

Report from EVAA Vice-President

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My four years as a vice-president of EVAA has been full of interesting work. During this period I have been working in the items like a new website of EVAA, a new structure of EVAA Council and a many different championship question. Among some items I feel that EVAA has taken strong steps forward but also in some areas I feel that development work can be concentrated and can be strengthened.

Four years has taught me to co-operate in our Council and with our affiliates and athletes. In this work my duty as a team manager has helped a lot. Straight opinions and comments from athletes are basic elements to do this work. And I do hope that person who will continue vice president work will never forget this.

During last four years one of the biggest changes in EVAA work was a new website. I feel that we managed to create a new start of use of modern technology. www.evaa.ch gives us more updated information and is serving both our affiliates and our athletes. Number of visitors in our web-site has increased year by year. This change was a start and it is easier in the future to develop this modern type of information. Of course there is lot to do, but in good hands our website is helping all of us.

How we have to do this development work in Europe? I believe to the future and I think that we are on a good road. We have to remember our societies in all countries. Our athletes are coming from so many different situations. We have to create also non-competition profile in our societies. How much our athletes are reducing taxes in health care section. Our values are right, let's keep them moving on.

I feel that the best way to develop our EVAA work is to open discussion and trustiness. We need everyone and everybody's opinion is important. And I do hope that I can be also one little part of this work also in the future and with good co-operation I try to do my work in WMA for the best of Europe.

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