



Competitors at the World Championships 2018 in Kronenberg, Netherlands, are **Talvikki Järvinen – Danser T**, **Leena Kalalahti – Judym**, **Ben Simonsén – Ragyogo** and **Sanna Tirkkonen – Porsche Life**.



**Chef d'Equipe Jouni Heikinheimo**

Experienced driver Jouni (5<sup>th</sup> place in Piber Köflach, Austria 2016) is Chef d'Equipe for the Finnish Driving Team.

**Team trainer Tomas Eriksson**

Renowned four-in-hand driver Tomas has been training the Finnish Driving team for an impressive 27 years.

**Horse physiotherapist Arja Mikkonen**

Caring for the horses' welfare is Arja (gold at the first World Championships in 1998 in Ebbs, Austria).

### Talvikki Järvinen – Danser T



Talvikki, 44, is competing in her second World Championships with Danser T.

Danser T is a 10-year-old KWPN gelding (Plain's Liberator - Fabricius - Renovo). With Danser T she won gold at the Finnish Championships in August.

Talvikki's reserve horse, Roy Jones, is a 11-year-old German warmblood gelding (Riccio - Fidermark - Florestan I).

Groom in dressage, cones and marathon Camilla Christiansen

## Leena Kalalahti – Judym



Leena, 52, is competing in her third World Championships (two in Ponies) but this is her first with Judym. With Judym Leena won bronze at the Finnish Championships in August.

Judym is a 10-year-old Polish warmblood gelding (Wolf's Panter - Alhijaz xx - Midyan xx)

Groom in dressage, cones and marathon Taija Raatikainen

## Ben Simonsén – Ragyogo

Ben, 52, is competing in his 7<sup>th</sup> World Championships (four in Singles and two in Pairs) but this is his first with Ragyogo. In 2004 he was an individual bronze medalist and a team silver medalist with Artemis, who is still going strong.

Ragyogo is a 11-year-old Oldenburger mare (Rooney - Ehrentusch - Ehrensold).

Ben won silver at the Finnish Championships in August.

Grooms in dressage and cones Essi Forssell and in marathon Lauri Vähä-Erkkilä



## Sanna Tirkkonen – Porsche Life

Sanna, 54, is participating in her third World Championships but this will be the first with her new horse Porsche. It is their third season together; first international competitions were in 2017. Sanna is very pleased with how the former dressage horse is developing. In 2017 they won bronze at the Finnish Championships.

Porsche Life is a 10-year-old SWB gelding (Daytona VDL - Weltbürger - Aladin Z)

Grooms in dressage and cones Miia Vallema and in marathon Pekka Miilumäki



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Small photos from the Finnish Championships at Savijärvi in August 2018, photographer Henna Rajala. Other photos from the competitors' private collections.

