

# National Equine Forum

27th Annual Meeting

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March 2019

Programme

*held at*

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# National Equine Forum





## Aim and Objectives of the National Equine Forum

### AIM:

**To host** an annual assembly of individuals who reflect every area of the equestrian industry, to hear presentations from experts on diverse and topical aspects of the industry and allow them to share their views.

### OBJECTIVES:

**To address** and debate matters that could impact on the equestrian industry, including policy changes, scientific developments and cultural initiatives and bring them to the attention of key decision makers.

**To provide** a platform for the exchange of opinions, concerns and ideas on all matters relating to the equestrian industry.

**To encourage** and assist the equestrian industry to take greater responsibility and continuously improve standards, by providing access to the latest information and research.

**To enable** members of the equestrian industry to communicate with each other and advance subjects of mutual interest.

**To promote** the Forum, in an evolutionary manner, into an international arena in order to highlight the excellence of the British equestrian industry, its market for exports and as a vehicle to enhance our influence on the world stage.

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### **Tim Brigstocke** Chairman, National Equine Forum

Tim has been Chairman of the NEF since taking over from Prof Sir Colin Spedding in 2012. He has spent his whole career in agriculture having worked in agribusiness, the Government's research service and run the largest cattle breed society in the world. Since 1999 Tim has run his own consultancy company specialising in expert witness work. He is involved with a whole host of organisations in the land-based sector including being Chairman of the Royal Agricultural University's School of Agriculture, Food and Environment Advisory Board and Chairing the UK Government's Farm Animal Genetic Resources expert advisory committee.



*Tim Brigstocke*

### **Prof Pat Harris** Vice Chair, National Equine Forum

Pat qualified from the University of Cambridge Veterinary School in 1983 and completed her PhD at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket into Equine Rhabdomyolysis Syndrome. She joined the WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition in 1995, and as Director of Science MARS Horsecare and Head of Equine Studies Group WALTHAM, is responsible for the research which provides the science behind the SPILLERS, BUCKEYE NUTRITION and WINERGY brands. An European Specialist in Veterinary Clinical and Comparative Nutrition, she is a Past President of the British Equine Veterinary Association, a member of various boards and groups, as well as holding a number of academic posts within various institutions around the world. She lectures internationally on nutrition as it affects the health, welfare, behaviour and performance of the horse. She is the author or co-author of numerous lay and over 500 scientific papers, abstracts as well as book chapters including being the co-editor of, and multiple author in, the key text book on Equine Clinical and Applied Nutrition (2013).



*Prof Pat Harris*

### **HRH The Princess Royal** President, National Equine Forum

HRH The Princess Royal has been a keen rider since childhood. In 1973 The Princess was a member of the British team in the European Three-Day Event Championships at Kiev in the Soviet Union. Two years later, in the same contest in Germany, she won silver medals as an individual competitor and as a team member. The Princess also competed in the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games as a member of the British Three-Day Event team. She won an individual gold medal at the European Eventing Championships at Burghley in 1971, and in the same year was voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

After five years as President of the British Olympic Association, The Princess was elected to the International Olympic Committee in 1988. In 2005 she led the Team GB bid in Singapore which resulted in London being awarded the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 and in 2006 she was appointed a

Director of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). Her Royal Highness is President or Patron of some 320 organisations, including a number of equine bodies, such as the Riding for the Disabled Association, World Horse Welfare and The Horse Trust.

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## **Lord Gardiner of Kimble** **Parliamentary Under Secretary of State** **for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity, Defra**

Lord Gardiner was reappointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity in January 2018. He served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs from 2016 to 2018 and is a Conservative member of the House of Lords.

Lord Gardiner's lead responsibilities include animal health, biosecurity, plant and tree health; landscape, including national parks; rural affairs, covering rural life opportunities, broadband and mobile; and all Defra parliamentary business in the House of Lords. Lord Gardiner was Director of Political Affairs at the Countryside Alliance between 1995 and 2004 and Deputy Chief Executive between 2004 and 2010. He is also a partner in a family farm.

