

LATVIA Baltic Championships 3-4 July 2010

Mister President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends in sport,

I am very happy to be here in Bauska among so many athletes. I thank you very much for your warm welcome particularly President Daumants Znatnajs.

I have to give you the best regards and the best wishes from President of EVAA Dieter Massin. He apologizes to all of you for his absence.

Moreover on behalf of President Dieter Massin and the Council members of EVAA, I have to congratulate the three Baltic federations, the organizers and all the personalities and officials of the municipality and the region for their courage and their efforts to develop the master movement and organize such event. EVAA is really happy to cooperate with Baltic Master movement and we hope you can continue the same in the future.

May I remind you that EVAA Academy has held in the beginning of this year a seminar in Riga about the Safety Officer. For me this is the first time I come in a Baltic country and of course in Latvia. I am very happy and it is a great honour to be present at this historical moment: historical because this is the first time, I think, after the “Singing Revolution”, the three Baltic Athletic Federations are competing together. So, many thanks again to the Latvian President who is behind this idea.

I wish you the best for the continuation of your championships and I hope to see most of you in Nyiregyhaza at the occasion of the European Veterans Championships.

Thank you.