



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Le Pin au Haras (FRA)

*WELCOME*

International Carriage Drivers Association

MOU Stakeholder of the FEI since November 2024  
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# 1. OPENING – APPROVAL AGENDA

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Opening ( <i>approval agenda &amp; quorum</i> )                | president                  |
| 2. President's year report  | president                  |
| 3. Financial report ( <i>no full year – up to Sept. 1, 2025</i> ) | treasurer / secretary gen. |
| 4. Development and Future Plans of ICDA                           | special advisor            |
| 5. Elections & Appointments                                       | president/secretary gen.   |
| 6. Proposals members  | members                    |
| 7. Any other business   | president/members          |
| 8. Closing & new date   | president                  |



# 1. OPENING – QUORUM

## ICDA STATUTES

The General Assembly shall be deemed to have been validly set up, when at least 40 Members are present. If this quorum is not present, a new date for the General Assembly will be set within 28 days with a quorum of at least 10 Members.



## 2. PRESIDENT'S YEAR REPORT

### President's Report

I am delighted to present this first President's Report to the 2025 General Assembly of the International Carriage Drivers Association ("ICDA")



It is less than one year since the FEI Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with ICDA. Under the terms of the MOU, ICDA is recognized as the sole international organization representing the collective views of international drivers. Under its Statutes ICDA's objectives are to support the growth of carriage driving as an integral part of the FEI's mission to develop equestrian sport globally, to ensure that drivers views on the development of the sport, rules and regulations are represented directly to the sport's governing bodies and to promote



# ICDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

## 3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Treasurer (Rosanna Walters-Symons)
- Membership free 2022 – 2025
- Official FEI Stakeholder since November 2024
- No full year
- Costs 2023 – 2025:
  - Statutes
  - In person meetings FEI
  - Travel expenses
  - Website / PR / Survey
  - Support events
  - General Assembly
- All financials covered by sponsoring