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## **Pamela Thompson** **Deputy Director for Portfolio and** **Preparedness, Defra**

Pamela trained as an agricultural scientist at Nottingham University and worked in the private sector before joining the then Ministry of Agriculture to work on animal breeding policy. She went on to work in a range of policy, corporate and operational roles within MAFF and Defra before returning to animal health to run a national pilot on electronic identification and data transfer.

After completing a Masters in Livestock Health and Production at the Royal Veterinary College, Pamela worked on exotic disease policy before becoming the UK's lead negotiator for the EU Animal Health Regulation, working across a broad range of industry sectors, including equines, to seek opportunities for smarter regulation across Europe.

When the UK voted to leave the EU in June 2016, Pamela was instrumental in setting up a programme to handle the expected impacts on animal health and ran a suite of projects before narrowing her focus to work solely on ensuring continued equine



*HRH The Princess Royal*



*Lord Gardiner of Kimble*



*Pamela Thompson*

movement to the EU beyond Exit. She's working closely with a range of industry groups to achieve this and is currently Deputy Director for Portfolio and Preparedness across Animal and Plant Health and Animal Welfare and Biosecurity and Food Projects.

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### **Tristan Crago** Head of Branch on Equine Identification, Defra

Tristan is Defra's Head of Branch on equine identification and has policy responsibility for equine passports and Passport Issuing Organisations, microchipping and the new UK Central Equine Database. Tristan has been involved in a wide range of Defra's policies since he joined the department in 2002, including animal health, welfare and disease response, flooding, local environmental quality and recycling.

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### **Stewart Everett** Chief Executive, Equine Register

Stewart founded Equine Register in 2012 and has led the business to become a leader in equine registration, identification and intelligence services as well as DEFRA's partner in delivering and managing the Central Equine Database (CED).

Equine Register has been working across the horse industry to develop a series of bespoke digital tools that allows secure, real-time access to data that is vital to each sector group. These tools enable compliance, promote good owner practices, improve animal welfare and help secure the human food-chain and national borders, all whilst reducing criminal activity. Over the past 20 years, Stewart has developed a track record in taking an opportunity from inception and building the market share and critical mass necessary to deliver success. He has founded and established several businesses, in sectors such as IT, FMCG and entertainment, that have delivered award-winning technology and products with global reach.



*Tristan Crago*



*Stewart Everett*

### **David Mountford** Chief Executive, British Equine Veterinary Association

David joined the Royal Army Veterinary Corps after graduating from Cambridge. He commanded in Cyprus and Hong Kong and served with the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery before leaving to join what is now World Horse Welfare where he managed the charity's operations and veterinary activities.

In 2003, David, together with Roger Smith from the Royal Veterinary College, set up a company

developing novel veterinary therapies; around the same time he joined BEVA Council. Having sold the veterinary business in 2010, David took on the new role of BEVA chief executive.

At work he is responsible for supporting equine vets through education, journal publication, and the provision of relevant services; he is also involved with lobbying and representing both the equine veterinary sector and, through his seat on the Board of the British Horse Council, the wider horse industry. Most of his free time is now spent either as horsebox driver/groom or as coach to his local youth rugby team.



*David Mountford*

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## **Dr Eva-Maria Broomer** **Head of Public Relations & Communications, Anglo European Studbook**

Eva-Maria combines her career as an academic researcher with a passion for equine breeding. As a Director of the company British Breeding, she is responsible for the planning and the delivery of the British Breeding Futurity and Equine Bridge Programmes.

Eva-Maria specialises in all aspects of public relations, including corporate, governmental and international relations. In this role, she represents the Anglo European Studbook and its breeders internationally at the World Breeding Federation for Sport Horses (WBFSH), where she has been leading workshops on topics such as equine welfare and the relationship between studbooks and National Federations. At the WBFSH's International Workshop on Linear Profiling in the Warmblood Horse, she spoke about the British Breeding Futurity as a successful example of cross-studbook linear data collection and evaluation. She is also a regular attendee at the World Horses Identification and Registration Data Exchange Committee (WHIRDEC) and has been invited to speak about legislative challenges at UK judges' conferences.



