

At the General Assembly held in Taipei in November 2010, HRH Princess Haya was re-elected to serve another four years as President.

Henk Rottinghuis had been nominated to stand as a Presidential candidate by the Royal Dutch Equestrian Federation, and subsequently undertook a 100-day listening campaign to secure the widest cross-section of views from across the sport. With broad support from riders and organizers, Rottinghuis secured endorsement from the United States Equestrian Federation, whose President David O'Connor, the Olympic gold medalist, agreed to stand as first Vice President were Rottinghuis to be elected.

Despite the final vote, the Rottinghuis campaign was widely commended for its thoroughness and for recognizing the FEI's existing problems and shortcomings. Based on this analysis, Henk Rottinghuis published an election agenda which, in one-on-one meetings, many of the FEI's 133 National Federations agreed was a sensible way forward. Nevertheless, Rottinghuis was able to acquire only 11 votes, representing 11 nations, in the final ballot.

Despite the positive reaction from so many in the field, Rottinghuis concluded that insufficient support from National Federations made his membership of the FEI Audit & Compliance Committee (which he suspended during the campaign), as being untenable going forward. He therefore resigned in a letter to the FEI Secretary General, Alex McClin.

Asked for his reaction, Henk Rottinghuis said: "It was obviously a disappointment to see so few federations supporting my program and candidacy. From the reaction of people in the field, I will always be convinced that my analysis and agenda made clear what challenges were faced by the FEI. I truly hope my efforts to bring these to the table can still be recognised and acted upon. I really enjoyed working with so many people on this important project, and thank everyone for their support and cooperation. I will follow the developments of our sport with close interest."