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**Congratulations to the
newly elected 2012 HETI
Executive Committee**

President
Ann O'Shallie, USA

Vice President
Jennifer Dixon-Clegg, UK

Dear Friends of HETI,



I had a wonderful time in Greece at the XIV International Congress! I did not have the chance to listen to many presentations but I met many old friends and made new ones while attending to HETI's stand. Now that the Congress is past we can set our sights on the next one in Taiwan in 2015.

In the meantime, there are plenty of forums and opportunities to share and learn from, as listed in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at some of these and hearing reports about those I cannot attend.

Please read on for our President's Report.

We welcome your feedback! Share your information, stories and photos with us! I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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President's Report

Hello to Everyone,



Treasurer
Vera Horne, BRAZIL

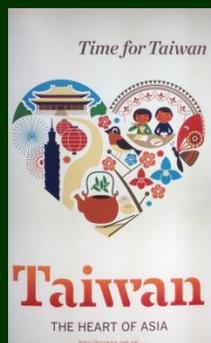
Board Members
Joanna Dzwonkowska, POLAND
Lorenzo Lucarelli*, SPAIN
Uta Rindfleisch-Wu, TAIWAN

* Ann Kern-Godal resigned
due to family reasons

Save the date!
2015 HETI Congress
Taipei, Taiwan



Chinese Taipei Equestrian
Federation



Calendar

October 18 - 21, 2012
AHA Level I - Equine Skills and Treatment
Principles - An AHA Approved Workshop
Los Angeles, CA, USA.
Open to therapists interested in providing
Hippotherapy in their practice..
Faculty: Ruth Dismuke-Blakely, MS,
SLP/CCC, HPCS and Joann Benjamin, PT,
HPCS.
Location: Therapy Services at Ride On, Los
Angeles, CA.
E-mail: JPBHPOT@gmail.com
Telephone: 818.700.2971
Information: www.RideOn.org

Horses and Humans Research Foundation

Horses and Humans Research
Foundation (HHRF) recently

It is with great honor and respect that I am writing this note. First, I would like to thank Mrs. Pauline Perry for all of her efforts on behalf of the organization and its membership. Her leadership and friendship are truly an inspiration to all of us. While at the International Congress in Athens and immediately following, I have received notes of congratulation, offers of support, and suggestions from many of the Past-Presidents of HETI as well as from many of you. I hope to carry on the work of helping to guide HETI into the future with the same level of commitment and belief in the ideas and efforts of those who have preceded me.

The HETI Executive Council has already met through "voice over internet" phones (VOIP) and we have designated several task forces to ensure that HETI continues to uphold its mission and strategic plan. Plans are already being made for the XV International Congress in Taiwan. A financial review of the budget will be on-going. An educational support program continues to be developed. And, we continue to review the membership program - what HETI can do to support all of its members, maintaining dues during this difficult economic time, and improving the communication between individual members.

HETI is truly a world-wide organization - its membership and its structure attest to that. We must remember this as we move forward as advocates for our equines, proponents of world-wide educational opportunities, and providers of service.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the next few years.

All the best,
Ann O'Shallie
President

2012 XIV International Congress

Athens, Greece



announced a unique initiative to investigate the therapeutic effects of equine-assisted activities for military veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). There is a \$50,000 grant available. The application deadline is November 2012.

This special research fund began with a seed contribution from the U.S. Army Caisson Platoon Equine Assisted Program, which serves the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the National Naval Medical Center. It is the first of a series of specially focused research initiatives planned by HHRF for the coming years, a departure from the more general research funding that has been available since the organization was founded in 2004.

"This special grant fund is becoming available at a time when we are seeing explosive growth in equine-assisted activity programs for military veterans, so it is very exciting for our entire field, since the outcomes of the research can benefit all of those programs." said Judy Lightfoot, HHRF Board President. "Equine-assisted activities have been shown to be effective in treating patients, including combat veterans, with PTSD and TBI, but we really need to know more about why it works and what methods work best. Those are some of the answers we hope to get from this research investment."

Links:

U.S. Army Caisson Platoon Equine Assisted [Program](#)

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Above, International Council Meeting

Right, Irene Kapari with friends.

Below, networking over dinner.



Highlights from the HETI UK Spring 2012 Forum

Hippotherapy: Shared learning opportunities

The Leonardo Partnership is a two year EU funded project in partnership between organisations in Finland, Poland and the UK delivering hippotherapy training. An outcome of the project was to develop an equine checklist for use in the assessment of horses for Hippotherapy. [Hippotherapy](#) is known by different names in the different countries and also the training required to become qualified to deliver hippotherapy differs in each country.

The project aimed to produce a tool that would standardise existing practice across the countries, and was formulated by a process of discussion, refinement and eventual consensus utilising the expertise and knowledge of participants from Finland, Poland and the UK.

The course aims to develop skills and behaviour to form new, positive habits which are constantly re-enforced in order for them to become natural behaviour which will continue after conclusion of the course.

[Read the complete text of the HETI UK Forum.](#)

Harriet Laurie presents The Horse Course

Harriet Laurie comes from a business background but has been involved in horses for many years. She became interested in Parelli Horsemanship techniques and as she progressed it became clear that the techniques required one to be in control of oneself both emotionally and physically, in order to achieve the desired results from the horse. She became interested in how these techniques could benefit people who



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struggle with the types of behaviour and control that are developed in [Parelli Horsemanship](#). In particular, she highlighted that this could be a useful resource for intervention with prisoners.

Approximately two thirds of the course is delivered non-verbally, requiring the prisoners to communicate with the horse and the teacher, solely with body language, focus and energy. This is initially extremely difficult for some offenders, causing them to reassess their presentation and adjust their existing strategies for communication. The techniques show that in order to achieve the results they want, they have to become more aware of how they currently use communication, often ineffectively or aggressively, and how to modify this in order to achieve results.

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Call for Papers: IAHAIO Conference 2013

Marks your calendars for the next IAHAIO International Conference on 20 July 2013 (A.G.M., Reception and Poster session), and on 21 and 22 July 2013 in collaboration with the American Veterinary Association (AVMA) convention 20-23 July, 2013 Chicago, USA). More information is available [here](#).

Click [here](#) to submit an abstract for a paper at the conference.

Hippotherapy: Shared Opportunities

A partnership project between Finnish Equine College Hevosopisto Ltd, Polish Hippotherapeutic Association and [ACPTR](#) U.K. has reached its fifth Workshop. The workshop was held 3-5 February, 2012 in Wales, Clywd. Special Riding Center hosted by ACPTR U.K. with delegates from each organisation.

The planned aim for this particular workshop was to discuss the scientific base of hippotherapy. We focused on giving the group opportunity to take part in qualitative research by observing hippotherapy treatments and interviewing people involved to find out their views. Leonardo da Vinci partnership project is to develop hippotherapy education and training. The project offers lifelong learning opportunities for teachers and students from Finland, Poland and U.K. An overall aim is to recognise and clarify the structure of hippotherapy education.



Learn how to make a rope halter and support FRDI at the same time.

For more information,
[click here.](#)



Calendar Updates

Remember to send your important dates - workshops, trainings, competition etc. in English to the office.

We will promptly publish them on the website!