

Successive FEI Presidents

1921 – 1927:	Baron du Teil (FRA)
1927 – 1929:	Colonel G.J. Maris (NED)
1929 – 1931:	Major J.K. Quarles van Ufford (NED)
1931 – 1935:	General Guy V. Henry (USA)
1935 – 1936:	General Max Frh. Von Holzing-Bertstett (GER)
1936 – 1939:	Lt. Col. J.K. Quarles van Ufford (NED)
1939 – 1946:	M. Magnus Rydman (FIN)
1946 – 1954:	General Baron Gaston de Trannoy (BEL)
1954 – 1964:	HRH Bernard, Prince of the Netherlands
1964 – 1986:	HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (GBR)
1986 – 1994:	HRH The Princess Royal (GBR)
1994 – 2006:	HRH The Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbòn (ESP)
2006 –	HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein (JOR)

Biographical notes

Baron du Teil (FRA)

FEI President from 1921 to 1927

Baron du Teil became a member of the Société Hippique Française (SHF) in 1879. He was elected to the SHF Bureau in 1886 and served as its President from 1902 to 1933. From 1921 to 1931 he was the first President of the Fédération Equestre Française (French Equestrian Federation). He attended the Military Academy St. Cyr and was promoted to Colonel in World War One. Baron du Teil died on 29 June 1933 in Paris.

General Gerrit Johannes Maris (NED)

FEI President from 1927 to 1929

General Gerrit Johannes Maris, was born on 22 September 1868 in Klundert. In 1923 he was one of the founders of the Nederlandsche Hippische Sportbond (Dutch Equestrian Federation). He served as its President from 1923 to 1929. He was President of the Organising Committee for the Equestrian Events at the 1928

Olympic Games. In 1902 he ended in 10th place in the famous Endurance ride at Brussels Ostende. He was promoted to General-Major (Cavalry). General Maris died on 25 July 1938 in Breda.

Jhkr Karel F. Quarles van Ufford (NED)
FEI President from 1929 to 1931 and from 1936 to 1939
FEI Vice President from 1931 to 1936 and from 1939 to 1942

Jhkr Karel F. Quarles van Ufford was born on the 4 November 1880 in Loosduinen and was President of the Nederlandsche Hippische Sportbond (Dutch Equestrian Federation) from 1929 to 1940. He was a successful competitor in national events in Jumping and Three Day Event and was a member of the Ground Juries at the Olympic Games of 1924, 1928 and 1936. He was Secretary of the Organising Committee for the Equestrian Events of the 1928 Olympic Games. He was also promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel of the mounted Artillery. Jhkr Quarles van Ufford died on 19 March 1942 in the Hague.

General Guy V. Henry (USA)
FEI President from 1931 to 1935
FEI Vice President from 1935 to 1939

General Guy V. Henry was born on 28 of January 1880 in an army tent in the Red Cloud Indian Territory, Nebraska. He was a member of the US Army team at the 5th Olympic Games in 1912 in Stockholm, where he competed in all three equestrian disciplines and received a bronze medal for Three Day Event. He was a veteran of three wars and Chief of US Cavalry from 1930 to 1934. General Henry retired in 1947 as Major-General. He was also President of the Organising Committee for the Equestrian Events at the 1932 Olympic Games and was a Member of the Ground Jury for the 1936 Olympic Games. General Henry died on 29 November 1967 in Wenatchee, Washington.

Baron Max von Holzing-Berstett (GER), President of the FEI
from 1935 to 1936
Member of the Bureau from 1931 to 1935

Baron Max von Holzing-Berstett was born on 1 January 1867 in Karlsruhe and had a prominent army career with the Dragoons, the Imperial Guard and the Uhlans. From 1909 to 1914 he served as Aide de Camp to the Emperor. He was promoted to Major-General in World War One. He rode nationally and was influential in

shaping the riding style in the Imperial Army. He also served as a member of the Ground Jury at the 1928 Olympic Games. Baron von Holzing-Berstett died on the 9th of September 1936 in Freiburg.

Magnus Rydman (FIN), from 1939 to 1946

Mr Magnus Rydman was born on the 8th of November 1891. He was the Managing Director of the Ford Corporation from 1936 to 1956 and President of National Federation of Finland from 1935 to 1946 and again from 1948 to 1952. He was a member of the Finnish National Olympic Committee from 1938 to 1953 and was elected as President of the FEI at the last FEI Congress before World War II, on 4 April 1939.

