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Dear Friends

The first semester of the European gymnastics was, in a certain way, the one of a renaissance, the spawning of new talents, during the meetings of Cluj and Budapest. As a matter of fact, the European Championships of the post-Olympic year reveal some new faces, new talents and new champions. 2017 is not an exception of the rule. The fact is important as it is a sign of our and the Federations’ vitality; they are realising an enormous work of recruitment and formation, in a sometimes difficult socio-economic context.

Then, we need to offer a stage to our gymnasts, a public in front of which they can express their talent. What our Romanian and Hungarian Friends have realised is exemplary. The quality of the sites, of the facilities, the men and women who have operated during the artistic and rhythmic Europeans have been a model for all of us. I thank and congratulate them. These events were also a premiere for our new partner SmartScoring; we welcome their efforts to offer us the very best technology.

In a more faraway perspective, we have done multiple meetings for the preparation of the highlight event of 2018: the 2018 European Championships in Glasgow. We have all the good reasons to show our optimism and our satisfaction in view of the progress of the work and of the excellent atmosphere that surrounds this event. In this frame, we are also confident and wish to hope, that at the publication of my report, our demand by the FIG will have been heard, in order that these Championships are qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games of Buenos Aires 2018 and despite the small administrative gap between the competition dates and the one noted in the directives. The interest of our young gymnasts, i.e. the sport spirit, must in fact win out over the strict letter of the rules.

We have also followed our reflexion on the necessity to adjust our structures, our disciplines and their events, to deal with the gymnast’s and the public’s requests of 2017. It’s the mission we gave to our Working Group Strategy. Now an important step of this reflexion opens up, which consists to inform, develop, argue, clarify and finally convince our member federations of the suitability of our process. The Presidential Board shares the opinion that the concerned authorities must present at the Congress their point of view on the future of gymnastics based on their experience, but it will be the new team who will take the decisions regarding the measures to take.

A movement is on its way towards a modern, dynamic, audacious gymnastics. Our Union was, is and will stay a source of innovations founded on a political, strategic, economic approach. At the UEG, the reflexion comes before the action.

Speaking about actions, I’m looking forward to the advances of the historical gymnastics, which express itself with always more success through Gymnastics for All, TeamGym and even Golden Age. Our gymnasts across Europe will gather for the European Week of Sports, under the umbrella of the European Commission. They will be the models who will have to inspire an entire population, young and less young, seeking newfound health and well-being. Noble mission.

I wish to all of you a nice summer.
Yours Faithfully.

Georges Guelzec
President of the UEG
Dear Friends

Emotion takes over as I am addressing you all for the last time as General Director of our Union. I will leave my office on June 30th and seize the opportunity of this Bulletin to give you this message.

Since my very first steps within the UEG, in October 2010, I never stopped discovering all the riches of this Union and the people composing it. I have found numerous objects of satisfaction and met endearing personalities.

Through experiences, challenges, sometimes doubts, I have always followed my principles of governance and which have, I can say this now with humility, contributed to the healthy development of our organisation.

Some of you will certainly remember the situation of the UEG in 2010 and the problems following a difficult transition. In this atmosphere, the beginning was not easy for me. In this context, I am grateful for the constant support of our President Georges and his Vice-Presidents Malin, Ruedi and later on Farid. In difficult times, impasses and adversities they always gave me their support and the staff never ceased to support and encourage me. I express them my sincere gratitude.

Today, I return the keys with the satisfaction of an accomplished duty and a fully fulfilled mission.

With pride and a touch of nostalgia, I pass the relay to Lisa Worthmann while fully knowing that she will continue with the same state of mind and that she will add her own talent to the coming developments.

I know Lisa and I can assure you that you can count on her recognised expertise, her thoroughness and professional ethics. I also know that you will grant her the same trust.

To all of you, gymnasts, members of our federations, authorities, partners, close or not so close friends, I thank you for all your attention.

From my native country Finland, I will always follow with an attentive eye the success that the UEG will certainly enjoy in the future.

