



INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION PARA TABLE TENNIS

TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT

Name of Tournament: **2017 ITTF PTT World Team Championships**

Ranking Factor Applied for: **80**

Name of Responsible Federation: **Slovak Table Tennis Association with the
Slovak Sports Association for Disabled and
the Slovak Paralympic Committee**

**Name of Chairman of Organising
Committee:** **Mr. Jan Riapos**

Dates of Play: **May 15 – 21, 2017**

Name of Technical Delegate: **Francesco Nuzzo** **ITA**
Name of Dep. Technical Delegate: **Milana Krmelj** **SLO**

Report submitted to ITTF PTTD: **30th June, 2017**

Airport: Bratislava 7km (15 minutes) and Vienna 65km (50 minutes) Airports
(Good transport schedule)

Accreditation: On arrival at the hotels. It worked very well. All delegations received a welcome bag which included general information, meals tickets, some gadgets and a T-shirt.

Accommodation:

Double Tree by Hilton ****

Trnavska cesta 27/A, Bratislava,

www.bratislava.doubletreebyhilton.com/



A step from the venue. Used for participants, staff and officials.
Excellent. Good accessibility for wheelchair users.

Ancillary rooms of high standard with required equipment.

Wi-Fi free. It worked very well.





Lindner Hotel ****

Metodova 4, Bratislava

www.lindner.de/sk/hotel_bratislava

About 10 minutes to the venue by the official transport.
Used for participants and staff. Excellent quality.





Meals:

Breakfast served at the hotels. The quality was excellent.



Lunch and Dinner at the hotel Double Tree by Hilton



The first two evenings some participants who arrived around closing time had problems with the personnel in the hotel to get food. However the organizers talked with the responsible and the issue was solved for those evenings and in the days to come. The variety of food was ok and during days improved but as showed by the replies given by the nations in the questionnaire more was expected.



Transportation: A regular shuttle was organized only between the hotel Lindner and the venue every 30 minutes; The hotel Double Tree by Hilton was only 300 meters to the playing hall so transport was not required.



5 accessible busses and mini Vans



Venue: **ONDREJ NEPELA ICE RINK (SLOVNAFT ARENA)**

Ice Hockey stadium. Enough accessible toilets and broad possibility to set up all necessary facilities in the rooms located all around the hall under the spectators' stands.



Floor: Taraflex

Lighting: Very Good

Spectator seats: Bleacher seats all around the hall (around 10.000 seats).
The spectators in wheelchair could use in one side of the hall a small platform located near the tournament management table and in other areas they took place in part of the oval-track around the hall at the same level of the FOP.



Officials' areas:

- T.D and Referee, have two separated rooms a few steps behind from the competition management table.
- Competition management table was shared with referees, ITTF staff and media insiders and was located in the middle of the longer side of the playing hall.



- Results and computer table located just outside the Call area.



- First aid was available all day long during the competition days, and an ambulance was always parked outside the venue.
- Dressing rooms



- Reserved area for the ball people in a corner of the hall.

