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Three Canadian Entries at World Young Horse Show Jumping Championships

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Ottawa, Ontario---Three Canadian entries have been accepted to compete at the FEI World Young Horse Show Jumping Championships for five, six and seven-year-old horses from September 23-26 at the Zangersheide Stud in Lanaken, Belgium.

Laurie Bucci of Mont St-Hilaire, QC, Frankie Chesler of Orangeville, ON, and Dutch-based Veronica Feigel, originally of Stittsville, ON, will be competing against some of the world's best young show jumping horses representing Europe, North and South America, and Australia. The Zangersheide Stud is organizing the international event for the eleventh consecutive year.

Bucci, 32, and her husband, Francis Berger, purchased Lucio 13, a five-year-old Holsteiner gelding by Lorentin I out of a Lord dam, as a two-year-old in Germany with partner Tjeert Rijkens. Bucci is a regular competitor on the Quebec circuit and has had notable Grand Prix success aboard former mounts Lemir HB, a Canadian-bred Holsteiner gelding, and Le Chanel, an Oldenburg stallion.

"This is a great achievement for Lucio 13 and the first trip to the World Young Horse Show Jumping Championships for Laurie and I," noted Berger, who operates South Shore Stables. "The competition will be very exciting."

Riding in both the five and six-year-old divisions at the World Championships, Chesler has been campaigning in Europe all summer and plans to stay until the fall. She will be competing with two Dutch Warmblood entries that are both by the well-know sire, Calvados. Smetra is a five-year-old out of an Ekstein dam while Ranville is a six-year-old out of a Concorde dam.

"I have worked all summer riding out of the Schep & Waldman Stables in Tull en't Waal and I am so excited about qualifying for and being invited to this prestigious horse show," noted Chesler. "Both of the horses I am going to be showing share the same sire and have real quality in their abilities. It is an honour to compete at the Lanaken Horse Show."

Chesler, 23, represented Canada internationally in Grand Prix competition as part of the 2001 Developing Riders Tour in Europe and has also been a member of six Nations' Cup Teams. Interestingly, her most famous partner, Ravenna Z, was a Hanoverian mare originally from Zangersheide Stud.

2004 will mark Feigel's second time competing at the World Young Horse Championships. Previously, Feigel, 22, competed with her own seven-year-old and with a six-year-old that she rode for Eric van der Vleuten. Her mount this year is Sjapoo, a five-year-old Dutch Warmblood stallion by Caretino out of a Come On dam, belonging to Dr. Jan Greve and his