

# NATIONAL EQUINE FORUM

19th Annual Meeting

held at  
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Tuesday 8th March 2011



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0845	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>	
0930	<b>Chairman's Introduction</b>	Professor Sir Colin Spedding CBE
0945	<b>The Minister of State for Agriculture and Food</b>	James Paice MP
1000	<b>Questions</b>	
1005	<b>British Horse Industry Confederation Update and the Equine Health and Welfare Strategy</b>	Professor Tim Morris MRCVS
1020	<b>Optimising the Impact of our Industry - Lessons from Abroad (attendance funded by the BHS Thesis Award)</b>	Dr Georgina Crossman
1035	<b>Questions</b>	
1045	<b>Bedding – Past, Present and Future</b>	Tim Smalley
1105	<b>Questions</b>	
1110	<b>Comfort Break</b>	
1120	<b>How to Run a Successful Equine Business in a Recession</b>	Paul Bentham
1135	<b>Opportunities for Equestrianism</b>	Duncan Brown
1150	<b>Questions</b>	
1200	<b>National Equine Healthcare Survey</b>	Professor Josh Slater
1215	<b>Questions</b>	
1220	<b>Well-being and Learning through Interaction with Horses</b>	Emile Faurie
1235	<b>Questions</b>	
1240	<b>Lunch</b>	

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1355	<b>Equitation and the Media</b>	Andy Austin Lucy Higginson
1415	<b>Questions</b>	
1420	<b>Securing Valuable and Rare Bloodlines for the Future</b>	Tullis Matson
1435	<b>Questions</b>	
1440	<b>Clean Sport Campaign within FEI/BEF Regulated Equestrian Sports</b>	Keith Taylor
1455	<b>Questions</b>	
1500	<b>Homeopathy – Science or Alchemy</b>	Nick Thompson MRCVS Dr Simon Baker MRCVS
1520	<b>Questions</b>	
TOPICAL ISSUES		
1525	<b>National Equestrian Crime Database</b>	Adrian Keeling
1535	<b>Availability and Price of Tickets for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games</b>	Tim Hadaway
1540	<b>President's Concluding Remarks</b>	HRH The Princess Royal
1550	<b>Chairman to Close the 19th National Equine Forum</b>	Professor Sir Colin Spedding CBE
1600	<b>Tea and Depart</b>	

# 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 the appropriate authority by the most appropriate means.

**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.

# National Equine Forum

## **PRESIDENT**

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal

## **CHAIRMAN**

Professor Sir Colin Spedding CBE

## **ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

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If you would like to make any suggestions or forward any materials to  
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The 2012 National Equine Forum will be held on Thursday 8th March 2012 at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers at 1 Birdcage Walk, Westminster, London SW1H 9JJ