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CONGRESS 1994 - Threshold to the year 2000

We all know that the **IOC** had its Centennial Congress in Paris. The **FIT** will have its "Congress of the Century" in **Oporto** on the 4th October 1994, leading us into the next Century.

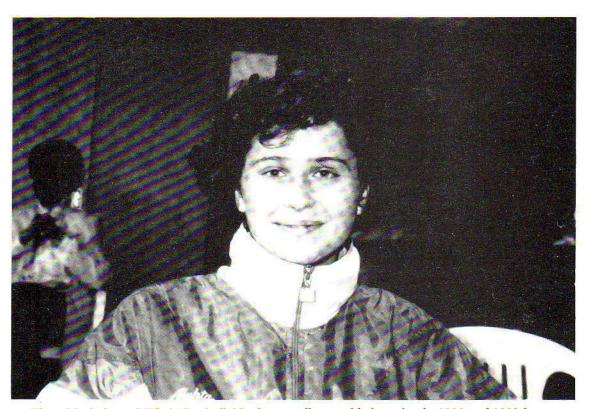
What makes this Congress so important? Elections? Competition Rules? or Assignments of future Championships?

Certainly, these are all important issues, however, much more important than the details will be new ideas, fantasy, creativity, the spirit of the next Century. Congress will have to leave their "**black boxes**", they will have to look forward, to look out for the exceptional. They will not have to look at the past 30 years, but at the coming 30 years, starting from zero today. Not today's standards, but the standards of the next Century must be achieved. Great efforts will be required to keep today's position in the year 2000, and even more is needed to develop. The world of sports is developing incredibly fast and today's key to success is a young, dynamic, public and media friendly sport, with much TV exposure. Only sports which are part of the Olympic Programme will be able to develop and survive in the next Century.

The FIT can make it, provided the Congress delegates look at the overall interest of the FIT, and not only at their personal, competitors, clubs or countries interest. They have to identify themselves with the FIT and give the new elected Board the opportunity to move forward. How? One example is the proposal of the Swiss Gymnastics Federation. Only an open policy will make us develop.

Give the Board the chance to check all possibilities, and don't build barriers for new ideas before we even have the opportunity to find out if, and how, they could be implemented.

> André Gueisbuhler Secretary General



Elena Merkulova (RUS) ladies individual trampoline world champion in 1990 and 1992 hopes to make it three in a row on the occasion of the 1994 event in Oporto, Portugal in October

PREVENTING AND FIGHTING AGAINST DOPING IN SPORT

At a meeting held in Laussane on the 13th January 1994, the representatives of the IOC, the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), the Association of International Winter Federations (AIWF), the International Olympic Federations (IFs), the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), the continental Associations of NOCs, and the athletes decided as follows:

1. To approve the following principles.

1.1 To unify their anti-doping rules and procedures for the controls they perform both during, and out of competition (unannounced tests).

1.2 To adapt, each year, as a basic document the list of banned classes and methods of doping, established by the IOC Medical Commission and to undertake the necessary controls for each sport.

1.3 To accelerate unification of the minimum sanctions provided for by the IOC Medical Commission for violations of the anti-doping regulations and to ensure their application at both international and national level.

1.4 To recognise the sanctions imposed by another International Federation.

1.5 To use the laboratories accredited by the International Olympic Committee for all international competitions and for out of competition tests.

1.6 To develop the co-operation between the IOC, the International Sports Federations, the National Olympic Committees, the National Federations and the governmental or other organisations concerned in order to organise and carry out doping controls and to combat the trafficking of doping substances in sport.

1.7 To set up a special financial assistance programme for those International Sports Federations which need it, in order to help these to intensify their anti-doping controls.

1.8 To provide that sports included on the Programme of the Olympic Games must be governed by International Federations which agree to comply with the above mentioned principles.

2. To establish a working group which shall include, representatives of the above-mentioned bodies and of the authorities in order to ensure the application and follow up of the above principles.

The Medical Commission of the International Trampoline Federation thoroughly agrees with the principles expressed within the document issued in Lausanne in January 1994, and hopes that all other sports Governing bodies will take up the challenge towards the eradication of drug abuse.

> Rob Walker Chairman FIT Medical Commission

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

We have been notified of address changes as follows:

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DO YOU KNOW ?

In the April issue of FIT NEWS I printed an article on how "Trampoline and Double-Mini Trampolining came to Europe". The article was written by Peter River.

