



***INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS***

TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT

Name of Tournament:

3rd Bayreuth Open

Ranking Factor Applied for:

40

Name of Responsible Federation:

**RSV Bayreuth 1994 e.V. and
German Federation**

**Name of Chairman of Organising
Committee:**

Mr. Werner Burkhardt

Dates of Play:

May 26 – 31, 2015

**Name of Technical Delegate:
Name of Dep. Technical Delegate:**

**Francesco Nuzzo ITA
Ales Letonja SLO**

Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:

12th June, 2015

Airport: Nürnberg International Airport – about 80 km. from Bayreuth. (Good transport schedule)



Railway station: Bayreuth Station.

Accreditation: As organized in the previous tournaments. It worked well. All delegations received a welcome bag which included general information, meals tickets, some small gadget and a T-shirt.

Accommodation:

ARVENA KONGRESS HOTEL****

Eduard-Bayerlein-Straße 5a

<http://www.arvena-kongress.de/>

About 5 minutes to the venue by the official transport. Used for participants, staff and officials.

Very good. Good accessibility for wheelchair users.

Ancillary rooms of a good standard with the required equipment.

Wi-Fi free upon request of vouchers at the reception.

It worked poorly and especially at evening it was impossible to have a stable connection for our work.

Issue to solve for the future.



Hotel RHEINGOLD ***

Austraße 2

<http://www.hotel-rheingold-bayreuth.de/>

About 15 to the venue by the official transport.
Used for participants. Excellent quality.



Meals:

Breakfast and Dinner were served at the hotels. The quality was excellent. Dinner times at the hotel Arvena were too short and on some evenings some participants who finished late their matches had problems with the personnel in the hotel to get food. The organizers tried their best ordering separately some food, but in general this issue weighs enough on general assessment of the tournament.

Lunch was served in an area converted from a gym on the first floor of the venue large enough to fit more or less 70 people.



The flow inside the dining room was well organized separating the participants in two queues one for standing people and one for wheelchairs.



The quality of the meals and the service was just ok, and it needs to be improved in both fields for the next events.



However the possibility to choice at lunch among different kind of drinks instead of plain water was a plus value.

Transportation:

Transport was provided from the hotels to the hall and vice versa with some big city busses suitable also for the transport of the wheelchairs. The transport was regularly scheduled and it ran circularly from the hotels to the venue. In the morning till 9 a.m. and in the evening from 6 p.m. every 15', and the rest of the day every hour.



Venue:

OBERFRANKENHALLE BAYREUTH

Multifunctional hall used for national and international events, enough accessible toilets for wheelchairs and big restrooms, including a canteen and a big public area.



Floor: Parquet floor – good

Lighting: Good

Spectator seats: Bleacher seats along the two sides of the hall (+/- 2500 seats). Only one side of the hall was used for standing spectators whereas for wheelchair spectators a platform was located in the opposite side. This is a rare setup even in high-level events and the choice of the organizers it's to be noted very positively.



Officials' areas:

- T.D, Referee, secretaries, transport manager and media responsible shared the same room at the first level of the venue.



- Competition management table for computer staff shared with the deputy referee in the field of play in the middle of long side of the hall.



- First aid was available all day long during the competition days, but the doctor was not on site.
- Rest room equipped with mats and massage room equipped with medical couch.



- Dressing rooms for players and umpires.
- Reserved area for the ball people near the wheelchair spectators' platform.
- Pigeon boxes and information boards at the entry of the playing hall and in both hotel receptions.



Call Area: Very big room, well arranged and capable to contain all together the due number of persons.



Practice Hall:

A huge space at the first floor equipped with 20 tables and served by a lift. There are around the world very few tournaments that can enable so many tables in the practice hall. An additional peculiarity the implementation of a practice schedule for all players, feature this reserved to high level events.



Gluing area: Outside the hall

Water:

Distributed in bottles during the whole tournament upon voids return or a deposit of 1 €. A benefit was the free distribution of different drinks also with the same process as above.



Equipment:

Tables: 20 tables Butterfly Centrefold 25 blue accessible.
20 Butterfly Centrefold 25 for practice.
Nets: Butterfly Europa
Balls: Butterfly *** White

Scorers – Surrounds - Umpire's tables - Towel boxes: Butterfly

Competition days:

26th May 2015	Arrival day; draw for singles events; Technical meeting and Umpire's briefing
27th May 2015	Singles events; draw for team events
28th May 2015	Completion of Singles events; Medals ceremony for singles events; Team events
29th May 2015	Team events
30th May 2015	Completion of Team Events; Medals ceremony for team events and Farewell party at Arvena Hotel
31st May 2015	Departures of the delegations

Competition hours:

May 27	09.00 – 20.00
May 28	09.00 – 22.00
May 29	09.00 – 21.30
May 30	09.30 – 17.30

Participants:

Nations:		39
Participants:	Male	199
	Female	90
	Staff	109
Participants total		398

Officials:

TD:	Nuzzo Francesco	ITA
Deputy TD	Letonja Aleš	SLO
Classifier:	Shalef Yaël	ISR
Referee:	Tonge Karen	ENG
Deputy referees:	Krnc Matja	SLO
	Förtig Martin	GER
Computer:	Schrijver Wendy	NED
Umpires:	48 in total (GER - 37, BEL - 4, CZE - 1, GBR - 2, JOR – 1, SLO – 2, SWE – 1)	

The number of umpires was better than in the previous editions, number of foreign umpires still too low. However it was possible still to appoint only one umpire per table except for finals.

