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EUAEL INTERNATIONAL EQUINE LAW CONGRESS 2019

THE DUTCH MASTERS-INDOOR BRABANT HORSE  
SHOW IN'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, NETHERLANDS

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THE DUTCH MASTERS – INDOOR BRABANT HORSE SHOW IN'S-HERTOGENBOSCH, THE NETHERLANDS, TO BE HELD FROM 14 UNTIL 17 MARCH 2019 SHALL AGAIN FULLY FOCUS ON THE CRÈME DE LA CRÈME OF THE INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN SPORT. THE DUTCH MASTERS IS, TOGETHER WITH CHI GENÈVE, CSIO SPRUCE MEADOWS 'MASTERS' AND CHIO AACHEN, PART OF THE ROLEX GRAND SLAM OF SHOW JUMPING AND BELONGS TO THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL TOP EVENTS. EUROPEAN US ASIAN EQUINE LAWYERS COULD NOT MISS THIS EVENT.





## EUAEL International Equine Law Congress 2019

Schelstraete Lawyers, the founder of the Alliance European US Asian Equine Lawyers, will organise the **EUAEL International Equine Law Congress** for the first time during the Dutch Masters – Indoor Brabant with the theme: ‘**Does your horse survive the pre-purchase exam?**’ The ongoing increase of equine related matters and the discontent within the equine industry due to many sport horses not passing the pre-purchase examination, are the reason the EUAEL has organised this congress. Schelstraete Lawyers has received various requests from those in the equine industry for an informative meeting where the EUAEL, as specialists in the field of equine law, would discuss a number of topics. The congress will have an international character because the mentioned issues are of global concern.

### TOPICS

Interesting topics such as **international horse deals and the pre-purchase vetting** will be discussed. **Non-conformity and**

**consumer sales** will be a topic for discussion too, and with regards to this **international litigation** will be addressed as well. Last but not least, **the subjects of doping and VAT** in the equine industry will also be discussed.

### SPEAKERS

The Congress will highlight a number of interesting speakers from the EUAEL network. **Mette Huldah** and **Malcolm Morley** from the **Federation of Veterinarians of Europe** will speak about the pre-purchase examination. Mette Uldahl graduated in 2001 from the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Copenhagen. **Her main interests are orthopaedics, biomechanics and systematic training** as well as build-up of the equine athlete, diagnostic work-up and prevention of traumatic lesions and wear in sport and leisure horses. Mette is very involved in pre-purchase examination across Europe being the co-chair of the **FEEVA (Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations)** Pre-Purchase work group. She works

primarily with dressage, jumping, eventing and Icelandic horses. Currently, Mette is the FEI National Head Veterinarian for Denmark and President of FEEVA.

**Malcolm Morley** qualified from the University of Bristol in 1993. He started his career at the Liphook Equine Hospital and has also worked in Lambourn, Great Britain and Australia. Malcolm was a joint founder of Stable Close Equine Practice in 2003 and his main interest is pre-purchase examination. Malcolm Morley has extensive experience vetting all types of horses, from high level sports horses and racehorses to valued leisure horses. Malcolm has been a council member of the **British Equine Veterinary Association**, chairing their **Pre-Purchase Examination Committee** and he has lectured widely in the UK and Europe on all aspects of pre-purchase examination as well as founding the FEEVA European PPE meetings.

**Lisa Lazarus** is a Member of the New York bar and associated with the **law office Morgan Sports Law**

in London since February 2018. Morgan Sports Law is a boutique law firm devoted to sports arbitration and litigation. Before joining Morgan Sport Law, Lisa spent six years at the FEI as General Counsel and then as Chief of Business Development & Strategy. Lisa is specialised in **equine doping matters**, so her practice is focused on representing equestrian athletes in anti-doping proceedings before the FEI Tribunal and Court of Arbitration for Sport. She also acts for equestrian businesses and event organisers who can benefit from her deep strategic insight into equestrian sport.

Within the equine sector, topics such as **VAT, customs, corporation tax and income tax** are an everyday business. EUAEL has its own equine business tax specialist Rudolf Kaarsemaker. Rudolf is specialised in VAT, corporation tax and income tax issues. He has vast experience in dealing with big international stables, sponsors and financial institutions.

**Dr. Burkart Fischer** of Berner Fischer & Partner in Verden, Germany, equine

lawyer and former legal counsel of the Hanoverian Studbook. **Berner Fischer & Partner is the German member of the EUAEL.** Burkart is specialised in commissions and agency agreements in the equine business and shall discuss the German legislation and case law with regards thereto.

**Dr. Monika Gattiker** from Lanter law office in Zürich, Switzerland has been admitted to **the bar of Zurich** in 1997. Monika specialises in the fields of healthcare, life sciences and equestrian sports. She provides her clients with both advice and litigation in dealing with authorities, national courts and courts of arbitration. She has more than a decade of experience with equine doping and medication matters, **representing clients before the FEI Tribunal, the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the Swiss Federal Supreme Court.** She also covers a vast range of equine law issues, e.g. purchase contracts, pre-purchase vetting, lease, sponsoring, etc. Lanter is the Swiss member of the EUAEL.

Of course the other members of the EUAEL cannot be missed as speakers at the congress. The founding members Luc Schelstraete and Piotr Wawrzyniak from Schelstraete Lawyers and other Alliance members such as Agnieszka Cwajna from LexHippica in Poland will also have their talk at the congress.

Last not but least we shall have a panel discussion moderated by **Dirk Willem Rosie, chief editor from Eisma's www.horses.nl and the Paardenkrant.**

### TICKETS

Schelstraete Lawyers offers you participation per part of the day or for the whole day with optional lunch. You can find more information about the congress and the ticket sales on [www.internationalequinelawcongress.com](http://www.internationalequinelawcongress.com)

EUAEL hopes that you will be as enthusiastic as we are and is looking forward to meet you in 's-Hertogenbosch!

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THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN COMPILED WITH GREAT CARE

08:45	–	09:15:	Welcoming morning programme
09:15	–	09:30:	Introduction by Mr. Luc Schelstraete
09:30	–	10:30:	Do's and don'ts in international horse deals
10:30	–	10:45:	Coffee break
10:45	–	11:45:	Non-conformity and lack of horsemanship
11:45	–	12:30:	Cross border litigation in horse deals followed by a break
13:00	–	13:30:	Welcoming afternoon programme
13:30	–	14:15:	How to protocol pre-purchase vettings, contractual agreements?
14:15	–	14:45:	How to protocol doping material at sale and purchase?
14:45	–	15:00:	Coffee break
15:00	–	17:30:	Does your horse survive the pre-purchase vetting? Recent developments in a legal and veterinarian perspective.

Panel discussion: proponents and opponents.



For the current programme , EUAEL kindly refers you to the congress website:  
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