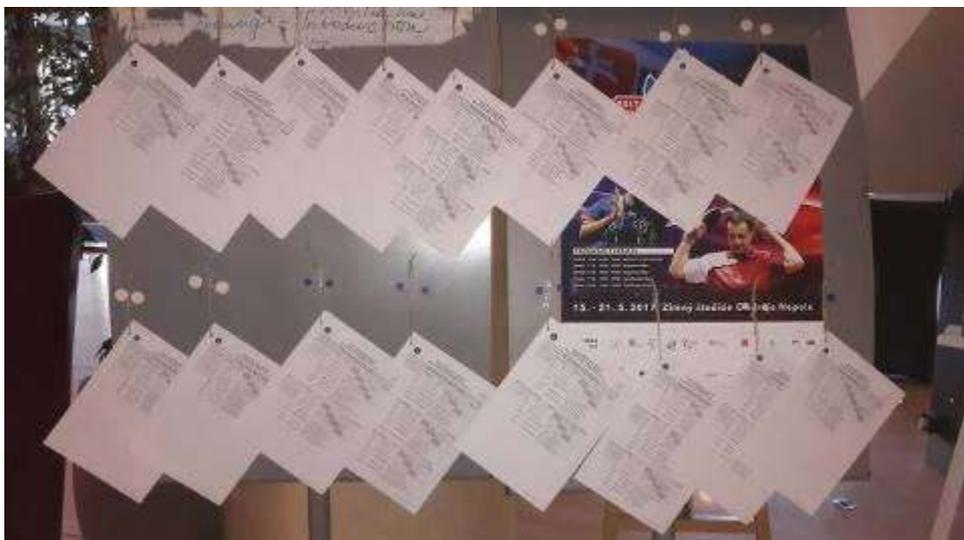


Photo courtesy of Roman Benicky

- Pigeon boxes and information boards in the way from the practice halls to the main hall.



- and in both hotel receptions.



Call Area: Well-arranged space capable to contain the due number of persons.



RCC: Proper equipped and separate room next to the call area in the way to the main hall.



Practice Halls:

On the areas of other two ice-hockey arenas in the complex. Huge spaces equipped with 24+24 tables. Hala A used for pre-match preparation with a scheduled plan and Hala B used for generic warm-up.



Stands:



Repair Service:



Gluing area: Outside the hall

Water: In water gallons dispensed.



VIP Area:



Equipment:

Tables: 12 tables Butterfly Centrefold 25 blue accessible.
48 Butterfly Centrefold 25 for practice.

Nets: Butterfly Europa

Balls: DHS *** 40+ White

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

Competition days:

15th May 2017

Arrival day

16th May 2017

Draw; Technical meeting, Welcome lunch, Opening ceremony and Umpire's briefing

17th May 2017

Beginning of the competition

18th May 2017

Continuation

19th May 2017	Continuation. Ending and Medals ceremony for all events played in a single group
20th May 2017	End of the competition; Medals ceremony; Closing ceremony and Farewell party
21st May 2017	Departures of the delegations

Competition hours:

May 17	09.00 – 21.00
May 18	09.00 – 19.30
May 19	09.00 – 19.30
May 20	09.00 – 17.30

Participants:

Nations Total:		34
Participants:	Male 195	32 Nations
	Female 59	18 Nations
	Staff	120
Participants total		374

Officials:

TD:	Nuzzo Francesco	ITA
Deputy TD	Krmelj Milana	SLO
Classifier:	Pablo Perez	ESP
Referee:	Crotta Constantina	GRE
Deputy referees:	Bohumsky Petr	CZE
	Krc Matija	SLO
Assistant referee:	Hamran Matej	SVK
Racket Control:	Marian Bystrican	SVK
Computer:	Cibula Jakub	SVK
	Hamran Anton	SVK

Umpires: 48 in total (SVK - 20, CZE - 4, HUN - 4, DEN – 2, ENG – 2, GER – 2, ITA – 2, JAP – 2, SLO – 2, TUR – 2, AUT – 1, CRO – 1, HKG – 1, PHI – 1, SRB – 1, THA – 1)

The number of umpires was good for the need of the competition

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. Excellent work.

Meetings:

The Technical meeting was held on 16th of May at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel. Necessary information was given to the delegations. The Draw was distributed. The umpire's briefing took place at 7:30 p.m. at the same place.

Classification: Only observation.

Competition: Very well prepared competition. Players and umpires from the Call Area gathered to a marshalling area and under supervision of the FOP manager Sonja Grefberg marched together into the field of play through the designated entrance. Coaches followed after presentation.
All spectators were confined to spectators' stands.
Schedule was respected and no delays occurred. All umpires were helpful and worked very well.

Results: Results were posted regularly at the information board in the hall and in pigeon boxes as well as in both hotel receptions. Upload on the ITTF website and tournament website was ongoing and regular at the end of each round.
Definitively a very efficient work has been done by the computer men and all the Secretariat team.

Information and Homepage:

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

Media and Photo service: Top class.

