

Hans Castelijns

DVM

Hans Castelijns works as a professional farrier since 1987 and as a veterinarian, specialized in equine podiatry, since 1999. He works on a wide variety of horses, which include thorough- and standard breeds, mares, foals and yearlings in stud farms, race, endurance and show Arabs, show jumpers, international dressage and reining horses.

Beside his equine podiatry practice, which includes referral and consulting, he teaches specialisation courses in his field, both to farriers and veterinarians; courses which have been attributed with continuing education credits for veterinarians, among others, in Italy, Germany, Austria and the USA.

Hans is a frequent speaker at international conferences and seminars, having been invited in this capacity to over 30 countries, speaking six different languages, he usually doesn't get "lost in translation".

He has developed a valuable aid, in both lameness examination and hoof balance assessment, in the form of a digital extension device, which measures the horse's tolerance to dorsal, palmar/plantar, lateral and medial elevation of the digit in the standing horse. The use of this device permits a more rational approach to remedial farriery prescriptions.

His numerous publications and speaking engagements at Veterinary and Farriery conferences and seminars can be accessed at [www.farriery.eu](http://www.farriery.eu)

Hans Castelijns is past president of the Italian Association of Equine Podiatry (SIPE), is a member of the International Equine Veterinarian Hall of Fame (Kentucky 2011). In 2010 he was honoured by the Spanish Foundation for the Promotion of Equine Sports, receiving an award from the hands of Her Royal Highness Doña Elena, Infanta of Spain for his teaching contributions. In 2022 he was among the first three inductees to the European Farriers Hall of Fame.