*Dr Eva-Maria Broomer*

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## **Nic de Brauwere** **Head of Welfare and Behaviour, Redwings Horse Sanctuary**

Nic graduated as a veterinary surgeon in 1991 from Onderstepoort in South Africa. He has worked at Redwings for more than 27 years providing clinical services, herd health management and equine welfare case work both to facilitate rescue and alleviate



*Nic de Brauwere*

the need for it. As Head of Welfare and Behaviour, Nic leads a team that has specialised in the rescue, rehabilitation and long-term care of feral, unhandled or mistreated horses for more than a decade and this extensive experience has fundamentally informed the charity's approach not only to equine health and welfare but equine behaviour and training too.

Nic's extensive experience working in equine welfare led to his appointment as the Chairman of the National Equine Welfare Council in 2009, an umbrella organisation for equine rescue centres and sanctuaries across the UK. Nic has been involved in many consultations on animal welfare policy; most notably with the Welsh Government, assisting them in drafting the Control of Horses (Wales) Act, which became law in Wales in 2014 and helped energise the commitment to an English equivalent that came into force the following year. In 2017 he was also appointed Chairman of the Animal Welfare Network Wales.



*Dr Richard Newton*



*Dr Jane Nixon*

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### **Dr Richard Newton** Director of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance, Animal Health Trust

After graduating in Veterinary Science from Liverpool University in 1991 and working in mixed veterinary practice in Herefordshire and South Shropshire, Richard joined the Epidemiology Unit of the Animal Health Trust in 1994.

Since completing a Masters in Communicable Disease Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in November 1998 he has worked on the epidemiology of a variety of diseases of companion animals and horses, including cross-species transmission from horses to dogs. He completed his PhD on the epidemiology of equine infectious respiratory disease in 2002 and in 2003 was awarded the Diploma of Fellowship from the Royal College Veterinary Surgeons.

He is currently an Executive Committee Member and Director of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance

at the Animal Health Trust. His group at the AHT currently has programmes on infectious disease surveillance in the UK for which it prepares quarterly disease reports for Defra and regular updates on global equine disease occurrence through the International Collating Centre. He also oversees dedicated research programmes on grass sickness surveillance and vaccination, epidemiological research of equine laminitis and development of a nationwide surveillance scheme for equine strangles.

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### **Dr Jane Nixon** Director, British Equestrian Federation

Since graduating from the University of Cambridge in 1978, Jane has worked in private equine practice with her late husband Stewart Hastie. She is now a freelance consultant to Buckingham Equine Vets and a variety of studs, training establishments and private clients, specifically in the competition horse sector, where she is able to share her passion in the management of the young horse through to adulthood.

Jane has produced horses and ridden all her life, from attaining her Pony Club A test through to winning Working Hunter at HOYS. She has been Master and Field Master of the Grafton Hunt for 10 years and is now in her second term as a Director of the British Equestrian Federation. Jane is vet to the British Breeding Futurity and has examined on average 500 foals to 4-year olds each year for over 10 years. Jane has been Veterinary Surgeon to Towcester Racecourse since 1978, and Senior Veterinary Surgeon since 2000. She is Consultant Veterinary Surgeon to the Society of Master Saddlers, a Member of the Saddlers Company Steering Group and attends the Animal Health Trust Equine Industry Committee representing the British Equestrian Federation and Sport Horse Breeding GB.

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## David Sykes

### Director of Equine Health and Welfare, British Horseracing Authority

David joined the BHA in 2017 and is responsible for developing an enhanced welfare strategy for a thoroughbred's full lifespan, from birth until well after the end of its racing career. Prior to this David worked in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) where he was Head Veterinary Officer for the Emirates Racing Authority (ERA), a role covering the welfare and integrity of all flat racing in the UAE. He was responsible for implementing and managing anti-doping and medication control programmes, equine welfare and health issues, administration of data collection programmes for injury surveillance and risk factors associated with racing in the UAE.

