

## 8<sup>th</sup> International Stewards' Conference

## **Cape Town, South Africa**

The 8<sup>th</sup> International Stewards' Conference ('ISC') is scheduled to be held in Cape Town, South Africa on Tuesday, 18 February 2020 in conjunction with the 38<sup>th</sup> Asian Racing Conference. As Chairman of the 2020 ISC and on behalf of Arnold Hyde, host co-Chairman, it is my pleasure to invite the Authorities of all racing jurisdictions to send their Chief Stipendiary Steward/Chairman of Stewards, Integrity Managers or any other suitably qualified delegate(s) to represent their jurisdiction on matters involving the regulation of racing, including the Rules of Racing and associated regulations and policies.

Now more than ever racing is a global sport and as such it is essential that uniformity in the regulation of the industry is achieved wherever possible. The continuing merging of betting pools (commingling) together with increased media coverage of racing globally makes it imperative that critical Rules of Racing are harmonised. Consistency in Rules and the application of those Rules results in better corporate governance and transparency in the disciplinary functions and interpretations which directly and indirectly affect the many and diverse range of industry participants associated with the sport of horse racing.

The aims of the ISC are to:-

- enhance the integrity and image of racing globally;
- achieve international uniformity and consistency in respect of Rules and Regulations;
- achieve consistency in the application of those Rules and Regulations;
- consider the development of new Rules of Racing where appropriate;

• discuss issues impacting on the regulation of racing globally.

All racing jurisdictions are asked to nominate their respective delegate(s) at the earliest opportunity so as to ensure that the appropriate facilities are available at the Conference.

Further, in order to ensure that the ISC is able to fully address issues which affect or have the potential to affect the integrity and reputation of racing, I encourage your delegate(s) to identify and forward any proposed items for inclusion on the conference agenda by no later than Friday, 29 November 2019. Such discussion items and delegate attendance details should be forwarded to Arnold Hyde via Patricia Ribeiro at the following email address:-

## patricia@nhra.co.za

I look forward to seeing your delegate(s) in Cape Town. In the meantime further details on the Asian Racing Conference and the ISC can be obtained at <u>secretariat@arcsa2020.co.za</u> or I may be contacted directly at the email address below.

## Yours faithfully,

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