



**IGA**  
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GROOMS ASSOCIATION

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## The International Grooms Association (IGA) is the professional membership organisation for all grooms working internationally in the FEI disciplines.

The IGA is a not-for-profit company. It is a global organisation; membership is encouraged from all continents and the IGA has a board of international directors.

### THE FORMATION OF THE IGA

The IGA was formed at the request of the FEI President, Ingmar De Vos, to become the representative voice of the international grooms.

The formation was enabled by an initial FEI start-up funding grant, but the IGA must become a self-sustainable organisation.

*"Grooms, who play such a vital role in our sport, have now been fully integrated into the FEI Family with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the FEI and the International Grooms Association (IGA) at the FEI Sports Forum 2022. This has been something of a personal project for me and I am delighted that it has finally been delivered."*

**Ingmar De Vos**

### THE OBJECTIVES OF THE IGA

The IGA is a social enterprise aiming to make a difference for the grooms who work in equestrian sport.

#### THE IGA VISION

Striving to achieve recognition with a collaborative voice, greater career opportunities, status and working environments for all grooms working within FEI level equestrian disciplines.

#### THE IGA MISSION

To represent, promote, support, and educate the career and professionalism of international competition grooms.



### IGA SUPPORTERS

Supporting the IGA means you are giving a little back to the international grooms - who are the backbone of our equestrian sports. It will assist the IGA to create significant developments in the recognition and perception of the international groom's role.

In turn, this will lead to improved working environments for the grooms at shows, and within their own places of work and help ensure people stay working within the equestrian sector.

*"The career of a groom should be seen as integral to the success of any equestrian team and to equestrian sport. An international athlete is nothing without a good horse, but a good horse is nothing without an exceptional groom. It is about being a team. Athlete, horse, and groom are key to each other's success. I hope the National Federations will encourage their international grooms to join the IGA."*

**Frank Kemperman - FEI Grooms Consultative Group Chair and former groom.**

### REASONS TO SUPPORT THE IGA

- To signal meaningful support for the international grooms' professional body, its aims and its members.
- To support the IGA's work in raising the recognition of the dedication and skill required to care for international competition horses.
- With a recorded decline in experienced grooms and those wishing to take this career path, it is important to promote this viable and exciting career. The IGA is working with a number of stakeholders to develop its own career advice and promotion of the positive opportunities of working internationally.
- We are all aware of the challenges posed by the current focus on the equestrian social licence. Grooms are an essential part of a positive social licence, and supporting grooms demonstrates the culture of respect for all those within the international horse industry.
- As the IGA is a not-for-profit social enterprise, becoming an IGA Supporter creates the opportunity to have your own philanthropy impact and give back to the heroes of equestrian sport.



## THE IMPACT

**The members of the IGA, the grooms, tend to have limited financial resources. A groom's membership is just €15 per annum.**

Therefore, the IGA must engage with friends and stakeholders within the international scene to ensure financial robustness.

The IGA works with the FEI and a number of international shows, as well as National Federations, to build for the future.

As a not-for-profit, the IGA is extremely grateful for any donations and financial support.

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If you would like to support the IGA please visit our supporters page on our [website](#), or if you have any other ideas you would like to discuss, please do get in touch.

## DISCOVER MORE

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