (Austria) elected President of UET



From left to right: Guillaume MAUPAS, General Secretary – Peter TRUZLA, President
Minna MAENPÄÄ, 2nd Vice-President - Tamara PAPICCIO, 1st Vice President
Camiel MELLEGER, Technical Advisor . Photo: APRH

On the Saturday 25th January 2025, 20 members of the UET General Assembly met at Paris-Vincennes racecourse, during the Prix d'Amérique weekend, to elect the governing bodies of the UET for the 2025-2027 term of office.

Mr Peter TRUZLA, Chairman of the Austrian Trotting Federation for 26 years, was unanimously elected President of the UET, after having been a member of the UET Board for 26 years and Technical Advisor to the UET for 23 years. He succeeds Mrs Marjaana ALAVIUHKOLA, UET President since 2019.

“I am very honoured by the trust placed in me by the delegates of the 20 members countries of the UET. I will continue to work for the development of trotting and to facilitate the harmonisation of regulations between trotting race organising countries. As Mrs ALAVIUHKOLA pointed out in her report this morning, the downward trend in trotter breeding in Europe is a major concern that we need to analyse. The recommendations of the UET Breeding Commission will be very important in maintaining a significant breeding base in all European countries. The UET has been a driving force in recent years in imposing certain provisions in favour of equine welfare. UET's major role in this area must be reaffirmed. Finally, the situation of horseracing betting in Europe remains a key concern for the UET, as it represents the financing of horseracing and breeding. We must redouble our efforts to impose close cooperation on the major operators in Europe for the creation of a European betting system. On behalf

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of all the delegates, I would like to thank Mrs ALAVIUHKOLA for her outstanding involvement and action during the last six years”, has declared M. Peter TRUZLA.

Ms Tamara PAPICCIO (Italy) and Ms Minna MAENPAA (Finland) were elected Vice-Presidents.

The UET Board is made up of delegates from the following countries : France, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria and Switzerland.

Mr Camiel MELLEGGERS (Netherlands) was elected Technical Advisor of the UET and Mr Guillaume MAUPAS was re-elected General Secretary and M. Nicolau JULIA I BARCELO as auditor.

During this meeting, several amendments to the International Agreement on Trotting races were adopted with a view to :

- facilitate biological controls and investigations by the disciplinary bodies of a UET member country in another member country,
- clarify and complete the regulations concerning the positive case of a trotter trained in a country other than the one where an offence was detected, in particular as regards the procedures for requesting the extension of a decision or precautionary measure.

The accounts of the UET for the year 2024 were also approved, after Mr Nicolau Julia i Barcelo (Spain) had read his report, as well as the budget of the UET for the year 2025.

The calendar of the Group I and II races in the UET countries was adopted, as were the procedures for appointing the drivers who will represent the UET countries at the World Driving Championship to be held from 31st October to 9th November 2025 in Australia and New Zealand.

The main winners of UET competitions in 2024 were praised, in particular the French Trotter GO ON BOY, winner of the Final of the UET Elite Circuit 2024, and the Swedish trotter EPIC KRONOS, who won the UET Grand Prix 2024. These competitions took place at the Paris-Vincennes racecourse.

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