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Dear friends of FEAGENTRI,

in the name of our President and our Board I am delighted to present this sixth edition of the 2024 FEAGENTRI Press release. This month prepared the FEAGENTRI riders for the final steps of the championships, as November's finals are around the corner for the FEAGENTRI World Championships for Lady and Gentlemen-Riders, and the FEAGENTRI Gentlemen's League Championship. The month of October also saw a return of a step in the United States of America after several years of absence, welcomed with delight by the FEAGENTRI Lady Riders.

Paul-Henri de Quatrebarbes, President of the French Club des Gentlemen et des Cavalières, wrote a great piece for the iconic Racing Post, which you can read at the end of this document.

As a reminder, you can use all data from this press release, pictures and texts in your own channels, and give credit.

Yours,  
Charlotte Rinckenbach



Emilie Finckenhagen (NOR) victorious in Budapest, with Judit Dickinson (HUN) © BNDK

## FEAGENTRI World Championship for Lady and Gentlemen-Riders

### 06.10.2024 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – MIXED RACE

Sunday, October 6th was the occasion for the FEAGENTRI Lady Riders and Gentlemen-Riders to come and compete in the last mixed race of the season in Budapest, Hungary.

Emilie Finckenhagen, nominated Norwegian Lady Rider, won the 1400 meters race at Kincsem Park on FABULOUS, which set her provisional ranking to fourth ex aequo with the Swiss Jenny Langhard.

This race was also the occasion for the Lady and Gentlemen riders to spend time together, enjoy the Hungarian hospitality and explore Budapest.

### 10.10.2024 LAUREL PARK, USA – LADY RIDERS

The FEAGENTRI Lady Riders got to come back to the United States of America after a few years of absence. Don Yovanovich, ARCA President, managed to bring the USA back on the FEAGENTRI calendar, with a race at Laurel Park in the state of Maryland.

A full program including some hidden gems in Virginia was awaiting the lady riders and the Secretary General: they got to go to Middleburgh vineyards and were treated to a local dinner the night before the race; they also got to enjoy Leesburg as well as a dinner in the old mill after the race on Thursday. And of course, they had time to discover the city wonders of Washington D.C.

The day of the race, the lady riders discovered American racing and Mell Boucher, non-nominated American lady rider, won the 1700 meters turf race on MARIANO.

### 27.10.2024 ROME, ITALY – GENTLEMEN-RIDERS

The FEAGENTRI Gentlemen-Riders rode the penultimate race of the 2024 World Championship for Gentlemen-Riders on Sunday, October 27th at Rome, Italy. The Gentlemen-Riders got to enjoy Rome and two delicious local dinners in the city.

After the 1600 meters of race on Ippodromo Capannelle's track, the nominated rider from Czech Republic Matyas Luka won the race aboard MY CAPTAIN, making it his first success this FEAGENTRI season.

This victory propelled him to the second place of the rankings, ex aequo with Flecther Yarham (GB) with a score of 29 points, and below Jonathan Plassard (FRA) with a score of 37 points. Spanish rider Andoni Lezama follows in the rankings with a score of 25 points. The score is tight ahead of the final race on November 9th in Pisa!

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## FEAGENTRI LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

# MARIANO

1/ST

R. LARRY JOHNSON - OWNER	MELL BOUCHER - UP
MIKE TROMBETTA - TRAINER	CAINUOTHETWIST 2ND
THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2024	HEYBACKATCHA 3RD
11/16 MILES TURF 1:46.43	LAUREL PARK, MARYLAND



Mell Boucher (USA) wins at Laurel Park

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Elliot Ohgren (SWE) on a jump in Pardubice

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Matyas Luka (CZE) wins in Rome on MY CAPTAIN

© Ippodromo Capannelle



The Fegentri Lady Riders, SG Charlotte Rinckenbach and ARCA President Don Yovanovich at Laurel Park

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## FEAGENTRI The Gentlemen's League Championship

### 12.10.2024 PARDUBICE, CZECH REPUBLIC

The Fegentri Lady and Gentlemen-Riders competed in a mixed race over jumps in Pardubice, Czech Republic on Saturday, October 12th. Five nations were represented in this fourth step of the Championship: Czech Republic, France, Great Britain, Sweden, Ireland.

Jan Ilik, non-nominated Czech gentleman rider, won the race on DECAMERON. It was the occasion for the riders to have a nice time together at the track and visit the city.

### To ignore amateur racing would be a strategic error for the future of the sport

Article published in the *Racing Post*: *To ignore amateur racing would be a strategic error for the future of the sport* / *Racing Post*, October 11th, 2024, by Paul-Henri de Quatrebarbes, President of France's Club des Gentlemen-Riders et des Cavalieres

The decision to remove the 'classic' amateur status from the National Hunt Chase now, and from other amateur races tomorrow, seems a purely short-term approach to increase the number of runners from seven to (perhaps) nine or ten. In reality it sends a very poor message regarding the future of racing.