In addition, David has held the role of Head of the Veterinary Department for the UAE itself since October 2015, which includes responsibilities for Government liaison, quarantine and import/export controls and testing.

Prior to his time at the ERA Regulatory and UAE Equine Quarantine positions, David worked in Sydney, Australia, his country of birth and where he established a successful five-veterinarian practice.

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## Jeanette Allen

### Chief Executive, The Horse Trust

Jeanette is a Chartered Director and Fellow of the Institute of Directors, who began her career in the commercial sector, setting up and running her own successful recruitment business. After the sale of



*David Sykes*



*Jeanette Allen*

the business she moved to the charity sector as a fundraiser for the NSPCC and later Bart's Hospital before becoming the CEO of The MedicAlert Foundation.

Jeanette became the CEO of The Horse Trust in 2010 where their work ranges from running their Home of Rest for retired service horses to providing first responder and diploma level training programmes. The Horse Trust is also the second largest funder of equine veterinary research in the UK.

Jeanette is an Assistant to the Court of The Worshipful Company of Farriers and sits on the Farriers Registration Council. She is currently Chair of the British Horse Council, working across the sector with government on issues such as the Central Equine Database, equine establishments, ID and traceability.

0915 Registration and Coffee

## OPENING OF THE 27TH NATIONAL EQUINE FORUM

1000 **Chairman's Opening** **Tim Brigstocke MBE**

## THE HORSE INDUSTRY IN A CHANGING WORLD

1005 **The Defra View** **Lord Gardiner of Kimble**  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity, Defra

1015 **EU Exit – what does it mean for me?** **Pamela Thompson**  
Deputy Director for Portfolio and  
Preparedness, Defra

## CENTRAL EQUINE DATABASE

1025 **Digital Stable – unleashing the power of the  
Central Equine Database** **Stewart Everett**  
Chief Executive, Equine Register

1035 **Better welfare through better data**  
**David Mountford** Chief Executive, British Equine Veterinary Association  
**Dr Eva Maria Broomer** Head of Public Relations and Communications, Anglo European Studbook  
**Nic de Brauwere** Head of Welfare and Behaviour, Redwings Horse Sanctuary

1050 *Panel questions EU Exit & Central Equine Database, including Tristan Crago, Head of Branch  
Equine Identification, Defra*

## EQUINE HEALTH UPDATE

1105 **Learnings from the Equine Influenza outbreak** **Dr Richard Newton**  
Director of Epidemiology and Disease  
Surveillance, Animal Health Trust

1115 **The British Equestrian Federation High Health  
Steering Group** **Dr Jane Nixon**  
Director, British Equestrian Federation

1120 *Panel questions*

## RACING

1125 **A life worth living** **Dr David Sykes**  
Director of Equine Health and Welfare,  
British Horseracing Authority

1140 **Questions**

1145 Break

## PANEL DISCUSSION

1210 **Panel Discussion: How do charities fit into the modern world?**

**Chair: HRH The Princess Royal** President, National Equine Forum  
**Jeanette Allen** Chief Executive Officer, The Horse Trust  
**Ed Bracher** Chief Executive, Riding for the Disabled Association  
**Emile Faurie** Founder, Emile Faurie Foundation  
**Prof Tim Greet** Chair, SPANA

1310 Lunch

1420 **Vice Chair's Opening of afternoon session** **Prof Pat Harris**

## RESEARCH: HORSE & RIDER FITNESS

1425 **General principles of exercise, training and fitness in horses** **Dr David Marlin**  
Independent Scientific Consultant

1440 **Core stability and muscle development of the horse** **Dr Rachel Murray**  
Senior Orthopaedic Advisor, Animal Health Trust

1455 **Rider fitness and its influence on equine performance** **Ashleigh Wallace**  
Human Sports Science Physio & Medicine Lead, World Class Programme, British Equestrian Federation

