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Greetings to all F.R.D.I. members and anyone interested in therapeutic riding internationally.

NEW MEMBERS

We are always pleased to welcome new members. In recent months applications have been received from Cuba and Honduras, with enquiries also from Peru and Syria. F.R.D.I. is a truly global organization with many skills within our membership.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Some of you will receive membership renewal notices with this newsletter. We remind those who wish to pay directly into one of our bank accounts that it is important to use the SWIFTCODE details shown with the bank details. Use of this code reduces costs and ensures efficient transfer of your funds.

SCIENTIFIC & EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL OF THERAPEUTIC RIDING

The Journal is published annually at the end of the year. Anyone wishing to submit a paper for consideration for publication in this year's Journal should send the paper to the Office –using the directions shown in the last issue of the Journal. An increasing number of Tertiary institutions are requesting information about the Journal with more copies being sent to Universities and tertiary students. We propose establishing a section on our website for research projects in progress. Anyone wishing to advertise in this section should send the information to the FRDI Office.

NATIONAL MAGAZINES

Some of our members have sent copies of their magazines to the Office. We are gradually building up a truly international picture of therapeutic riding in this way. Thanks to those who regularly send us such information. We encourage both national and individual members to send us items of interest.

COMING EVENTS

Study this section on the back page of this newsletter carefully – many conferences are listed there. Members are encouraged to participate where possible and send information for publication to the Office. This will ensure that your event appears in the newsletter and on our website.

WEBSITE LINKS

The F.R.D.I. website includes links to members' websites. Members wishing to have a link included on our site should send the information to the Office and a link can be established immediately. Please check the existing links to ensure that the information recorded there is correct.

NOTE: Copy for September Newsletter should be at the Office by **Wednesday 1 September**, 2004. If possible send by e-mail. Photographs, drawings, logos etc are welcome.

International Directory of Education and Training 6th edition 2003

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Horse Handling Courses

FRDI has two courses available for use by member countries. The National Instructor course is intended to be used by countries that do not have their own instructor training and assessment system. The Horse Handling course is also aimed at countries that do not have their own system, and feel that they would like to increase the basic knowledge of their volunteer leaders and handlers.

The quality of a riding session is totally dependent on the abilities of the instructor and the training and handling of the horses that are being used.

Countries that are new to accreditation do not know the topics and amount of detail that instructors should have if they are to run a riding session safely and effectively. Countries can adopt the FRDI syllabus and can train and assess the instructors themselves. Otherwise they can use outside help that have a framework on which to base the training. The syllabus has been written in such a way that local climate, and stable management conditions are covered.

The Horse Handling course is based on the Australian system. All hippotherapists in Australia work in a team with a trained horse handler. The course is just as appropriate for leaders working within a therapeutic riding group, and it gives them increased skills and confidence. Level One covers choosing the right horse, assessing the horse's paces, warm-up procedures for the horse, fitting of equipment, leading, horsemanship skills, emergency dismount, and some medical knowledge. The basic course takes approximately a day and half to cover. It can also be covered in a series of short sessions.

It is a fun course for volunteers as there is lots of practical work. The volunteers can then become a qualified 'horse handler'. It is a good base for those who would like to go on to become an instructor as well as those who are more interested in the horse training aspects.

At a later date Level Two Horse Handler, which covers lungeing and long-reining, will be available. It is hoped to have an International Level of Instructor, which will give a career path to instructors.

The syllabus for both courses is available through FRDI.

Mary Longden

Chairperson – Education & Training Committee

RDA-Samsung NEWS

Walking together into the world

RDA-Samsung invited the riders of RDA-Japan to join the riders in Korea. It was the first official RDA exchange between Korea and Japan.

On May 12th, we longed for a warm, sunny spring day, but unfortunately, rain and clouds were our friends for the day. Our guests arrived on time, but the procedures for the disabled were too complicated at the airport. Therefore with the delay at the airport and further delays on the road due to traffic, it almost felt like the exchange would never happen.

