



BIGGA UPDATE

AT the recent Board meeting, there was a general discussion on both the location and format of our national events and it was agreed that I outline the overall situation to members. The initial programme has been drawn up over two years, 1988 and 1989 with the intention of reviewing the situation from 1990 onwards. National events need long-term planning and it was decided, given the timespan available, that the first national event should be held during September 1988. It was agreed

that this would take the form of a National Tournament/International Conference to be held during the period 26th 30th September in Scotland. For 1989 the Tournament and Conference will be held separately and the situation will be reviewed in terms of plans for 1990 and thereafter. The other national event will be the European Turf Management Exhibition to be held in Harrogate during the period 18th - 20th January, 1989 during the same period in subsequent years with a view to continuity and expansion as well as having regard to the facilities available.

Given that the Exhibition will remain in Harrogate, it is the intention of the Board that the other events be distributed on an equitable basis around the Regions. With this in mind, the National Conference in 1989 will be held in Cambridge. It is intended that the National Tournament be held at BIGGA Headquarters in August 1989, following which a decision will need to be taken on whether it remains there for future years or moves around the Regions.

Although the South West and South Wales region will host the final of the Iseki Regional Tournament in August this year at St. Pierre, Chepstow, the Board appreciates the need for 1990 events to be allocated to the southern part of the country and thereafter it is envisaged that there will be a rotation of events on a Regional basis. I trust that this clarifies the overall situation for members.

National Tournament International Conference

I have held a further meeting with the Scottish Regional Subcommittee and the folder for the week will be available in the near future with all relevant information.

A recent inspection of the facilities in Ayrshire confirms the view that this really is an excellent location for the event and the article by John Campbell in this issue sets out the attractions of the course at Ayr Belleisle and the area in general. One point to emphasise is the range of facilities

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with the Belleisle Hotel in the background, venue for
the BIGGA National Tournament in September.