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## A sporting challenge: HIPPOLOGICA and the Green Week unite

**From 25 to 28 January 2018 the event for horse-riding enthusiasts at the International Green Week Berlin kicks off the equestrian sports season**

HIPPOLOGICA is changing its opening dates. In future, Berlin's largest indoor equestrian event will no longer be held at the end of the equestrian sports season and instead will make a spectacular entrance in the New Year. HIPPOLOGICA will become part of the International Green Week Berlin. This coming together of trade fairs will take place on 25 January 2018. At the world's leading trade fair for agriculture, the food industry and horticulture HIPPOLOGICA will offer horse-riding enthusiasts and enterprising families a colourful programme of events and lots of activities. Visitors can continue to look forward to an event concept which, as a result of the collaboration with the Berlin-Brandenburg Regional Equestrian Association (LPBB), will be sporting in character.

### Top-quality programme of riding tournaments

Altogether, the programme of riding tournaments at HIPPOLOGICA 2018 will feature four equestrian disciplines, ranging up to Class S, and will include horse jumping, dressage, vaulting and driving. The main venue for the riding competitions will be the Livestock Hall (Hall 25), which is where fascinating dressage and show jumping trials up to Class S\*\* will take place. A new event due to be held is the Bernhard-von-Albedyll Youth Award 2017/2018. On 26 and 27 January this is when up-and-coming dressage riders from the Berlin/Brandenburg region and neighbouring federal states will be competing against each other. On 26 January the HIPPOLOGICA Vaulting Cup will be another event at which spectators can cheer on the competitors, and on 27 and 28 January riders will compete in the combined obstacle driving trials for pairs (Class M). Once again, the HIPPOLOGICA MASTERS promises to be the highlight of the upcoming equestrian show. Horse trials will take place over the course of the three-day event, and an exciting finale awaits visitors on 28 January, which is when the HIPPOLOGICA Grand Prix (Horse jumping, Class S\*\*) will take place.

HIPPOLOGICA 2018 is a family event and will make sure that children can join in too. For example, the final round of the Nürnberg Riders Cup, an entry-level competition for children between four and ten, will be certain to attract lots of attention.

### Polo tournament on the first weekend of the fair

In the run-up to HIPPOLOGICA a warm-up event will take place on the first weekend of the fair (19 – 21 Jan.). Next year, visitors to the Green Week will be able to enjoy a fast-paced polo tournament, featuring galloping horses, flying sticks and cheering spectators. The three-day ARENA Polo Masters event is a professionally umpired official polo tournament which will be contested under German Polo Association rules. Between four and six polo teams of two players each will take part. Each game consists of four 6 ½-minute chukkas (playing periods), with two to three games held on each day. On 21 January, at a festive ceremony following the final, a cup will be presented to the winning team, which will include not only the team players but the best competing pony as well. During the intervals between games spectators will be able to visit the horses in their stables, where they can get a glimpse of the grooms preparing the horses as well as information about their maintenance and the game of polo too.

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