# 3. MEMBERSHIP – 2025

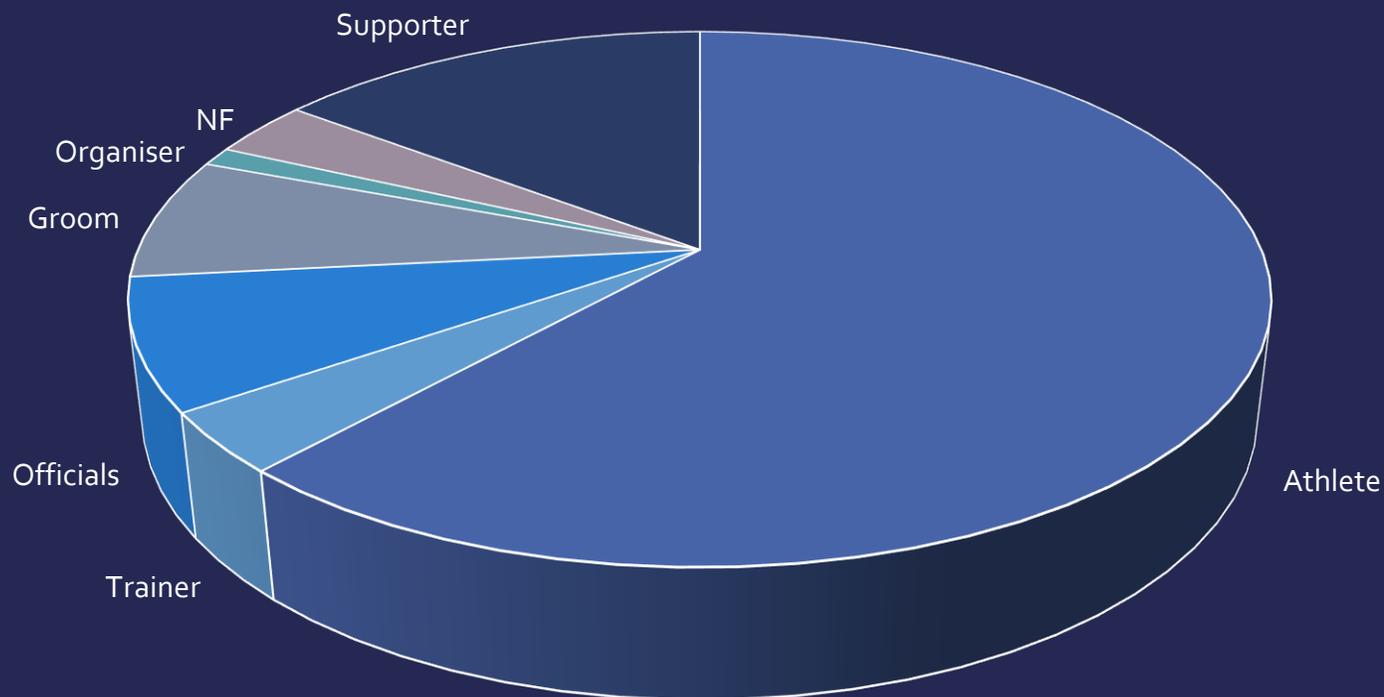
ICDA- members

of which:

**662**

392 active drivers (FEI / international drivers)

270 supporters (grooms, officials, NFs etc.)





## 3. MEMBERSHIP FEE 2026

- No membership fee: 2022 – 2025
- FEI Stakeholder since November 2024
- Obligations
  
- Membership fee 2026: € 15
- Approval General Assembly



# 4. DEVELOPMENT & FUTURE PLANS

- Cooperation with other stakeholders
  - develop competition structure to make driving sport more affordable for athletes and support teams
  - more attractive for spectators and sponsors
- Better align competition calendar with needs of athletes
- Continue to focus on improved athlete safety (alongside equine welfare)





## ICDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

# 5. COMMITTEE

- ✓ 17 drivers
- ✓ 16 nations
- ✓ Representing all classes
- ✓ Approx. 4 yearly meetings

Class	Name	Nat.
Four-in-hand – horses	Boyd Exell	AUS
Four-in-hand – horses	Glenn Geerts	BEL
Four-in-hand – horses	René Poensgen	GER
Four-in-hand – horses	Koos de Ronde	NED
Pair – horses	Frank Grimonprez	FRA
Pair – horses	Martin Hölle	HUN
Pair – horses	Jacob Arnold	USA
Single – horses	Maria Henriksson	NOR
Single – horses	Kelly Bruder	CAN
Single – horses	Bartlomej Kwiatek	POL
Ponies	Rosanna Walters-Symons	GBR
Ponies	Lea Schmidlin	SUI
Ponies	Maria Buchwald	DEN
Para	Jacques Poppen	NED
U25	Kris Rohrssen	IRE
U25	Elise Strauss	SWE
FEI Athletes Rep.	Franz Schiltz	LUX
Special advisor	Hugh Scott-Barrett	GBR
General secretary	Marie de Ronde-Oudemans	NED



# 5. ELECTIONS - COMMITTEE

## ICDA STATUTES

- ✓ Term of 4 years (except initial appointment)
- ✓ Re-appointed at end term
- ✓ Maximum of 2 terms
- ✓ Proposal elections

Class	Name	Nat.	2027	2028	2029	2030
FEI Athletes Rep.	Franz Schiltz	LUX	2022 – 2026 (FEI)			
Four-in-hand – horses	Koos de Ronde	NED	X			
Single – horses	Maria Henriksson	NOR	X			
Ponies	Rosanna Walters-Symons	GBR	X			
U25	Elise Strauss	SWE	X			
Four-in-hand – horses	Boyd Exell	AUS		X		
Pair – horses	Frank Grimonprez	FRA		X		
Single – horses	Kelly Bruder	CAN		X		
Para	Jacques Poppen	NED		X		
Four-in-hand – horses	Glenn Geerts	BEL			X	
Pair – horses	Martin Hölle	HUN			X	
Single – horses	Bartlomej Kwiatek	POL			X	
Ponies	Lea Schmidlin	SUI			X	
Four-in-hand – horses	René Poensgen	GER				X
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Ponies	Maria Buchwald	DEN				X
U25	Kris Rohrsen	IRE				X



## 5. APPOINTMENT - AUDITORS

### ICDA STATUTES

- Two account auditors are appointed from the General Assembly of Members and are elected for two years. They audit the association's financial accounts and write a report to the Assembly.
- The assets of the association are made up of the assets resulting from the balance sheet at the closing of each company year. The association's accounting period is of a yearly nature and closes on 31st December of each year. Accounts will be made public once audited.

