

Report of Technical Director Esa Kaihlajärvi

In 2008 I was elected as Technical Director and now I am two years in this new installed office of EVAA.

1 TBM (Technical Board of Managers)

1.1 There are seven members in the TBM:

Stadia Manager (Serge Beckers, BEL), Indoor Manager (Nicola Maggio, ITA), Non-Stadia Manager (Vesna Repic, SRB), Mountain/Ultra Manager (Josep M. Antentas, ESP), Statistician (Ivar Söderlind, SWE) and Women's Representative (Dace Brakanska, LAT) plus me as Technical Director and leader of this TBM.

Many things have changed after we announced a reform of the championships (rules, competition days, pre-veterans).

In the last two years the TBM met three times; it is to say that the co-operation within the TBM was very good and effective, because we had been focussed to technical items and to new ideas to our four different championships.

At the moment we have four different kinds of championships in a two years term:

- stadia championships
- mountain championships
- non-stadia championships
- indoor championships

1.2 Meeting of the TBM

There are meetings once a year (last year: two times, because we want to meet after the season, it means that we will meet in the future in October / November and no more in January, so that the Council can better prepare changes and recommendations)

1.3 Competition

Harmonisation of Competition rules to the new situation (reduction of competition days); revision of medal standards (permanently); standardisation of the entry booklet

What is to do more and why?

- to develop new ideas
- to work as a team
- to establish the new idea of "Safety Officer" including the seminars
- to present coaching and adults sport seminars

2 Competitions

2.1 EVACS 2008 Ljubljana (SLO): 3693 competitors and 42 countries (the third best ever in stadia events). Good facilities (all close together – stadium I and stadium II and throw fields; -> Nyiregyhaza 2010 and better coordination that everything will work well.

2.2 EVACI 2009 Ancona (ITA): good cooperation in Italy with FIDAL and Indoor Manager. New record in participation: 2843 competitors and 39 countries.

2.3 EVACNS 2009 Århus (DEN): some new ideas - like open half-marathon together with non-stadia half-marathon; arising question - to integrate EVACNS into existing (local) events. Problems of the Cross-Country-Relay (decrease of participants) 664 competitors and 28 countries.

2.4 EMMRC 2010 Cerdanyola del Valles (ESP): 255 competitors and 10 countries.

Aim - to have 500 championships competitors. Combination EMMRC and existing

event.

3 Rules and Reform Attempts

- 3.1 This year we have one day less than earlier in EVACS
- 3.2 New category of Pre-Veterans MW30 – five events per gender in Hungary 2010
- 3.3 Decathlon + Pentathlon (70+) / Heptathlon + Pentathlon (70+)
- 3.4 Medal Standards
- 3.5 New WMA rules: hurdles, throw-weights, new multi-events Age Factors 2010
- 3.6 New idea to Cross Country Relay in Thionville / Yutz (FRA); evaluation after EVACNS 2011 as well as the pre-veterans in Nyíregyháza

4 All Time Best Results

- 4.1 Every event and every category
- 4.2 Work is hard and quite long
- 4.3 Ivar Söderlind's team is making these statistics in co-operation with Ton Peters (NED) and Bob Minting (GBR)
- 4.4 All 50 countries must have a good statistician

5 New competition places

- 5.1 EVACI 2011 Gent (BEL) is compact and has good facilities (indoor and outdoor)
- 5.2 EVACNS 2011 Thionville / Yutz (FRA)
- 5.3 EVACS 2012 we have a new challenge – three countries are working together Zittau (GER), Bogatynia (POL) and Hradek n.N. (CZE)
- 5.4 EMMRC 2012 a candidate for mountain is wanted
- 5.5 EVACI 2013 a candidate for indoor is wanted
- 5.6 EVACNS 2013 Upice (CZE) is a candidate so far
- 5.7 EVACS 2014 Izmir (TUR) and Zaragoza (ESP) are the candidates (presentation and election in the General Assembly in Nyíregyháza)

6 Best Athletes

- 6.1 2008: Christine Müller (SUI) and Wolfgang Ritte (GER)
- 6.2 2009: Gitte Karlshøj (DEN) and Guido Müller (GER)
- 6.3 European Best Veteran (man and woman) and new criteria are decided.

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7 What next?

- 7.1 Some kind of criteria if someone will participate in European championships?
- 7.2 New ideas for non-stadia championships?
- 7.3 Relays - must all team members be from the same country?
- 7.4 Better competitions – LOC and TBM team work?
- 7.5 Rules – are they ready – do they need to be changed?
- 7.6 Training camps in the spring and cooperating IAAF training facilities or other places

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