Articles in the ITTF Website:

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/20/history-bratislava-first-ever-world-title-brazil/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/20/impressive-performances-convincing-wins-conclude-slovakian-visit/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/20/reversal-fortunes-just-reward-jan-riapos/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/20/germany-poland-plunder-spanish-gold/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/20/japan-progresses-finland-denied/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/19/day-three-heartbreak-great-britain/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/19/nervous-moments-france-overcomes-japan-reserve-last-four-place/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/19/france-russia-strike-gold-bratislava/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/19/note-names-sandra-mikolaschek-paul-karabardak/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/19/crucial-contests-germany-finland-progress/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/18/day-two-italy-captures-first-title/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/18/victory-northern-neighbours-ensures-swedish-progress/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/18/turkish-duo-maintains-unbeaten-record-overcomes-second-seeds/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/18/italy-croatia-unbeaten-showdown-bratislava/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/18/major-comeback-no-fairy-tale-ending/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/18/intentions-clear-serbia-makes-impressive-start/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/17/day-one-french-pair-tested-favourites-prevail-opening-day/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/17/ability-prevails-sandra-paovic-guides-croatia-opening-victory/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/17/united-kingdom-home-nations-harmony/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/17/heart-soul-jan-riapos/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/17/denislav-kodjabashev-gains-revenge-bulgaria-experiences-defeat/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/17/rio-medallists-make-impressive-start/>

<http://www.ittf.com/2017/05/16/rio-medallists-prominent-bratislava/>

Local Web Site Of The Tournament

<http://www.so-tabletennis.com/>

Links to Flickr galleries:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/sets/72157681757678601>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/sets/72157683830000096>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/sets/72157683965637315>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/sets/72157680958445173>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/sets/72157684036573675>

Ceremonies:

Opening Ceremony:



Excellent media presentation of the competition with highlights on the Country and the City hosting the event.



Welcoming speech from Jan Riapos, Chairman of the Organizing Committee and the ITTF President Mr. Thomas Weikart.



Folkloric show.



Music show



Medals Ceremonies:



Fair Play Award during the Closing Ceremony:



Farewell party: Very well organized.

Organizing Committee:

Chairman:	Jan Riapos
Deputy:	Tomas Varga
Deputy:	Anton Hamran
General management:	Martin Capla
Field of Play Manager:	Sonja Grefberg
Volunteers:	Eva Siskova
Accreditation, Accommodation:	Martina Balcova
Marketing & Media:	Pavel Bilik
Security:	Ladislav Gracik
Technical Manager:	Maros Cambal
Photos:	Roman Benicky and Richard Kolocsai
Media Coordinators:	Jana Tuha and Michaela Grendelova

Evaluation:

Accommodations:	Very good
Transport:	Very good
Meals:	From Very good to Good
Venue:	Very good
Sport equipment:	Very good, all ITTF approved
Light in the hall:	Very good
Information:	Very good
Referees:	Very good
Computer person:	Very good
Organization:	Very good organization with very welcoming people
Medal presentation:	Very good

Below you can find a summary chart with the outcome of evaluations given by the teams in the Questionnaire distributed during the event.

To note that quite all values are very high (values in the range 61-80 correspond to the evaluation Good and values from 81 to 100 to Very Good) confirming the overall satisfaction of the participants but also giving a real picture of the aspects more or less valued if compared among them.

Lobby	93
Bed Room	92
Bath Room	90
Breakfast	90
Lunch	68
Dinner	66
Bus from airport to Hotel	90
Local Transportation	92
Wi Fi in the Hotel	85
Wi Fi in the Venue	86
Manager meeting Structure	90
Information clear	90
Communication Organizing Committee	91
Liason officers	90
Competition information	90
Web information	89
Competition Format	82
Duration	80
Venue Lighting	89
Set up	88
Equipment	91
Procedures	88
Racket Control	87
Toilets	83
Facilities	83
Medical Service	84
Info desk	83
Umpires Standard of service	79
Qualification	83
Volunteers Helper	92
Ball persons	93
Officials Competence	92
Helpful	91
General impression on the Championships	88
Entry fee acceptable	67

CONCLUSION

The 1st Team World Championships was in all aspects a very well organized competition with a very high standard. The organization, presentation, efficiency, and supporting functions were at the highest level.

I would like to congratulate with all, Organizers, referees, umpires and volunteers, for their contribute in the success of the 2017 ITTF PTT World Team Championships in Bratislava.

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Technical Delegate**