



Press Release

Subject : IInd FIHB Horse-Ball World Cup

Montpellier (France) welcomes the second Horse-Ball World Cup from the 7th until the 11th of November

From the 7th to the 11th of November, Montpellier's Parc des Expositions will host the second edition of the Horse Ball World Cup.

It is an honour for the International Federation of Horse-Ball (FIHB), in partnership with Enjoy Montpellier, to be able to organise this event in such a prestigious area.

The first World Cup in 2008, won by France, was organised in Portugal and was a real success both for the audience and the athletes.

This second edition will be more exciting this year as more than 20 countries are invited, with representatives from five continents.

The World Cup will be followed by two other competitions: The Heinz Wolff U16 International Horse-Ball Tournament and the first stage of the second French division will take place in the same area.

Thousands of spectators are expected to celebrate not only this event, but the 20th anniversary of International Horse-Ball. This young sport, created in the 70's, saw it's first European Cup held in 1992 in Paris.

Ancestral games, as an homage to the origins of Horse-Ball are greatly anticipated, and will make this an unmissable event.

Horse-Ball was born in France in the 1930s. The current rules are set-up in France at the end of 70'. In 1990, Horse-Ball spread to other European countries. In 1992 the first European Championship was organised in Paris where 6 countries are involved in Horse-Ball: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, United Kingdom. In 2008 a first World Cup is set-up and involve a new continent with Argentina, Brazil.

F.I.H.B. (International Horse Ball Federation) has been recognised by FEI (International Equestrian Federation) since April 2004. The discipline is recognised in FEI Group I, II. FIHB organise, promote international tournaments or championships, set-up international rules, monitor and select referees, nominate Ground Jury and, liaise with F.E.I.

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