

INTERNATIONAL TABLE TENNIS COMMITTEE
FOR THE DISABLED

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament / Championships : European Championships

Ranking Factor Applied for : 50

Name of Responsible Federation : DPC

Chairman of Organising Committee : Dr. Karl Quade

Dates of Play : July 12 – 22, 2001

Name of Technical Delegates : Jiri Danek and Oivind Eriksen

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I. Accommodation

All the participants of the Championship were accommodated in the Rehabilitation Center in Bad Vilbel in single rooms with bathroom. All rooms, bathrooms, dining rooms and all other premises, were acceptable for the wheelchairs.

The breakfast and dinner had participants in accommodation. The lunch was daily in the special tent at the sport hall. There the participants could use computers, internet, skittles or to play table tennis there. They could go into little Bistro in area too. In the near surroundings were the open swimming pool. Down town of the small city Bad Vilbel was 15 minutes on foot.

The quality of accommodation and all service there was very good.

In the Rehabilitation center were rooms for the classification, classification seminar, meeting of managers of teams and room for the draw. Special room with computer and Internet was together for TDs and ITTC members.

II. Venue

Originally we had to play in the BALLSPORTHALLE in Frankfurt, but one month before the start of EC, the groundwater made a fire the hall and the Organizers had to change it. With the help of City Frankfurt, they prepared for the Championships EISSPORTHALLE. It was very heavy work for all of them. In BALLSPORTHALLE were all things prepared and now they had to start the whole preparation once more.

The new venue was probably 15 minutes by bus from the accommodation.

The floor in the main hall : : parquet with small problem (a little slippery) acceptable for the play

The floor in the training hall : tongue floor, acceptable for the play

Lighting : more than 1000 Luxes on the tables, no complaint for the light

Seating for spectators : some thousands of them

Referee and computer places : were side-by-side in the middle of the longer side of main hall

Training hall : in the same building for 14 tables

III. Equipment

Tables : 19 playing + 14 for practice tables **DONIC green**, ITTF and ITTC approved

Net/Post: **DONIC ITTF** approved

Scorrers : **DONIC ITTF** “

Balls : **DONIC *****, **white**, ITTF approved

Surrounds : **DONIC ITTF** approved

IV. Competition days

There were eight competition days from July 14 to 21, 2001.

Time schedule : 14.7.2001 - Open singles

15.7.2001 - Open singles

16.7.2001 - Teams

17.7.2001 - Teams

18.7.2001 - Teams

19.7.2001 - Singles in classes

20.7.2001 - Singles in classes

21.7.2001 - Singles in classes

V. Number of Participants

Number of wheelchairs players 133

Number of standing players 137

Number of escorts and team officials 99

Total number 369

TD confirmed the number of participants. The organizers sent it to EPC, like basis for the payment of the Capitation fee.

VI. Transport

Between the accommodation and venue got about buses, according to timetable. The Organizers in cooperation with city administration used buses, acceptable for wheelchairs. The way of the transport was very acceptable for the participant and the organization of the transport was very good..

VII. Officials

Invited classifiers :	ITTC Chief Classifier	medical	Aart Kruimer	NED
	ITTC official	“ technical (secretary)	Nico Verspeelt	BEL
	ITTC senior	“ medical	Heinz Zverina	AUT
	ITTC official	“ technical	Shenk Kuang Wu	TPE
	ITTC official	“ medical	Juraj Stefak	SVK

Referee : Gerhard Friedrich, ITTF referee GER

Deputy referees: Patrik Ringel, ITTF, ITTC referee FRA

Karel Kovar, ITTF, ITTC umpires CZE

Coordinator of umpires: Egon Gesse GER

There were 52 umpires at the tables. 34 from Germany and 18 from other European countries. The umpires from other countries were all of them ITTF umpires.

VIII. Meetings :

The official **Meeting of Managers** was in July 13, after the draw of Open competition. Most of the manager of teams participated on the meeting. Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Karl Quade, informed them about the program of EC and the important news.

In July 15, at 19 o'clock was **European TT Sport assembly**. On the Assembly could participated only official entered countries. During the meeting, the representatives of countries were inform about the ITTC Report from the PG in Sydney.

The Representatives of Croatian Paralympic Committee, like the candidate of EC 2003, made there the presentation about city Zagreb, the hotels for an accommodation and very nice sporthall.

In the election of a Regional representative was elected Jiri Danek (CZE).

During the Championships were some next smaller meetings between TD's and some peoples from Organizing Committee, to solve the actual problems.

Meeting for umpires with the Referee Mr. Gerhard Friedrich was in July 13, 2001, evening.

