



## **THE NOTE OF THE PRESIDENT!**

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### **OUR FUTURE BEGINS TODAY!**

Dear Friends,

In barely a few short weeks, beginning of March, we will be in Baku to supervise the test competitions. I attach the highest attention to this milestone and for which I request the commitment of each and every one. Yes, we are all concerned, on all levels and representing all disciplines. This “rehearsal” will show the shortcomings, provoke debates, result in modifications and plant seeds of doubt.

However, stay assured, that what tests are for!

This being so and in spite of the difficulties relating to new initiatives, I am confident. I know that I can count on the strength of the UEG, that it joins forces, gathers together around this project, in order to concentrate our expertise on the management of this dossier.

Two objects attract my attention in particular. The first one relates to the general management of the competitions, the second one to the recruitment of volunteers.

As a matter of fact, the success of gymnastics is based on these two pillars. It is like facing a large orchestra, the *conductor* must direct, guide, keep his authority on many different service providers having sometimes contradicting demands: the public, judges, gymnasts, television. All have to play the same music, follow the baton of the *conductor*.

The second worry is one known to all organisations having to recruit competent and available volunteers. Mentioning the volunteers presents me with the opportunity to remind the readers of this *Note* that without these volunteers, it is simply impossible to organise an event.

With regard to Baku and the strategic issues which are at stake for us I would like to attract your attention to the recent decisions taken at the 127<sup>th</sup> IOC session, these choices also being strategic and composing the Olympic agenda until 2020. They are included in a document that I invite you to read attentively. You will discover in it the gymnastics profile of 2020 ([http://www.olympic.org/Documents/Olympic\\_Agenda\\_2020/Olympic\\_Agenda\\_2020-Context\\_and\\_background-ENG.pdf](http://www.olympic.org/Documents/Olympic_Agenda_2020/Olympic_Agenda_2020-Context_and_background-ENG.pdf))

In this respect, the reforms which we have discussed during our recent symposiums follow the path drawn by the IOC. The UEG too widens its horizon beyond tomorrow. And in order to prepare this inevitable evolution, our path leads to Baku and its 1<sup>st</sup> European Games 2015. I am looking forward to it!

With my compliments

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guelzec'.

**Georges GUELZEC, UEG President**