## RACING SOUTH AFRICA



# Racing SA National Convention

# EMPERORS PALACE • JOHANNESBURG 15 March to 16 March 2006

Having weathered the storm of a regulated and openly competitive gambling market, horseracing in South Africa is on the road to recovery.

The path forward holds many opportunities, but the future belongs to those who plan for it.

Two decades have passed since the industry and all the relevant players came together to reflect on the past and pave the way forward collectively.

Transformation, setting new standards and objectives and establishing a clear presence in the world market for the horseracing and breeding industries are some of the challenges facing the role players in horseracing in South Africa.

Horseracing has long been a crowd pleaser, a source of pride and joy to owners and a revenue generator to employees, contractors and both central and provincial governments.

Two days in March 2006 will be the time when the future of the sport of thoroughbreds in South Africa will be debated, questioned and planned for, two days that will decide the path into the future.

Be a part of this process, whatever your involvement in the sport.

Ensure that you are there to listen to those in the know and to have your say.

Contribute to a racing future full of glory – attend the 2006 Racing SA National Convention in Johannesburg at Emperors Palace.

## CONFERENCE STEERING COMMITTEE

Michel Nairac (Chair)

Grant Knowles

Graeme Hawkins

Caroline Simpson

Rob de Kock

Tex Lerena

Peter Gibson

Brian Berrill

Colin Gordon

Chad Cooke



# Programme of Events

## REGISTRATION DAY - Tuesday 14 March 2006

Visiting delegates and speakers/panelists check into hotel

15hoo Registration at Emperors Palace

16h3o Depart for Newmarket racecourse for night meeting (optional) Includes transport between Emperor's Palace and Newmarket

17h30 Night racing at Newmarket Racecourse

### Day 1 - Wednesday 15 March 2006

#### Congress opening

o8hoo Registration - Coffee/tea

o8h3o WÉLCOME and speaker introduction – Master of Ceremonies – Mike Meehan

o8h45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Advocate Thibedi Majake – Chief Executive Officer of the National Gambling Board (30 minutes)

oph15 ADDRESS BY INTÉRNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER
– Chauncey Morris Director: Business Development
Kentucky Breeders Association (30 minutes)

o9h45 Break for tea (15 minutes)

FIRST SESSION

'WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE GOT HERE'

10h00 ADDRESS BY MIKE MEEHAN on the industry, its beginnings and where it is now.

#### SECOND SESSION

'Choosing the right path'

10h30 Lead-in to 'BREEDING' session – Mike Meehan. 10h35 BREEDING – presentation by Mary Slack and

Micky Goss (30 minutes)

11hos PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: Robin Bruss, Dr John McVeigh, John Freeman, Jehan Malherbe and Michael Roberts (15 minutes)

11h20 Closing remarks – Mike Meehan

11h25 Lead-in to `THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT' session – Mike Meehan.

11h30 THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT - presentation by Rob de Kock and Rossouw Lubbe (30 minutes)

12hoo PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: Basil Thomas, David Makins, Graeme Hawkins, Phumla Mnganga and Colin Aitken (15 minutes)

12h15 Closing remarks – Mike Meehan

12h20 Break for lunch (1 hour)

13h2o Lead-in to 'HORSE OWNERSHIP' session – Mike Meehan

13h25 HORSE OWNERSHIP - presentation by Tony Moodley and John Freeman (30 minutes)

13h55 PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: Greg Blank, Brian Makwabarara, Robin Bruss, Jehan Malherbe and Robert Bloomberg (15 minutes)

14h10 Closing remarks - Mike Meehan

14h15 Lead-in to 'HORSE SALES AND TRADING' session

– Mike Meehan

14h2o HORSE SALES AND TRADING - presentation by Grant Knowles, Altus Joubert and Robin Bruss (45 minutes)

15hos PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: Geoff Woodruff, Graeme Hawkins, Jehan Malherbe, Brian Makwabarara and Colin Gordon (15 minutes)

15h20 Closing remarks – Mike Meehan

15h25 Break for tea (15 minutes)

15h40 Lead-in to `HORSE TRAINING, RIDING AND CAREERS' session – Mike Meehan.

15h45 HORSE TRAINING, RIDING AND CAREERS presentation by Tex Lerena, Patrick Salvage, John Freeman and Sean Tarry (1 hour)

16h45 PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: Tony Rivalland, Andrew Harrison, Michael Roberts, Phumla Mnganga and Ash Maharaj (15 minutes)

17hoo Closing remarks - Mike Meehan

17h30 Session ends

20hoo Gala dinner at Emperors Palace

#### Day 2 - Thursday 16 March 2006

o8hoo Registration – coffee/tea

08h30 Lead-in to 'BETTING' session – Mike Meehan

o8h35 BETTING - presentation by David Attenborough, Mike O' Connor and Derek Brugman (45 minutes)

oph2o PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: Basil Thomas, Robert Bloomberg, Andrew Harrison, Greg Blank and Jehan Malherbe (15 minutes)

09h35 Closing remarks - Mike Meehan

ooh4o Lead-in to 'RACING MEDIA' session – Mike Meehan

oph45 RACING MEDIA - presentation by Charl Pretorius, Nico Kritsiotis, Robert Garner and Praveen Naidoo (1 hour)

10h45 PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: Andrew Harrison, Phumla Mnganga, Ash Maharaj, Robert Bloomberg and Brett Smith (15 minutes)

11hoo Closing remarks – Mike Meehan

11ho5 Break for tea (15 minutes)

11h2o Lead-in to 'RACING OPERATORS AND PHUMELELA GOLD ENTERPRISES' session – Mike Meehan.

11h25 RACING OPERATORS - presentation by Graeme Hawkins, Colin Aitken and John Stuart (45 minutes)

12h10 PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: Robin Bruss, Phumla Mnganga, Tex Lerena, Colin Gordon and Brett Smith (15 minutes)

12h25 Closing remarks – Mike Meehan

12h30 Break for lunch (1 hour)

13h3o Lead-in to 'VETERINARY SERVICES' session – Mike Meehan.

13h35 VETERINARY SERVICES – presentation by Dr John McVeigh and Professor Alan Guthrie (30 minutes)

14ho5 PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: David Makins, Greg Blank, Colin Gordon, Tony Rivalland and Michael Roberts (15 minutes)

14h20 Closing remarks - Mike Meehan

14h25 Lead-in to `RACING SOUTH AFRICA' session – Mike Meehan

14h30 RACING SOUTH AFRICA – presentation by Peter Gibson and Dr Beverly Zietsman (30 minutes)

15hoo PANEL TO POSE QUESTIONS: Robin Bruss,
Dr John McVeigh, Geoff Woodruff, Michael Roberts
and Ash Maharaj (15 minutes)

15h15 Closing remarks – Mike Meehan

15h20 Break for tea (25 minutes)

15h45 SUMMATION OF CONVENTION by Mike Meehan

17h30 Convention closes

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