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## EDITORIAL

Martin Laws



Dear Reader,

As always I would like to thank our Editor, JOHN BEETON, for his continued work in producing such a vital communication for our discipline. Please work as hard, by forwarding this newsletter on as widely as possible.

As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped to shape our sport in a most significant way. It is however fair to say those that shape our sport most, is you! Each and everyone one of you! And you should be proud of what you have helped to achieve. We are continually striving to enhance the enjoyment of our sport, by developing the competition structure and increasing greater opportunities to participate at all levels, be it an absolute beginner or an international star!

Talking of international stars, November saw GB take a senior team to St Petersburg for the 26<sup>th</sup> World Championships. It was a competition of ups and downs, with one particular high in the form of **James Higgins** qualifying for the World Finals in the Men's Individual trampoline. **Adeva Bryan (DMT)**, **Zara McClean**, **Rachael Letsche & Michael Barnes (TUM)** also reached the finals in their respective groups. The following week, again in **St Petersburg**, GB took a team of rising stars to the World Age Group Championships. Please read the article later in this newsletter for all the full details.

As part of the delegation attending the WAGC's, I was extremely impressed by how hard everyone worked for the duration of the Championships. With such a large delegation, every member of staff had to work extremely hard to ensure that everything ran to plan, from chaperones, to judges, to coaches. 12-14 hour days the norm with little rest time. Thank you all for your efforts on our behalf which made the event for so many competitors such a happy one! The harmony of the team showed through with many of our youngsters reaching the finals in their individual events, collecting a grand total of 10 medals, 2 of which were of the Gold variety!

Our sport is constantly growing now with new facilities being developed all across the UK. Along with those facilities come job opportunities and an ever increasing number of participants. Whilst still embryonic, compared to other major UK sports like football, nevertheless we are undoubtedly heading in the right direction.

With London 2012 edging ever near, we hope that our trampoline and gymnastic success will continue, so that we can field the best team possible for an electrifying event at the O2 Arena! Prior to that, however, the UK will be hosting the World Championships in 2011, so now's the time to up your game, and strive for excellence and selection for the GB teams! Hopefully, these major events will inspire all young hopefuls to reach for the stars and achieve their goals, as well as encourage others to follow their lead and strive to achieve all their goals, in any level of our sport.

The New Year again will bring new challenges!

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The Trampoline Technical Committee and all members of the trampoline fraternity would like to congratulate **Martin Laws** on retaining membership of the UEG TR TC on the occasion of the UEG Congress held in **Tel Aviv, Israel** early in November. This will be Martin's second term in office.

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## European Championships 2010 Selection Policy

The Trampoline Selection Policy for the above event is now on the BG website under **Trampoline – Selection**.

Please be aware that the first Selection Event for both senior and junior individual trampoline is scheduled for **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February** at the **South West Gala**, with the second Selection Event for senior and junior individual trampoline, plus synchronised trampoline, is scheduled for **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at the **Yorkshire Gala**.

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# 4 Countries Annual Match

## GBR FRA GER POR

### 24<sup>th</sup> OCT 2009

#### Boulogne Sur Mer

Members of the TRA senior national team travelled by road last October, to **Boulogne Sur Mer, France** for the annual **4 Countries Match**. This senior event turned into a junior event (something that the other three nations now wish to implement in the future - the reasoning being that there are now sufficient senior events on the international calendar and not too many junior events. However, the 2010 4 x Countries Match which is being hosted by GBR in April will be a senior match!).

After much negotiation the host federation agreed that GBR could participate with a senior team but would not count in the overall team results of the match. I am grateful to both the GER and POR teams for also agreeing to this compromise, with France and Portugal fielding 1-2 senior members in their respective team on the day!

Not having junior team members, GBR were not included in the overall match results. Nevertheless readers will be interested to note results obtained in the events that they did participate in.