The volunteers and clients at the stable had to wait to welcome the visitors from Japan. Our rehearsed presentation of flowers to visitors and stable introduction had to be cut short, in order to make time for riding activities.

Clients from the two countries were matched to one another for the lesson. What surprised everyone the most was not the difference in riding style or anything else pertaining to riding, but it was of the two little girls giggling together a minute after meeting each other. They, of course, didn't know each other's language. Everyone was surprised at the meaninglessness of the language barrier. After the lesson, they moved to the club house for a grand dinner. While they ate, they shared small gifts they had brought for each other.

The next day started with lunch and on the menu was Bibimbab, a traditional Korean meal of rice with mixed vegetables. It was not just your typical Korean meal, as the food had been prepared by the Korean clients' mothers, who on top of the main dish also prepared fruit and other food as well. Even the setting was not ordinary as tables were set outside under several pavilion like umbrellas. With the sun in between the clouds, all posed for the commemorative pictures beside the picnic area. Then additional riding lessons were provided for a few more hours.

As the program came to an end, they shared their feelings about such a short visit, promising to see each other again in the near future, next time in Japan. With the theme of this event "walking together into the world" deeply engraved in their hearts they will look forward to more walks together with friends again.

A heart-warming story of international co-operation. We look forward to hearing of the return visit to Japan. Ed.



The Riders of Japan and Korea

NEWS from *around the World*

A WINDOW ON *Australia, New Zealand, South Africa & Dubai*

Australia



Riding for the Disabled Association of Australia (RDAA)

Australia is a vast country (the same size as mainland U.S.A.) with a comparatively small population (18.5 million). It covers 3 different time zones with parts of Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory situated in the Tropic of Capricorn. Much of central Australia is desert. The majority of the population is located on the coastal strip. It is interesting to note that if you travel around the coast of Australia the distance is approximately 20,000 kilometres. Those who fly from Melbourne to London via Asia also travel approximately 20,000 kilometres. Most Australians are adventurous and ready to help each other. This is nowhere more evident than within the Riding for the Disabled Association and its members.

RDAA is the Australian national organization for riding for people with disabilities. There are 8 member states which each have a state organization affiliated to the national organization. There are a total of 132 centres Australia wide catering for 5077 riders.

The programs are provided by 3575 volunteers using 992 horses and 537 coaches. As with our counterparts in other parts of the world, our organization could

not function without the many volunteers who give so generously of their time and energy caring for both riders and horses.

RDA AUSTRALIA NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the recent RDA Australia National Dressage Championships, the equestrian ties between New Zealand and Australia, were renewed when a New Zealand team of five dressage riders competed against the Australian Dressage team for the Trans Tasman Trophy. This trophy was first competed for in 1999, then 2000 and it was great to be able to host the team in 2004. The trophy was won by Australia.

Horses needed to be sourced and both the NZ Chef d'equipe, Bronwyn Hussey, and the RDAA National Coaching Coordinator Susan Cusack appealed to EFA horse owners for the loan of horses for the NZ riders. There was an excellent response and we are most grateful to the owners and the NZ riders did extremely well considering they had only three days practice before the event. The team were great ambassadors for New Zealand and the social functions were a wonderful opportunity to develop the ANZAC spirit.

It is an aim of RDAA to have the annual National Dressage Championships to become an Asia Pacific event including riders from the 'Pacific rim' nations, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia as well as New Zealand. This will involve a lot of hard work to gather a list of owners who will be prepared to offer their horses each year for these riders. If we are able to achieve this it will give competitors

from this region an opportunity to gain international ranking points from IPEC to enable qualification for World Championships and Paralympic Games.

This region feels quite isolated in regard to access to enough competitions compared to the European nations where distance is not such a factor.

