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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **2010 TIP Program Books Now Available**

Thoroughbred Improvement Program

*Toronto, ON* – The details of the 2010 Thoroughbred Improvement Program have been released by the Ontario Racing Commission in a 2010 Program Criteria Book. The book provides the specific details for the suite of Thoroughbred programs worth over \$20 million in 2010.

The 2010 criteria booklet, which includes all necessary application forms, is now available on-line and has been mailed to everyone who participated in the Program in 2009, as well as all members of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society.

Changes to TIP criteria for 2010 affect Ontario Sire eligibility. Previously, non-Ontario resident stallion owners were required to lease their stallions to an Ontario resident in order for the stallions to be eligible for registration as Ontario Sires. In 2010, non-Ontario resident stallion owners may register a stallion as an Ontario Sire, provided that they designate an Ontario Resident Authorized Agent (such as the Stallion Manager, Stallion Syndicate Manager, Farm Manager, etc.).

Deadlines for stallion registrations and mare declarations remain unchanged from 2009:

- Stallion owners must register their stallion(s) by January 15<sup>th</sup> in order to avoid paying a late fee. Stallions can be registered for the OSS program at any point prior to having bred their first mare of the season. Please note that stallion application forms were mailed in mid-December, are included in the Criteria Book, and are available on the ORC and CTHS websites.
- Breeders must declare their mare(s) as an Ontario Resident Mare for each foal year. The 2010 Mare Declaration form must be submitted no later than time of foal registration for 2010 foals.

The Thoroughbred Improvement Program (TIP) is a component of the Horse Improvement Program and offers incentives for the breeding and ownership of Thoroughbred racehorses in Ontario. In 2010, the Thoroughbred Improvement Program is worth more than \$20 million and includes funds for the Ontario Stakes Program, Ontario Sires Stakes, Ontario Bred Purse Bonus, Breeders Awards, Stallion Awards, marketing, promotions, equine research, performance reporting, web development and overnight purse supplements.. The Horse Improvement Program is administered by the Ontario Racing Commission and the Canadian

Thoroughbred Horse Society – Ontario Division provides administrative services in support of the TIP.

Program criteria and all Program forms required for 2010 can be accessed from the Featured Showcase section on the home page of the Ontario Racing Commission website at:

[www.ontarioracingcommission.ca](http://www.ontarioracingcommission.ca)

Information can also be obtained from the home page of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society website at:

[www.cthsont.com](http://www.cthsont.com)

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