



## **IBERIAN DRESSAGE MASTERS (MASTERS DU CHEVAL IBÉRIQUE GB)**



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## **IDM ANNOUNCES 14 QUALIFYING VENUES IN THE UK FOR THE MCI CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 AND IS GIVEN FULL SUPPORT FROM BRITISH DRESSAGE.**

After such a successful inaugural year in 2015, The Iberian Dressage Masters is thrilled to confirm 14 qualifying venues across the UK for the 2016 European Masters Du Cheval Ibérique (MCI) Championships.

We are delighted to announce that British Dressage fully supports the Iberian Dressage Masters (IDM) and the MCI GB, and will be doing everything in their power to help and assist the British riders/horses.

Despite the MCI Championships being the pinnacle of Iberian Dressage, last year was the first time that the UK secured any places at the event, sending ten riders to Welkenraedt in Belgium, where the British team achieved 4th place, beating Czech Republic and Spain with the host country winning Belgians bringing out a strong team to beat France into 2nd place and Italy into 3rd place.

With such a fantastic first achievement for both the riders and the UK, the IDM is looking forward to sending an even stronger team to the 2016 MCI European Championships, this year to be held in Turin, Northern Italy at the end of October.

Karen Bourdon, Director of Dressage says “it should be an exciting year for Iberian horse owners/riders with the many qualifying venues around the UK for the European Championships. Last year all the competitors had a fantastic experience taking part in this prestigious yet friendly Championship seeing GB achieve several podium places. We are looking forward to seeing more combinations coming through the ranks and competing at the finals in Italy in October”.

Main sponsors, LOC Horse Transport, will be offering a superb rate to travel the horses to the finals making it easy for our riders to make the trip hassle free.

The Iberian Dressage Masters offer direct qualifying classes for the MCI Championships from Young Horse and Preliminary level up to Grand Prix. Anyone with a registered Lusitano (PSL) or Andalusian (PRE) can enter providing they are a member of Iberian Dressage Masters.

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