4th International Research Conference

Welfare and Performance of the Ridden Horse : The Future

How science is increasingly important in giving us an evidence-base for best practice in ridden horse management

Held virtually on Saturday 11th December 2021
Commencing at 9am GMT

Conference Chair
Prof. René Van Weeren

Opening address
Roly Owers – Vision for the future

Applying the Science
Prof. Hilary Clayton – How the rider affects welfare and performance of the ridden horse (*Keynote*)

Prof. Heikki Handroos – Using robotics engineering to develop a next generation horseback riding simulator with multiple equestrian industry applications

Through the Lens
Dr Filipe Serra Bragança – Modern gait analysis and its applications in the quantification of welfare and performance (*Keynote*)

Dr Russell MacKechnie-Guire – Saddle fitting: is an objective approach useful or misleading
Dr Marie Dittmann – The prevalence of ill-fitting saddles in Swiss sports horses

The Horse as a Stakeholder
Dr Sue Dyson – Application of the Ridden Horse Pain Ethogram to improve equine welfare and performance (*Keynote*)

Dr Rachel Murray – The importance of bridle fit for optimal equine welfare and performance
Dr Sue Dyson – What can we learn from the observation of horses' behaviours during tacking-up and mounting?

Hot Topics
Dr Dee Pollard – Vehicles have got faster but the horse has stayed the same speed: equestrian road safety in current times
Dr Céleste Wilkins – Dynamic technique analysis of dressage riders
Sofia Forino – Self-perception of body image in female riders

Reflections
Richard Davison

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