

11th International Equitation Science Conference Ethical Equitation for all Equestrian Disciplines Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges ISES 2015 August 5-8

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The Demonstration Day for the 2015 ISES conference will be held at the beautiful Southlands Riding Club. Established in 1943 on 16 acres along the Fraser River flats, this historic club is surrounded by a unique equestrian community creating an agricultural corner in a world class city.

The Demonstration Day aims to put Equitation Science to work, during the following practical sessions:

- Starting the young horse
- Handling horses safely
- Coaching and training: Four Lessons, Four Disciplines, and One Common Goal
 - Why aligned differently? Dressage, Para Equestrian, Jumping and Western
- Judging Dressage and Western Dressage
- Improving horse husbandry

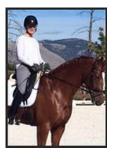


Demonstration Day

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Janine Davies Canada

Janine Davies qualified as a veterinary surgeon at Zaragoza University, Spain, and is a certified Equine Canada competition coach. She also has an Associate Diploma in Equitation Science from the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre. Janine competes in dressage, runs a behavioural rehabilitation practice and coaches competition riders applying the principles of Equitation Science. Read more information on Janine Davis here

Putting Equitation Science to work (Dressage)

Janine will demonstrate the processes involved in benchmarking and shaping relaxation and self-carriage in the Dressage Horse. The goal is a horse that responds from light aids in a balanced, attentive manner that is free from anxiety.

Rider: Pamela Nezil is a classically trained dressage rider who competes as an amateur in the national FEI division on her 14 year old, self-trained Donnerhall gelding Dodenhof. Pamela owns and manages Ruby's Farm in Victoria, BC.



Marion Weisskopff Canada

Marion grew up at her parents riding school in West Germany and competed in jumping, dressage and team driving. Since moving to Canada in 1984 this versatile lady has been involved in both English and Western riding, horse logging, cow work, packing & guiding and in 2014 was a finalist in the American Horsewoman's Challenge. She is a CHA Certified Level 4 Instructor for English & Western Riding, as well as a Level 4 wilderness Guide Instructor and a CHA certified instructor for Trail & Driving. Read more about Marion Weisskopff Here

Putting Equitation Science to work (Western)

Marion will illustrate the incremental training of responses and their subsequent shaping in the Western Trail Horse. Using a variety of obstacles, she will identify the components involved in navigating each one and demonstrate how they are blended together to produce a smooth performance.







Jody Hartstone New Zealand

Jody Hartstone is a Grand Prix dressage rider, trainer, sport horse breeder, and coach. Jody specializes in foundation training, retraining problem horses, and producing dressage horses. She holds an Associate Diploma in Equitation Science from the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre. Read more about Jody Hartstone here

Giving Horses A Scientific Start - Applying Learning Theory to Foundation Training

Jody will demonstrate a method of starting horses that encompasses the ISES Principles of Training. Using the Principles of Learning Theory and taking into account the horse's mental capacity and its propensity for flight, Jody will demonstrate a method of backing horses that promotes clarity, confidence, and calmness in the horse.

Rider: Emily Corrie worked with Jody from 2012-2013 at Hartstone Equestrian in New Zealand learning to start horses under saddle and solve behavioural issues using learning theory. She competes in dressage and eventing and trains horses in Salmon Arm, British Columbia, Canada.





Gemma Pearson Scotland

Gemma is a resident veterinarian based at the University of Edinburgh's Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies. Gemma has worked with behavioural cases for over 10 years and now offers a behaviour service through the University of Edinburgh as well as applying learning theory techniques to work with difficult horses in the hospital. Read more about Gemma Pearson Here

Safety First... Horse handling Techniques for Vets, Farriers, and those that hold the horses

This session will demonstrate how to put learning theory into practice and cover basic techniques on teaching horses to stand quietly and calmly which is useful in the veterinary environment to enable injections, examination and oral syringing/worming. The same principles apply to having horses stand quietly for the farrier; Gemma will illustrate how to put those principles to work for equine foot care.





Manuela McLean Australia

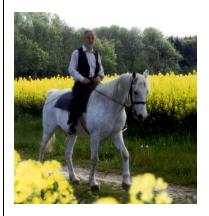
Manuela has competed to FEI level dressage and advanced level eventing. She specializes in coaching Paralympic riders and recently coached Joann Formosa to gold medal success at the London 2012 Paralympics. Manuela co-created the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre and has co-authored the brilliant book "Academic Horsemanship" and accompanying DVDs. Read more about Manuela McLean Here

Putting Equitation Science to work (Para Equestrian)

Coaching Para Equestrians offers an opportunity to illustrate the use of signals that the horse can differentiate between and the training of only one response per signal. These signals could vary, but the responses are shaped in the same way, and the importance of adhering to all the training principles remains.