We now hope that Australia will be able to send a team of riders over to the New Zealand National Dressage Championships, to be held in November 2004. As the Athens Paralympic Games will only just be over, it is likely that a development squad will be sent hoping for them to gain valuable experience in travelling and competing in another country. This may well be the first step for these riders on the path to Beijing in 2008.

Competition aside, RDA Australia is about to embark on its annual Awareness Week which is centred on the 1st August, the official horse's birthday in the southern hemisphere. The focus of the week will be on a schools program to introduce our Mascot "Smiley" to school children, and this will incorporate an experiential 'come and try' activities designed to illustrate to children in a fun and participatory manner an understanding of what it is like to have a disability.

Plans for 2005 include a National Coaching Workshop, which has traditionally had excellent participation and input from coaches from Asia Pacific nations.

Susan Cusack
National Coaching Coordinator



Australia continued



RDA Hippotherapy

In November 1994 the first official 3 day course "Introduction to Hippotherapy" was conducted in Canberra, Australia. The course was approved by the American Hippotherapy Association (AHA) and the presenters were AHA faculty Molly Lingua Mundy and Barbara Heine. Immediately after that course the first organization for hippotherapy in Australia was founded. Originally called Australian Association for Hippotherapy a name change some months later reflected the decision to associate hippotherapy in Australia with Riding for the Disabled Australia (RDAA). The organization is now known as RDA-Hippotherapy with a Committee responsible for Standards of Practice, Education, Research and the promotion of Hippotherapy in the community. RDA-H now conducts 3 levels of Hippotherapy courses in Australia, a 1 day Overview, A 3 day "Introduction to Hippotherapy" and a 3 day Intermediate Hippotherapy course.

A hippotherapy team consists of the therapy horse, horse handler, therapist and 2 sidewalkers. In order to practice hippotherapy in Australia the entire team must be RDA accredited. This process involves a prescribed course of education for both horse handlers and therapists. Therapists, either Physiotherapists or Occupational therapists, must have attended a minimum of one 3 day "Introduction to Hippotherapy" course. Horse handlers require minimum accreditation of Level 1 horse handler and Level 2 if long lining is used. The "Introduction to Hippotherapy" course is designed on 2 tracks, a therapist track and a horse handler track, with core knowledge components taught to all participants. On day 3, therapists treat a client under supervision and RDA coaches wishing to gain their Level 1 or 2 horse handling accreditation undertake a written assessment. In this way all participants have an opportunity to put the knowledge and skills learnt during the course into practice and all team members have an understanding and appreciation of every element involved in the safe and effective practice of hippotherapy.

At the present time there are 7 accredited Hippotherapy groups throughout Australia, 3 in Victoria, 1 in both New South Wales

and Queensland and 2 in Western Australia. Given the vastness of this country it is pleasing to note that in a relatively short time there are accredited groups operating in almost every State. A new area of Australia, The Northern Territory, will be host to the first "Introduction to Hippotherapy" course in June this year.

Working within the structure of RDA and incorporating existing RDA coaching standards in Australian Hippotherapy courses ensure a uniform knowledge base of safety and horse welfare. Involving both therapists and horse handlers in all courses reinforces the need for teamwork in the practice of Hippotherapy. RDA horse handlers gain valuable knowledge in how to maximize the movement of the therapy horse and prevent "therapy burnout" Therapists with limited horse knowledge and experience learn first hand how much they have to depend on their horse handlers to produce quality movement in a safe environment. In this way the barriers between team members are broken down as each person realizes they are essential to the safe and effective practice of hippotherapy.

Barbara Heine - Chairman

RDA Victoria (RDAV) Moorabbin Branch

Lois Taylor writes to tell us about a wonderful team of riders, who attend Moorabbin branch of RDA once a fortnight. They have various disabilities and work really hard at improving their riding. One of the main attractions for both staff, riders and volunteers, is the third term excitement of working towards a display for parents and friends at the end of this term.

