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EVENTING'S TOP RIDERS WILL COMPETE AT THE PRATONI DEL VIVARO'S TEST EVENT PREPARING FOR THE 2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

With definite entries for the **Eventing Test Event** (May 12-15) for the FEI World Championships 2022, the starting list confirms a line-up of the discipline's top riders.

The flags of **thirteen nations**, including Italy, will be raised on the flagpoles of the **Pratoni del Vivaro**, in Rocca di Papa, confirming a seriously important number of competitors considering that the international calendar offers many other events at this time of the year.

More than 60 riders will compete in the CCIO4*-NC-S, which will also be the first leg of the 2022 **FEI Nations Cup Eventing™** series. Team officials will be hoping this short-format competition will provide a few clues as to what **cross-country course-designer Giuseppe della Chiesa (ITA)** has in store for the 'real thing' at 4* long format in September. [Click here HERE](#) for list of riders.



German champion Ingrid Klimke – photo by Massimo Argenziano

Nine nations are sending enough riders to form teams, including the host nation, Italy, which has a strong showing with 16 combinations.

Jonelle and Tim Price, currently numbers five and six in the world, will represent New Zealand. Jonelle rides Faerie Magnifico and Tim has Falco, winner of Pau CC15*-L last year. They are joined by newcomer Amanda Pottinger, whose mother, Tinks, was a member of the silver medal team at the 1986 world championships in Gawler, Australia.

French rider Nicolas Touzaint (riding Absolute Gold HDC) will have fond memories of this famous venue because he won individual gold in the FEI European Championships held at Pratoni del Vivaro in 2007. This time he rides Absolute Gold HDC, the horse on which he finished sixth individually and won team bronze at the Tokyo Olympic Games. His Olympic team mate **Karim Florent Laghouag**, will also compete at Pratoni on his Tokyo horse, Triton Fontaine.

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Three hugely experienced riders are the reigning Olympic team silver medallist and individual bronze medallist **Andrew Hoy** of Australia (riding Bloom des Hauts Crets here); the reigning world individual bronze medallists and dual European champions, **Ingrid Klimke** of Germany with SAP Hale Bob (and Equistros Siena Just Do It); and **Sara Algotsson-Ostholt** of Sweden (riding Chicuelo), who won the individual silver medal at the London Olympic Games in 2012.

The nine nations who will field teams are: **Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. Australia, Brazil, Poland and the USA** will field individual competitors.

Admission is free of charge for spectators attending the Test Event.

THE PROGRAMME

- Thursday May 12th: part one of dressage at 9.30 am
- Friday May 13th: part 2 of dressage at 9.30 am
- Saturday May 14th: cross country at 10.30 am
- Sunday May 15th: show jumping and prizegiving at 10.30 am

'AZZURRI' ALSO COMPETING IN ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

This **Eventing Test Event** (May 12-15) for the FEI World Championship 2022 will also count for assigning the title and medals for the **2022 Italian Championship** and for the **Italian Military Riders' Championship**. There will be a significant number of competitors with a total of **16 riders**. Selectors from the Italian Equestrian Sports Federation announced the names of the six riders for the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™. They are **Evelina Bertoli, Susanna Bordone, Marco Cappai, Giulio Guglielmi, Emiliano Portale**, the current Italian champion, and **Pietro Sandei**.

Italian riders competing also include Paolo Belvederesi, Fabio Fani Ciotti, Pietro Grandis, Mattia Luciani, Pietro Majolino, Federico Riso, Umberto Riva, Federico Sacchetti, Paolo Torlonia and Elisa Vincenti.



Emiliano Portale riding Aracne dell'Esercito Italiano - ph. Massimo Argenziano

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