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## Paris Endurance Forum 2007 Veterinary Workshop

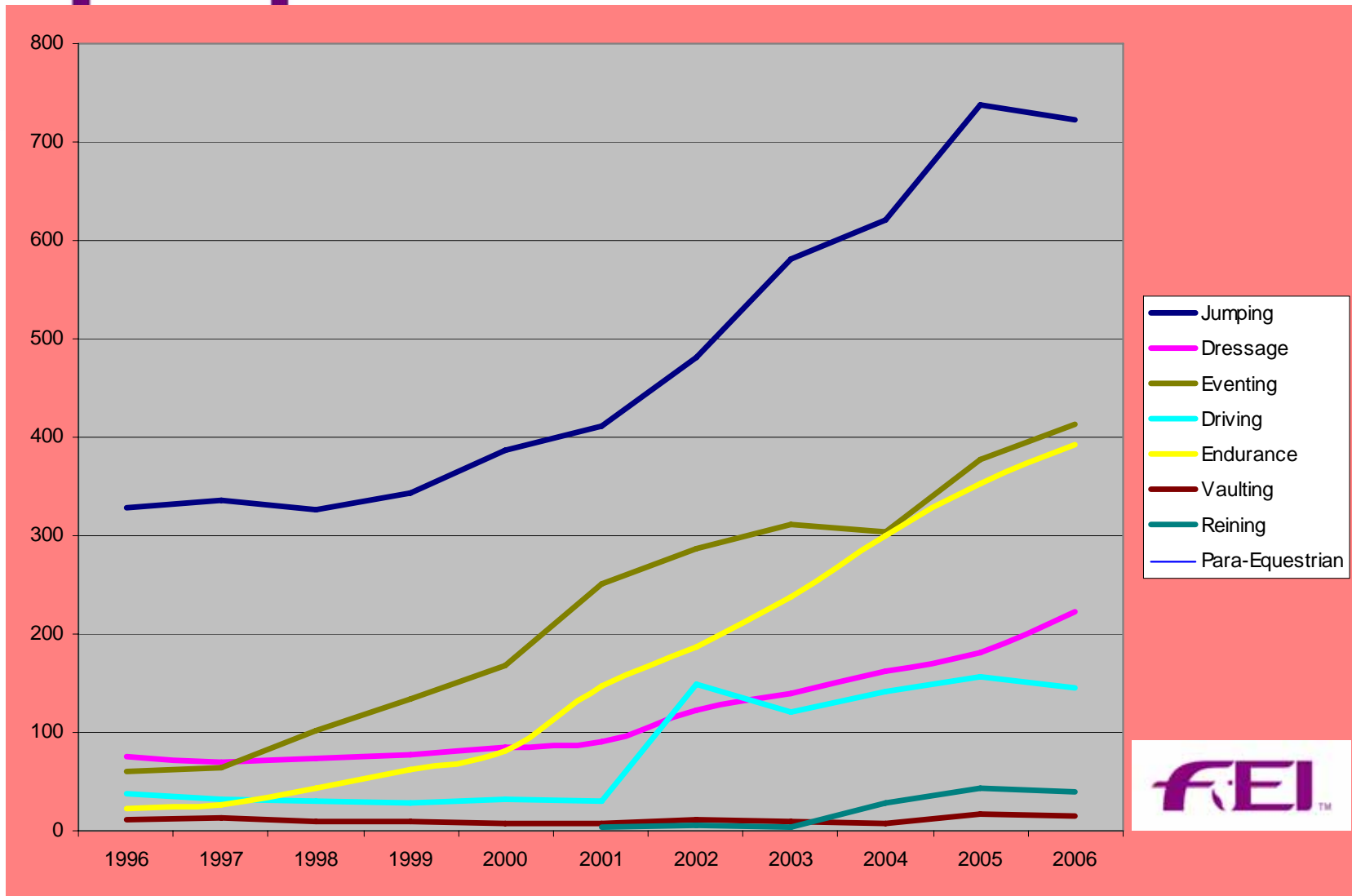
- ENDURANCE:
- The Good
- The Bad
- The Ugly
- The Future