A lot of work is put into the composition of costumes and the theme for each year. They practice the movements all term, to a plan carefully designed by their coach Jane Edwards. The final reward is to see it all come together when the music is played.

Two years ago, through correspondence with a rider from an overseas group, it came to our attention that there is an international competition for such displays in England. We sent a video copy of their Military Tattoo effort and received six wonderful rosettes and a letter of congratulations.



Above: Riding Display. Moorabbin

Australia continued

One of our horses – "Dusty" received the "Federal Sports Award" in the National Volunteer Awards on 17 November 2003, for his long service and wonderful dedication to disabled riders – presented by David Kemp M.P.

Unfortunately, a few weeks ago Dusty had to be put down due to a very painful bone degeneration which suddenly progressed. We were all very sorry to lose a wonderful friend.



Above: Dusty and Left: The award

New Zealand



RDA New Zealand

NZRDA - New Zealand Riding for the Disabled Association

New Zealand Riding for the Disabled is based in New Zealand's capital Wellington. We have three part time staff and Volunteer staff of around 32.

Currently NZRDA is hoping to move into temporary premises and will complete the move into our new office at Hutt Valley RDA's new indoor arena when it is completed.

Recently NZRDA sent a team to the RDA Australia National Championships in Sydney. We had a great time and learnt a great deal about how RDA is run in Australia. We have many people to thank for helping us in

Australia. People like Horse owners - Jackie, Ruth, Cheryl and Robyn. Thanks also go to the organising committee and NSW RDAer's at Tall Timbers and Nepean and special thanks to Nola Forster, Sue Cusack, Dinah Barron Sally Francis, Vince Roche and Glenys Barry. Phew and that was just the Aussies!

NZRDA to return the favour is holding our National Dressage Championships in November of this year. All Riders from Asia Pacific countries are welcome to attend. NZRDA has secured some horses for loan and riders would have to reimburse Horse owners for their costs in getting them to the venue.

Anyone interested in competing in our National Championships need in the first instance to contact the following to request entry forms:

Bronwyn Hussey
NZRDA
PO Box 48-129 Silverstream
Upper Hutt

New Zealand
Phone Bus: +64 4 234 7075
E-mail: nzrda@paradise.net.nz

Alongside our National Championships we are holding workshops for Dressage Judges facilitated by IPEC Judge Mary Longden and Judy Cubitt. Overseas Judges are more than welcome to come along and learn what's involved in being an IPEC sanctioned judge and put it to the test in the competition.

Anyone interested in participating in the Judges workshops should contact:

Sandra Bilderbeck
Address as above

If you are interested in coming along to watch on competition days the date for your Diary is 11th - 14th November 2004. Contact NZRDA to go on our mailing list.

Regards to you all and we hope welcome you to our corner of the world soon.

Sandra Bilderbeck
NZRDA Manager



Dubai



Riding for the Disabled Association of Dubai (RDAD)

By Pat Bellairs

Administrator/NARHA Adv Instructor

The Riding for the Disabled Association of Dubai just completed it's 6th season and it was a busy one for us. Our therapeutic riding lessons take place between October and May. Sadly, due to intense summer heat, classes stop during the summer months. RDAD's goal is to build an equestrian centre designed for riders with special needs complete with an air-conditioned stable and in-door arena. With air conditioning in place, we will be able to continue classes throughout the year.

