

## **ARQANA deeply saddened to announce the death of its representative Chris Richner**

The entire ARQANA team is deeply saddened to announce the death of its representative Chris Richner, who passed away at the age of 68 from Covid-19.

Originally from Switzerland and a lifelong horseman, Chris started his career in banking in England and Switzerland before being completely hooked by his passion. After a few years as a riding instructor in his home country, he turned to racing to become a Bloodstock Agent.

A Representative of L'Agence Française and then ARQANA where he worked closely in collaboration with Guillaume Cousin, his purchases saw Eastern Europe shine on many occasions in France as well as abroad, in both disciplines.

He bought many Hungarian, Serbian, Slovak and Czech Classic winners including AUTOR, BORDER WAR, CZECH CHARDONNEY, DUMNONIA, EMINENS, KADYNY, LIBERTY LOVE, MAGNAS, MEDYNA, MERION, NAJI, RAMSSIO, RIKOLETA and ZARIYANNKA, as well as purchasing the future Velka Pardubice winner TZIGANE DU BERLAIS.

Running in the colours of the great Czech owner Jiri Charvat, he bought the Eastern European winners NORTHERLY WIND, victorious in the Milan Grand Steeple-Chase (Gr. 1), MY OLD HUSBAND, a triple Listed winner trained in France by Jean-Michel Lefebvre, and FIRST OF ALL, a multiple Graded winner over fences and hurdles.

One of Chris's most successful purchases was SUBWAY DANCER, the subsequent winner of the Prix du Conseil de Paris (Gr.2) and Prix Andre Baboin (Gr.3), that was also placed in the Champion Stakes (Gr.1) in 2018. In addition, he also struck with TOUR TO PARIS, that went on to win the Prix du Gros Chêne (Gr.2) and Prix de Bonneval (L.).

We sincerely thank him for all these years spent at our side. Always a friendly face at the sales, his joie de vivre and kindness will be missed by all.