

*Welcome Back!*

# 9th Movenpick International Equestrian Competition

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After a long seven year break from their last competition, the Movenpick Hotel and Casino Cairo- Heliopolis is proud to announce its hosting of the 9th International Equestrian competition from the 9th to 17th of January here in Egypt.

Mr. Peter Hoesli, the General Manager of the hotel is very enthusiastic about its participation in organising the competition, working in coordination with General Ehab Abdul Aziz, a well known equestrian technical consultant and international judge.

This very much awaited event will be held under the patronage of Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Youth and Sport, the Egyptian Equestrian Federation, all in cooperation with the Police Sports Union.

The Movenpick Hotel and Casino Cairo- Heliopolis is located in metropolitan Cairo, where it has a large garden, ideally suited to become a marvellous riding arena perfect to stage such a spectacular event.

What signifies this upcoming event? The answer to this question lies in the "Perfect" mix used to make this

event a smashing success.

The first ingredient is Egypt's perfect winter weather, breathtaking tourist attractions and horse loving people, followed by that is the fact that all courses have been laid out by Frank Rothenberger of Aachen, Germany, who has promised that all courses will be a challenge for all riders.

Adding to that, the International Equestrian Federation (F.E.I.) is going to sanction the competition and will be represented in Cairo by its senior officers attending the competition.

After that comes the final and most important ingredient of this wondrous mix, the riders participating in the event, varying from the country's best local riders and a total of 36 top international riders from 25 different countries from all over Europe and the Middle East.

Amongst these great riders are; Jos Lansik from Belgium, currently ranked 4th in the F.E.I., his most recent achievement was winning 1st and 2nd places in this year's Major Individual competition held in

## Details of the event

### Monday the 12th of January, 2004:

#### Class no. 1:

It's the international class, with maximum height 120cm, speed of 350m/min

This class includes the F.E.I. rules for show jumping events and this competition is of one around against the clock.

### Thursday the 15th of January, 2004:

#### Class no.2:

The "Grand Prix" class is of maximum height 135cm, speed 375m/min, it is also under the rulings of the F.E.I. for show jumping events.

The competition is over two non-identical rounds with the second round against the clock. 25 percent of riders of the first round return for

the second based on the penalties and the time in the first round.

### Friday the 16th of January, 2004:

#### Class no.3:

A special competition for mixed teams of 3 to 4 riders per team in the first round, the second round only 3 riders per team and no drop score, in case of a jump off, only one rider per team can participate.

The class is with maximum height 125cm, speed 350m/min; this class includes the F.E.I. rules for show jumping events. The competition is judged under the table and not against the clock of two identical rounds and one jump-off against the clock for first place.

Bordeaux and Zurich respectively. Also from Belgium, Samantha McIntosh whose recent achievement was winning 1st in last year's (2002) Major Individual competition in Munchen.

Coming from Italy is Massimo Grossato, latest achievement was winning 2nd place in the 2002 Nation's Cup.

There are several riders from Germany like, Rene Tebbel, his latest achievement was winning 2nd place in this year's Major Individual competition in Dortmund.

Another qualified German rider is Heinrich Engemann, who won the 2002 Major Individual competition in Gijon. Also from Germany is Egypt's very own Andre Sakakini, whose latest achievements were winning 1st place in the 2002 Mixed competition in Switzerland and winning 1st in Vejer de la Frontera in Spain.

A long time has been spent trying to come up with a 7-day fun-filled and entertaining week for the event's guests; here are some of the things planned; on Saturday 10th all riders will choose their horses at the Cavalry department.

Some of the most important



**Part of the Movenpick garden that will be used as a riding arena during the event.**

places that are to take place during the week are paying a visit to Zahraa stud farm for Arabian horses, a planned trip to Sharm el Sheikh.

Finally, a farewell gala dinner in the Malikat ballroom at the Movenpick hotel and Casino will be organized for all the participants and guests.

A full day trip to Alexandria is planned, which will include visiting King's Ranch equestrian club, sponsored by the Egyptian Equestrian Federation. (E.E.F.)

We would like to welcome all the international riders, judges, participants and audience who will be present in this honoured event. And good luck to all participants competing in the event ■



Right to left: Engineer Atef Abd Alhamid, Chairman of Egypt Air, Dr. Mamdouh El Beltagy, Minister of Tourism, Nermeen Magdy, Movenpick PR manager, Mr. Samy Negm, Equestrian Federation board member, Mr. Peter Hoesli, Movenpick General Manager, and General Ihab Abd Alaziz, international Judge & organizer.

## Complete list of international Riders

1. Mr. Philippe Rossi France
2. Mr. Markus Marshformann Germany
3. Mr. Sadyr Mamytov Dubai
4. Mr. Alfredo Fernands Duran Spain
5. Ms. Jonella Ligresti Italy
6. Mr. Joa Aragao Belgium
7. Mr. Attila Szase Hungary
8. Mr. Barnabas Heversy Hungary
9. Mr. Michal Aabo Germany
10. Mr. Thomas Schepers Germany
11. Mr. Rob Ehrens Switzerland
12. Mr. Marcel Groen Netherlands
13. Mr. Jan Brock Netherlands
14. Mr. Francois Mathy Belgium
15. Mr. Merethe Jensen Netherlands
16. Mr. Jean Wingis Netherlands
17. Mr. Yasser El Sherif Syria
18. Mr. Khaled El Zibibi Syria
19. Mr. Wassim Anzerouti Syria
20. Mr. Aghti Kabani Syria
21. Mr. Francis Kasselmann Germany
22. Mr. Simone Pollmann Schwedhorst Spain
23. Mrs. Martha Ortega Italy
24. Ms. Massimo Grossato Belgium
25. Mr. Jos Lansink Germany
26. Mr. Rolf Goran Bengtsson Germany
27. Ms. Helena Lundbaeck Frankfurt
28. Ms. Samantha McIntosh Belgium
29. Mr. Jean Claude Van Geenberghes Belgium
30. Ms. Samantha Detheux Belgium
31. Mr. Rene Tebbel Germany
32. Mr. Juan Carlos Gracia Italy
33. Ms. Maryline Vorpe Switzerland
34. Mr. Andre Sakakini Egypt
35. Mr. Markus Merschformann Germany
36. Mr. Henrich Engemann Germany