These are my wishes and I thank you for your trust.

Good bye!

Kirsi Erfojeff-Engman
UEG General Director
Reach the Maximum
Hi everyone

Building on the excitement and excellent organisation of the previous years, the media interest in the two European Championships held in this first semester of 2017 increased even beyond Olympic year standards. Both Cluj and Budapest recorded a significant rise (almost double!) in requests for media accreditation.

For the first time ever, our partner Eurovision provided a livestream of the entire competition, including the qualification rounds of both artistic and rhythmic gymnastics. This was a hugely successful move, reaching viewers from over 140 countries! And qualifications beat the finals in terms of viewers, narrowly, but this is an impressive feat.

Looking back on our 2 events, we started promotion of the Artistic Europeans in Cluj-Napoca (ROU) by filming the fourth episode of UEG’s video series ‘Behind the Gold: Meet Europe’s Champions’ in the Lia Manoliu Sports Complex in Bucharest with Romanian gymnasts that are quickly approaching legendary status: Catalina Ponor and Larisa Iordache! Both stars are enormously popular, not only in Romania of course. Fans followed their stories –and their performances in Cluj- worldwide with great interest. The level of gymnastics shown in Cluj, and the variety of countries winning medals, promises a great future for European gymnastics in the upcoming international competitions.

In the Hungarian capital Budapest, an exciting battle to become the new face of rhythmic gymnastics took place under the watchful eye of the media representatives of approximately 20 countries. The titles all went to Russia but the performances by the gymnasts from Israel, Belarus, Italy and Hungary also had the crowd on their feet.

UEG will be present at the World Games in a few weeks’ time to do interviews for the promotion of the two upcoming European Championships of 2017: Aerobics in Ancona (ITA), from 22 to 24 September, and Acrobatic gymnastics in Rzeszow (POL), from 13 to 22 October.

We hope to count on your presence and your support!

My best regards

Tina Gerets
Head of Media
Dear friends

We can look back on an extremely successful European Championships. The level presented by the 165 senior gymnasts from 36 countries made it a pleasure to watch and was definitely appreciated by the Romanian public who filled the venue every day and created a wonderful atmosphere. I want to thank the fans for making the event so special, the gymnasts for showing once again the variety and skill European Gymnastics has to offer, the 70 judges present to perform a difficult task in a satisfactory way and the Technical Committee for the many hours of work put in to deliver this great event.

After testing the Smart rings programme at the previous Europeans, in Cluj it was officially used for the first time in a senior competition as part of the score. Thanks to InnoSportLab for the cooperation and FIG for the funding, it was a big success and very much appreciated by the judges and the coaches. We also took this opportunity to present the system to the new FIG President Morinari Watanabe and the new Men’s Technical Committee President Arturs Mickevics. During a meeting with these FIG representatives, we discussed our ideas, including our proposal for a better judging system in which we count the average of 3 of the 7 scores and include an extra judge to solve the problem of bias and conflict of interest. We hope the FIG will review these ideas positively during their upcoming meeting.

At this very moment, I am, together with TC members Mario Vukoja and Dimitri Andreev, in Tirrenia where 29 gymnasts and 26 coaches from 16 countries are giving the best of themselves during our annual training camp. It always pleases me to see such talent and dedication to our sport, even at such a young age!

My best wishes!

Jacky Wischnia
MTC President
Dear friends

The women’s competition at the recent European Championships in Cluj-Napoca in Romania provided an excitement rarely seen so early in the new Olympic cycle and displayed great gymnastics by a fascinating mix of experienced athletes and new faces. In the all-around, the top 8 gymnasts were from 8 different countries and each of the 5 available European titles went to a different nation as well. What a wonderful feeling to see so much competition and so many strong national programmes emerging. It was also a championships of firsts! The first time Romania hosted the Europeans again after the very first European Championships in women’s artistic gymnastics was held in Bucharest 60 years earlier, Ellie Downie claimed the first British all-around title, Nina Derwael conquered bars to give Belgium their first ever European Champion, Catalina Ponor became the first woman to win the beam title an impressive 5 times and 2014 junior all-around champion Angelina Melnikova claimed her big break-through on senior level by winning the gold on floor. The level of performances and the atmosphere among the gymnasts please me a lot and I think this promises many more European challenges at world level this year and in the years to come.