Since the article was published, I have been informed that the double-mini (often referred to as a trampette) was in use in 1949/1950 by a Danish gynnastic team visiting England!

I would be grateful to anyone who has any further information about mini-trampolining in Europe, from the early 1940s up to the middle 1950s or so, to write and let me know about it. I am certain that this would also be of interest to a great number of others in our sport.



The opening and closing ceremonies, scheduled for the evenings of 19th July and 4th August, have been awarded to the Emmy Award-winning **Don Mischer Productions** to create, and are expected to attract a world-wide TV audience of 5 billion people.

Don Mischer Productions is a Los Angeles based company with more than 15 years of experience. The firm has earned **44 Emmy Award** nominations, **winning 13**, and is amongst the television industry's most respected production companies.

Three themes will be portrayed during the ceremonies:

- The Olympic Games Centennial
- The American South and its diversity
- Youth

The 85.000 seat **Sanford Stadium** at the **University of Georgia** will be the venue for the **Soccer** finals. Sanford is situated approximately 70 miles Northeast of Atlanta.

The Rowing and flatwater Canoeing competitions have been moved to Lake Lanier in Hall County, at the request of the International rowing and canoeing federations, with the support of the US federations. The site originally chosen for these events was **Big Haynes** Creek reservoir.

The 1996 Games will field more female athletes than in any other Olympic Games in history. In fact, 20% more women will compete in Atlanta than in Barcelona - the greatest increase between any two previous Olympic Games. More than 3.600 women will be go for gold in everything from women's soccer and softball to track and field.

Bill Rathburn, Director of Security for **ACOG**, hopes to enlist the volunteer services of police officers from around the world to supplement the federal and state forces that will help ensure the security for the Games, and already the law enforcement agency of **Sydney** plan to commit on-duty officers to assist.

The ACOG financial forecast as of February 1994, outlines revenues of \$1.580.671.000 against expenses of \$1.520.672.000 plus a contingency fund of \$60 million.

The new estimate for proceeds from the sale of tickets which will be available in early 1995 - is \$261.2 million, compared with \$225.8 million projected a year ago. Since then, women's soccer and softball have been added to the programme, as well as mountain biking and beach volleyball.

The ACOG have come up with a novel way to raise extra finances for the staging of the Games, whilst at the same time putting some 'dollars' into the coffers of the State of Georgia.

In the first two months of availability, sales of Centennial Olympic Games commemorative vehicle licence plates topped 250.000, and additional orders have been placed on a waiting list while more plates are made. This means that approximately 1 out of 12 passenger vehicles in Georgia now sports the Olympic licence plate. The plate is valued through to 1996 and costs \$15. The State of Georgia receives \$5 for each plate sold [giving a revenue so far of \$1.2 million] whilst the remaining \$10 covers the production costs and provides proceeds to help pay for the staging of the 1996 Games.

How Big will the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games Be?

The following facts and figures indicate the scope of the 1996 Olympic Games compared with recent Summer Games:

City	Countries	Sports	Athletes	Tickets
Los Angeles	141	21	7.078	6.9m
Seoul	159	23	9.421	4.3m
Barcelona	171	25	10.563	3.9m
Atlanta	* 200	26	10.500 +	10.2m

* expected numbers

Life has been made much easier for members of the Olympic family going to Atlanta in 1996, with the passing of a **duty-free** bill which will allow teams, groups and individuals associated with the Games to take equipment into the United States 'duty-free'.

This means that all **duties** will be waived, and save teams from around the world thousands of dollars in custom duties.

Venue construction costs make interesting reading with the Olympic Stadium for Athletics (Atlanta) costing approx. \$160-\$170 million, Aquatics (Georgia Tech) \$12-\$13 million, Archery/Cycling (Stone Mountain) \$5-\$6 million, Basketball (Morehouse) \$7-\$8 million, Equestrian (Georgia) \$18-\$20 million, Field Archery (Atlanta) \$25-\$30 million, Rowing/Canoeing/Kayaking (Lake Lanier) \$10-\$12 million, Shooting (Wolf Creek) \$12-\$14 million and Tennis (Stone Mountain) \$12-\$15 million.

The construction costs does not include temporary adaptations of Olympic venue facilities, design costs, furnishing, fixtures and equipment.

These are **new** constructions by the ACOG only. Local Authorities are also being involved in providing additional facilities.