**Baron Gaston de Trannoy (BEL), from 1946 to 1954, Vice
President from 1936 to 1942 and Member of the Bureau
from 1932 to 1936**

Baron Gaston de Trannoy was born on 18 October 1880. He had an army career in the Guides and was promoted to General. He competed in the 1912 Olympic Games in all three equestrian disciplines and in the 1920 Games placed 7th in Dressage. Baron Gaston de Trannoy was President of the Fédération Royale Beige des Sports Equestres from 1932 to 1954 and was a Member of the Organising Committee for the Equestrian Events in the 1920 Olympic Games. He was also a Member of the Ground Jury at four Olympic Games (1924, 1928, 1936, 1956). Baron Gaston de Trannoy died on 22 December 1960 in Villers-la-Ville.

**Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands (NED), from 1954 to
1964
Member of the Bureau from 1964 to 1967**

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands was born on 29 June 1911 in Woynowo, Mark Brandenburg. In 1937 he married Princess (later Queen) Juliana of the Netherlands. He spent two years at the Netherlands Cavalry School training in Dressage and Jumping. He was an active competitor nationally and internationally in Jumping, Dressage and Three Day Event and was a member of the Dutch National Jumping Team in Le Zoute. At several Olympic Games he served as a Member of the Appeals Jury. He was for many years, President of the World Wildlife Fund.

Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh, from 1964 to 1986

Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh was born on 10 June 1921 in Corfu, Greece. In 1947 he married Princess (later Queen) Elizabeth. He was educated in Great Britain and was active in cricket, hockey, rowing and sailing and had a naval career from 1939 to 1951, where he served as Lieutenant-Commander. The Prince was an excellent polo-player and took up Four-in-hand Driving when it became an FEI discipline in the early seventies. He competed at six World and three European Championships and placed sixth individually in the 1982 World Championships. He was a Member of the British gold medal team at 1980 World Championships and a member of the British bronze medal teams at the 1978, 1982 and 1984 World Championships. Prince Philip was President of the World Wildlife Fund.

The Princess Royal, from 1986 to 1994

The Princess Royal GCVO, was born in 1950 and is the daughter of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, President of the FEI from 1964 to 1986. Riding since the age of 3 the Princess rode her first Three Day Event in 1970. She was the European 3-Day Event Champion in 1971 at Burghley on Doublet and was a Member of the silver medal team and 2nd individually in the European Championships in 1975 at Luhmühlen on her mount Goodwill. She also competed in the 1973 European and the 1974 World Championships and in the 1976 Olympic Games. She was President of the British Olympic Association (NOC). The Princess is the Patron of Riding for the Disabled, President of Save the Children Fund since 1970, and Patron of the World Breeding Federation Sport Horses.

HRH The Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbòn, from 1994 to 2006

H.R.H. the Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbòn, Duchess of Badajoz, daughter of Their Royal Highnesses the Count and Countess of Barcelona, was born in 1936, and subsequently resided in Italy, Switzerland and Portugal. In Portugal, she obtained her nursing diploma and practised her profession for three years in various hospitals. She speaks six languages fluently. She is actively involved in several charities: Red Cross, Friends of the Monasteries, Foundation for the Defense of Life, Nuevo Futuro, Action Aid (both organizations for the protection of children, one active in Spain, the other in various countries of the Third World with plans for full social development), Foundation for Investigation and Training in Oncology, as well as other institutions of cultural interest; she is Honorary President of the Spanish Equestrian Federation and Member of the Spanish Olympic Committee.

From an early age, she has been involved with equestrian activities together with her mother and brothers. During her youth in Portugal, she took part in various local horse shows. In Spain, she presided and promoted Three Day Events for

beginners as well as numerous other equestrian events.

Her Royal Highness was elected member of the International Olympic Committee in 1996.

HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, since 2006

Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, born on May 3 1974, is the daughter of HM Late King Hussein Bin Talal of Jordan (1935-1999) and HM Late Queen Alia Al Hussein (1948-1977). HRH Princess Haya married HH Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum on April 10 2004, Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE, Ruler of Dubai. Princess Haya now lives with her husband in Dubai and maintains close ties with her homeland, Jordan, travelling there often.

Among her various international and regional activities, Princess Haya's main concentration is focused on humanitarian aid, with a core interest in promoting health, education, youth and sports through working closely with various regional and global charities and social organizations. Her interests and determination have had a strong impact, being the first Arab and first woman to become a Goodwill Ambassador to the United Nations World Food Program. Her appointment was supported by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, making her the second Goodwill Ambassador ever for the WFP. Princess Haya is also the first Arab woman to compete in equestrian sports at Olympic, world and continental championship level.

In February 2006, Princess Haya was awarded the Bejewelled Grand Cordon of Al Nahda (Order of the Renaissance) by HM King Abdullah Bin Al Hussein II of Jordan in recognition for her ongoing humanitarian efforts and her distinguished role as Goodwill Ambassador for the WFP. The Al Nahda is the highest decoration in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

HRH Princess Haya graduated from St Hilda's College, Oxford University with an Honors Degree BA MA, in P.P.E. (Politics, Philosophy and Economics.)

On 1 May 2006, Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein was elected the 13th FEI President.