IX. Draw :

Draws were conducted in the three stages :	July 13, 2001	Open competitions
	July 14, 2001	Team competitions
	July 15, 2001	Singles in classes

Both of Deputy referees and both of TD's prepared and conducted each drawing according to ITTF and ITTC Rules. The manager of majority of participated countries showed up them too.

X. Classification :

A total 45 players were classified. From the number were 30 new classifications and 15 review. For EC 2001 were invited five officials classifiers: Aart Kruimer, Heinz Zverina, Juraj Stefak, Nico Verspeelt and Cheng Kuang Wu.

At the same time like classification, proceeded official Seminar. 12 candidates participated on it. The level of the new classifiers on the end of the complete seminar:

5 of them level A – Trainee (1 seminar)

6 of them level B - Junior – National Classifiers (3 seminar)

1 of them level C - Junior - Regional Classifiers (practice)

XI. Results :

The results in the paper book form got all of the countries after the closing ceremony, in July 21, 2001. The Organizers sent to Gael Marziou in August 9, 2001 the Results in the digital form too.

XII. Other matters :

The organizers had big problem, when one month before the Championships the natural disaster, set aside the BALLSPORTHALLE. In the moment, the City authority of the city of Frankfurt helped them very much. The new hall – EISPORTHALLE was maybe still better for the table tennis tournament.

Lunch - The participants had possibility to have a lunch in special tent be the side of Eissporthalle. There it was possible to take cold and hot meals there. The level of the lunch was good.

Breakfast and dinner – both of meals prepared organizers in the main dining room in the accommodation. From 7 to 10 hours was prepared daily breakfast by Swedish tables way. Daily from 19 to 22 hours was prepared dinner in the similar way. The level of meals were very good.

Drinking refreshment - in the hall was from the start of the tournament, daily only in the morning, after the notices from the participants, was possible to take water in afternoon too.

Opening ceremony - were held before the start of the first competition, in July 14, at 9 o'clock. The individual delegations entered to music and behind their flags. The ceremonies was opened by Mrs. **Brigitte Zypries**, Secretary of State in the Ministry of the Interior and Mr. **Manfred Friedrich**, city counselor of the city of Frankfurt.

Medals ceremonies – were always after the ending of the competition and were well organized and had all the requirements, including national anthems of the winners. The very nice medals handed down always some of the invited guests of honour : Mr. **Ulf Mehrens**, president of the German Wheelchair Sport Organization, **Dr. Karin Fehres**, Sports Department city of Frankfurt, , Mr. **Hans Lindstroem**, president of EPC, **Dr. Karl Quade**, chairman of Organizing Committee and Mr. **Uwe Woldt**, Meyra company (one of the sponsors).

Clothing ceremony – like the opening ceremony were staged on the playing floor. On the one hand were tables for the participants and on the other hand the Organizers made the ceremony. Two main speakers were : Mr. Hans Lindstroem, president of EPC and Mr. Theodor Zühlendorf, president of NPC and the German Sports Organization for Disabled .

The main peoples from the Organizing Committee of EC 2001:

Dr. Karl Quade, Chairman of OC
Klaus Lerner responsible for schedule and electronic data processing
Manfred Emmel responsible for sport hall, accommodation, transport, medals and information material

Irina Player EC secretary

Except these main organizers, a lot of other peoples helped with the accommodation, the transport and in the hall and with a lot of other things.

Publicity - *There were three major and several local newspapers who have published articles. Daily was something in the News magazine and minimum two TV Reports were on TV. Also several handicapped sports magazines have printed reports.*

Anti-doping control – *10 controls took place in the Eissporthalle, during the Championships. All of them were negative!!:*

The total number of matches – *approximately 1470 were played during the Championships in the main hall, daily from 9:00 to 19:00 o'clock.*

Some problems of the Organizers -

– the computer program was not a 100% table tennis program and therefore during the tournament, some of the elements had to be changed. Only computer man were able to do these changes. This person had to work a lot of hours, before and during the tournament. To make changes in the program was necessary to organize the tournament after ITTF regulations and these changes took very long time

-the referee had not prepared to do the draw and the time schedule for the different events and this caused very hard time pressure for the Organizers

-faulty copying machine implicated sometimes the late information about the next time schedule for the participants

-in the hall there should have been an information desk. The people involved to run the tournament got all the questions from the players, the teams and so on. This caused to a stressful time for these hard working people.

-in the hall the Organizers had no special persons responsible for the equipment.

The concluding words – *EC in 2001 in Frankfurt was big and good ITTC tournament, though above-mentioned problems, which lined up in the successful series of the previous European Championships. We would like to say thank to all the Organizers.*

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