NEWS FROM THE FEDERATIONS

BULGARIA

It is with regret and sadness that we report the sudden death of Svetlin Kolev. He will be greatly missed by the Bulgarian Federation and fondly remembered by all for his contribution to Trampoline and Double Mini-Trampoline around the world.

DENMARK

The **1995 World Cup Final** will be held in Copenhagen during the period 11-13 November, in the **National Circus Building.** Accommodation has been arranged at the Triton Hotel, which is situated only 200 metres from the competition site.

GERMANY

The town of Schwäbisch Gmünd played host to a threeway international match between German/France and Great Britain last May. The British team were triumphant in both the ladies and men's team events, with Andrea Holmes (GBR) easily the best lady, and Martin Kubicka (GER) first in the men's competition. Results were:

TR(L)

1st Andrea HOLMES (GBR) 101.4 2nd Tina LUDWIG (GER) 98.8 3rd Sandra BECK (GER) 96.3

TR(Team)

1st Great Britain 288.6 points 2nd Germany 285.2 points 3rd France 257.2 points

TR(M)

1st Martin KUBICKA (GER) 103.8 2nd Paul SMYTH (GBR) 102.4 3rd Theo KYPRI (GBR) 100.3

TR(Team)

1st Great Britain 301.5 points 2nd Germany 282.0 points 3rd France 227.7 points

HOLLAND

National champions for 1994 are: Yvonne Hartog and Lennard Villafuerte.

NEW ZEALAND

News has just reached us that **Paula O'Gorman** (nee **Ashbridge**) and her husband Paul are now the proud parents of Conor, born last October, and who weighed in at 8lbs.

SCOTLAND

An international match between Scotland and Denmark will be held in the town of Lasswade, on the 4th September. Both countries will use the match as warm-ups for the forthcoming World Championships in October, followed by the European Youth Championships in November.

The new Chairman of the Scottish Association is Ron Brooks from Perth.

FIT TECHNICAL FORUM IN RENNES -WE WERE THERE!!!

The FIT Technical Forum, organised jointly by the FIT and the FFTSA (French Federation of Trampoline and Sports Acrobatics) was held in the magnificent French National Training Centre from the 9-10th June of this year.

Preceded by an International Advanced Coaches Course, delegates from 13 countries participated in this, the first FIT Technical Forum to be held.

In 1992, just prior to the Auckland Congress, the Portuguese Federation proposed that a "*Technical Congress*" should be held, but for a variety of reasons, the proposal was withdrawn. However, the success of the Rennes Forum is evidence enough that the proposal was correct. We could discuss over a lengthy period all the technical matters that are fundamental for the development of our sport. The different ideas could be analysed in detail, and with no pressure of a Congress.

The different panels for Trampoline, Double Mini-Trampolining and Tumbling came up with lots of new ideas, and which the TC will put forward as proposals to the Congress in Oporto in October, and which have already be circulated to all through the FIT Bulletin.

This Forum is exactly what is required to stimulate discussion, and to my mind, it is the only way to find out about the best strategies for the technical development of our sport.

The FIT Technical Committee are to be congratulated for organising the Forum, and for ensuring that the Agenda ran smoothly.

As usual, our French friends received everyone with kindness and did everything possible to make everyone feel at home.

In the opinion of all the participants, it is an initiative that must continue!!!

Filipe Carvalho (POR)

CONGRESS 1994 AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the Congress
- 2. Notice of the meeting
- 3. Voting accreditation and election of scrutineers
- 4. Approval of the Agenda
- 5. Approval of the Minutes of the previous Congress
- 6. Reports
 - **6.1 President**
 - **6.2 TC President**
 - 6.3 Chairmen of Commissions 6.3.1 Medical Commission 6.3.2 Promotion Commission
 - 6.4 Financial Report and Statement of Accounts
 - 6.5 Auditors Report
 - 6.6 Presentation of Budgets
- 7. Approval of the Reports and release of actions of the Executive, Presidential and Technical Committee
- 8. Proposals

8.1 Admissions and Resignations

- 8.1.1 Resignation of Czechoslovakia
 8.1.2 Admission of Czech Republic
 8.1.3 Admission of Korea
 8.1.4 Admission of Philippines
 8.1.5 Admission of Slovakia
 8.1.6 Admission of Uzbekistan
- 8.2 Board and Member Federations

