

Dear Fellow Eventing Organisers.

The reason.

I'm writing this message in my capacity as Chairman of the AOCCI - the association of Organisers of CCI's and CIC's - and mostly because of the situation within the AOCCI.

The AOCCI was formed in 1996; to be able to keep contact between eventing organisers and now the time has come to tell you about the PRESENT situation.

The Purpose of the AOCCI.

The main purpose was to give organisers a voice within the FEI. Up until that time, organisers did not have a say in anything happening within the FEI. That was very quickly realised by getting the possibility to elect a member to the Eventing Committee, on behalf of the Organisers.

Also the Association provided the possibility for members to contact each other, for example to discuss how fellow organisers solve certain problems, or any queries that may arise. Also the possibility to get invitations to other Events was another reason, especially to be able to look behind the scenes.

In the beginning several meetings were held for these purposes, and various Organisers did attend. For various reasons this did not happen during the last few years and as a result the whole organisation came more or less to a standstill.

The Future.

This development is disappointing. Also, in 2008 we will have to elect our next representative, as successor to Mr. Tom Ryckewaert, our present member in the Eventing Committee. And the way things are now, we are not able to organise a democratic election.

This might affect our credibility - within the FEI.

The Opportunity.

For the reasons above Mrs. Julia Otto, organiser of Luhmuehlen, and myself made contact with the IEOC, the International Eventing Officials Club. The idea was to propose to the IEOC a cooperation between the two organisations. The IEOC organises meetings at various events every year – in many countries - and they are well attended, send out a newsletter twice a year, so their communication system does work. Also some of their members are organisers too. We are very happy and proud to say that the Chairman of the IEOC, Mr. Richard Meade, and the full Board, immediately supported our proposal, so organisers can become a member, from 2007 onwards.

In the administration of the IEOC, organisers will be recognisable, so in case of the necessary election of the new Eventing Committee member, **only** organisers will have a vote.

If you want to become a member please contact Miss Jean Mitchell, E-mail: jeans.mitchell@virgin.net for a membership form. The annual membership fee is Euro 25, US\$ 25, or GBP 15

How do we go on?

To start with we will make contact with all 3 and 4 star CCI's and CIC's, sending this message. We do hope that many of them will become members of the IEOC/AOCCI. Then we will look into the option to contact the 2 star events, as well.

We do hope that this message will be clear to all of you, as it's our opinion that it is time to organise much better contact with each other, and Julia Otto and I, think this is a really good start.

Please support us and we look forward to your reactions.

The AOCCI now had its own E-mail address - info@aocci.nl - so you can contact us directly.

Meanwhile, we remain, with kindest regards.

Frans van Meggelen and Julia Otto