1510 *Panel questions*

## RESEARCH: EQUINE STEREOTYPIC BEHAVIOUR

1525 **Equine Stereotypic Behaviour: a head-first approach to management and training** **Dr Andrew Hemmings**  
Head of School – Equine Management & Science, Royal Agricultural University

1540 *Questions*

## TOPICAL SLOTS

1545 **The BETA National Equestrian Survey 2019 – Initial Findings** **Claire Williams**  
Executive Director and Secretary, British Equestrian Trade Association

## MEMORIAL LECTURE

1550 **Advances in Farriery During My Career** **Dr Simon Curtis**  
Farrier, Newmarket Farrier Consultancy

1605 *Questions*

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS & SIR COLIN SPEDDING AWARD

1610 **President's Remarks and Presentation** **HRH The Princess Royal**

**Closing of the 27th National Equine Forum**

1625 **Chairman's Closing** **Tim Brigstocke MBE**

1630 **Tea and depart**

### Ed Bracher

#### Chief Executive, Riding for the Disabled Association

Ed has been involved with the sector since 1986 when he went to work in Asia on volunteer programmes. On returning to the UK, he ran the World Public Speaking Championships and was Operations Director for an international youth volunteering charity, with responsibility for ensuring the welfare of around 2,000 young volunteers working in 60 countries.

Ed has been the Chief Executive of RDA, the UK's biggest voluntary organisation dedicated to enhancing the lives of disabled people through working with horses, since 2004. During that time, the organisation has significantly increased participation, launched a major volunteering support system and developed successful research and education projects. Today RDA works with 28,000 people supported by more than 18,000 volunteers. Ed has also spearheaded the campaign to create the charity's first National Training Centre near Warwick, which will be opened this year as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations.

Ed is committed to using the power of sport and activity to transform lives. He is a Trustee of the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust and of a new charity, Level Water, which supports young disabled children to start swimming.

### Emile Faurie

#### Founder, Emile Faurie Foundation

Emile is a World Class international dressage rider and trainer based in the Cotswolds, where he runs his own successful training and livery yard. Emile has competed at European, World and Olympic Championships and won a number of medals representing Great Britain. Emile also works in Germany at Hoff Kasselmans' Centre, training their horses, and is involved in the presentation of the yearly P.S.I. Auction Sales.



*Ed Bracher*



*Emile Faurie*

Emile started the Emile Faurie Foundation (EFF) 2006 as he felt passionate about giving less privileged children, and those who live in inner cities, the opportunity to be involved with horses. Working closely with schools and youth projects, the Foundation links them with BHS/ABRS riding schools to access EFF funded courses of riding lessons.

The charity has many success stories, engaging children who come from troubled homes and live in poverty. Some have special needs and have been excluded from school. There is no doubt that contact with horses has a positive effect on these children as it improves their self-esteem, confidence and social skills helping to improve their school work, attitudes and ability to mix with other children, often giving them joy in their lives. Both teachers and social workers are amazed at the improvement in their children and many have progressed to a career working with horses.

## Tim Greet

### Chairman, SPANA

Tim is a graduate of the University of Glasgow and was subsequently awarded a masters degree for work carried out in its surgery department. He received a Fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons for work carried out at the Equine Research Station of the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket and in 1982 he joined the Newmarket equine practice of Dr Peter Rossdale, where he oversaw the build of Rossdales Equine Veterinary Hospital and where he remains as a consultant.

Tim received the inaugural Centenary Award and the Chiron Award of the BVA and the Richard Hartley Clinical Prize and has lectured around the world on a variety of equine surgical topics. He has published papers and contributed to several textbooks. He was made an honorary professor of the veterinary school at the University of Glasgow and an associate lecturer of the veterinary school at the University of Cambridge. He has been President of BEVA, BVA and WEVA.

Currently Tim is a Trustee and Chairman of SPANA and his interests outside of work include playing the guitar and playing golf.



*Tim Greet*



*Dr David Marlin*

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## Dr David Marlin

### Independent Scientific Consultant

David Marlin studied at Stirling University and trained with dressage rider and coach Judy Harvey (FBHS and FEI International dressage judge). He obtained his PhD from Loughborough University on the response of Thoroughbred racehorses to exercise and training and worked for 3 years in Newmarket for racehorse trainer Luca Cumani.

