

# Gerald Kuh

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Dear colleagues of the International Jumping Officials Club

## **Letter of Motivation for the IJOC Board Member Position**

Like many of you, I am living my dreams as an FEI Jumping Judge and Steward officiating regularly in North America, Europe and Asia at all levels spanning 20 countries to date.

Since I began riding at the age of 6, my life has been inseparable with the equestrian sports. From being a competition rider in my younger years, my officiating career started when I first became a National Jumping Judge in Hong Kong in 1992. After graduating from University in Canada, I returned to Hong Kong and continued with judging, and was promoted to FEI Level 2 (then International Candidate) Jumping Judge in 2003 and Level 3 (then International) Jumping Judge in 2007. I am also an FEI Jumping Steward since 2006 attaining Level 3 status in 2013.

My strength lies in possessing a truly global perspective of the equestrian sports. Coming from a smaller National Federation myself, I have personally gone through the difficulties of becoming an FEI Official where opportunities for gaining FEI experience in my region were so scarce, which gave me a thorough understanding of the challenges faced by many of our colleagues today. Now residing in Canada, I have the opportunity to engage in regular dialogues with many colleagues here in North America to gain a view of the specific needs and issues in this region. I have also made a conscious commitment to officiate regularly in European horse shows to keep a pulse on the current affairs that are affecting the equestrian sports and the industry on a global scale. On top of my international involvements, I have not forgotten about the grassroots and still officiate regularly in national and provincial competitions where many of our future international officials will learn their ropes of the trade.

You will see in my curriculum vitae that I have a breadth of expertise in the sport that extends far beyond being an FEI Official with a geographical stretch of 3 continents. Throughout my years in the sport, I have developed a vast people network around the world through working extensively with many FEI Officials, and have built a good rapport with the FEI, National Federations, organizers, and other stakeholders. I strongly believe that it is this broad understanding of the sport that could help position the IJOC to be a true global organization representing FEI Officials from all regions, and to equip them with what it takes to meet the ever-growing demand on FEI Officials from our stakeholders and working partners.

For this reason, I humbly ask for your support in my candidacy and grant me the great honor of serving you on the Board. I am confident that my position on the Board will inspire new thoughts and create positive synergy to bring the IJOC to new heights.

I remain at your service.

Yours sincerely



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