By the time you read this, some of our Technical Committee members and invited experts will be guiding the future generation of talented gymnasts -35 of them, accompanied by 37 coaches, from 22 federations- at our annual training camp in sunny Tirrenia (ITA). Training will be combined with beach time and cultural and social activities. And there will be a great focus on choreography so these young talents truly learn about this important aspect of gymnastics.

Furthermore we are preparing a workshop in mental and physical preparation aimed at Europe's coaches. The first time the UEG organises this. We aim to provide a forum of improvement and exchange, focusing on mental preparation for both coaches and gymnasts, physical preparation for gymnasts and encourages exchanges between the participants, the experts and our Technical Committee. Interested? Sign up and we’ll welcome you in Saint-Etienne (FRA) from 26 to 29 October.

Yvette Brasier
WTC President
Dear friends

This new Olympic cycle truly commenced in the Hungarian capital Budapest with the crowning of the new European Champions. And the conditions provided to these gymnasts and their entourage were excellent. It’s a pleasure to have such capable organisers for our most important competition. That also allows my Technical Committee and me to focus on the competition itself. This time we debuted an exciting new format, combining groups and individuals, juniors and seniors! While we experienced some teething problems, the feedback we received from the delegations, the media and the fans was overwhelmingly positive and we will aim to further improve it for next year’s European Championships in Valladolid (ESP). I take this opportunity to thank all gymnasts for putting on such a spectacular show.

By the time you read this, our training camp will already be over. In the idyllic mountain setting of Obertraun in Austria experts like Olympic Champions Marina Lobach and Evgeniya Kanaeva guided the next generation of rhythmic gymnasts to excellence. We are proud to see many of our camp attendees reaching their national team. Who knows, maybe the next Champion trained in Obertraun last week?!

Later this month rhythmic gymnasts will compete in the World Games in Wroclaw (POL), battling for the apparatus titles. This will be another opportunity for testing their routines ahead of the World Championships in Pesaro (ITA) that start at the end of August.

Meanwhile we invite all coaches to join us from 4 to 9 November in Spain, in sunny Marbella, to further develop their coaching skills. In an international setting, we learn from the experts and from each other about topics like ballet, technical preparation body and apparatus but also about psychology and planning.

As I enter the last 6 months of my career as Technical Committee President, I look forward to assisting the new candidates and to give them a solid base to continue our work.

Sincerely yours,

Heide Bruneder
President of RG-TC
Nouvelle Collection Individuelle

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Dear friends

The Technical Committee members and I are delighted to inform you about the projects we have been working on these 6 months. Since we are of the opinion that our work and activities should be planned on longer term, we have already prepared the basic plan for 2018-2021. Of course, this plan offers the flexibility for changes by the TC elected for the next period. The main ideas feature the training camps which ideally host all 3 disciplines while the option of combining a tumbling camp together with TeamGym could be interesting too; continuation of development workshops to further develop the disciplines in new countries; support of FIG Academies and FIG Trampoline Age Group Program in Europe; further development of the TrampOnline Platform.

Another proposal which has recently been accepted by the Executive Committee is to introduce European Age Group Competition in 2020. We believe this competition can help to fill the gap in the 2020 competition structure, as there is no World Age Group Competition in an Olympic year, and support the development of young gymnasts in Europe in all TRA disciplines, including TUM and DMT. The call for hosts is open but priority will be given to awarding the 2020 Trampoline European Championships.

After organising the Development Workshops in Slovenia and Finland in 2016, we aim to continue these successful workshops also this year. More information will be available soon! We offer also supporting information to the countries interested to start and develop Trampoline including more details about the FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Development Program.

