



## **Chairman's Report for the year 2008/2009**

Our President, Ernst Holtz has dealt very thoroughly and eloquently with most of the issues which the Federation has faced during the year so it would be superfluous for me to go over the same ground again.

I would however like to take this opportunity of thanking him sincerely for his wise council and leadership which he provides for our Management Committee and hopefully will continue to do for as long as it remains of interest to him.

I will use this opportunity to just touch on some of the highlights and issues during the year.

- The Federation's finances remain solid.  
However, as stated by the President and last year by myself, I must stress that it is essential that we develop avenues to increase the flow of revenue into the Federation in the future to meet the additional costs of administering SANEF. Our growth will undoubtedly continue as we become more "international" in our approach to Equestrian Sport.
- We must prioritize the centralisation of our horse and rider registration systems which will enable the Federation to be in a position to provide the equestrian fraternity with a data base and service more in keeping with the rest of the world.
- During the year for the first time in 50 years, Protea Colours were awarded to a team of Junior Showjumpers who were invited to Turkey by the SIEC Equestrian International Group to compete against teams from Germany, Holland, Spain, Romania and Turkey.  
The South African team of Samantha McIntosh, Ashlee Hausberger, Dominique Hau and Jade Hooke, competing on borrowed horses against their opposition on their own horses, did us proud by narrowly being beaten into second place by the Dutch.
- I am excited to say that at present we have a pool of talent amongst our younger generation in all disciplines which bodes well for the future of our sport.
- The FEI have given SANEF great support during the year. Their coaching system has now really taken hold.

In addition they have made it possible for the Eventers and Showjumpers to qualify in South Africa for the WEG in 2010 and I am optimistic that the same dispensation will be given to the Para Dressage and Vaulting disciplines.

This should evolve in South Africa being represented by teams at the Games which will be more competitive than in the past.

- An Equestrian Team South Africa logo has been developed and we have a team initiative in place to progress our effort to be in Kentucky. Funding is the core issue which continues to be a concern but again I am optimistic that with dedication, enthusiasm and hard work the problem will be overcome.

In conclusion I must thank firstly Jimmy Dewar and his office complement of Tiffany Dewar, Megan Duncan and Sifiso Ndebele for many hours of conscientious effort and secondly the Management Committee who have tirelessly given of their time during the year.

Tony Lewis  
Chairman