8.2.1 Statutes

8.2.2 Congress Rules 8.2.3 Competition Rules

- 8.2.3.1 FIT-TC Proposals Nr 1toXII 8.2.3.2 Poland Proposals Nr 1toIV 8.2.3.3 German Proposal
- 8.2.4 Athletes representative

8.2.5 Other proposals

8.2.5.1 International Olympic Committee (IOC) 8.2.5.1.1 Out of Competition Doping Control 8.2.5.1.2 Court of Arbitration

- for Sport
- 8.2.5.2 Portugal Proposal: No discussions with other Federations
- 8.2.5.3 Switzerland Proposal: Meet with the FIG to discuss a possible merger and report to Congress in 1996

9. Elections

9.1 Executive Committee

9.1.1 President
9.1.2 Vice-President
9.1.3 Secretary General
9.1.4 Treasurer
9.1.5 Members

9.2 Technical Committee

9.3 Auditors

10. Membership fees

11. Assignment of the World Championships

and Congress in 1996

12. Other events

13. Report on the World Championships and Congress 1996

14. Honorary Awards

14.1 Jannie Jansen Award
14.2 Distinctions: FIT Silver and Bronze Distinctions
14.3 Honorary Member: FIT Gold Distinction

15. Miscellaneous

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

Notice of the Congress was given according to 9.1 of the Statutes three months prior to the Congress through both the **FIT NEWS** and the **FIT Bulletin.** The Congress papers were sent in the time according to the Statutes 9.2.

JANNIE JANSEN AWARD

The Jannie Jansen Award is a wood carved trophy donated by the Froehlich family. It is made by Roger Jacobs, a well known American artist, and was presented to the Congress in Auckland.

The Award is to be presented every two years, and the inaugural ceremony will be held in Oporto on the occasion of this Congress.

This a fitting memorial to Jannie, who was loved by all who knew him, and President Froehlich and his family are to be thanked most warmly for their very generous gift to the FIT.

The award will be presented to the person/s who meets some of the following criteria: international involvement, long service, coaching or judging achievement internationally, administrative excellence within the FIT, competitive excellence as a performer, popular acclaim etc.

ELECTIONS

Candidates for the **Executive** and **Technical Committees** have been proposed by their Federations as follows:

Executive Committee (9 Members)

PRESIDENT

Ronald Froehlich (USA)

VICE-PRESIDENT

Gerda Bierenfeld (GER) - new

SECRETARY GENERAL

André Gueisbuhler (SUI) Filipe Carvalho (POR) - **new**

TREASURER

Ben van Waeyenberghe (BEL)

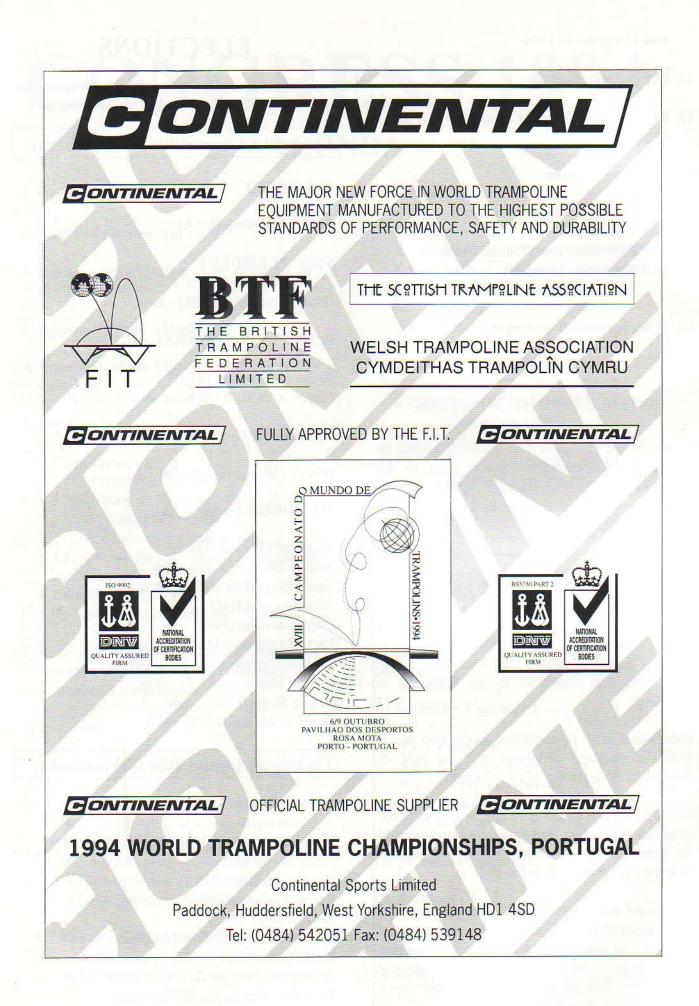
MEMBERS (5 seats)