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# Growth of FEI Events by Disciplines 1996 - 2006

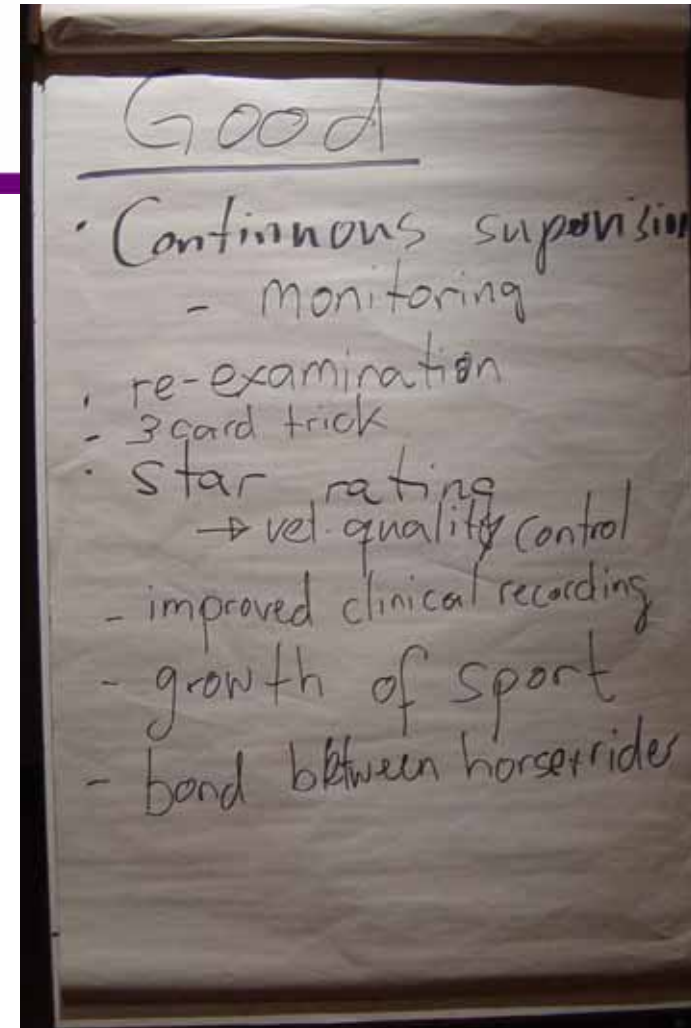




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**GOOD**

- Growth
- Bond between Rider & Horse
- Continuous Veterinary Monitoring
- Methods of Veterinary Decision Making (voting, re-examination)
- Quality control of veterinarians