This year’s training camp will be held in Cascais (POR) from 30 July to 6 August. 82 participants including 26 coaches from 12 countries have already entered. We are pleased to welcome 3 new coming countries: Denmark, Hungary and Turkey. The participants will be in the expert hands of Luis Nunes (TRA-TC, TRA & DMT), Irina Karavaeva (TRA-TC, TRA), Vadim Skakoun (RUS, TUM), Paul Greaves (GBR, TRA), Olga Vlasova (BLR, TRA), Julie Perreten (FRA, TRA) and, last but definitely not least, European and Olympic Champion Vladislav Hancharov (BLR, TRA)!

Of course, we have already been focusing during many meetings on the preparation of the 2018 European Championships in Baku (AZE). The cooperation with the Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation and scoring partner SmartScoring is going well. With a TC meeting and a coordination meeting planned in autumn, we are sure this competition will set a new standard for European Gymnastics!

14 European countries, or 54% of the total number, will participate in 10th World Games in Wroclaw (Poland) at the end of July. Trampoline Gymnastics will be represented by the non-Olympic disciplines Synchronised Trampoline, Double Mini-Trampoline and Tumbling in this top multisport event and the European gymnasts will compete for the medals in all of them.

Good luck!

Vladimir Zeman
President of TRA-TC
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Dear friends

It has been a busy 6 months for my Technical Committee, helping the FIG fine-tune the new code of Points and preparing for the highlight of our discipline, the European Championships for juniors and seniors that are held every second year.

This year’s European Championships – the 10th edition already! - will be held in the Italian coastal town Ancona in September. The Work Plan has been drafted and will be finalised during our training camp. The deadline for definitive entries was on June 22nd and we are pleased to see the participation of 22 countries! These 22 will compete in the senior category while 19 of them will also have gymnasts in the junior competition. The starting order will be drawn during the training camp. The cooperation with the LOC is running smoothly and the UEG’s new scoring partner, SmartScoring, is adapting its systems to the needs of aerobics. All together we can assure that Europe’s best gymnasts will be hosted in great conditions!

In Cesenatico (ITA) we organise our annual Training Camp & Coaches course. There will be 8 countries with more than 60 gymnasts and 16 coaches. I will be in charge of the camp and will be assisted by TC members Vladislav Oskner, Olga Kyselovicova and Andrea Sinko, and experts Laszlo Hubacsek, Monica Darone, Vito Iaia and Jorge Mendez Lamas. Monika Wiethoff is in charge of the coaches’ course.

The sunny environment and relaxed atmosphere always motivates the next aerobics generation to give the best of themselves!

See you in Ancona! Spread the word and support our European Championships!

Cristina Casentini
President of AER-TC
Dear friends

Acrobatic gymnasts all over the planet took this semester to get back into competition shape and test their routines according to the new Code of Points. New pairs and groups have been formed and they are mounting a great challenge for the experienced competitors to rise to. Three World Cup events have already been held, promising great performances at the European Championships in October.

At UEG this year we focus on our training camp, the development workshops and –last but definitely not least- the European Age Group Competitions and the European Championships which will be held from 13 to 22 October in Rzeszow (POL).

Preparations for the Europeans are in full swing. The Polish Federation has a lot of experience organising acro events in this city and venue. My Technical Committee has been cooperating closely with them and scoring partner SmartScoring to assure the best conditions for the gymnasts and a stage for a wonderful competition. I look forward to seeing Europe’s best in action.

For the second year running, the acro training camp will be hosted in Kamchia (BUL) on the Black Sea Coast. The superb facilities allow the gymnasts to train under the excellent guidance of our experts which include Vladimir Makarchenko, Sergey Tretyakov, Yuri Golyak,… and enjoy their free time to socialise, explore or relax by the beach. 24 coaches and 53 gymnasts will represent 12 federations. Both the training sessions for the gymnasts and the workshops for coaches include all aspects of acrobatics like code of points, progression and development of pair and group elements, table of difficulty, constructing a routine etc.