Masanori Obayashi (JAP) John D Beeton (SCO) - new Gerda Bierenfeld (GER) - new Allan Boulton (NZL) - new Filipe Carvalho (POR) - new Lars Christensen (DEN) - new Laurent Kazmierczak (FRA) - new Nikolai Makarov (RUS) - new Angrej Singh (IND) - new David Wareham (AUS) - new

Technical Committee (7 Members)

MEMBER

Horst Kunze (GER) Pierre Blois (FRA) Bonnie Davidson (USA) Aaron Johnson (CAN) Ignacio Ortiz (ESP) Jos Kerkhoven (NED) - **co-opted** David Ward-Hunt (GBR) - **co-opted** Waldemar Okoniewski (POL) - **new** Vladimir Pilipchenko (RUS) - **new** Vladimir Shvalbo (BLR) - **new** David Wareham (AUS) - **new**





Appeal by the Secretary General of the United Nations for an Olympic Truce

"The International Olympic Committee has called for a general cease-fire during the forthcoming Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway. On behalf of the United Nations Organisation, I wish to offer my full support for this initiative.

At a time when crises are multiplying, when conflicts are emerging within the very heart of nations, this truce provides a gleam of light in a world beset by hatred and destruction.

The Olympic ideal is a hymn to tolerance and understanding between people and cultures. It is an invitation to competition, but competition in the respect of others. In its way, Olympism is a school of democracy. There is a natural link between the ethics of the Olympic Games and the fundamental principles of the United Nations.

This is what the General Assembly of the United Nations wished to underline by proclaiming 1994 the Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal".

The above is part of the text of the letter which the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr Boutros-Ghali, sent to the IOC President at the beginning of the year.

I am certain that all members of the FIT family will be in agreement with the sentiments expressed in this message from the United Nations.

THE PAST FOUR YEARS.....

Four years have passed since **Essen**, and as we head for **Oporto**, and our 1994 Congress, it is interesting to look back over this period and reflect on what has transpired.

Certainly, the most contentious decision taken during this period was the rule changes to our competition structure, at the last Congress in **Auckland**. This has caused probably more discussion between Member Federations and the Technical Committee President than any other topic in the history of the FJT. I am however, pleased to note that proposals to alleviate the contentious parts of the rules will be tabled in Oporto.

The introduction of the **World Cup** in 1992 was an excellent idea - welcomed by all - and long overdue. The athletes like it, and we have more and more entries for each of the series on the calendar.

Other new events introduced include: The Pan American Championships and 1st Asian Championships.

Membership has not increased dramatically over this period, with only some 10 new members being accepted in Auckland, and there are two candidates for membership in Oporto. I would certainly hope to see an increase in these numbers during the coming months.

We had a major breakthrough in the televising of a number of our competitions, and recently the European Championships, 1st World Cup Finals and the first of the 1994/95 World Cup series went out live, on each occasion, for two hours.

The death of our dear friend **Jannie Jansen** in 1992 was a severe blow to us all in the sport. He is sadly missed.

The success of the FIT sponsored courses held recently in **Rennes**, will hopefully, ensure that these will be a regular feature in our calendar from now on.

Our **30th Anniversary** celebrations in Frankfurt at the beginning of this year were organised by our German Federation and it is to their credit that everything went smoothly. It was particularly nice to meet lots of old and new friends in Frankfurt during the festivities.

The FIT Board Members have worked extremely hard over the past four years for the benefit of us all, and none more so than **President Froehlich**, and **Secretary General André Gueisbuhler.** Both have worked tireless, and travelled extensively on behalf of the FIT in their efforts to promote the sport.