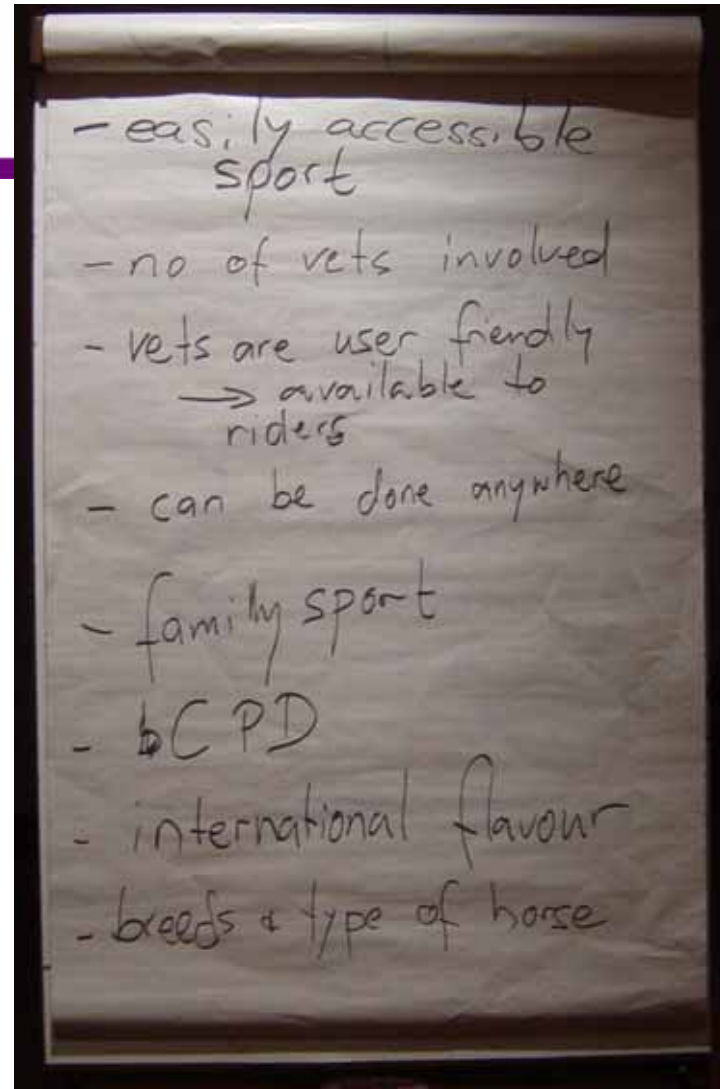




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GOOD

- Family Sport that is easily accessible & can be done anywhere
- Diverse types & breeds of horses
- International bond amongst vets
- Accessibility to veterinarians
- CPD for veterinarians

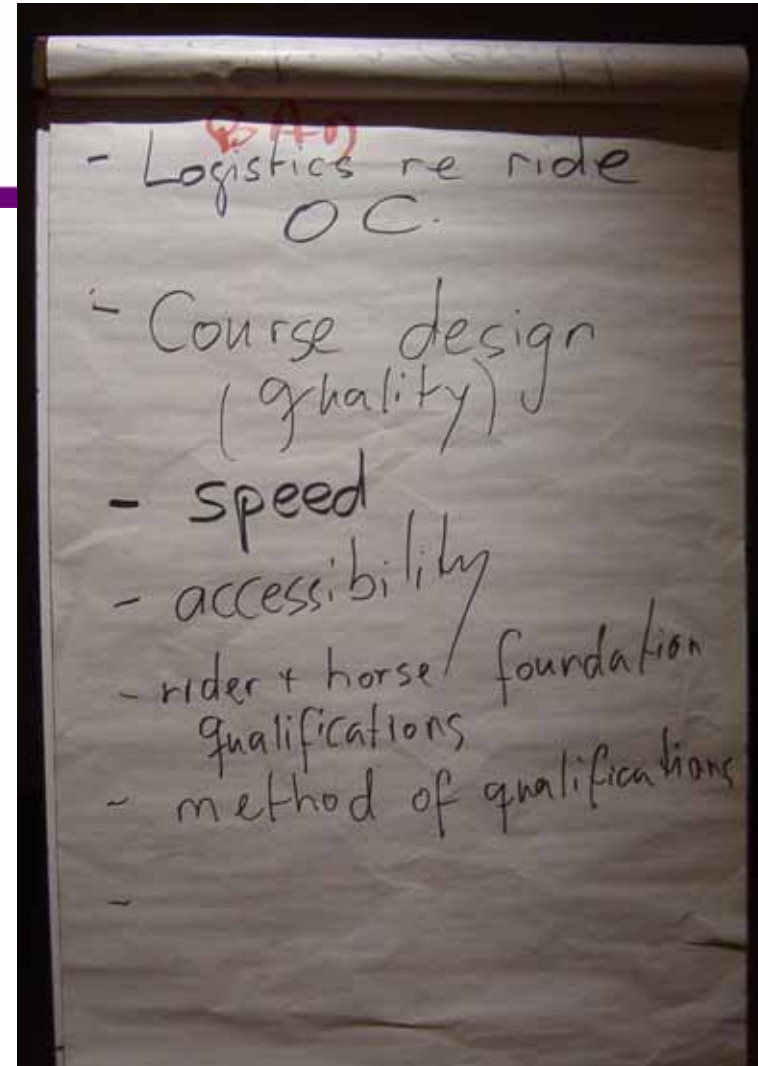




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**BAD**

- **Speed**
- **Quality of course design & associated logistical problems**
- **Low standards of equitation & husbandry**
- **Qualification system**