#### Men's Final

- 01 James Higgins GBR: 39.55/16.0 pts
- 02 Jack Helme GBR: 37.55/14.6 pts
- 03 Immanuel Kober GER 36.5/14.0 pts
- 04 Christophe Fait FRA: 35.85/13.8 pts
- Steven Walsh GBR: prelims 44.95/6.3 pts
- Steven Williams GBR: prelims 33.85/ 2.0 pt

#### Women's Final

- 01 Ana Rente POR: 35.60/13.7 pts
- 02 Amanda Parker GBR: 34.75/12.7 pts
- 03 Emma Smith GBR: 34.45/12.7 pts
- 04 Marine Jurbert FRA: 33.85/11.8 pts
- Jamie Moore GBR: did not compete - injured

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## FIG World Cup Cancelled

The **Levallois FIG World Cup** scheduled for **16-19 Jun 2010** has been cancelled. This means that instead of the eight planned world cup events for 2010, there will only be seven and include **Ghent BEL, Davos SUI, Zelona Gora POL, Albacete ESP, Loule POR** and **Salzgitter GER**.



November 11 - 14

## World Championships 2009

The Great Britain senior trampoline team returned home from **St Petersburg RUS** some two weeks ago with **James Higgins** showing his true potential by finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place in the men's individual final – a great result for James, his coach and Great Britain. Many congratulations James.

**Katherine Driscoll** and partner **Carla Jamieson** finished in 5<sup>th</sup> position in the ladies synchronised competition proving that they are an emerging synchro partnership that bodes well for the future.

Due to an injury sustained one week prior to departure for the championships, **Jason Plowman** substituted **Philip Dodson** in the DMT team and finished a credible 11<sup>th</sup> place. **Adeva Bryan** made Finals in the women's event and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

Our Tumbling colleagues did all that was expected of them by reaching both the men's and women's team finals, as well as having two ladies and one man in their respective disciplines.

Results of the various competitions was as follows:

#### Men Individual Trampoline (80 entries)

- 01 DONG Dong CHN 42.9/16.6 points
- 02 LU Chunglong CHN 42.3/16.6 points
- 03 YASUHIRO Ueyama JPN 42.1/16.2 points
- 07 James HIGGINS GBR 39.6/16.0 points
- 30 Steven WALSH GBR (67.6/14.8 points)
- 31 Steven WILLIAMS GBR (67.4/15.2 points)
- 50 Nicholas JOYCE GBR 63.3/13.1 points)

#### Men's Team (Trampoline) (18 entries)

- 01 China 126.7 points
- 02 Belarus 120.5 points
- 03 Russia 117.0 points
- 07 Great Britain

#### Men Synchronised Trampoline (28 entries)

- 01 JPN
- 02 FRA
- 03 UKR
- 20 Jack HELME / Steven WILLIAMS GBR 50.6 points

#### Women Individual Trampoline (59 entries)

- 01 HAUNG Shanshan CHN 39.5/14.3 points

02 HE Wena CHN 39.4/14.2 points  
03 COCKBURN Karen CAN 38.7/14.2 points  
18 Katherine DRISCOLL GBR (64.4/13.5 points)  
41 Laura GALLAGHER GBR (59.9/10.7 points)  
48 Jamie MOORE GBR (47.8/6.3 points)  
54 Amanda PARKER GBR (39.6/4.2 points)

**Women's Team (Trampoline) (12 entries)**

01 CHN 117 points  
02 RUS 110.3 points  
03 CAN 109.6 points  
11 Great Britain

**Women Synchronised Trampoline (31 entries)**

01 CHN  
02 CAN  
03 UZB  
05 Katherine DRISCOLL / Cara JAMIESON GBR 44.8/14.8

**Men Double-Mini Trampoline (32 entries)**

01 LUCO Andre POR 75.5 points  
02 LUNDING Tim SWE 69.6 points  
03 FERNANDES Andre POR 69.3 points  
11 Mathew SWAFFER GBR 70.7 points  
07 Jason PLOWMAN GBR 69.6 points  
21 Dominic SWAFFER GBR 69.0 points

**Men's Team (DMT) (05 entries)**

01 POR 110.8 points  
02 RUS 110.5 points  
03 USA 98.7 points  
04 GBR 69.2 points

**Women Double-Mini Trampoline (28 entries)**

01 VORONINA Victoria RUS 68.3 points  
02 GONCHARENKO Galina RUS 68.0 points  
03 BOYCHUK Corissa CAN 67.1 points  
08 Adeva BRYAN GBR 54.9 points  
17 Robyn OSBORNE GBR (66.5 points)  
20 Hanna MOSSES GBR (66.0 points)

