



UEG NEWS – Autumn 2008

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Although September was only a month after Beijing Olympic Games, the trampoline agenda did not stop after the successful experience of the Chinese. On the contrary, this month joined together some high quality competitions that seemed to put a nice end to the exhausting Olympic cycle (2005-08) and opens a brilliant door for the next one (2009-12).

October appeared to be a key month for this future development, as FIG Elections returned a new composition for the governing body for trampoline. Europe suffered a significant loss of power into the hands of the two nations currently at the top of the discipline: China and Canada.

In this edition, we will summarise some of the important events of remaining two months of this year, establishing a new appointment with all the trampoline, tumbling and DMT friends. We aim to fulfil the commitment of publishing a regular newsletter about the evolution of all our disciplines on the UEG website. We hope that you find it useful and we appeal to your kind collaboration in order to strengthen this publication.

UEG TRA-TC Meeting in Gillingham (GBR)

Trampoline gymnastics is more than just competitions! During the first weekend of September, the Trampoline Technical Committee held a meeting in Gillingham (Great Britain), brilliantly organized by Mr. Martin John Laws at the Jumpers Gillingham club. The awesome facilities for trampoline available at this training centre puts the Medway region (County of Kent) in a wonderful position for organising training camps especially when you consider London 2012 and the location!



All UEG TRA-TC in Gillingham. From left to right: Miguel Vicente (ESP), Waldemar Okoniewski (POL), Valpuri Taulasalo (FIN), Rui Vinagre (POR), Martin Laws (GBR), Dimos Chrisopathis (GRE) and Erik J.Mogensen (DEN).



This TC Meeting was a good chance to evaluate the last European Championships in Odense (DEN) last spring. The overall impression was really nice and TC members were only upset with some problems encountered on the scoring and the transportation systems. The road for preparing the 2010 Europeans in Sofia (BUL) is now open, but the intention of the TC is to increase the UEG visibility in the long time between each continental tournament. A lot of ideas were discussed and are to be proposed at the UEG Executive Committee, so we hope to give you more news about it quite soon.

Friendship Cup in Kladno (CZE)

Our friends from the Czech Republic organised once again a traditional competition in the European calendar on 13th September. 180 gymnasts coming from 13 European countries arrived to Kladno (20 kms. from Prague) to participate at the 36th International Trampoline Friendship Cup. Together with the Nissen Cup in Switzerland, this is one of the oldest tournaments in the whole World calendar. Competition was organised in three categories (senior, junior and youth) and in two disciplines (individual and synchronized trampoline).



In the senior women's event Dutch athlete Yvonne Hartog won the competition with 34'6 points in the final, a comfortable difference towards Cara Jamieson from Scotland who kept the second position.

Poland won the men's senior competition, as Tomasz Adamczyk presented both the best execution and difficulty scores of the final, while Markus Kubicka (GER) finished second and the local hope, Petr Dufek won an important bronze medal on the international circuit.

Junior and youth categories demonstrated that the level between most of the Western European countries is quite similar, with a nice distribution of medals between Great Britain, France, Denmark, Belgium and the Czech Republic.

All results can be found here: <http://trampoliny.cstv.cz/vyslweb.asp?zavod=200827>

World Cup Final in Togliatti (RUS)

Togliatti, an industrial city located at the heart of European Russia, was the selected venue to host the last FIG World Cup Final in Trampoline and Tumbling. Following the FIG Executive Committee decision of creating an annual World Championship for the Olympic disciplines, there is no longer room for the bi-annual World Cup Finals, so 2008 will be the last stop of this kind of event.

Since 2009 (in the case of trampoline, since September 2008, as you will see on the following pages below), World Cup will follow an annual basis with points available in all the World Cup Series. The winners will be those who accumulate the highest quantity of points after the last World Cup Series competition of the year. An in-depth explanation of the changes to the World Cup system can be found in our friends' webpage of Acrobaticsports.com. Just click [here](#).



