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John Ward takes over as chairman of international industry group

LEXINGTON, Ky. – (April 16, 2014) – Kentucky Horse Racing Commission executive director John T. Ward has assumed the chairmanship of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI). Ward was first named vice-chair in 2013 by the group's board of directors. He succeeds out-going RCI board chairman Duncan Patterson of the Delaware Thoroughbred Commission.

RCI is composed of the governmental regulators of horse and greyhound racing in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, and Trinidad-Tobago. RCI members are legally charged with the responsibility to ensure the integrity of racing and pari-mutuel wagering.

"Serving as chair of this prestigious organization will allow me to work even more closely with global leaders in the horse racing industry as we collectively bring about necessary changes that will give the betting public, horse owners and breeders the assurance that the playing field has been leveled and the enhanced integrity and safety everyone expects is in place," said Ward.

Ward was named executive director of the KHRC by Governor Steve Beshear in February 2012. He is a Kentucky Derby-winning trainer with Monarchos in 2001. He has also trained winners in the Kentucky Oaks as well as the Breeders' Cup.