

**Reigning Eventing World Champion Zara Phillips and top
Eventing stars to compete in Eventing Grand Prix at the
Alltech FEI European Jumping & Dressage Championships
2009**

**Three-time Hickstead Eventing Grand Prix winner Gary Parsonage
confirmed**

A star-studded line up of Eventing stars have confirmed their participation in the Eventing Grand Prix, held during the Gala Evening on Friday 28th August at the Alltech FEI European Jumping & Dressage Championships 2009 (25-30 August).

Reigning Eventing World Champion Zara Phillips; multi gold medallist Mary King and Olympic bronze medallist Tina Cook will join Lucy Wieggersma, ranked 11th in the World; Ireland's Elizabeth Power; Clayton & Lucinda Fredericks (already announced) and Gary Parsonage, fresh from his record third win in the Quantum Saddle Eventing Grand Prix at Hickstead last week. Junior European Champion Laura Collett and Young Rider gold medallist Emily Llewellyn make up the final spots. What a line-up it is!

These top competitors will make history as the first riders to compete in an Eventing competition at the famous Windsor showground, situated in the most prestigious back garden in England – the private grounds of Windsor Castle.

The 10 Eventers will complete a show jumping round and an arena-based cross country course in the competition which features as part of the Alltech World Equestrian Games Gala Night. Perhaps the most exciting event at the Europeans, outside of the Championship classes, the riders will fight it out for a £10,000 prize pot.

Friday night's programme is set to make a big impact, also including displays and competitions on the remaining FEI disciplines: Carriage Driving; Para-Equestrian dressage to music; Reining; Endurance and Vaulting. The H&M Puissance will round off the evening in true style. The worldwide sporting icon Muhammad Ali is also making an appearance at the Championships on Friday evening, meaning the Championships are attracting a plethora of sporting greats from inside and outside of the Equestrian world.

27 Nations have submitted entries to the Championships, which will see around 150 riders competing. UK Sport has provided substantial financial support and the event has the full support of the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) and its member bodies (BSJA and BD).

Ticket Information:

Tickets for the Alltech FEI European Jumping and Dressage Championships 2009 are priced between £7 and £49 (£7, £10, £16, £22, £25, £28, £35, £45, £49). The box office telephone numbers are 0871 230 1087 (UK) and + 44 115 993 4409 (International). For online ticket bookings and further information of the confirmed programme of events please visit www.alltechwindsoreuropeans.com

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Notes to Editors:**Full Friday night timetable:**

19.05 hrs	Arena Carriage Driving
19.25 hrs	Carriage Driving presentation
19.30 hrs	Demonstration of Vaulting
19.40 hrs	Para-equestrian display to music
19.55 hrs	Demonstration of Reining & Endurance
20.05 hrs	Shetland Pony Grand National
20.15 hrs	Quadrille: The Duke of Richmond's Ride
20.25 hrs	Interval
20:55 hrs	Presentation to winners of AmTrust Equine RWHS Unaffiliated Championships 2009
21.00 hrs	Eventing Grand Prix
21.35 hrs	Eventing GP Presentation
21.45 hrs	Puissance
22.35 hrs	Finish

For further information on the **Alltech FEI European Jumping and Dressage Championships** please contact Kelly Smith on +44 (0)1753 847915 or email kellys@hpower.co.uk.

About the Organisers:

The HPower Group produce, manage and promote large scale public events worldwide specialising in equestrian competitions, ceremonial events and public entertainment.

The HPower Group is the organiser of the Royal Windsor Horse Show, Olympia, The London International Horse Show and the FEI European Jumping and Dressage Championships 2009. The HPower Group has previously produced and directed All The Queen's Horses, Army 2002, and the World War 2 60th Anniversary Celebrations. Simon Brooks-Ward, managing director, was also Event Director for the Territorial Army's 100th Anniversary National Pageant on Horse Guards.

About UK Sport

The Alltech FEI European Jumping & Dressage Championships 2009 has been part funded by UK Sport's National Lottery-funded World Class Events Programme, which aims to secure events of strategic importance that deliver a range of lasting benefits. These include economic, social and cultural benefits as well as improving sporting performance by home athletes, encouraging participation and leaving a legacy of facilities and development initiatives. Over 120 sporting events have been staged in the UK through the programme since 1997. More at www.uk sport.gov.uk

About Alltech

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Alltech is the proud sponsor of the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games 2010™ to be held in Kentucky, USA from the 25th September to the 10th October 2010 and the Alltech FEI European Jumping and Dressage Championships to be held in Windsor, United Kingdom from the 25th to the 30th August 2009.

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