

## 2010 FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE

2010 sees the FEI WORLD DRESSAGE CHALLENGE entering its 30<sup>th</sup> edition! Over these 30 years, this series has been generously sponsored by HAIG from 1982-1987 and by SAMSUNG from 1988 until 1996 and finally from 2001 to 2004 by PERFORMANCE SALES INTERNATIONAL (P.S.I.).

After 30 years, this project is still very much popular and appreciated! It seeks to promote and expand horse-riding skills in developing countries throughout the world. In addition, it enables people all over the world to enjoy equestrian culture.

Its participation figures, i.e. 16 countries having participated in 1982, 42 countries in 1996, and an estimated 57 countries in 2009 can best express the popularity and success of this extremely fruitful Dressage development project.

The major objectives of this worldwide Dressage competition are:

- to give the less experienced Dressage riders, who under normal circumstances, cannot take part in international Dressage competitions, in the more remote countries of the world, the opportunity to compete internationally without having to leave their own country.
- to promote the new generations. Last year, over 200 Children from 53 NFs competed in the Challenge.

Internationally experienced FEI Judges will travel to the individual geographical regions of the world to judge this competition and give the riders a clinic to teach them the art of Dressage. Each Group of countries is judged by the same Ground Jury.

Following the successful integration of the new format in 2008, the same principles are being followed for 2010. However, with the exception of the Prix St George test, the other tests have been reviewed and improved insuring a smooth progression and linking with the FEI Coach Education System standards:

FEI Prix St-Georges	Ed. 2009	16 yrs of age and above
FEI Challenge Advanced Test	Ed. 2010	16 yrs of age and above
FEI Challenge Medium Test	Ed. 2010	16 yrs of age and above
FEI Challenge Elementary Test	Ed. 2010	12 yrs of age and above
FEI Challenge Preliminary Test	Ed. 2010	12 yrs of age and above

All classes are opened up to ponies, whether they are ridden by Seniors or Juniors. In addition, 5 years old horses are now allowed to compete in the Preliminary and Elementary test for Adults.

As mentioned previously, the FEI World Dressage Challenge is closely linked to the FEI Coaching Education and Certification System which has also now been linked well with the Jumping Challenge, stressing the importance of adaptability and a good strong set of basics for any rider wishing to improve in his/her sphere.

We would like to wish all the competitors the best of luck and take this opportunity to thank all of the Organizing Committees and National Federations for all their hard work and support. May 2010 be the most successful Challenge year yet!

All documents and information related to this competition are available on the FEI website: [www.fei.org](http://www.fei.org) > Development > FEI World Dressage Challenge....etc.