



**INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION  
PARA TABLE TENNIS**

***Technical Delegate report***

***Name of the tournament:*** European Championships Lignano 2013

***Ranking factor:*** F50

***Name of responsible:*** Italian Table Tennis Federation (FITET)

***Name of Chairman of Organizing Committee:*** Stefano Maiorana

***Dates of play:*** 29.9-5.10.2013

***Name of Technical Delegate:*** Georgios Seliniotakis GRE

***Name of Deputy Technical Delegate:*** Aleš Letonja SVN

***Report submitted to ITTF PTT the:***

**Accommodation:** All players and officials were staying at VillaggioTuristicoSportivo EFA-GETUR in hotels Sole Mare, Erica, Primavera, Santa Maria, Orchidea, Pinetavery close to the venue, but accommodation was not so good. They have some problems with elevators which did not work well. Also in some hotels water was stinking like rust. The hotels are full accessible for wheelchair players when the elevators worked.



Hotel La Velle



Hotel Santa Maria



Hotel Erica



Hotel Primavera



Room in one of the hotels



Hotel La Velle

In the next tournament they need to do before the competition preventive measures

**Accreditation:** They gave map with information's, T-shirt, water coupons, some presents, a bag and accreditation to all delegations.



Accreditation



Info board



Organizers office



Pigion boxes, water supplies

The accreditation card it was a simple piece of paper in plastic.

**Meals:** All meals served at the hotel and were good quality. Water was provided for everybody in the venue.



## Restaurant

In the beginning there was more restaurant one for each hotel, and there was some problems special in the diner, so after discussion all participants take dinner in the central hotel.

**Transport:** Transport between airports Venezia Marco Polo and Venezia Treviso to Lignano was well organized. During the stay in village no transport needed, while the competition hall was 100-200 metres from the hotels. Also there were some arrivals to Latisana railway station which was good as well.



Transport

**Venue:** Competition was held Sports Hall Ge. Tur, also two training halls were in the same hall and another training hall in the upper floor of swimming pool close to Sole Mare hotel, about 400metres from the main hall. The main hall its big enough bur is not operated, means that there are not enough space for call room area and for these case we use 3 separate areas as call room area.





Training halls 1 and 2

- Lightning: good approx. 900 lux, no day light
- Spectator seats: aprox. 2000
- Referee's and official's table: in front of competition tables
- Computer's table: at the referee' desk
- Meeting room: hotel La Velle first floor
- Racket control room: one dressing room used as Racket Control room. For the next tournament need one difference space because there is not good ventilator and the access is not enough. Special in voluntary test.
- Medical and Physician: all the time on the venue.
- Wheelchair storage: in the main hall's special corner
- Internet access: There was Wi-Fi connection, but we have complains for many players and coaches that is not enough. At the future the area needs better internet access. Many complains from players and coaches about the pay internet connection.
- Toilets: it's not enough. In the 1st floor there not accessible toilet and there was the training area for wheelchairs
- Info desk and pigeon boxes: was updated by organizers all the time.
- Mechanical service: it was on call service

### **Equipment:**

- Tables: 12 Butterfly Centrefold 25 (blue) for competition and 12 for training in the main hall and 8 in the other hall, all approved by ITTF
- Net/posts: Butterfly approved by ITTF
- Balls: Butterfly \*\*\* white approved by ITTF
- Scorers: Butterfly approved by ITTF
- Towel boxes: Butterfly
- Surroundings: Butterfly
- Floor: Special Table tennis floor (Tarkett Tarraflex, colour: red) in competition hall and linoleum in training halls



Butterfly centrefold 25(blue)



Butterfly net and \*\*\*ball white

**Umpires:** International ITTF PTT and National TTA Umpires

46 umpires (38 men and 8 women) from 15 countries

- Austria 1, Belgium 2, Colombia 1, Croatia 5, Czech 2, Egypt 2, England 2, France 4, Hungary 4, Italy 11, Japan 4, Luxemburg 1, Netherland 2, Serbia 4 and Slovenia 1