UEG TRA-TC were well represented in Togliatti by two of its members, Waldemar Okoniewski (POL) and Miguel Vicente (ESP). All the judges for the competition came from UEG National Federations. The medal table of the competition, elaborated by FIG, is the following:

Rank	Flag	NOC				Tot
1		RUS	2	2	1	5
2		CHN	2		1	3
3		JPN	1		1	2
4		BLR	1			1
5		UKR		2		2
6		USA		1		1
6		AUS		1		1
8		POR			1	1
8		POL			1	1
8		CAN			1	1

China confirmed their gold medals from Beijing, even though none of the two Olympic champions were included in the final starting list. But they were well represented by Dong Dong, bronze Olympic medallist, and Huang Shanshan, who couldnt complete her routine in front of her home crowd despite being one of the main contenders to the gold Olympic medal. But the story was quite different in Togliatti, where both were the clear dominants of the competition. Movchan (UKR) and Chernova (RUS) in the



women, and Nikitin (UKR) and Ueyama (JPN) completed a podium that gives even more evidence about the Asian dominance of the discipline, but also returns a solid presence of European athletes on top positions. Unluckily, Irina Karavaeva suffered from the same fate as in Beijing and could not complete her voluntary routine, staying away from the medals. Withdrawals from the two Canadian top athletes (Burnett and Cockburn) is one of the clearer explanations, as most of the trends reported on the UEG TRA-TC previous analysis of the Olympic Games keep on being valid after this World Cup Final.

The Synchronised trampoline men's event was the best final of the weekend, with some incredible routines coming from different countries. Japan (Ueyama and Sotomura) took the gold medal, closely followed by Australia (Wilden and Brown) and Portugal (Merino and Ganchinho). The three best pairs were separated by only 0.3 points, giving a good example of both the hard work and good job performed by both athletes and judges.

In the women's event, the reduced participation was a sad circumstance, but the performance of Belarus (Mironova and Petrenia) clearly deserved the gold. Russian favourites (Karavaeva and Chernova) could not win at home due to a low synchronization score.

In tumbling, Russia prevailed with a comfortable victory for Anna Korobeynikova and with a closer triumph by Andrei Krylov, who could handle the pressure of Kalon Ludvigson (USA) and Josef Wadecki (POL), two athletes that can compete face-to-face with the current World Champion.

More detailed information available at:

FIG Special Webcasting of the event: <http://www.togliatti2008.sportcentric.com/>
Acrobaticsports.com detailed reports and results:
http://www.acrobaticsports.com/detail.do?noArticle=2784&noCat=285&id_key=285
http://www.acrobaticsports.com/detail.do?noArticle=2785&noCat=285&id_key=285

2009 World Cup Series Competition in Loulé (POR)

Just a few weeks ago, the new 2009 competition calendar opened with the Loule World Cup, even though we are still in 2008! Changes on the FIG World Cup format explained above forced this strange situation, but the Portuguese Federation proved once again their knowledge on events' organization and offered a nice chance for the trampoline family to begin the new Olympic cycle preparation.



Silver Olympic medallist, Jason Burnett (CAN), proved that his superb performance in Beijing has helped him to be more confident on the trampoline and he is beginning to



show in competition all the tricks that he has already showed in training during the last few years. He is really talented and he seemed to be one of the athletes called to bring trampoline to new dimensions. With the new FIG Code of Points coming in force after January 2009, we have to watch very carefully in which direction of our sport will go! However, Burnett has proved that he can master almost all the current available skills and now he is successfully trying to introduce them into his routines. In Portugal he impressed with a sterling voluntary during the preliminary round, where he completed 29 longitudinal twists during the ten skills of his routine! His intention was to perform an average of 3 twists per skill, but some little problems made him reduce his ambitious goal. Even so, this is a new, good example of challenging the established limits for a trampoline athlete.

Our sport combines a lot of elements in competition and, even having completed this exhibition, Burnett finished 6th after the prelims due to a mistake on his first routine. Competing third on the final's starting list, he impressed once again in the finals and he won his first World Cup competition ever. The Silver medal travelled to Japan (Masaki Ito), while experienced Nikolai Kazak got the bronze.

Team Canada completed their dominance with the first World Cup victory for 18 year-old Rossanagh MacLennan, another talented 'production' coming from the Dave Ross' Toronto Skyriders. Ross is the most successful trampoline coach in terms of Olympic medals, as three of his athletes got five medals between Sidney, Athens and Beijing. But MacLennan does not belong to this privileged club yet, although she will be one of the main contenders for the medals in London 2012. Podium was completed with Movchan (UKR) and Petrenia (BLR).

Japan confirmed their victory at World Cup Final by adding another gold medal in Loulé. In absence of the Australian pair, Portugal got a brilliant silver medal. Diogo Ganchinho and Nuno Merino gave the main result for the local crowd, while France completed the podium with the bronze medal. And the same story happened with the girls, as World Cup Final winners, Mironova and Petrenia (BLR) locked the victory. Podium had a clear former Soviet Union taste, as the three pairs came from the Eastern European countries. Ukraine and Russia achieved silver and bronze, respectively.