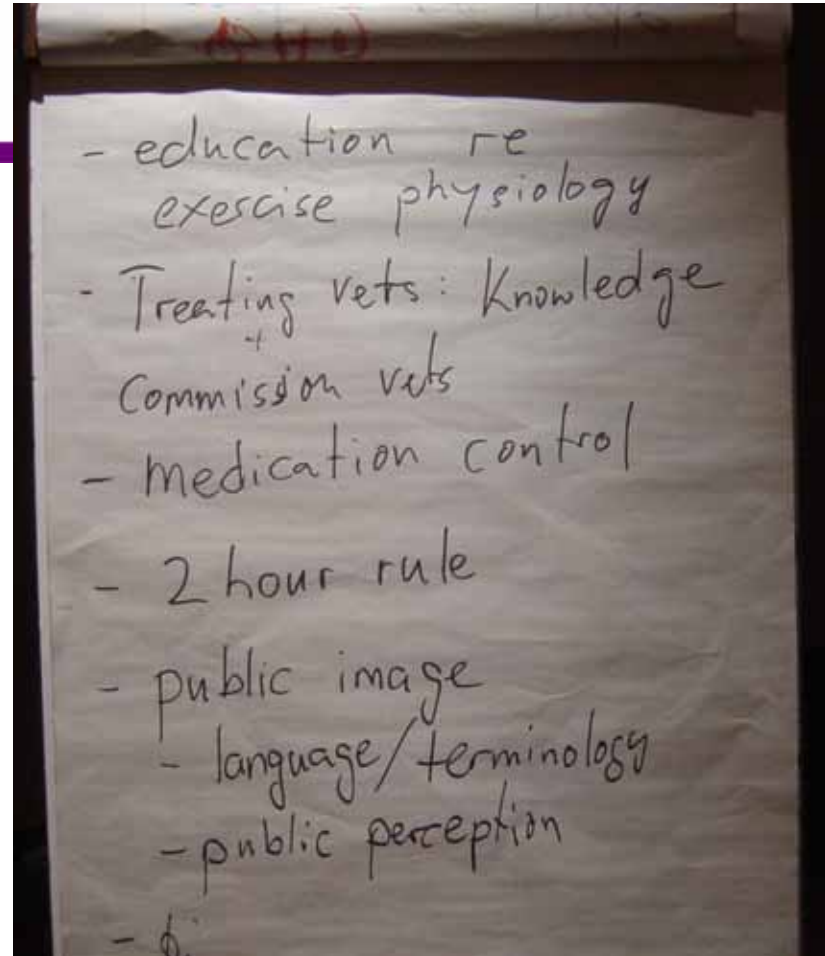




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**BAD**

- "2 hour" rule
- Poor veterinary understanding of exercise physiology
- Rider knowledge
- Public perception & image of Endurance (nomenclature/terminology)