### PROPOSAL ICDA:

- Marco Freund (GER)
- Jeff Legg (USA)



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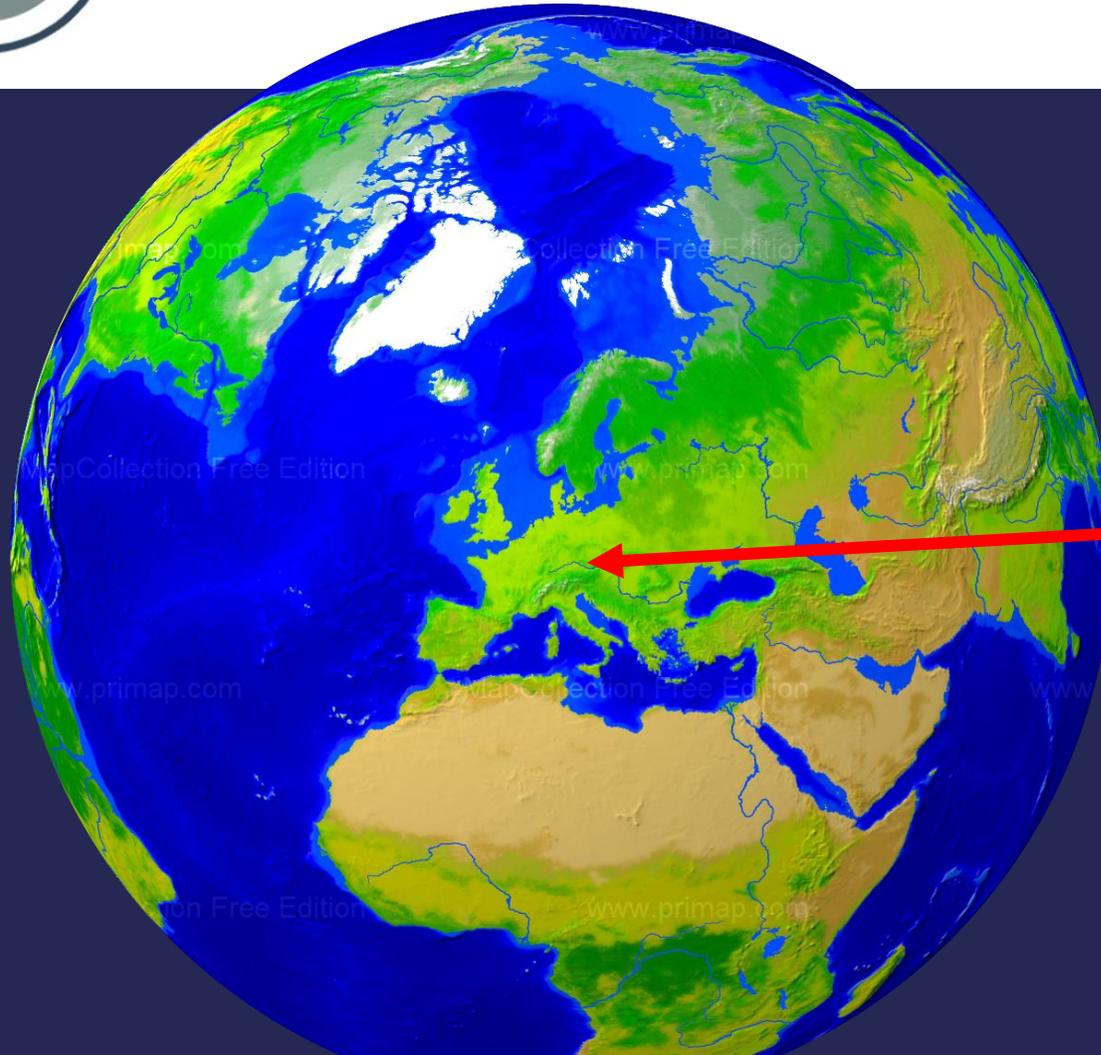
# 6. PROPOSALS MEMBERS / 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS





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## 8. DATE 2026 / CLOSING



ICDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
2026

**MUNICH (GER)**

FEI WORLD DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SINGLES

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2026  
OR  
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2026



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*THANK YOU*

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