
THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE!

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CELEBRATING GYMNASTICS FOR ALL!

Dear Friends,

The XVth World Gymnaestrada 2015 in Helsinki now already belongs to the past. At present, it is time for an assessment and the Finnish Federation can be proud for having masterfully managed the organisation of such a large-scale event. As President of the European Union of Gymnastics and in the name of its 48 member federations, I have the very pleasant mission to express our congratulations and gratitude for having offered to gymnastics such a prestigious platform.

In Helsinki, we all have assisted at demonstrations of the driving forces of our sport, of these thousands of gymnasts who compose the base, the solid foundation of our edifice. Gymnastics is healthy, strong, dynamic, and has all resources capable to ensure its future under the best conditions. I am grateful to all these gymnasts, from Europe and elsewhere, for their enthusiasm and for having come in such large numbers to greet us at the UEG [stand](#); we will meet again in Dornbirn (AUT), from July 7th to 13th, 2019!

In the same category, European Gymnastics for All will very soon have another occasion to present itself in public. From September 7th to 13th, 2015, the UEG will work closely together with the European Commission to animate the *European Week of Sport*. We have taken up the challenge to associate 1000 cities! I do count on you!

On a more administrative level, the FIG held a meeting of its Executive Committee during this Finnish week. The debates were mainly concentrated on the elaboration of the [calendar](#) of the 2016 World Cups in all disciplines. In this respect, I would like to express my gratitude to my friends Presidents of the European national federations who have entered one of these events on their annual calendar, contributing like this to the success of this series. From these 30 events, 25 will be held on European soil.

In the second semester of this year, our attention will progressively go towards our European Championships in acrobatic gymnastics (Riesa/GER) from September 25th to October 4th, our European Championships in aerobic gymnastics (Elvas/POR) from November 6th to 8th, as well as to our 26th UEG Congress on November 20th and 21st in Bratislava/SVK.

This last event is important in different ways. The Work Group "Strategy" will present its conclusions and recommendations with regard to the physiognomy of our sport on a medium- and long term and to the impact of our decisions taken today on tomorrow's and the day after tomorrow's gymnastics. It will also be the last plenum before the 2016 FIG Congress and will allow each and every one of us to present its vision of the UEG participation within the FIG.

I wish you all a wonderful summer.

With my compliments

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Georges Guelzec', written in a cursive style.

Georges GUELZEC, UEG President