From 1993–1996 David undertook studies on thermoregulation and transport of horses in the build-up to the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. He was also involved in advising on air conditioning and cooling for horses at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. From 1990-2005 David held the position of Senior Scientist and Head of Physiology at the Animal Health Trust. His main areas of professional interest are exercise physiology, including nutrition, fitness training, thermoregulation, competition strategy, transport and respiratory disease. He has worked as a consultant to the British Equestrian Federation since 1994 and is a member of the World Class Performance Scientific Advisory Group. David is a past Chair of

the International Conference on Equine Exercise Physiology (ICEEP) and editor of Comparative Exercise Physiology and author of Equine Exercise Physiology. He is currently working with the FEI on a variety of climate related projects, including the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

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## Dr Rachel Murray

### Senior Orthopaedic Advisor, Animal Health Trust

Rachel is a veterinary surgeon with particular interest in sport horse injury and performance. She has led numerous studies investigating sport horse training, injury and performance and has published in many journals and books.

Rachel graduated from University of Cambridge before specialising in equine surgery. She spent 5 years working in the USA before returning to England as equine surgeon at University of Cambridge, subsequently completing a PhD investigating exercise-associated joint adaptation and injury in horses. She has been based at the Animal Health Trust



*Dr Rachel Murray*

since 1997 where she runs the orthopaedic research group and provides a clinical service focused on poor performance and rehabilitation in sports horses. Her research and clinical work is centred around sport horse training, performance and injury development. She also works for the British Equestrian Federation, providing scientific advice as Assistant Team Vet with the World Class squads.

Rachel has ridden in a variety of equestrian sports, including competing dressage to Grand Prix. She is married to another vet, and they have two daughters competing dressage internationally, including in the gold medal-winning GB team at the 2015 Pony European Championships.

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### **Ashleigh Wallace** Human Sports Science Physio & Medicine Lead, World Class Programme, British Equestrian Federation

Ashleigh joined the World Class Programme at the start of 2018 as a member of the English Institute of Sport, where she works on a part time basis as Athlete Health Consultant with the Athlete Health Directorate. With over 20 years' experience, Ashleigh has worked in a number of sports including hockey, rowing, bobsleigh and Formula One, to name a few. During this time, she has attended the Beijing, London, Sochi and Rio Olympic Games as a member of the Team GB Headquarters Medical support team.

As lead physiotherapist, Ashleigh heads the development and delivery of athlete health strategies and physiotherapy support across the equestrian World Class Olympic and Paralympic Programme squads.

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### **Dr Andrew Hemmings** Head of School – Equine Management & Science, Royal Agricultural University

Andrew has worked at the Royal Agricultural University for just under 20 years, where he leads an academic



*Ashleigh Wallace*



*Dr Andrew Hemmings*

department that specialises in equine management and science. His principal research area is horse behaviour and welfare, with a focus on the brain and how this complex organ controls behavioural output.

Andrew is passionate about making neuroscience accessible to a broader audience, and this takes him across the UK where he gives talks and

seminars to horse owners and trainers. These generally focus on the many ways in which scientific findings can be used to improve horse welfare whilst optimising performance.

As part of his PhD work, Andrew studied the brain-basis of stereotypic behaviours, with a focus on cognitive differences observed in crib-biters and weavers. This will be the primary area of his talk today, where he will cover management and training strategies for these horses, but also some insights into how stereotypy development might be predicted in youngsters with a view to preventing these behaviours in later life.



*Claire Williams*

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## **Claire Williams**

### **Executive Director and Secretary, British Equestrian Trade Association**

The British Equestrian Trade Association is the leading representative body working on behalf of equestrian related businesses in the UK and beyond. BETA has over 800 member companies from the manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing sectors. It is recognised as the equestrian trade's representative body by Government and leading riding organisations and is a member of the British Equestrian Federation.