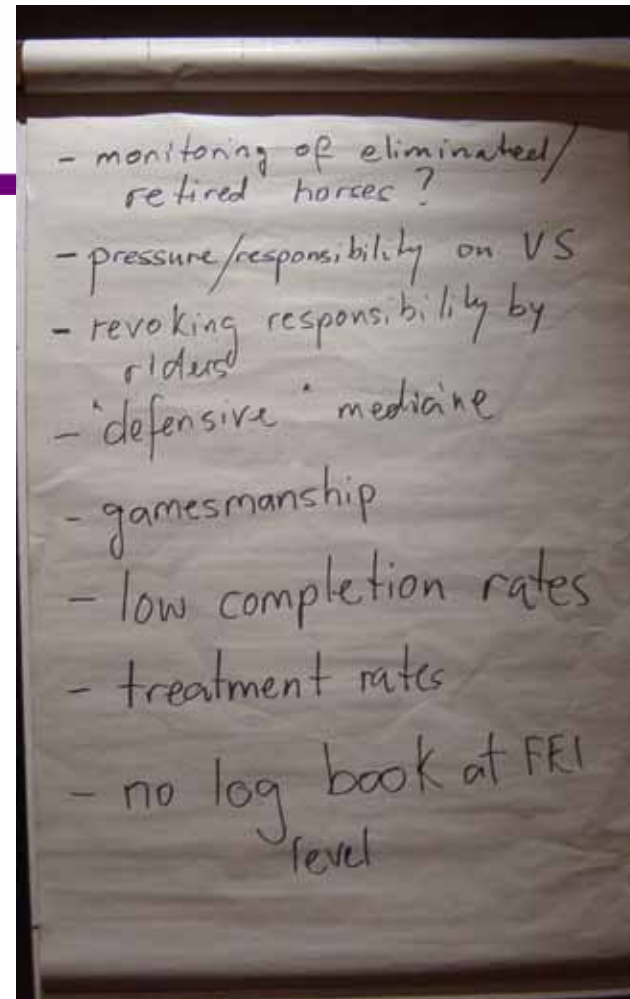




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**BAD**

- **Low completion rates**
- **High treatment rates**
- **Defensive medicine**
- **Gamesmanship/rider responsibility**
- **Veterinary responsibility**
- **No horse logbook**
- **Monitoring of retired/eliminated horses**

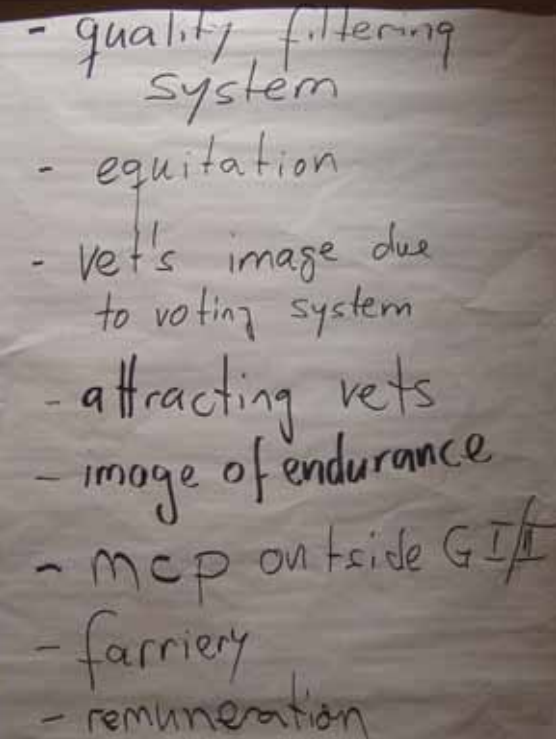




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**BAD**

- **Veterinary recruitment & remuneration**
- **Lack of CPD events**
- **Standards of farriery**
- **Medication control ex G I & II**

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- A photograph of a piece of white paper with handwritten notes in black ink, placed on a dark surface. The notes are organized as a bulleted list.
- quality filtering system
  - equitation
  - vet's image due to voting system
  - attracting vets
  - image of endurance
  - MCP outside G I/II
  - farriery
  - remuneration