Besides that, we follow with great interest the exploits of our continent’s gymnasts worldwide. The main global event in 2017 is scheduled for July… the World Games!

With my regards,

Carine Charlier
President of TC-ACRO
Dear friends

I hope you have had a successful first half year and took the opportunity to attend some of the many national or international TeamGym competitions throughout Europe.

It is exciting to see the rapid increase in the number of both competitions and camps open for club teams from all over Europe. As 2017 is an odd year, we have no European Championships, and our focus is on Development and Education with our piece de resistance being the release of the new TeamGym Code of Points! This requires many days, weeks and months of work to ensure our gymnasts can practice their sport under the best circumstances and fair judgement.

A lot of effort has also been spent on the new Regulations for the TeamGym Equipment. We have now entered the next stage of our endeavours to establish standards for all the equipment for TeamGym. Where possible, we will accept the standards for equipment as set by the FIG. This includes the tumble track, the vaulting table and all the mats. Although it is noted that certain aspects do differ to reflect the specifics of the TeamGym discipline - like the length of tumble track and the height of the vault, etc. We are also getting close to developing our own standard for the Trampet.

This semester has been fruitful as we accomplished several projects. In February, the International Coaching Internship for TeamGym (ICIT) was launched. It’s an exchange programme to develop coaching skills by finding placements for young TeamGym coaches to gather experience throughout Europe. The overall objectives are to inspire, to give valuable experience to coaches and to invest in the future of TeamGym. We also published the ABC for TeamGym Floor, a coaches’ guide on how to make a TeamGym floor programme which will help gyms and federations gain more knowledge about the specifics of floor.

In April, 30 coaches representing Austria, Estonia, Great Britain, Iceland, Italy and Portugal attended the TeamGym level 2 course held in Anadia (POR). The course was led by two top coaches: Gunnar Jansson, national coach for the Swedish senior men’s team, and Anders Frisk, brevet judge and educator on floor for both the Swedish Federation and the UEG.

Coming up soon, from 15 to 22 July, is our annual summer training camp staffed by some of the most experienced high level coaches in TeamGym. A level 1 coaching course will be held in parallel. The course covers a full week of lessons and consists of both theoretical and practical sessions in all three disciplines. The camp and the coaching course will gather almost 30 coaches, 60 gymnasts and 7 experts. Furthermore we are planning several judges’ courses and more coaching course for the different levels, including the highest level, level 3, which is planned for late January 2018!

TeamGym has many bright prospects!

Per Sjöstrand
President of TC-TG
Dear friends

My colleagues on the Technical Committee and I have spent these first 6 months of 2017 preparing our 2 big Gymnastics for All festivals planned for 2018 while also focusing our attention on several workshops and info meetings, keeping the important topics of development and education on a high standard.

In May, Christophe Dortu, President of the EUROGYM 2018 Organising Committee and I had the pleasure to welcome representatives of 15 federations to host city Liege (BEL) for the official info meeting for not only EUROGYM but also the first ever edition of the European Gym for Life Challenge! All participants were whisked on a tour of the locations and venues and to get a feel of the city. The programme and accommodation were also discussed.

In the framework of this info meeting, 3 countries –Russia, Belarus and Serbia- met with our Technical Committee as they are very interested to start Gymnastics for All in their respective countries. The TC informed them about all UEG’s activities and those of FIG and stressed that UEG is here to help!

Preparations for the Golden Age Gym Festival in the Italian city of Pesaro are well under way. We look forward to welcoming the member federations for the info meeting in October!

In autumn we plan to hold two educational events. The first will be the Educational Choreo Camp, held for the 4th time already, in Anadia (POR) in September, followed by the second edition of the ‘Gymnastics for Fun’ seminar in October in Loughborough (GBR).

