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INVITATION TO THE SEMINAR

# Horse Games – Horse Sports

From traditional oriental games to modern and Olympic sports

## رياضة الفروسية – مسابقات الخيول

من الألعاب التقليدية الشرقية حتى الرياضة الأولمبية الحديثة

9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010; Museum of Islamic Art, Doha - Qatar

The seminar is the first of its kind inviting world-renowned specialists to speak and discuss the history and evolution of horse sports. It will cover many themes related to horse sports and games. From a historical perspective, lectures will highlight the significance of horse games and their evolution in the region and around the world. Several speakers will focus on specific horse sports such as Polo, Jereed and Fantasia demonstrating their origins and current-day popularity. Another theme of the seminar is horse racing and its impact on societies in the Arab World and other regions. The lectures are enriched with images and short films.

The seminar is co-organized by Qatar Museums Authority, Qatar Olympic Committee, Qatar Olympic and Sports Museum, Qatar Equestrian Federation and Al Shaqab.

The seminar is open to the public, guest may RSVP by emailing [horsegames@qma.org.qa](mailto:horsegames@qma.org.qa).

Arabic translation is provided!



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## PROGRAM

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010, 8.00 am:**

### Opening:

Rashid Ali Almansoori  
*(President Qatar Equestrian Federation)*  
Abdulla Al Najjar (or acting CEO)  
*(CEO Qatar Museums Authority)*

### The Oriental Tradition:

Prof. Dr. Sultan Muhesen (Qatar):  
*An introduction to the history of the horse  
in the Near East*  
Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Decker (Germany):  
*Horse and Chariot in Ancient Egypt*  
Dr. Joachim Gierlichs (Qatar):  
*Horse Games in Islamic Art*  
Timur Shah (Qatar):  
*Oriental Polo and Buzkashi*

[small break: 11.00]

Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Yildiran & Dr. Osman Tolga  
Sinoforoglu (Turkey):  
*The Revival of the Jereed Game in Turkey*  
Dr. Gigi Kay (Qatar):  
*Fantasia*  
Zayid Al Hashmi (Qatar):  
*Tent Pegging in Asia*

[lunch break: 13.00 to 14.00]

Judith Forbis (USA):  
*The Royal Family and the Horse Tradition I*  
Ali Ismael Al Baker (Qatar):  
*The Royal Family and the Horse Tradition II*  
Cynthia Culbertson (USA):  
*Horse racing in the Arab world*

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010, 8.30 am:**

### The Olympic Tradition:

Prof. Dr. Nigel B. Crowther (Canada):  
*Equestrian Events in Ancient Greece and  
Rome*  
Dr. Christian Wacker (Qatar):  
*The Organization of the Equestrian Games  
in Ancient Olympia*  
Dr. Werner Petermandl (Austria):  
*The Equestrian Games in Ancient Olympia,  
the sources*  
Prof. Dr. Ingomar Weiler (Austria):  
*Horse sportsmen and Stable Owners in  
Antiquity*

[small break: 11.00]

Prof. Dr. Stephan Wassong (Germany):  
*Modern Olympic Horse Sports History*  
Hans-Dieter Gerber MA (Qatar):  
*Horse Riding and Anti Doping*

[lunch break: 12.30 to 13.30]

Eng. Dhafi Rashid Almarri (Qatar):  
*Endurance Riding in Qatar*  
Ali Yousuf Ahmad Al Rumaihi (Qatar):  
*The athletes view*  
Fahad Saad Al Qahtani & Omar Al Mannai.  
(Qatar):  
*The concept and vision of Al Shaqab*