By concentrating solely on the narrow technical criteria of making the race more enticing to bet on, you are neglecting another fundamental consideration, namely the attractiveness of amateur races themselves, the image of racing and its promotion. Racing works so hard to improve its image, and amateur sport, made up of nothing more than passion, commitment, competition and fair play, has so many values on display that show racing

in a positive light, through people who risk themselves for nothing more than a love of the horse and of competition and with no financial reward.

And what of the role of amateurism in sport more generally? Imagine football or rugby without their amateur branches. It is often said that, when the amateur ranks suffer, it is bad news for an entire sport.

In addition, by ignoring the amateur branch of racing, you are closing a window to our sport. Amateur riders are your connection to the 'outside world'. In France they are dentists, shopkeepers, journalists, teachers, firemen and bankers; so many are in walks of life which are connected to wider civil society, the 'general public' which the marketing teams in racing the world over find so hard to reach and recruit.

There is no need for a marketing and promotional budgets here, these links are a gift!

Amateur races don't always produce the highest level of betting turnover, but they are a fantastic tool for promotion. So by supporting amateurism, not only are you investing in it, you are ensuring that when people talk of racing, they are talking of sport. And you will see that amateurism provides the best possible return on your investment, since it is self-evidently free.

Aside from the positive image that amateurism can offer to the wider world outside our racing bubble, don't forget what it can offer when you look inwards as well; the fantastic contribution of so many riders who, once they hang up their saddle, pro-



Paul-Henri de Quatrebarbes

### Fegentri World Championship for Lady Rider 2024

Rank	Rider	Nation	Winners	Points
1	Taylor Kingsley	USA	3	51
2	Serena Brotherton	Great Britain	1	48
3	Elin Hedman	Sweden	2	47
4+	Jenny Langhard	Switzerland	2	42
4+	Emilie Finckenhagen	Norway	2	42
6	Rocio Relano Sieira	Spain		40
7	Janina Boysen	Germany	1	30
8	Tereza Grbavcicova	Czech Republic	1	25
9	Judit Dickinson	Hungary		25
10	Giulia Pellegrini	Italy	1	24
11	Karen Dieltjens	Belgium		18
12	Hélène Sourbé	France		11
13	Frida Sandbraaten	Norway		8
14+	Alice Bertiaux	Belgium		1
14+	Cintia Majer	Hungary		1

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6	Spain		40
7	Germany	1	30
8	Hungary		26
9	Czech Republic	1	25
10	Italy	1	24
11	Belgium		19
12	France		11

### Fegentri World Championship for Gentlemen Rider 2024

Rank	Rider	Nation	Winners	Points
1	Jonathan Plassard	France	2	37
2+	Fletcher Yarham	Great Britain	2	29
2+	Matyas Luka	Czech Republic	1	29
4	Andoni Lezama	Spain	1	25
5	Damiano Poggi	Italy		21
6	Paddy Barlow	Great Britain		5
7	Brian Barry	Ireland		2
8	Andrew Burke Ott	Ireland		1

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5	Italy		21
6	Ireland		3

### Fegentri The Gentlemen's League 2024

Rank	Rider	Nation	Winners	Points
1	Elliott Ohgren	Sweden		14
2	Lorenzo Chierigati	Italy	1	10
3	Hélène Sourbé	France		9
4	Paddy Barlow	Great Britain		7
5+	Eoin Staples	Ireland		3
5+	Matyas Luka	Czech Republic		3
7+	John Gleeson	Ireland		1
7+	Thomas Journiac	France		1

### Fegentri Junior Championship 2024

Rank	Nation	Riders	Winners	Points
1	Sweden	Aline Jigrud Novalie Andersson Linnea Ostlund	1	34
2	Belgium	Mathis Moeykens	2	29
3	Italy	Tommaso Burchi Lavinia Picchi	1	28
4	France	Margaux Moisson Mathéo Dehez Devaux Kieran Viaud Fitzpatrick Philippine Madamet Arthur Ferland	1	26
5	Hungary	Annabell Stekovics Zétény Toth Jadviga Juharos Judit Rakottyai Marton Klicsu		18

vide an essential source to nourish the professional game as trainers, owners, agents, stewards, racecourse committee members and volunteers, etc. In listening to the debate around the changes being made to the National Hunt Chase, we seem to be lost between those who blame the amateur branch of racing as not being professional enough and those who say it has become too professional. It is perhaps an opportunity for Anglo-Irish amateurism to rethink its own model and clarify its ambitions.