



## **FEI 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The 2019 FEI General Assembly was hosted in Moscow, Russia from November 16-19. Jaime Masters McDowell, BEF Vice President and Secretary General attended on behalf of the Bermuda Equestrian Federation. Mrs. McDowell noted that there was record attendance this year with 337 individual participants, 91 countries represented in person and 20 federations by proxy vote and lots to discuss with the Olympics on the table for 2020.

Some of the highlights included: Bahamas voted in as a new country in the FEI. They are a fellow member of Group IV which is comprised of: Bermuda, USA, Canada, Antigua, US Virgin Islands, Cayman, Barbados, Bahamas, Haiti, Trinidad and Jamaica. Paul Pereech was voted in as the Group IV representative to sit on the FEI Nominations Committee for a four year term and there was also a commitment by the FEI to addressing welfare concerns in the discipline of Endurance that was actively supported by the member countries.

The FEI General Assembly acts as a platform for discussion and voting on the major decisions of the FEI and the governance of equestrian sport and an important opportunity to network with other countries to advance our sport. The General Assembly governs the overall direction, development and management of the FEI disciplines worldwide. Elections are held and decisions are taken, by vote, on changes to the FEI statutes, long-term strategies, budgets and important equestrian matters. Each National Federation has the right to cast a vote.

Those who are interested can view the sessions from the General Assembly, which are available on the FEI, website: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/about-fei/fei-general-assembly/2019/live>