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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ITBF CONFERENCE, NEWMARKET 6<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

It is now less than a week until the start of the ITBF bi-annual Conference, being hosted in 2022 by Great Britain, in Newmarket. Members last met in Lexington in 2018 - the pandemic ceasing plans to gather in Paris in 2020.

Joint hosts, ITBF and the British TBA, will welcome around 70 delegates from 23 countries on 6 continents, and from organisations EFTBA and OSAF.

The extensive programme of events takes place over a week and offers members an invaluable opportunity to network with other nations. The General Meeting provides a platform for global information to be shared and discussed. Topical and significant breeding industry issues are raised, and reports given on ITBF's proactivity within both breeding and the wider Thoroughbred industries. The Veterinary Conference, managed by leading international vet and ITBF Veterinary Chairman, Dr Des Leadon, is also a fundamental part of the week. A number of industry experts will present on various subjects of international importance and interest at both meetings.

Delegates will visit the UK's most prestigious stud farms and view world-class stallions at Darley's Dalham Hall, Cheveley Park, Juddmonte's Banstead Manor, Lanwades and the National Stud (which will also include a talk on TB-Education). Guided tours will include the Jockey Club Estates' gallops and visits to the two major equine hospitals (Rosssdales and the NEH).

The ever-important social element is being extremely well catered for, with an informal welcome drinks and supper at the National Horse Racing Museum, followed by three consecutive evening dinners at The Jockey Club Rooms, Queens College Cambridge, and Lanwades Stud - all of which include additional invited Thoroughbred industry guests from the UK.

In addition to the extensive Newmarket itinerary, through the exceptional generosity of the Jockey Club, ITBF delegates are being offered a complimentary 'Derby Experience'. Expertly managed by GBRI (Great British Racing International) in conjunction with the Jockey Club and ITBF, the delegation will be looked after from start to finish. From being collected in central London, enjoying a very British Derby picnic at Epsom, to witnessing the arrival of Her Majesty The Queen and experiencing the most historic of race meetings. It all promises to be a memorable occasion for ITBF's international guests. Following a weekend in London, amidst The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the delegation will then be transferred to Newmarket on the Monday 6th for the start in earnest of the Conference week.

ITBF Chairman, Kirsten Rausing said "Over the years, through members meeting face to face at the Conferences, ITBF has been able to disseminate a vast and ever-increasing amount of equine information to benefit countries across the globe. Contacts have been made, and visitors from one country to another have been welcomed, due to connections made at these gatherings.

We are delighted to be welcoming so many representatives from various ITBF member countries to Newmarket. This meeting is set to increase, by almost two-fold, the number of members who attended the last two conferences. This is indicative of the international breeding industry's ever-increasing recognition of the existence of the International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation.

Many thanks has to go to our sponsors for their enormous generosity, in making it possible for us to host such an all-encompassing event. We look forward to greeting our international guests in just a few days' time and wish them safe travels!"

Full details at <https://www.international-tbf.com/itbf-conference-newmarket-2022/>

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