Claire is from Christchurch, New Zealand and moved to Germany in 1991. She joined BETA in 2000 and enjoys the wide range of work involved in running the association, including lobbying on behalf of members, assisting the development of their export markets, overseeing the BETA accreditation schemes for body protectors, prohibited substances and specialist feeds, as well as lecturing on the wide range of training courses that BETA runs.

She is a Director of the Animal Medicines Training Regulatory Authority (AMTRA), the British Equestrian Federation and British Horse Council, sits on the Saddlery Steering Group set up by the Worshipful Company of Saddlery serves as a technical expert on both the European body protector and hat standards committees.

In her free time Claire rides her two horses, enjoys walking and photography.

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## **Dr Simon Curtis**

### **Farrier, Newmarket Farrier Consultancy**

Simon has been a practicing farrier in Newmarket for 46 years. He has lectured and demonstrated farriery in



*Dr Simon Curtis*

more than 20 countries on 6 continents including the USA, Australia, India, Russia, and Brazil and China. He has published 3 text books on farriery and has been published in numerous journals. Simon is a visiting lecturer at the University of Cambridge and is the only farrier awarded an Honorary Associate by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (2002). He is a Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Farriers (2001-2002) and Chairman of the Farriers Registration Council (2006-10). He is a Fellow of the Worshipful Company of Farriers by examination (FWCF).

In 2005 Simon was inducted into the International Farriers Hall of Fame at the Kentucky Derby Museum. In 2017 he gained a Doctoral degree in equine biomechanics and physiology, studying Thoroughbred foals and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of Myerscough College.

In 2018 Simon won the National Equine Forum Sir Colin Spedding Award for his contribution to the equine industry. Simon continues to practice farriery, teach and write.

## SIR COLIN SPEDDING AWARD

### Roll of Honour

#### **2013 Alexander Martin Clunes**

in recognition of the collective work of UK Equine Welfare Charities during the winter of 2012.

#### **2014 Dr Andrew Waller**

in recognition of the collective work of the Animal Health Trust's Infectious Disease Group to help protect the nation's equines.

#### **2015 Paul Richard Greeves**

in recognition of the guiding influence he has provided to Thoroughbred racing and breeding during the past 40 years and his devotion to maintaining the integrity of the breed internationally by embracing scientific developments.

#### **2016 Sue Martin**

in recognition of her contribution to the development of equine apprenticeships, leadership of the Equestrian Trailblazer Steering Group and continuing support for riding schools.

#### **2017 Jim Green**

in recognition of his dedication to the development of large animal rescue methodology, training and equipment that is now standard throughout the UK Fire and Rescue Service and being rolled out worldwide.

#### **2018 Dr Simon Curtis**

in recognition of his work in the development of corrective farriery and his long and ongoing service to equine science and welfare.



*Sir Colin Spedding Award 2018 Winner - Dr Simon Curtis*



*Sir Colin Spedding Award 2018 Finalist -  
The British Grooms Association represented by Lucy Katan*

## Sir Colin Spedding Award

Sir Colin Spedding was the founding Chairman of the National Equine Forum in 1992, and then chaired it for 20 years until shortly before his death in 2012.

He ensured that representatives of all areas of the equine sphere were made welcome, and that topics of general interest and concern could be discussed openly and without rancour. His aim was to allow the equine world to consider and then speak with a coordinated voice on matters of the moment. The award is presented in his memory.

The Sir Colin Spedding Award will be presented annually, but only when there is a candidate of sufficient merit, to an individual or an organisation that has made an exceptional contribution to the world of horses, ponies or

donkeys. This contribution may be in connection with one or more specific projects, or may be over an extended period of time.

If you have been inspired to nominate someone who you consider to have made an exceptional contribution to the world of horses, ponies or donkeys for the 2020 Sir Colin Spedding Award, please complete the feedback form with their details or email [info@nationalequineforum.com](mailto:info@nationalequineforum.com).

Nominations for the 2020 Sir Colin Spedding Award must be received no later than 31st July 2019.

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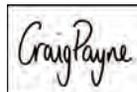


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