**Women's Team (DMT) (07 entries)**

01 RUS 105.1 points  
02 CAN 102.6 points  
03 USA 101.9 points  
06 GBR

**Men Tumbling (45 entries)**

01 MORTAZAEV Tagir RUS 77.3 points  
02 SONG Yang CHN 75.0 points  
03 KOSTYANOV Mikhail RUS 73.9 points  
07 Michael BARNES GBR 63.5 points  
10 Charlie BURROWS GBR (70.3 points)  
31 Greg BOOSEY GBR (63.0 points)  
33 Daniel LANNIGAN GBR (62.0 points)

**Men's Team (Tumbling) (08 entries)**

01 CHN 110.9 points  
02 RUS 109.4 points

03 BLR 102.5 points

04 GBR 102.5 points

**Women Tumbling (23 entries)**

01 KOEOBEYNIKOVA Anna RUS 69.4 points  
02 KRASNOKUTSKAYA Elena RUS 66.9 points  
03 SPEED Ashley CAN 62.8 points  
06 Zara MCLEAN GBR 60.0 points  
08 Rachael LETSCHE GBR 28.3 points  
08 \*Jenny DAWES GBR (62.6 points) \*only two to finals  
18 Sarah TURNER GBR (57.7 points)

**Women's Team (Tumbling) (05 entries)**

01 RUS 100.9 points  
02 USA 94.0 points  
03 CAN 93.4 points  
04 GBR 90.2 points

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## World Age-Group Competition (WAGC)

John Beeton

The Great Britain WAGC team returned home to the UK with a haul of richly deserved medals which were won throughout the various age-groups in TRA, DMT and TUM. In addition, there were also a large number of finalists. A great achievement for our youngsters over the three disciplines.

GBR finished in fourth place in the medals table behind RUS, USA and JPN with **2 Gold, 4 Silver** and **3 Bronze** medals. The team also finished in the various final as follows:

4<sup>th</sup> place: 4 finalists  
5<sup>th</sup> place: 7 finalists  
6<sup>th</sup> place: 4 finalists  
7<sup>th</sup> place: 2 finalists  
8<sup>th</sup> place: 1 finalist

**Individual**

**11-12 Age-Group (Boys)**

**TRA (51 entries)**

05 Zachary Sheridan 34.6/10.4 points

**TUM (18 entries)**

07 Ben Laycock 25.5 points

11 Anthony Colder 52.8 points

13 Alexander Hicken 52.3 points

**11-12 Age-Group (Girls)**

**TRA (51 entries)**

04 Zoe Liddle 34.3/10.5 points

14 Daina Rose (31.7/9.0 points)

17 Louise Whitters (31.2/8.6 points)

27 Sapphire Dallard (30.0/9.2 points)

**TUM (28 entries)**

01 Emily Marsden Payne 31.2 points

04 Jenna Barrett 30.0 points

10 Jemma Saunders (56.7 points)  
15 Rachel Davies (54.5 points)  
**DMT (26 entries)**  
11 Saphire Dallard 60.1 points

**13-14 Age-Group (Boys)**

**TRA (62 entries)**  
07 Jason Ryall 34.5/13.1 points  
19 Phillip Jackson (33.1/10.1 points)  
22 Sina Abolchassem (33.0/10.2 points)  
57 Daniel Fawcett (22.0/8.3 points)  
**TUM (27 entries)**  
02 Greg Townley 32.0 points  
05 Jordan Ramos 31.2 points  
10 Steven Gilmore (58.5 points)  
23 William Arter (52.6 points)  
**DMT (32 entries)**  
08 Oliver Rowlands 34.2 points

**13-14 Age-Group (Girls)**

**TRA (69 entries)**  
02 Pamela Clark 35.2/13.1 points  
17 Megan Pettit (32.6/8.1 points)  
52 Natasha Short (20.7/4.2 points)  
57 Kate Overman (13.6/4.0 points)  
**TUM (29 entries)**  
05 Charlotte Caunt 29.6/4.9 points  
06 Kelly Bowes 27.6/2.8 points  
18 Jodi Clark (55.3 points)  
26 Lucie Colebeck (48.8 points)  
**DMT (36 entries)**  
05 Sophie Bevan 65.3 points  
28 Phoebe Williams (54.4 points)  
29 Georgie Downing (53.0 points)  
36 Lydia Yates (30.2 points)

