



THE NOTE OF THE PRESIDENT!

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YES, WE ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH!

Dear Friends,

We are on the right path, let us not now relax in our efforts!

This is the feeling I retain upon my return from the European Games test event in Baku. All conditions are now brought together so that the UEG takes successfully up the challenge it has set itself by reviewing its competition formats. The *chemistry* has worked. Gymnastics is born again after a guilty somnolence and seduces once again. Multiple adjustments still need of course to be carried out, on all levels. But the foundations are henceforth solid and the structure will hold.

Dear Colleagues and Friends from the Technical Committees, this success is yours for having adhered to the project, for having supported the idea of a reform, without however upsetting everything. In June in Baku, we will confirm and approve all together the picture of the new gymnastics.

On a completely different note, I am very pleased with another extremely encouraging progress, which has still hardly been given media coverage and which concerns our *TeamGym*. The President of this Committee, Per Sjöstrand (SWE), the UEG Director, Kirsi Erofejeff-Engman (FIN) and myself have met with the *Pool* of apparatus suppliers as well as three other actors of the market in order to talk about the specificity of this discipline. I have every reason to be pleased with the imminent spectacular developments.

To provide this discipline with the apparatus it needs to express itself in a secure way is essential. Everyone has already realised this. But there is something more important. Some see in *TeamGym* its spectacular development with the public and, certainly quite soon, with the media. The format is in the spirit of time. Team competitions everyone can identify with. Just see the examples of volleyball, basketball, ice hockey, let alone football. A team. My team!

I am very pleased with these good news and without wishing to conceal the amount of work ahead of us I know that we are on the right path.

Before concluding my *Note*, one last and double good news!

The Federations of Bosnia Herzegovina and the Netherlands will compete for the first time, next April in Minsk, in a European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships.

Welcome!

With my compliments.

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

Georges GUELZEC, UEG President