In tumbling, Andrei Krylov (RUS) confirmed his World dominance beating Adrian Brylka (POL) and David Jensen (DEN), with Anna Korobeynikova (RUS) doing the same in the women's event, edging out Olena Chabanenko (UKR) and Inna Vinogradova (RUS). Parallel to the World Cup Series, an Elite DMT competition was held. Russian athletes Dmitry Fedorovskiy and Viktoria Voronina got the individual triumph, followed by Sandro Moreno (ESP) and Galina Goncharenko (RUS). And to complete a busy agenda, the Loule Cup joined a lot of participants coming from diverse countries, completing one of the most frenetic weekends of our international calendar.

You can find more information at:

Loulé World Cup: <http://www.louleworldcup2008.com/>

Also video available at: <http://www.miragens.abola.pt/videosdetalhe.aspx?id=2624>

Detailed Acrobaticsports.com reports:

http://www.acrobaticsports.com/detail.do?noArticle=2787&noCat=285&id_key=285

http://www.acrobaticsports.com/detail.do?noArticle=2788&noCat=285&id_key=285



Nordic Championships in Haslev (DEN)

Haslev held the Nordic Championships on 18th October, a competition that annually joins countries involved in trampoline from the Northern part of the continent. Sweden, Denmark and Finland were the countries present this time, as Norway continues to encounter some problems to start trampolining successfully.

This was the ninth edition of this Nordic tournament and Peter Jensen got his ninth victory in the men's event, leading to a clear dominance of the Danish delegation, as the medal table shows:

		Gold	Silver	Bronze
Youth	Girls	DEN	FIN	DEN
	Boys	DEN	DEN	FIN
Junior	Girls	SWE	DEN	SWE
	Boys	DEN	DEN	SWE
Senior	Women	DEN	DEN	FIN
	Men	DEN	DEN	DEN



FIG TRA TC Elections

After the FIG Elections held in Helsinki between 17th to 19th October, Europe is losing part of its power in the main organisation that governs trampoline competition, the FIG Technical Committee.

However, if we consider that Europe had seven out of seven members during the last Olympic cycle, we can see this as natural –from both a geopolitical and a gymnastics point of view- that Stephan Duchesne (CAN) and Lui Xing (CHN) gained a spot on the TC for 2009-2012. Unluckily two of the best European experts, Ulf Andersson (SWE) and John Beeton (GBR) are the ones that step out from the TC: both have worked tirelessly to improve trampoline worldwide and we would like to thank them for their contribution. Ulf will now be working directly in the FIG office so we will see more of his contribution.

Horst Kunze (GER) won the Presidency election and he will be leading the TC for four years more, completing his third Olympic cycle in a row at this top level role. Nikolai Makarov (RUS) lost the Presidency vote, but he was the most voted between the members, keeping the 1st Vice-Presidency locked. Former UEG TRA-TC Member, Christophe Lambert (FRA), will be 2nd Vice-President. European representation in the TC will be completed by Tatiana Shuyska (UKR) and Vladimir Zeman (CZE).

We all wish them the best luck during the next cycle!

[Result TRA-TC Presidency Election](#)
[Results TRA-TC Elections](#)



Invitations and Directives for future competitions

Even the complete FIG calendar for 2009 is not available yet, there are some international competitions already announced for the following season. Here you will find some of them, with direct links to information when it's available.

[Niederrhein Cup](#) (GER)

[Flower Cup](#) (Aalsmer, NED)

[Scandinavian Open](#) (Haslev, DEN)

[Frivolten Cup](#) (Herrljunga, SWE)

[Loule Cup](#) (Loule, POR)

Provisional Calendar (only confirmed events):

Competition	Date	Place
Niederrhein Cup	28/02	Kempen (GER)
Flower Cup	21/03	Aalsmer (NED)
Scandinavian Open	11/04	Haslev (DEN)
World Cup	17-19/04	Sofia (BUL)
Frivolten Cup	22-23/05	Herrljunga (SWE)
World Games	16-26/07	Kaohsiung (TPE)
Loulé Cup	17-20/09	Loulé (POR)
World Champs.	7-15/11	St. Petersburg (RUS)
WAGC	14-22/11	

IMPORTANT:

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