XVIII World Trampoline Championships Porto - Portugal 6-9th October 1994

Provisional Schedule

Saturday 1st October 1994

Arrival of FIT Board Members Informal meeting FIT/OC/FPTDA

Sunday 2nd October 1994

Arrival of Delegates

FIT Board Meeting - inspection of Competition Hall and Equipment by FIT - TC

Monday 3rd October 1994

Arrival of Delegates

Training all day per schedule

FIT-TC Meeting Meeting FIT/OC/FPTDA

Tuesday 4th October 1994

Training all day per schedule

0900-1200 hrs - FIT Congress 1300-1800 hrs - FIT Congress 1400 hrs - Deadline for return of competition cards pm - Welcome reception by FPTDA for:

- all Officials of Delegations

- 2 athletes per Delegation

- FIT Board/Commission members

Wednesday 5th October 1994

[Portuguese Holiday]

Training all day per schedule

0900-1200 hrs - FIT Congress 1400-1500 hrs - Information meeting with all Delegation Leaders, Judges, Coaches, FPTDA, OC and FIT 1500-1800 hrs - General Assembly Indo-Pan Pacific Federation. pm - Dinner offered by the Porto Mayor for:

- Heads of Delegations
- FIT Board/Commission Members

- FPTDA and OC

Thursday 6th October 1994

Training in the morning per schedule

am - TC Meeting Judges Meeting Commissions Meeting

afternoon -Tours and Sightseeing

evening - **Opening Ceremony** (all Delegation members are to take part)

Friday 7th October 1994

morning - training per schedule

pm - TR(IND) men and ladies TU ladies

- 1400 Group 1 TR Ind
- 1450 Group 2 TR Ind 1540 - Group 3 TR Ind
- 1650 Group 4 TR Ind Group 1 TU ladies 1740 - Group 5 TR Ind - Group 2 TU ladies
- 1930 Group 6 TR Ind Group 3 TU ladies 2020 - Group 7 TR Ind - Group 4 TU ladies
- 2110 Group 8 TR Ind
- 2200 Medal Ceremony: TU(L) Team -TR(L) Team - TR(M) Team

Saturday 8th October 1994

morning - training per schedule

pm - TR(SYN) men and ladies TU men DMT men and ladies

1300 - Group 1 TR Syn - Group 1 TU men 1400 - Group 2 TR Syn - Group 2 TU men 1530 - Group 3 TR Syn - Group 3 TU men 1630 - Group 4 TR Syn - Group 4 TU men 1730 - Medal Ceremony: TU(M) Team

1800 - Group 1 DMT 1845 - Group 2 DMT 1930 - Group 3 DMT 2015 - Group 4 DMT 2100 - Medal Ceremony: DMT Team

2115 - Finals TR Syn 2200 - Medal Ceremony: TR Syn

Sunday 9th October 1994

morning - training per schedule

pm - DMT/TU/TR(IND) Finals

Sunday 9th October 1994 cont

1500 - FINAL - DMT ladies and men 1555 - Medal Ceremony: DMT Ind

1615 - FINAL - TR(L) and TU(L) 1705 - FINAL - TR(M) and TU(M) 1755 - Medal Ceremony: TU and TR

1810 - Closing Ceremony of the World Championships 1994

pm - Banquet and Party

Monday 10th October 1994

Departure of Delegations

FIT ARTICLES FOR SALE

The FIT has a number of items for sale at cost price to Federations. Please order direct from the Secretary General.

Article	Cost
White Watch	30.00
Black Watch	38.00
Aluminium Watch	42.00
Stckers	00.60
Small Pocket Knife	15.00
Tie	18.00
Lapel Pin	04.00
Keyring	05.00
Small Pennant (flag)	06.00
Large Pennant (flag)	20.00
Letter Opener	20.00
T-shirt (violet)	15.00
T-shirt (black)	15.00
Polo Shirt (white)	25,00
Video-clip Promotion	25,00
Video-clip Schwertz	30.00

All costs are in German Marks

FIT INTERNATIONAL JUDGES LIST

The following is to be deleted from the List of International Judges as issued with Bulletin No 19:

Marc Delenst (BEL)