RDAD teaches about 50 children and young adults each week, maintaining a



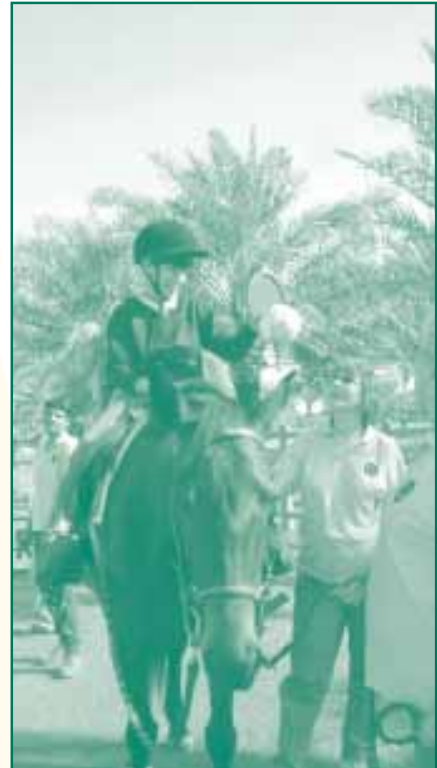
Above: Imogen in Dubai

volunteer base of 45 and 7 horses. Like all therapeutic riding programs, we had our share of "miracles". The first story that comes to mind involves a 6-year-old boy with autism. When Ahmed met his pony, Softee, it was as if his world opened up. After his first lesson, he took my hand and dragged me back to the stable. He went from one horse to the next, eyes wide in wonder. When Ahmed arrived for his second lesson, he ran to the mounting ramp and wouldn't leave – fearing he might not get to ride. It was during this lesson that Ahmed spoke his first words – "horse" and "walk-on". Each day he went to his teacher and requested, "horse". Now he speaks with 2 and 3 word phrases and can make simple requests. The RDAD volunteer formed such a strong bond with him that she started volunteering at his school and helping him. What a great consistency applying what he learns at school to how we can help at RDAD. All of us at RDAD, his teachers and parents are thrilled and as a team we watch this little boy make great strides.....thanks to a 28-year-old pony named Softee.

This year, besides maintaining our class schedule, we formed an "official" fundraising committee. The first suggestion the committee made was to try and elevate RDAD's exposure in the media and teach the community more about Riding for the Disabled. So we made a concerted effort to educate the journalists. We conducted a mini training class and invited them to watch the children ride. They personally witnessed the benefits of therapeutic riding. The articles generated fantastic results – in fundraising, in recruiting volunteers and, of course, in adding more riders to our waiting list.

During March, thanks to fundraising events organized and sponsored by Emirates Airlines, The Ritz-Carlton and Horse & Carriage almost \$200,000 was raised. This money goes directly to the "building" fund and moves us that much closer to opening the stable doors of our new riding centre!

Excitement!!! A few weeks ago Monty Roberts visited RDAD when he was in Dubai. He met with about 20 volunteers



Below: Abdulla in Dubai

for about 90 minutes. He primarily wanted to thank the volunteers for their involvement in RDAD and commitment to therapeutic riding. He spoke at length about his experiences with various RDA groups around the world and answered all sorts of questions. Monty is a truly kind and generous man who gives so much back to our four-legged instructors and all of us who love them! Our volunteers were in awe.

We ended the season with horse shows for the riders and a thank you party for the volunteers. The consensus from everyone involved with Riding for the Disabled is that we (instructors and volunteers) gain so much more than we give – these special riders teach us so much.

P.S.: A very recent message from Dubai tells us that the horses have moved to their air-conditioned home for the summer – the temperature last week being 43-45 degrees...VERY HOT!! They ride early and enjoy the change of pace.

FRDI members work in very diverse conditions!..Ed.

South Africa

News from the South African Riding for the Disabled Association (SARDA)

The South African arm of RDA was established in Cape Town in 1973. Soon after in 1979 with the emergence of other equestrian groups teaching disabled pupils the SARDA National Association was formed. Cape Town still acts as the Head Office with branches in Johannesburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth, and Pietermaritzburg.

All of our branches provide free therapeutic riding tuition and riding for sport tuition. The majority of pupils who ride with us come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Many of the specialized schools are short on essential personnel and for a large number of our pupils; riding with us is the only form of therapy they are receiving. As seems to be the case around the world our Government does very little to assist us in our riding therapy programme despite the fact that at the time of our last census (2001) it was found that the disabled community makes up 5% of our population. When one considers the outlying rural areas, it is almost certain that the number is actually significantly higher.

