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Invitation to the EMHF Seminar **TRAINER MASTERCLASS WITH MARK JOHNSTON**

Turf Direktorium Bratislava with European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation (EMHF) organize a seminar „Trainer masterclass“, featuring internationally-renowned British trainer **Mark Johnston**. The seminar will be of interest primarily to trainers, but also to racing administrators from K.M.E.T. countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) and is an ideal platform for professional development of trainers and development of horseracing industry in Central Europe. Professional guarantor of the seminar is the Secretary-General of EMHF Dr. Paul Khan.

Mark Johnston is one of Britain's most successful trainers over the past couple of decades. He was the first British flat trainer to win more than 200 races in a season, (in 2009), and has repeated this feat for the last four seasons. He has won over 20 Group 1 all over Europe. Among his most successful horses have been Mister Baileys (2,000 Guineas), Shamardal (European Champion Two-Year-Old, 2004), Attraction (British and Irish 1,000 Guineas) and Double Trigger (Ascot Gold Cup). Mark Johnston graduated as a Vet at Glasgow University and practiced for three years before turning to racehorse training. He has also served as a Director of the British Horseracing Authority. We are very pleased to have secured a speaker of his stature.

Mark Johnston will be giving the benefit of his experience of all aspects of the trainer's job and art, including:

- Sourcing owners and the trainer-owner relationship
- Selecting jockeys
- Recruiting and retaining staff, employment structure within the yard
- Planning a horse's campaign
- Racing internationally
- Veterinary and medication matters
- Gallops and equipment
- Administration, race entries, etc.
- Purchasing and selling bloodstock
- Dealing with the media

The seminar will be held on **Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 in Bratislava** at Hotel Bonbon (expected to start at 9:00 pm., end by about 17:00 pm.). Places will be limited (about 50 trainers maximum) and the majority will be reserved for member countries of K.M.E.T. From five to ten places are reserved for Poland. It is intended to provide translation into the Polish language.

Given the relatively high costs associated with the organization of the seminar, the **participation fee was set to 50 € per person**. This price includes the basic materials of Mark Johnston lectures and refreshment (common lunch and dinner after the seminar).

Do not miss this unique chance to participate in the first seminar of this topic organized in Central Europe. **Please confirm the attendance of 5-10 trainers from Poland by e-mail to valtyni@zavodisko.sk until Monday, January 4th, 2016.**

Yours Sincerely

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