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## **Structure of Presentation**



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### **About IFHA**

- > Organisation
- > Representing Betting

# A case for International Commingling

- > Advantages for Host & Guest
- > Advantages of doing things global

# **IFHA Work Program**

- > Main Objectives
- > Global Trifecta
- > Challenges

## **IFHA Structure**



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# IFHA: The only global organisation



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Key players Americas: Canada, US, Brazil, Argentina

**Key Players Europe: Ireland, UK, France, Sweden, Italy, Germany** 

Key Players Australasia: Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, India, United Arab Emirates

**Other: South Africa** 

# **Mixed Membership**

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# **Betting**

# Betting Indirect

# **No Betting**

Japan Racing Association
Hong Kong Jockey Club
Korea Racing Authority
Singapore Turf Club
Jockey Clubs in Brazil
Jockey Club Argentina
UNIRE, Italy
Tote Ireland
Direktorium, Germany

Woodbine, Canada
PMU, France
ATG, Sweden
New Zealand TR

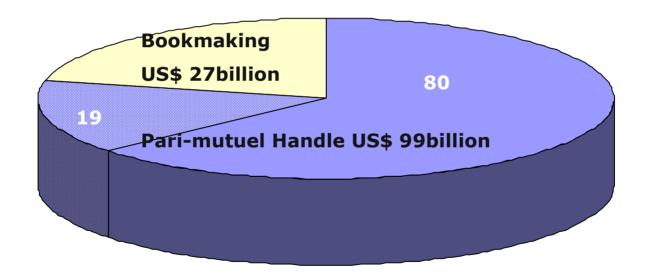
USA, NTRA, Jockey Club United Kingdom, BHA Australia, ARB

# **US\$ 80 billion organized parimutuel handle**



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# Global Handle 2006: 126 billion US\$



IFHA brings together 4/5th of global pari-mutuel handle



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...global pools is the betting answer to internationalisation of racing



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  - For the « Host » operator
    - Growth of pool size by foreign bettor
    - Promotion of local big races
    - New bet types can offer incremental handle



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- For the «Guest » operator
  - Immediate access to a bet with the necessary size of pool to ensure attractive winnings
  - The size of the pool limits dividends variations
  - Specific interest of punters for domestic horses running abroad in big races and for prestigious « Grand Prix »

# **Action Plan – Main Objectives**



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## **Global Trifecta**

> Trials



# The experiment with Global Trifecta



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# **Operational results**

- 7 Global Trifecta offered to date
  - June 10th, Prix de Diane (France)
  - June 19th, St James Palace Stakes (UK)
  - June 21st, Gold Cup (UK)
  - July 7th, Durban July Cup (South Africa)
  - July 15th, Mercury Sprint (South Africa)
  - October 26/27th, Breeders' Cup (USA)

## Participating countries

Global Trifecta	Participating countries
Prix de Diane	10
St James Palace Stakes	10
Gold Cup	10
Durban July Cup	6
Mercury Sprint	5
Breeders' Cup	20

# **Action Plan – Main Objectives**



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### **Global Trifecta**

> Trials

#### **Global Exotic**

> The Life-Changing Winning

#### **Best Practices**

- Regulation
- Commercial
- Technology

# Spin off

> Promotion of Commingling & Opening up Pari-mutuel markets



## What have we learned?



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## An implementation that proved complex, as anticipated:

- Differences in applicable rules, even on a supposedly well known bet as the Trifecta
- Tax differences
- Commercial acceptance issues
- Technical problems for the host operator and its guests, with a risk for all of loosing handle on top meetings.
  - Different IT Systems
  - Different interpretations of ITSP
  - Different developments in operators' systems.
- Complexity of a global project management

# **Conclusion: Support US!**



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