Cape Town and Johannesburg the principal branches, have lengthy waiting lists of schools and individual pupils wanting to participate in our riding programme.

The Cape Town branch has been residing at its premises for the past 22 years. Regrettably, the land is of high monetary value and interest to developers and we are now literally fighting to keep the wolves from the door! This is a heartrending situation as we are unable to expand our activities until we have secure tenure. However, as an organisation that has survived and prospered for 30 years we are not contemplating closure.

Some of the highlights of our long association were in 1995 when riders from SARDA participated for the first time in the Special Olympics in the United States. Our six riders came home with six gold medals, two silver medals, and four bronze medals. Our riders participate regularly in local equestrian events and we ride in both disabled and able-bodied classes.

In addition, in 1995 H.R.H. The Princess Royal visited the Cape Town branch. The Princess Royal wished to see an everyday lesson in progress but she stated that she would be happy to see as many children as possible, so on that day all 250 of our riders came to the center.

SARDA has a close association with RDA in the UK and over the past few years, we have hosted Training Seminars and Instructor Examinations for all of our branches under the watchful gaze of Sister Chiara Hatton Hall. We have found these seminars to be very informative and well attended by all.

And finally a note from one of our schools...

"We feel that we are extremely fortunate to be able to ride at SARDA. Psychologically

this exercise means so much to the children, it is astonishing to see how much joy and excitement they experience.

Our learners are privileged to be a part of the horse riding experience and the educational, physical, social and emotional benefits for the children cannot be put into words. Thank you."

Feedback is precious to our organisation. It presents confirmation that we are achieving our goals and from there, it encourages commitment to persist and disregard any obstacles that are placed in front of us. There is no greater gift than that of a child experiencing the joy of living.

Juliet Pienaar
Public Relations Manager
Cape Town branch, South Africa



Above: South Africa



Coming Events 2004/2005...

JULY 2004:

19 – 23 July, 2004

International Congress of Education and Diversity

Location: Headquarters: Center of Pedagogic Conventions of Cojimar in the City of La Havana, Cuba

The integral attention to children with special necessities favoured by Latin American Center of Reference for Special Education (CELAAE)

For further information check the website.

Website: www.ain.cubaweb.cu/publicidad/sitio-education-diversidad/informacion.htm

AUGUST 2004:

4 – 11 August, 2004

International Riding Holiday for Adult Riders

Location: Clwyd Special Riding Centre, Llanfynydd, Wrexham, North Wales, U.K. LL11 5HN

This holiday is for adult riders from the U.K. and abroad with a physical disability and will provide an opportunity for like-minded adults from various countries to meet together in a relaxed atmosphere. Clwyd Special Riding Centre is a purpose built riding holiday centre with excellent wheelchair friendly facilities. There will be a varied riding programme to include instruction from Liz Potter RDASI, BHSI, as well as hacking out. A full social programme will also be arranged.

Riders must be able to ride independently at walk and rising trot and be capable of hacking out with a mounted helper. By way of introduction all applicants will be asked to send a video showing themselves mounting and riding.

Cost: - £250 (Including Full Board, Riding and Social Activities) payable on acceptance of the application.

Contact: Liz Potter RDASI, BHSI and Rosamund Gladstone ...at above address for application form – or fax or email.

Tel: 44 (0) 1352 770446
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E-mail: info@clwydspecialridingcentre.org.uk

Check the website for more information:
www.clwydspecialridingcentre.org.uk

SEPTEMBER 2004:

1 – 3 September, 2004

First Meeting of Therapeutic Riding – A.M.A.R.E. (Asociación Mexicana de Adiestramiento y Rehabilitación Ecuestre)

The main objective of the meeting is to bring together international specialists to obtain more knowledge of the field. In addition there will be an intensive course featuring: Basic Skills; Security Measures; Selection and Care of Horses; Selection of Accessories; Demonstration with Patients.