Call room: **MilanaKrmelj SVN**



Call RoomCall Room

### **Competition days:**

25.-27.9.2013 Classifications and arrival days

27.9.2013 Technical meeting, Umpires briefing, Draw for Single Event

28.-30.9.2013 Single Event

30.9.2013 Draw for Team Event and Medal Ceremony for Single Event

1.10.2013 Free Day, Sports Forum

2.10-4.10.2013 Team Event

4.10.2013 Medal Ceremony Team Event, Closing Party

5.10.2013 Departures for delegations

**Competition hours:** from 9am till 10pm

### **Number of participants:**

289 players from 29 countries

93 women (28 wheelchairs) and 205 men (93 wheelchairs)

160 staff

Total participants: 449

**Officials:TD:** George Seliniotakis GRE

**Deputy TD:** AlešLetonja SVN

**Referee:** Jacky Simon FRA

**Deputy Referee's:** Francesco Nuzzo ITA, KiriilMazaev RUS

**Field of Play Manager:** Sonja Grefberg FIN

**Classifiers:** JurajStefak SVK, Sheng Wu TPE, Zahra YousefiIRA, Eric Kullingsjo SWE and AartKruimer NED

**Racket control:** Brancini Antonio ITA, Bertotto Renzo ITA

**Computer person:** BertottoAnnamaria ITA



Referee's desk



Racket control room

**Ball boys/girls:** Every day approximately 40 boys and girls were at the venue from three different schools nearby. They worked very good.



**Meetings:** A Technical meeting was held on 20th of March in the first floor's room at hotel Le Vele. Organizers gave general informations and Draws and Timetable for Singles Event for the first day of competition to delegations. Also umpire meeting was held after the Technical meeting, and there were general information and entering the field of play procedure instructions.



Meeting room

**Classification:** There were classifiers on the venue, who were observing players during the competition days. Also they had to classify 22 players, from this number 3 new for compete, 8 reviews of physically disabled and 11ID players. One more class11 player was classified on our demand. So total number was 23 players.

During the tournament all 5 appointed classifiers did observations and controlled the consistency of classification in all classes according the classification allocation criteria, profiles of classes and using the 3S technical approach. The observation findings were discussed and some actions will be done.

**Results:** All went well; the results were on time on the info desk and pigeon boxes. The results were also put on the IPTTC PTT web site.

There was also live streaming during the competition  
<http://www.fitet.org/>

We also have nominated best players of the European Championship:

Best standing women athlete is Thu Kamakmopshue from France in mens category is **Patryk Chojnowski** from Poland. Best player in wheelchair is Robert Davies from Great Britain and Nadezda Pushpasheva from Russia,

**Ceremonies:** On 30.9.2013 was ceremony for the Singles Events at the end of the playing day in the Venue. For the Team Event ceremony was held in the Venue hall after the last matches.



Medals for single events



Podium

## Evaluation:

- Accommodation: moderate
- Transport: very good organized form both Airports to Lignano and back, without any problems
- Sport equipment: good, ITTF and ITTF PTTD approved
- Information's: good information's at the info board, pigeon boxes
- Referee: good and professional work
- Deputy referee's: good and professional work
- Umpires: good
- Computer man: good

- Racket control: good work
- We would like to thank Italian Table Tennis Federation and Italian Paralympics Committee for all the help and very well organized tournament.
- **Special thanks to:** FITET Stefano, Massimo, Barbara, Luca, Ioannis, Marco, Sara, Mila, Allegra, Eva, Andrea, Anna, Giorgio, Roberto, Jaime, Howard, Bai, Sirly, Frances, Wengfei, Ball boys/girls and all other who were helping in organizing this championships.

### **Press and promotion.**

There were daily articles about the championships in the ITTF and ETTU webs and there were live stream in FITET web site with more to 16 hours per day.

ITTF Promotion Manager announcement that extensive media coverage of the event, over 130,000 views various Facebook posts on the event ITTF's official page and over 11,300 people watched the live stream on ITTF's YouTube channel over the week.

We think that this championships is a good guide for the next championships about the Press and Promotion

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