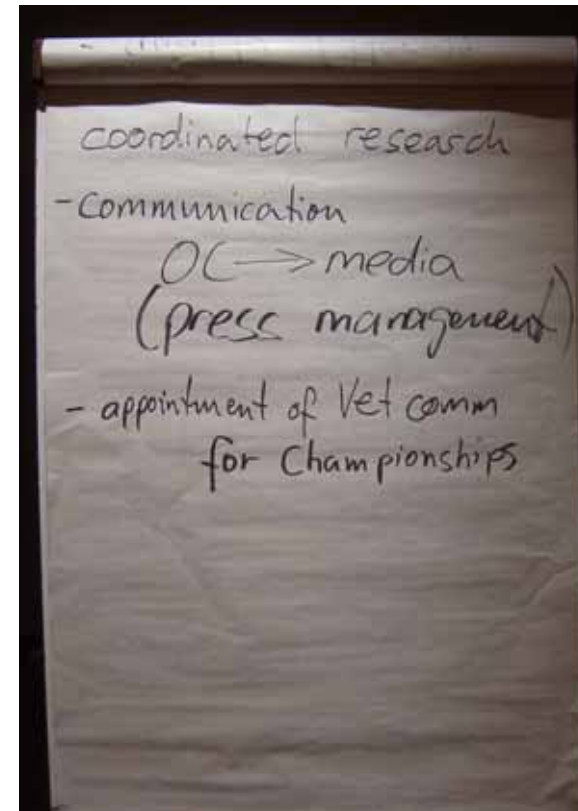




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**BAD**

- Lack of coordinated research (& funds)
- Public & media relations
- Appointment of vets for championships (conflict of interest)

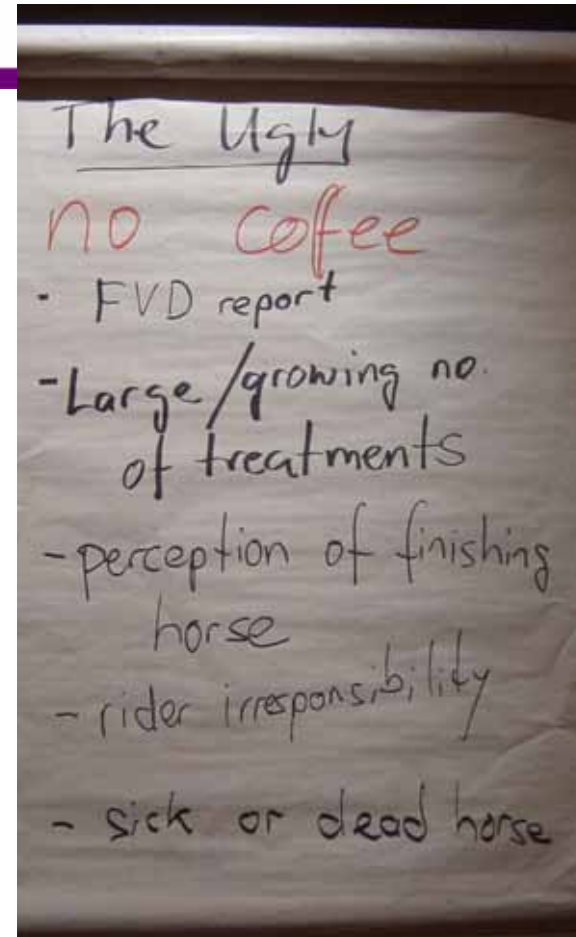




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## UGLY

- Perception of horses at finish
- Very ill and dead horses
- Number of treatments
- Rider irresponsibility