Contact: Angel Talamantes, President AMARE

E-mail: amare@queretaaro.com OR aboyzo@fisio.cinvestav.mx

OCTOBER 2004:

6 – 9 October, 2004

International Assoc. of Human-Animal Interaction Organisations (IAHAIO) Conference

Location: Glasgow, Scotland

Theme: "People and Animals: A Timeless Relationship"

Pets Are Good for People: To find out more about the numerous health, therapeutic and educational benefits of human-animal interaction, ensure this significant international conference is in your diary. The event will showcase high profile speakers presenting new research about the benefits of the human-animal relationship.

For further information about attending the conference and to purchase tickets visit www.glasgow2004.com

Tel: 44 7000 627123
Fax: 44 1698 738044
E-mail: organiser@glasgow2004ad.com

7 – 9 October, 2004

National Congress of Hippotherapy in Mexico

Aim: to integrate the group, to exchange knowledge and experiences and to diffuse equinotherapy.

Location: Headquarters: Domeq in Texcoco, State of Mexico, Mexico

Contact: Mr Francisco Munoz;
Prof. Blanca Mayol de Munoz

Tel: 52 442 214 3906 (W)
Fax: 52 442 214 3906
E-mail: amet@qromex.org
Website: www.equinoterapia.net/jornados

17 – 31 October, 2004

International Course of the Hungarian Riding for the Disabled Federation

Location: Sarlospuszta, Hungary

17-14 October, 2004

Training for Riders and Riding Examination

24-31 October, 2004

Training for Helpers, Psychologists and Trainers

Contact: Csilla Barna
Tel: 361 331 0906
Fax: 361 302 4136
E-mail: Barna@GYERMEKMENTO.hu

NOVEMBER 2004:

15 - 20 November, 2004

NARHA Conference and Annual Meeting Kansas City- USA

THEME: "Fountains of Reflection"

Location: Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, USA

Pre-Conference Workshops, Special Interest Forums & Regional Caucuses, Seminars, NARHA Horse Fair & Awards Banquet - Reception & Annual Meeting make this an event not to be missed. Those who have attended NARHA conferences before will testify to the quality of the presentations and urge you to take advantage of this opportunity.

Contact: NARHA, P.O. Box 33150,
Denver, CO 80233

Tel: 1 800 369 RIDE (7433) www.narha.org

25-27 November, 2004

Iberian-American Congress of Equotherapy and III Brazilian Congress of Equotherapy

THEME: "Horse: Facilitator of Human Rehabilitation"

Location: Salvador –BA, Brazil. The conference will be organised by ANDE BRASIL

Interested people are invited to present papers to the Congress. They will receive with special satisfaction studies developed on the main theme.

For more information check website:
www.equoterapia.org.br

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2005

RDA ASIA-OCEANIA Conference 2005

Preparation for this proposed conference in Japan continues. Information will be sent to groups and countries in the region

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Tokyo 108-0073

Tel. & Fax: 81 3 3455 5033
E-mail: machiko@au.wakwak.com

MARCH 2005:

March, 2005

I.P.E.C. Classification Course – Sweden

Contact: Charlotte von Arbin –I.R.T. for details
E-mail: von.arbin.charlotte@telia.com

AUGUST 2005:

August, 2005

Courses with Susanne von Dietze-Pollak – Sweden

Contact: Charlotte von Arbin –I.R.T. for details
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5 August, 2005

Nordic Meeting of Therapeutic Riding - in Iceland

Contact: Charlotte von Arbin –I.R.T. for details
E-mail: von.arbin.charlotte@telia.com

OCTOBER 2005:

14 - 16 October, 2005

CanTRA 25th Anniversary Conference

Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA)

THEME: "Tools to Teach ...to Learn...to Lead"

Location: University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

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