Rider: Jennifer McKenzie began her riding career as an avid pony clubber. In 1982 she represented B.C at the NAYR Championships. At age 17, an accident during the cross-country phase of an event drastically changed her life. In the years that have followed, Jennifer has represented Canada many times in Para Dressage including the 2008 Paralympic Games. In 2014, she achieved the B.C. Para Dressage Award at the Pacific Regional Para Dressage Championships at Thunderbird Show Park.



Jan Ladewig Denmark

A prolific writer and researcher, Jan has devoted a great deal of his efforts to studying behavioural and psychological stress in domesticated animals. He is currently professor of domestic animal behaviour and welfare at the Copenhagen University, Denmark.

Jan has been an active rider since childhood. He regards the "humananimal interaction" a necessary aspect of correcting and training behaviours. Jan hopes that the introduction of science into equitation will improve the safety of riders and handlers, as well as improve horse welfare. Read more about Jan Ladewig's Here



What about the other 23 hours?

First presented at the 9th ISES conference in Delaware, Jan's 2012 plenary presentation is back by popular demand; 'What about the other 23 hours? How does what we do during the other hours when we are not training impact behavior and welfare?' Ladewig states that 'undoubtedly, the best thing we can do to improve the welfare for numerous riding horses is to change housing conditions from individual housing to group housing'.



Andrew McLean Australia

Winner of the Eureka Science Award--Australia's highest science award-Andrew is in great demand as a lecturer, trainer, and coach worldwide. He has authored five books and thirty-five journal articles, currently serves as Senior Vice President of ISES, manages the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre, and still finds time to train Elephants in Nepal. Andrew has a lifetime of equine experience behind him as a competitor and trainer at FEI level in showjumping, dressage, and 3-day-eventing, as well as a flat racing trainer. Read more about Andrew McLean Here



The Dressage Judges' Challenge

The traditional way of judging dressage has not been subject to peer review since its inception early last century. Andrew has developed a revised scale in which the requirements of the traditional scale remain, but are modified through the lens of an objective, scientific approach. This takes the form of deconstructing the training of the learned responses that comprise dressage movements and using those components as the basis of the revised scale. In this demonstration Andrew's revised scoring system, first presented in 2014 at the Global Dressage Forum, will be "road tested" against the traditional judging system as a pilot study for the future.



Rider - Western Dressage: Adiva Murphy is the BC Director of Western Style Dressage of Canada and the President of the Lower Mainland Western Style Dressage Association. Adiva is working hard to promote this new sport in BC. She is a CHA Certified Level 4 Western and English instructor and a recently accredited Western Dressage judge. Adiva is also a Horse Agility Accredited trainer and Judge for the International Horse Agility Club.



Rider - English Dressage: Jody Hartstone has been teaching dressage and jumping for over 10 years. Over the past five years Jody has become a practitioner of Equitation Science and Learning Theory - the study of how horses learn and the science behind horse training. Basic learning principles such as operant conditioning, positive and negative reinforcement and shaping are taught to riders so that they learn not only WHAT to do, but WHY it works.

Jody's methodologies are taken from the system she has studied that has been developed by Dr Andrew McLean and his wife Manuela of the Australian Equine Behaviour.







Angelo Telatin USA/Italy

A competitive showjumping rider and coach, Angelo Telatin is assistant professor at Delaware Valley College in the Equine Science and Management Department and one of only 64 British Horse Society Fellows in the world. His final thesis in Equine Behavior is titled "The Comparison between Equine Training Techniques and the Psychology of Learning." Read more about Angelo Telatin Here

Putting Equitation Science to work (Jumping)

The avoidance of fear during training, and training with an appreciation of "what the horse sees" will be illustrated in this session. Angelo will demonstrate how to incorporate the investigative behaviour of horses into jumping and thereby prevent refusals. He will use a sequence of exercises designed to shape jumping technique which will provide an opportunity to demonstrate how consistency and repetition can train habitual responses.

Rider: Lynne Larsen is an EC Level 4 Eventing Coach with experience eventing at the CCI*** level. Lynne has coached several riders at the CCI*** level and has given clinics throughout North West Canada and USA. She resides in Merritt, BC, with her husband Jens.

The International Society for Equitation Science conference offers an outstanding international platform for scientists and professional practitioners to present and discuss research related to the field of equitation science. For more information about the conference, venue and programme: http://www.ises2015vancouver.com/

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