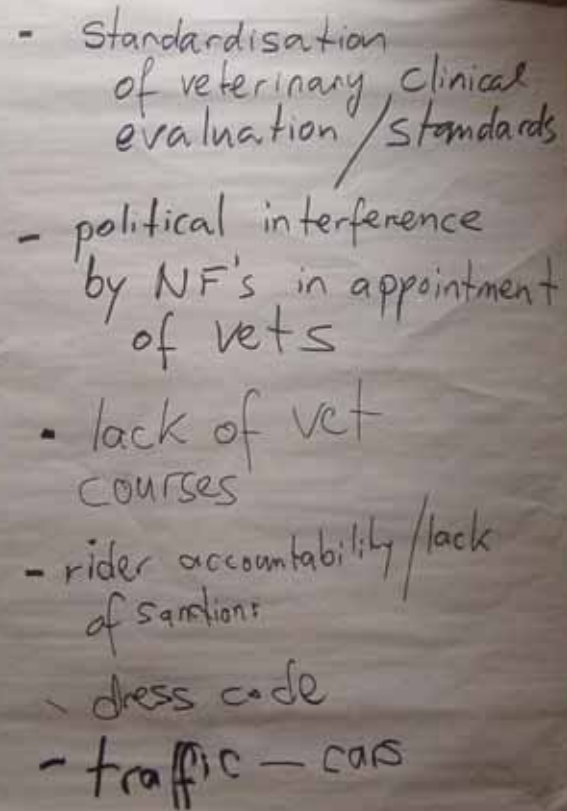




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## UGLY

- Crewing & traffic
- Lack of rider sanctioning/monitoring system
- NF politics in FEI veterinary accreditation
- Rider/official appearance (dress code)

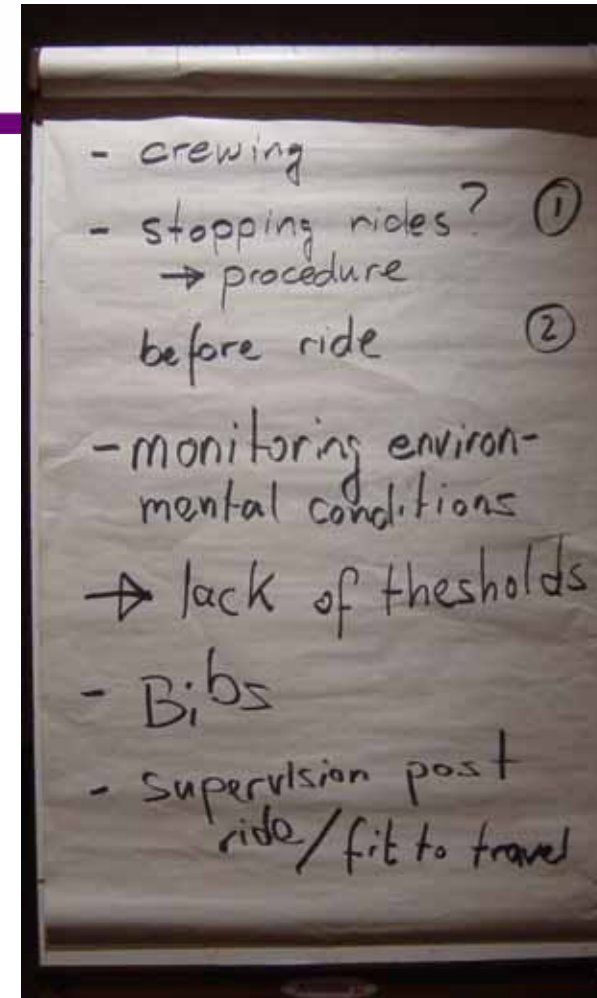
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- Standardisation of veterinary clinical evaluation/standards
  - political interference by NF's in appointment of vets
  - lack of vet courses
  - rider accountability/lack of sanctions
  - dress code
  - traffic - cars



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## UGLY

- **Guidelines for stopping rides**
- **Monitoring environmental conditions**
- **Post ride supervision/Fit to travel/ Delay of travel**
- **African Horse Sickness**





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## The Future Work for the TASKFORCE

- Ride length
- Finish at champ's
- Loop distance/Course design/Ride classification
- Hold & presentation times/PR/VG structure
- Horse & rider **QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE**
- Welfare – horse log book, leasing, horse & rider sanctions
- Research & Education & Recruitment
- Public & Media Relations
- Medication control



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## The Future



Veterinary Manpower Requirements:  
Estimated "Vet Days" per Year  
based on 6 vets per CEI for 2 days each

