



**INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION  
PARA TABLE TENNIS**

**TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT**

**Name of Tournament:**

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**RITTO 2011**

**Ranking Factor Applied for:**

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**20**

**Name of Responsible Federation:**

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**Romanian National Paralympic  
Committee with Lamont Centre  
and Little People Association**

**Name of Chairman of Organising  
Committee:**

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**Mrs. Sally Wood-Lamont**

**Dates of Play:**

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**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Name of Technical Delegate:**

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**Francesco Nuzzo**

**Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:**

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**July, 2011**

**Airport:** Cluj-Napoca International Airport – about 40 minutes to different Hotels.

**Accreditation:** It worked very well. They gave a welcome bag to each delegation including all necessary information, meals tickets, coupons, accreditation cards and back numbers.

**Accommodation:**

**HOTEL GOLDEN TULIP**

Observatorului nr. 129

[www.goldentulipcluj.ro](http://www.goldentulipcluj.ro)

10 minutes by car to the Sports Hall

**Hotel PREMIER**

Strada Donath 100

[www.hotelpremier.ro](http://www.hotelpremier.ro)

15 minutes walk to the Sports Hall

**Hotel SPORT**

Aleea Stadionului 1

For umpires only.

10 minutes walk to the Sports Hall

Accommodation was generally accessible for wheelchair users; in addition in order to overcome existing architectural barriers or stairs Hotel Premiere has installed ramps for wheelchair access where needed.

Free internet connection was available both in the hall and in the hotels.

**Meals:**

Breakfast and dinner were served in hotels. Food in the hotels was good but with limited choice (2 options).

Lunch was served in a tent, next to the venue.

A number of comments were received from the teams about this topic.

The food in the tent was provided by a catering service and was not of an acceptable standard except for a very good ice-cream. The heat inside the tent did not help to maintain the food; I shall report that many participants have been sick on the third day.

**Transport:**

The organizers provided transportation for teams and officials to and from airport to hotels, and shuttle buses/vans between hotels and the venue.

The day of teams' arrival the transport from the hall to the hotels was not scheduled but organizers arrange it on demand.

During the competition the transport worked very well. The rides were scheduled every half an hour and additional rides on demand.

*3 buses with ramps - capacity: 3 standing 6 wheelchairs*

*3 buses with lift - capacity: 5 standing 4 wheelchairs*

*3 buses with seats – capacity 16 standings*

*2 special vans of N.P.C.*

**Venue:**

**Sport Centre**

Floor:

Lighting:

**HOREA DEMIAN SPORTS HALL**

Parquet floor

Average.

Some small lighting problems occurred in the late afternoon of two different days as sunlight shine through the windows not perfectly covered causing the suspension of play and delay on some tables.

Spectator seats: Bleacher seating along the two sides of the hall (+/- 2000 seats)

Gluing area: Outside

Referee's table: In the field of play along the side of the hall a small table used by the deputy referees.

It was a second best solution because the space available for the deputy referees was small and there was a bustle of people around them.

Officials' areas: Technical Delegate, Referee, computer staff and secretary used the same room at the first floor of the venue. It was a large room with digital facilities.

The tournament organisers and the general administration staff were in a separate room dealing with financial issues.

The volunteers and field of play managers were sitting directly in the venue, in a position overlooking the tables.

➔ Medical service in a separate room in the hall.

➔ Dressing rooms 2 for women 2 for men with accessible toilets.

➔ Area reserved on the bleacher seating for ball people near the wheelchairs courts

➔ Pigeon boxes and board near the entrance

➔ Results posted on board at the entrance of the venue and in both hotel receptions.

Accessible toilets: 5 in the Venue + 2 showers

Water available during the whole tournament – gallon water dispensers.

A packet (sponsor's products) with snacks, juice, fruit and yoghurt was distributed each day to all participants.

Coffee, chocolates and cakes available for officials and umpires.

