

BETA SAFETY CONFERENCE

21st April 2026
Holywell Park Conference Centre
Loughborough University

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1. The state of research into rider safety equipment – past, present and future

Dr. Stephanie Bonin PhD, MEA Forensic, Los Angeles, USA.

Senior Biomechanical Engineer at MEA Forensic Engineers & Scientists and Adjunct Professor at the University of Kentucky, Stephanie Chairs the Scientific Panel of the FEI Equestrian Safety Vests Working Group established in 2025.

2. Designing Safer Helmets: Understanding Rotational Protection

Robin Spicer, Technical Design and Innovation Lead, Lemieux Ltd

3. An eventer's perspective on safety

Laura Collett, MBE, European Champion, Gold medal winner at Paris and Tokyo courtesy of Zebra Products.

4. Analysis and prevention of spinal injuries in horse racing.

Daloni Lucas – MSc BSc (Hons) MCSP HCPC

5. Fitting a diverse rider population

Jade Faulkner, Dave Derby, Charles Owen, Representative of Cool Riding, Kathryn Jaquet, RB Equestrian

6. Understanding Repetitive Head Loading: Sub-concussive impacts in football and their relevance to equestrian head protection.

Megan Barnes-Wood MEng, Cardiff University, Champion Mfg

7. Safety Versus Comfort: A Preliminary investigation into the impact of Body Protectors on Comfort, Rider Position and Considerations for Female Riders

Dr. Vicki Lewis, Senior Lecturer, Hartpury University, FEI Level 3 Steward

8. Rider attitude to safety and the FEI's position and approach to rider safety now and in the future.

Dr. Mark Hart, Chair, USEF Human and Equine Safety & Welfare Committee, Chair FEI Medical Committee and of the FEI Equestrian Safety Vest WG.

9. "Safety" Stirrups- attitudes toward and the need for standards.

Claire Williams, BETA

10. Innovation forum discussion – The future of safety



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