

Junior Spotlight

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New President and Vice President for the ICKD

The International Collective for Kid's Driving (ICKD), led by its founding President Patrick Durulle (FRA), has been instrumental in setting up international driving events for children. The ethos of the organisation is to provide a child-friendly format, across as many nations as possible, with the safety of the child and inclusiveness being paramount.

Patrick and his vice president, Enrico Allgaeuer (AUS), retired recently and a meeting of eight nations, in Dusseldorf on 29th May, appointed Rolf Schettler (GER) as President and Mary Jane Campbell (GBR) as Vice President.

Rolf Schettler is the chairman of Pro Einspanner, the German single horse federation and a property developer by profession. Rolf is well known in the carriage driving world and was already on the board of the ICKD.

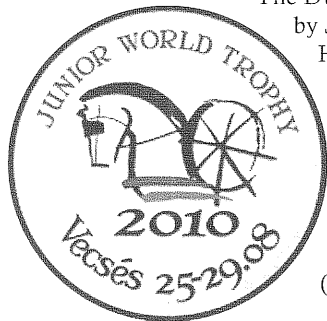
Mary Jane is the secretary of British Young Drivers, she says, "I came across the ICKD a few years ago, by chance, when browsing on the internet and I was impressed by what it had to offer. Patrick Durulle then came to the BYD Easter Clinic in 2007 and showed the young drivers pictures of the 2006 Junior World Trophy. The children decided that they wanted to take part and so began the story of the Team Bronze medal for England in 2008.

"The ICKD has a very important role to play in providing opportunities for children (8-18 years) to take part in international events in a format that encourages lots of nations to participate. Although in the UK our young drivers can start competing outside as early as 10 years-old (in some clubs) many other European countries do not allow them to start before 16. English and Welsh children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Austria in 2008 and this has inspired many of them to keep working towards the chance of being selected for Hungary in 2010."

Junior World Trophy

The Dusseldorf meeting was attended by Joseph Dobrovitz and János

Holle, members of the organising committee for the Junior World Trophy, Vescés, Hungary 24th-29th August. In addition to the ICKD classes the event will also host a FEI try out competition for Junior Drivers (14-18) and Young Drivers (16-21) with a full three-stage



President of the ICKD Rolf Schettler President with Vice President Mary Jane Campbell

marathon. Mr Dobrovitz, on whose farm the event will be held, said, "It was very useful to meet the representatives of so many competing nations so that final points on the schedules could be agreed. We have space for 130 competitors and are expecting up to 12 nations including Russia for the first time.

Sara Howe, chef d'equipe for the British team, can now continue planning with more certainty.

"Prior to the meeting the class structure was not clear so making arrangements for the team has been impossible, I am now able to get on with preparations," she noted.

Anna Grayston, team trainer added, "We have a training and selection event planned for Ashfields on 3rd-4th July but up to now we were not sure how team scoring was going to work. We are both pleased the meeting was so positive. Most of the children will be driving the FEI 1 dressage test at the event. It is new to all of us so there is a lot of work to do."

In recognition of their work in establishing an international framework for children's driving Patrick Durulle and Enrico Allgaeuer have been awarded honorary membership of the ICKD. The next meeting of the ICKD will be in Vescés, when the venue for 2012 will be a key point on the agenda.

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