



Iranian Sports Symposium June 25, 2017 Programme

- 8:45-9:30 Registration and coffee
- 9:30-9:35 Introduction: Dr John Curtis
- 9:35-10:00 Dr Vesta Sarkhosh Curtis: 'As fit as a king: sport in ancient Iran'
- 10:00-10:25 Prof. Houchang Chehabi: 'History of Polo'
- 10:25-10:50 Prof. Charles Melville: 'Polo in Persian Literature'
- 10:50-11: 10 Panel discussion on Polo/Dressage: Ali Abidi, Prof. Houchang Chehabi, Amir Farmanfama, Litta Sohi and Prof. Charles Melville
- 11:10-11:40 Coffee
- 11:40-12:05 Prof. Houchang Chehabi: '*Zurkhaneh*'
- 12:05-12:30 '*Zurkhaneh*': Demonstration of the traditional Iranian sport
- 12:30-13:00 Mahyar Monshipour (Boxing champion) & Hamid Sourian (Wrestling champion): Panel discussion led by Mohammad Reza Hamidi (Sports Journalist - Keyhan)
- 13:00-13:30 Mansour Bahrami (Tennis player) in conversation with Mohammad Reza Hamidi
- 13:30-14:30 Lunch
Book signing/memorabilia with sports personalities in the Library
- 14:30-14:55 Prof. Houchang Chehabi: 'History of football'
- 14:55-15:20 Kia Joorabchian (football agent) in conversation with Mohammad Reza Hamidi
- 15:20-15:30 Mehdi Mahdavi (National footballer) in conversation with Pooria Jafereh of BBC
- 15:30-16:00 Tea
'*Zurkhaneh*' demonstration in the garden
- 16:00-16:25 Shirin Gerami (Ironman & first and only female professional triathlete to represent Iran) in conversation with Mariam Motamed via Skype
- 16:25-17:00 Question and closing remarks