### **Equipment:**

Tables: 17 tables DONIC Dehli, blue accessible for wheelchairs

Nets: Donic Stress

Balls: Donic \*\*\* - white

Scorers: Donic

Surrounds: Donic

Umpire's tables: Donic

Towel boxes: Donic

14 competition tables were arranged in the Main Hall, and as the venue is limited in size 3 more tables were arranged in a separate room next the Main Hall and used for the matches of Wheelchair women Class 1-3.

The use of these tables was a necessary choice for scheduling the competition but it was a compromise solution, as the room is small and very little space remains outside the playing areas. This was enough just for a narrow corridor which was easily crowded.

These three tables were used as warm up tables when no matches were scheduled on them.

### **Competition days:**

**31 May 2011** Classification

**1st June 2011** Arrival day, continuation of Classification, Technical meeting, draw for singles and Umpire's briefing

**2nd June 2011** Singles events

**3rd June 2011** Team Events

**4th June 2011** Completion of Team Events. Medals ceremony for all events in the Hall and Farewell party at Hotel Golden Tulip.

**5th June 2011** Departure of the delegations.

### Competition hours:

<b>June 2</b>	09.00 – 21.00
<b>June 3</b>	09.00 – 21.30
<b>June 4</b>	09.00 – 18.00

### Participants:

<b>Present nations:</b>		<b>28</b>
<b>Participants:</b>	Male	126
	Female	48
	Staff	39
<b>Participants total</b>		<b>213</b>

### Officials:

<b>Referee:</b>	Jacky Simon	FRA
<b>Deputy referees:</b>	Jozef Golan	SVK
	Mladen Solar	CRO
<b>Computer people:</b>	Ileana Aciu	ROU
	Elisabeta Serbanescu	ROU
<b>Classifiers:</b>	Miroslav Havrda	CZE
	Yaël Shalef	ISR
<b>TD:</b>	Nuzzo Francesco	ITA
<b>Umpires:</b>	<b>27</b> in total (AUT - 2, HRV - 2, HUN - 7, IRI - 1, ITA - 1, JPN - 2, SVK - 6, ROU - 6, 1 IU 5 NU).	

The organizers did well posting an Open Invitation on the ITTF website to select the umpires. However, despite the previewed number of umpires was reasonable, the fact that 10 officials (all the Serbian and two Romanian) have not come without prior notice has caused problems in the management of the competition on the first day.

The organizers then were able to find some other local officials for the next days.

### Ball boys:

Something outstanding. Never seen so many volunteers prepared to work as ball boys and girls and in other areas of the tournament. Katie and Shajjad Rizvi of Little People organized them very well.

### Meetings:

The Technical meeting, for team delegates was held on 1<sup>st</sup> June at 9:00 p.m. in the meeting room in the Golden Tulip hotel. The draw for Singles was already done and distributed to participants.

The organizers gave necessary tournament information to delegations

The draw for Team events was done on 2<sup>nd</sup> June when all team lists were confirmed. A brief umpire's briefing was held in the morning on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 8.30 at the venue.

### Classification:

All new players and players who needed to have their classification reviewed were asked to arrive on 31<sup>st</sup> May and as early as possible on 1<sup>st</sup> June and they did. Two classifiers were responsible for classifying players.

### Competition:

In general the tournament was well prepared from the point of view of running the tournament. A total of 320 Singles matches and 150 Team matches were played. Due to the number of players according to the available tables the schedule was tight but there have been no big delays and in the evening we always ended at an acceptable time.

All umpires were helpful and worked well with each other.

A particular problem occurred in the flow of score sheets that only by chance did not compromise the smooth running of the competition.

The score sheets were printed in the Referee room on the first floor of the venue and brought by volunteers to the deputy referees in the hall, then distributed to the umpires. After the end of the matches and the final check of the deputy referees, the sheets were brought back again to the referee room. This proved to be a weak point as twice on different days groups of score sheets were lost on the way back and only found by chance after several searches.

