## OVERSEAS GUESTS AT THE SIDE SADDLE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION WEEKEND

The weekend event on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 was held at Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool, home of the famous Grand National Steeplechase.



We were delighted to welcome our guests from overseas who had travelled far and wide to support the event from America, Germany, Russia, Japan, Austria, Denmark, Canada, Spain, Holland, New Zealand, France, Switzerland, Ireland and Poland.

Our guests included Christy Lenon and her sister from America, Olaf & Saskia von Ehrenkrook, Felix & Berit Hoffman and Bettina E. Keil-Steentjes from Germany, Natalia Kozlova and Katya Nikitina from Russia, Rieko Kikegawa and her husband from Japan, Daniela Kabele, Hannelore Titz & Victoria Reiter from Austria, Helle Philipsen & guest from Denmark, Debbie Smith from Canada, Ingrid Sanders and Orbe Wierdafrom Holland, Shirley Collie and her husband from New Zealand, Anne-Beatrice Muller and her daughter Jeanne from France, Oleksandra Danylevska from Switzerland, Marion Thomas from Ireland and Aneta Ziolkowska and Sylwia Kolodziej from Poland. We thank them all for their support and for helping make this a unique and memorable occasion.



On the Saturday our visitors were able to enjoy the International Day programme with a wide range of displays and demonstrations as well as an array of trade stands. At the end of the day they felt privileged to take part in a unique tour of the racecourse including a stop off at the Red Rum statue, a tribute to the famous and prolific Grand National Winner.



An enjoyable and informative day concluded with a Dinner Dance.

On the Sunday over 50 delegates attended the Side Saddle Association International Judge and Instructor Conference with participants from the UK, Canada, Holland, Germany, France, Switzerland, New Zealand, Poland Japan and Russia.

The Aintree International Side Saddle Show ran on Sunday too with twelve classes concluding with a Championship. The classes were very well supported and a high standard of riding and turnout was showcased, the classes included Equitation, Concours d'Élégance, Gracious Ladies, Masters, Equitation jumping, Riding Club Horse/Pony and Costume Concours d'Élégance

Thank you to Mrs. B. Keil-Steentjes – Germany, Mrs. M. González Cort – Spain and Mrs. Daniela Kabele from Austria who judged classes throughout the weekend.