FIT CALENDAR 1994



September		
03-04	German Youth v Great Britain Youth	Dissen
		GERMANY
17	FIT WORLD CUP Competition	Mladá Boleslaw
		CZECH REPUBLIC
?	National Championships	Sydney
		AUSTRALIA
October		
04-05	FIT 16th CONGRESS	Oporto
		PORTUGAL
06-09	18th World Championships	Oporto
		PORTUGAL
12-15	11th World Age-Group Games	Vila do Conde
		PORTUGAL
?	National Championships	NEW ZEALAND
30-01 Nov	National Championships	Médéa
		ALGERIA
November		
03-04	National Championships	Hamamatsu City
-		JAPAN
10-12	12th European Youth Championships	Houthalen-Helchteren
		BELGIUM
December		
10	FIT World Cup and Scandinavian Open	Haslev
		DENMARK

FIT CALENDAR 1995

January		
13-15	1st Pan American Championships	Naples, Florida
		USA
February		
07-10	FIT Judges Course	Kowloon
		HONG KONG
11-12	1st Asian Championships	Kowloon
		HONG KONG
April		
29	National Champioships	Hillerod
-		DENMARK
May		
05	FIT World Cup	Sens
	1	FRANCE
06-07	National Championships	Limbourg
		BELGIUM
June		
01-04	FIT World Cup and Dobrovolski Cup	Zvezdnyi gorodok
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July		
09-15	FIG 10th World Gymnaestrada	Berlin
		GERMANY
27-30	FIT Indo-Pacific Championships	Kitami City
2. 55		JAPAN
August		
26	37th NISSEN-CUP	SWITZERLAND

[This letter was received from Ignacio Ortiz]

"THE FLORIDA WORK OUT"

Last December, in **Naples**, Florida, I had the opportunity to attend a clinic in all three disciplines called most appropriately "The Florida Work Out".

The clinic had been organised to help promote the sport in Southern Florida, and a few of the Canadian National Team members were present as well, along with a number of coaches from both Canada and the USA.

30 local children then had the unique opportunity to be trained by world class performers, watch them train, and view some very interesting films throughout the four days of activity.

The ambience was fabulous, and on the last day a complete show, which included all three sports, was staged, to a packed and appreciative audience.

I was really impressed with the local organisation, and I am informed that plans are in hand for a 1994 clinic!

I think that it is a great idea for the promotion of our sport, it is also a good opportunity to meet with friends and have a good time.

Ignacio Ortiz FIT TC Member

SUSPENSION OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

The following member federations have been suspended for not having paid their membership fees for 1994:

ALG BUL CIV RUS TPE GEO IND IRL LUX VEN and UZB

These federations cannot participate in any official FIT events, nor any of those events organised by the Continental Unions or other member federations. They also cannot vote at the Congress.

FIT CALENDAR 1995 cont

November

11-12

FIT 2nd World Cup Final

Copenhagen DENMARK

14th European Championships

FIT CALENDAR 1996

08	National Championships		HOLLAND
27-04 Aug	Olympic Games		Atlanta
			USA
August			
20	FIT CONGRESS)	Vancouver
23-25	19th World Championships)	CANADA
29-01 Sep	12th World Age Group Games		Kamploops
			CANADA
	13th European Youth Championshi	DS	

A WEDDING BELLS A

Congratulations to Tatiana Lushina and Alexandr Danialchenko (RUS) on their recent marriage. All members of the FIT family throughout the world wish them both every happiness in the futute.

Tatiana and Alexandr are both current world trampoline champions in the synchronised events, and will be hoping to retain their titles in Oporto.

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The Past Four Years cont.....

The Secretary General has taken on, and revolutionised the administration of the FIT beyond recognition. He has also been of tremendous help to myself during his term of office.

We are extremely fortunate to have someone as dedicated to our cause as he.

President Froehlich especially has taken on extra commitments in his efforts to ensure that the name of the FIT is kept well to the forefront of world sporting bodics, and it was with this in mind that he accepted high profile positions on both the **IWGA (President)** and the **GAISF.**

His [sporting] calendar over a twelve month period shows him visiting the European Championships (SUI) in September World Cup Final (GER) in November, plus another visit to Frankfurt in March for the first of the 1994/95 World Cup series, as well as FIT/ATTA Board Meetings in Germany and the United States of America in March, April and July. IOC/GAISF/IWGA/ARISF held a number of meetings in Finland (Oct), Holland (Feb), Switzerland (Apr) and France (Jun and Aug), all of which the President attended. President Froehlich also met with the President of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

There have been countless other meetings, too many to mention here.

I have found the past four years to be extremely interesting to say the least, and no doubt the next four will be even more so.

The new board which is due to be elected in Oporto have much to do during their term of office, and we all wish them every success in their endeavours.

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