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Dear Friends of AGG

World Championships in AGG 2013 was season's main event and performances were magnificent. IFAGG wants to thank all people involved, organization committee, Finnish Gymnastics Federation, coaches, judges, gymnasts and their families, partners and all of the friends of IFAGG for participating and organizing the successful XIV World Championships in Lahti Finland 7th-8th June. 27 teams from 14 countries took part in the competition. World Championships were held within a major Finnish gymnastics event Sun Lahti and many gymnasts contributed to the enthusiastic atmosphere during the finals in Isku Arena in the city of Lahti.



World Championships in Lahti, Finland

Russian team Madonna won it's third consecutive World Championship with 38,05 points on Saturday 8th June. Finnish OVO-team was second with 38,00 points. The competition was tight between gold and silver medalists this year, the difference between the two teams was only 0,05 points. The bronze medal went to Bulgaria's National Team with 37,65 points.:

Results of the finals

You will find more results on IFAGG WebPages <http://www.ifagg.com/competition/new-results/> and attachment 1

- 1) Madonna Russia total points preliminaries 18,90 + total points finals 19,15 (finals TV 5,90 / AV 3,80 / EXE 9,45) total points 38,05
- 2) OVO Team Finland 18,85 + 19,15 (TV 5,85 / AV 3,95 / EXE 9,35) = 38,00
- 3) National Team Bulgaria 18,65 + 19,00 (TV 5,70 / AV 3,60 / EXE 9,70) = 37,65
- 4) GC Janika Sunshine Estonia 18,25 + 18,80 (TV 5,60 / AV 3,75 / EXE 9,45) = 37,05
- 5) Nebesa Russia 17,90 + 17,60 (TV 5,70 / AV 3,45 / EXE 8,45) = 35,50
- 6) Minetit Finland 17,35 + 17,20 (TV 5,45 / AV 3,50 / EXE 8,25) = 34,55
- 7) Levski Bonitas Bulgaria 16,45 + 16,75 = 33,20
- 8) Alcon Cusi Spain 16,50 + 16,15 = 32,65
- 9) Kalev Rhythmic Expressions Canada 16,30 + 16,15 = 32,45
- 10) SK MG Mantila Brno Czech Republic 15,40 + 16,15 = 31,55
- 10) Team Japan Japan 15,80 + 15,75 = 31,55
- 12) Muntanyenc Sant Cugat Spain 15,40 + 15,35 = 30,75
- 13) Ocean South Africa 10,25 + 9,85 = 20,10



Madonna-team from Russia (left) and OVO-team from Finland showing their gymnastic skills and artistic vision
Photos: Aki Rask



Former President of Finland Mrs. Tarja Halonen awarding the gymnasts
Photos: Kaisa Paavilainen

World Championships finals

New Countries in the World Championships this year were JWCPE team from Japan and Ocean-team from South Africa

South Africa's only AGG team Ocean had never taken part in any AGG competition before. Newcomer had started practicing only five months before the competition. Ocean-teams gymnasts' backgrounds are in rhythmic gymnastics.

There were ten teams in the finals plus one team from each continent. All in all there were 13 teams in the finals.



Ocean-team from South Africa
Photos: Aki Rask

JWCPE AGG Team from Japan

IFAGG General Assembly 2013

The highest deciding authority of IFAGG, the General Assembly was arranged in Lahti in Hotel Cumulus on June 6th 2013 at 13.00 – 15.00. Three new Board members and President were elected in the General Assembly. Aleksandra Tuomala-Jantunen will continue as the president of IFAGG. Anna Kirjavainen's (FIN) mandate period ended and Salla Lintunen from Finland was elected a new member in the board. Board members are: Mall Kalve (EST), Annely Riga (CAN), Liliya Morozova (RUS), Elena Dukova (BUL), Renata Vrbova (CZE) and Salla Lintunen (FIN).



President of Finnish Gymnastics Association Anne Martikainen and president of IFAGG Aleksandra Tuomala-Jantunen in Lahti, Finland

Evelyn Koop and Bodil Mickels named IFAGG honorary members

Evelyn Koop was named a honorary member of IFAGG in the General Assembly in Lahti 6th of June. Evelyn is one of the founding members of IFAGG and has promoted the aesthetic group gymnastics (AGG) since she began to develop the sport in Toronto and Canada in the 1950's. Evelyn Koop created Kalev's AGG team Rhythmic Expressions in Canada.

The other new honorary member of IFAGG is Bodil Mickels from Finland. Bodil did a lot of preparatory work in the founding of IFAGG year 2003 for example preparing rules and plans of action. She has a long experience in gymnastics in Finland. "It is nice to see how AGG has developed during the last ten years, many thanks for the IFAGG board for continuing the development work", says Bodil Mickels.



Evelyn Koop



Bodil Mickels

Competition calendar

November 15-17, 2013. Rosov-on-Don, Russia. Oscar Cup (senior, junior, children: 8-10, 10-12 and 12-14 years). Note! Children 8-10 and 10-12 will compete by the same rules.

November 2013: WC I (senior). Date and place will be confirmed.

February 7-9, 2014: Tartu, Estonia WC II & CC I and Miss Valentine (children categories: 8-10, 10-12 and 12-14 years). Note! Children 8-10 and 10-12 will compete by the same rules.

March 21-23, 2014: (dates will be confirmed): Sofia, Bulgaria WC III & CC II

April 25-27, 2014: Finland, WC & CC Finals

May 23-25, 2014: Moscow, World Championships (junior and senior)

Results

Results from XIV World Championships in Aesthetic Group Gymnastics in attachment 1. If you are not able to open the zip-folder, you can find all the results on IFAGG WebPages

<http://www.ifagg.com/competition/new-results/> .

Fee policy

IFAGG board has agreed on a new fee policy 2013-2014 in the general assembly in Lahti June 6th. New list of fees is in attachment 2.

Greetings from sunny Helsinki! IFAGG office wishes everyone a successful competition season 2013-2014!

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