Ball people: Ball people were always present during the whole tournament. The responsible person organized them very well.

Volunteers: There were enough volunteers present. They were friendly and always willing to help. Very good work.

Meetings: The Technical meeting was held on 26th of May at 9:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Arvena Hotel. Necessary information was given to the delegations. The team partner list, the team partner composition form and the Singles draw were distributed. The umpire's briefing took place at 6:00 p.m. at the same place. The draw for Team events was prepared on 27th of May after confirmation of the team list.

Classification: Only observation took place.

Competition: Very well prepared tournament. Players and umpires gathered to the Call Area and after pre-match preparation marched into the field of play through a designated entrance. At the end of the matches they exit from different points, all this procedures following specific paths.
Only players and coaches having a match were allowed to the FOP.
All spectators were confined to spectators' stands.
No significant delays occurred in the previewed schedule. All umpires were helpful and worked very well.

Results: Results posted regularly at the information board near the entry of the playing hall and in both hotel receptions at evening. Upload of results to the ITTF website and to the tournament website was done more often than usual.
Final results were sent to the ITTF PTTD webmaster immediately after the end. Definitely an efficient work has been done by the computer team and by the results secretaries.

Information and Homepage:

Organized in an excellent way. The webpage gave a lot of general and specific information, photos, videos, articles and results.

Photo service: Really excellent.

Articles to ITTF Website:

A total of ten articles were published by Ian Marshall in the ITTF website:

http://www.ittf.com/front_Page/ittf_full_story1.asp?ID=39932&Category=para&Competition_ID=&

http://www.ittf.com/front_Page/ittf_full_story1.asp?ID=39930&Category=para&Competition_ID=&

http://www.ittf.com/front_Page/ittf_full_story1.asp?ID=39898&Category=para&Competition_ID=&

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4srFpgBIABk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ontT23rkX-0>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrU_Xsf4bo0
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQ7D-vdbvJc>

Ceremonies:

No Opening Ceremony. Brief welcoming speech during the Medals Ceremony for singles events.

The Medal ceremony for singles events was held in the Hall immediately after the completion of the events.

Winners were also awarded by money prize.

Medals Ceremony for the team events was organized on the last day after completion of the tournament.

To conclude Farewell party at Arvena Hotel.

Organizing Committee:

Chairman:	Werner Burkhardt
General management	Nicole Bergmann
Tournament Secretary:	Allegra Roccato
Tournament Vice Secretary:	Eva Roccato
Transport Manager:	Karina Beck
Accommodation:	Wendy Schrijver
Photos:	Bettina Bauer and Petra Steyer
Webmaster:	Bettina Bauer

Evaluation:

Accommodations:	Very good
Transport:	Very good
Meals:	From Excellent to average
Venue:	Very good
Sport equipment:	Very good, all ITTF approved
Light in the hall:	Good
Information:	Good, both on the information board and in the pigeon-boxes
Computer person:	Very good
Organization:	Very good organization with very welcoming people
Medal presentation:	Good

CONCLUSION

The 3rd Bayreuth Open was in nearly all aspects a very well organized tournament and a competition with a high standard. The organization, presentation, efficiency, and supporting functions were at the highest level; however there is still space for some improvement in a few areas that I'll list below.

HOTELS

Internet connection at the hotel: For the insiders should be considered a different solution instead of the ordinary that the hotel offers to all guests.

It's important to have a reliable and fast connection and continue to work (upload pictures, videos, results) also when back at the hotel at evening or at night when the net is overloaded because of many users connected.

MEALS

The dinner time at hotel Arvena was too short (till 10 p.m.) In my eyes for the future it should be extended at least until 10.30 and real time!

For the lunch, more variety of food and a better quality of service (staff less stressed out from the restrictions given by their boss) would give a big boost in the general impression and a better service to all participants.

ORGANIZATION

For the secretariat maybe an improved solution could be thought only for the front desk secretariat operations that can be dealt in a different room avoiding the crowding and the mess created by people waiting that even unintentionally can disturb other insiders working in the room.

To conclude, I would like to congratulate with the Organizers, referees, umpires and volunteers, for the well organized ITTF PTTD Fa 40 Tournament 2015 in Bayreuth.

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