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## Foreword By the FEI President

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Bad-Segeberg, Germany for the 2010 FEI European Eventing Championships for Juniors. These Championships were first held 43 years ago, at Eridge in Great Britain in 1967 when only 10 riders competed including seven from the host nation and three from France. The number of participants has grown enormously over the intervening years and the Championships have provided an important stepping-stone in the careers of many stars of the sport. Britain's Virginia Holgate took Junior individual gold at Pompadour in France in 1973 before going on to success at Olympic, World and European level and on her way to becoming a five-time Burghley and three-time Badminton champion.

No doubt we will witness the talent of more budding stars over the next few days, but not everyone can take home a medal and I urge you, the athletes, to keep your sights firmly fixed on your individual goals no matter what the result.

As the FEI Year of Youth draws to a close we are more conscious than ever that the future of our sport lies in your hands, and I hope that, in line with well-established tradition, you forge life-long friendships with fellow-competitors during this event.

On behalf of the Federation Equestre Internationale I wish you all the very best of luck and to the organisers, sponsors, officials, supporters, volunteers and spectators I send my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable sporting fixture.

HRH Princess Haya  
FEI President