As a proud partner of the European Commission for the third year running, I’d like to highlight that this year’s European Week of Sport will be held from 23 to 30 September. And yes, you can also join the fun! All you need to do is accept our Challenge: post a photo or a video of you doing a balance position, tag us and mention #BeActive and #gymbalance! Let’s join our forces to make gymnastics go viral!

Alberto Claudino Nunes
President of the TC-GfA
Upcoming events

2017

20 – 30.07.2017
Wroclaw (POL)
The World Games

23 – 30.07.2017
Gyor (HUN)
European Youth Olympic Festival

25 – 30.07.2017
Vestfold (NOR)
King Harald’s World Gym for Life Challenge

30.08 – 3.09.2017
Pesaro (ITA)
35th World Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics

15 – 17.09.2017
Anadia (POR)
4th Educational Choreo Camp

21 – 24.09.2017
Ancona (ITA)
10th European Gymnastics in Aerobic Gymnastics

23 – 30.09.2017
All over Europe
3rd European Week of Sport

2 – 8.10.2017
Montreal (CAN)
47th World Championships in Artistic Gymnastics

13 – 15.10.2017
Rzeszow (POL)
9th European Age Group Competitions in Acrobatic Gymnastics

19 – 22.10.2017
Rzeszow (POL)
28th European Championships in Acrobatic Gymnastics

20 – 22.10.2017
Loughborough (GBR)
Seminar ‘Gymnastics for Fun’

9 – 12.11.2017
Sofia (BUL)
32nd World Championships in Trampoline, Double Mini-Trampoline and Tumbling
16 – 19.11.2017
Sofia (BUL)
25th World Age Group Competitions in Trampoline, Double Mini-Trampoline and Tumbling

1 – 2.12.2017
Split (CRO)
27th Congress

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5 – 8.04.2018
Antwerp (BEL)
10th World Age Group Competitions in Acrobatic Gymnastics

12 – 15.04.2018
Baku (AZE)
26th European Championships in Trampoline, Double Mini-Trampoline and Tumbling

13 – 15.04.2018
Antwerp (BEL)
26th World Championships in Acrobatic Gymnastics

1 – 3.06.2018
Valladolid (ESP)
34th European Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics

14.07.2018
Liege (BEL)
1st European Gym for Life Challenge

15 – 19.07.2018
Liege (BEL)
11th EUROGYM

2 – 5.08.2018
Glasgow (GBR)
32nd European Championships in Women’s Artistic Gymnastics

9 – 12.08.2018
33rd European Championships in Men’s Artistic Gymnastics

7 – 16.09.2018
Sofia (BUL)
36th World Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics

16 – 21.09.2018
Pesaro (ITA)
6th Golden Age Gym Festival
6 – 18.10.2018
Buenos Aires (ARG)
3rd Youth Olympic Games

15 – 21.10.2018
Odivelas (POR)
12th European Championships in TeamGym

25.10 – 3.11.2018
Doha (QAT)
48th World Championships in Artistic Gymnastics
The highly anticipated GYMNOVA “Montreal” floor is now available.

The floor has been designed with new components to make it the most responsive GYMNOVA floor to date. The new longer springs ensure more rebound is given to the gymnast when performing, and the ultra soft foam comfort layer reduces the impact of landings.

These two new products are to be showcased by the best gymnasts at the World Championships, 2017.

At GYMNOVA we pride ourself on innovation, this year we are excited to launch our brand new coil sprung “Montreal” vault.

The top of the new vault includes 13 springs which are evenly distributed to provide the gymnast with an even performance area and increased rebound.

There is a new lever system, which enables just one person to easily adjust the vault height.
UEG Partners

It is not a secret that the agreements we have built with our partners, are used by all the actors of our activities. In cash or in kind, these services that we receive are redistributed in order that the organising committees of our events and the national federations take advantage of it.

I seize the opportunity that is given to me to thank them in the name of the UEG Authorities and of the entire European Gymnastics Community.

THANKS!

Kirs Erofejeff-Engman

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