### **Results:**

All the draws and the results given to all countries and posted promptly on board. Efficient work of the computer team and of the results secretary. At the end of the competition all delegations were given the results on memory sticks. Results in electronic format were sent to the ITTF PTTD webmaster after each event.

### **Articles to ITTF Website:**

One article and some pictures have been sent to Ian Marshall and were published in the ITTF website.

The article was entirely about the Romanian Open results and the young generation of talented players that have recently joined the Para TT competitions. The article appeared in the ITTF website after the end of the competition.

### **Ceremonies:**

A very well organized Opening Ceremony was held in the venue on the first competition day. There were many distinguished special guests and speakers including Marc Ioan Representative Director of E.ON Romania, Aurora Dragos Director of Sport in Cluj, Otila Badescu – National Authority for Sport besides the members of the organizing committee.

The Medals Ceremony for all the events of the tournament was organized in the Hall immediately after completion of the tournament. The medals were awarded by a pair of young people in national costumes and it was very nice and relatively quick. At evening, all participants were invited for a nice Farewell party.

### **Organizing Committee:**

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Sally Wood-Lamont
<b>Vice Chairperson:</b>	Katie Razvi
<b>Tournament Director:</b>	Anca Chereches
<b>PR &amp; Marketing:</b>	Shajjad Razvi
<b>Assistant to Chair person:</b>	Aileen Wood
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Elisabeta Vuscan
<b>Transport:</b>	Serghei Pinzaru
<b>Results Secretary:</b>	Allegra Roccato

### **Evaluation:**

In general the tournament was well prepared with incredible number of volunteers. - good schedule, and matches on time.

The opening ceremony was an excellent example of how it is possible to combine public relations and a good promotion of table tennis. The award ceremony was prepared also very well.

<b>Accommodations:</b>	Good also for wheelchairs
<b>Transport:</b>	Good.
<b>Meals:</b>	Average
<b>Venue:</b>	Good

**Sport equipment:** Good, all ITTF approved.  
**Light in the hall:** Average.  
**Information:** Very good, both on the information board than in the pigeon-holes.  
**Referee:** International level  
**Deputy Referees:** International level  
**Umpires:** Mixed level  
**Computer person:** Good level  
**Organization:** Very good organization with very welcoming people.



**Medal presentation:** Good presentation of medals immediately after completion



## CONCLUSION

The RITTO 2011 was a successful tournament. The presentation, the efficiency of the Organisers, the management of the competitions, the entire supporting functions are well appreciated, however a few areas could be improved and the organizers can make the tournament even better.

### Officials:

More attention should be placed for the future in communication with the Associations to avoid misunderstandings as last minute withdrawal of the invited umpires.

### Venue:

Technical aspects:

Volunteers to assist TD, Referee

These people should not change during the event and must be reliable and specially instructed for the purpose.

Also deputy referees will have to pay more attention to the procedure not underestimating the fact to put the score sheets ready for the delivery only into the hands of the designated volunteers.

Referee's table

Perhaps it would be better to set up for this purpose a central space on the first level of bleachers row to provide more working space for the team of deputy referees and to separate them from the bustle of people which can lead to various problems, not least that of loss of concentration.

Crowd control:

Given the high number of volunteers available you might think of organizing a crowd control improving the image and ambience of the Field of Play.

Ball people

Since they are so many, it would be better to control them when free in order to avoid the walking around playing areas and creating conditions of disturbance for the players.

Training tables

Special consideration should be given to the idea of providing an external area dedicated to training.

Lighting:

Make sure for the future the windows in the venue will be fully covered so that sunlight cannot leak through.

### Meals:

In hotels: if possible to have more variety of meals.

The solution of the tent should be reviewed, inside it is very hot and the quality of the food must be improved.

**To conclude, I would like to congratulate with the Organizers, referees, umpires and volunteers, for the well organized ITTF PTTD Fa 20 Tournament 2011 in Cluj.**

Francesco NUZZO – ITA  
TD of the tournament