**15-16 Age-Group (Boys)**

**TRA (66 entries)**  
55 Nathan Bailey 17.4/5.8 points  
**TUM (34 entries)**  
09 Shaun Gregory 63.5 points  
24 Jordan Lucas 57.1 points  
29 James Cooper 54.2 points  
31 Jamie Leach

**15-16 Age-Group (Girls)**

**TRA (73 entries)**  
11 Natasha Carter 33.7/12.0 points  
39 Sophie Lewis 30.9/8.9 points  
67 Nicole Short 3.9/1.5 points  
68 Sophie Gardner 3.9/1.5 points  
**TUM (28 entries)**  
04 Sharnah Evans 31.0 points  
28 Louisa Bellis (49.2 points)  
**DMT (33 entries)**  
09 Mia Lydia Taylor 63.7 points  
12 Kate Haldon 63.2 points  
33 Dina Amos-Larkin 0.0 points

**15-16 Age-Group (Girls)**

**TRA (73 entries)**  
11 Natasha Carter 33.7/12.0 points  
39 Sophie Lewis 30.9/8.9 points  
67 Nicole Short 3.9/1.5 points  
68 Sophie Gardner 3.9/1.5 points  
**TUM (28 entries)**  
04 Sharnah Evans 31.0 points  
28 Louisa Bellis (49.2 points)  
**DMT (33 entries)**  
09 Mia Lydia Taylor 63.7 points  
12 Kate Haldon 63.2 points  
33 Dina Amos-Larkin 0.0 points

**17-18 Age-Group (Boys)**

**TRA (51 entries)**  
05 Nicholas Davies 37.5/14.0 points  
06 Bradley Hanson 37.4/14.0 points  
09 Daniel Greaves (36.9/14.6 points)  
13 Liam Abrahams (36.4/12.3 points)  
**TUM (28 entries)**  
05 Ryan Dyer 31.3 points  
**DMT (30 entries)**

**17-18 Age-Group (Girls)**

**TRA (52 entries)**  
02 Emma Smith 36.0/13.4 points  
27 Rebecca Ogilvie (31.7/9.1 points)  
31 Louise McCartney 31.0/9.9 points)  
43 Emma Scanlon 24.4/9.4 points)  
**TUM (21 entries)**  
01 Samantha Rocket 32.1 points  
06 Allana Penny 30.5 points  
09 Aimee Schofield (60.5 points)  
18 Mica Parry-Clements  
**DMT (27 entries)**  
03 Chloe Haldon 65.6 points  
06 Charlotte O'Dell 61.1 points  
20 Georgina Varley (53.5 points)  
26 Melissa Bailey (32.1 points)

**Synchronised Trampoline**

**11-12 Age-Group (Girls) (18 entries)**

02 Daina Rose/Louise Whitters 41.1/7.9 points  
03 Jordan Arnold/Saphire Dallard 40.0/7.5 points

**13-14 Age-Group (Boys) (26 entries)**

17 Daniel Fawcett/Jason Ryall 39.4/10.1 points  
18 Zachary Sheridan/Sina Abolghassem 37.6/7.9 points

**13-14 Age-Group (Girls) (23 entries)**

05 Katy Buitendyk/Natasha Short 42.1/8.6 points  
14 Kate Overman/Megan Pettit 38.6/7.8 points

**15-16 Age-Group (Girls) (29 entries)**

27 Nicole Short/Sophia Singleton/Scott 8.9/2.3 points  
29 Sophie Gardner/Sophie Lewis 4.7/1.3 points

### **17-18 Age-Group (Boys) (24 entries)**

**03** Daniel Greaves/Bradley Hampson 46.3/14.0 points

**09** Liam Abraham/Nicholas Davies (43.9/11.6 points)

### **17-18 Age-Group (Girls) (22 entries)**

**04** Natasha Carter/Emma Scanlon 44.0/10.2 points

**12** Louise McCartney/Rebecca Ogilvie (40.0/9.5 points)

As can be seen by the various results above there were many excellent achievements.

It is also prudent that I mention the fact that **Emma Scanlon** and **Natasha Carter** received a **Fair Play Award** from the Organising Committee of the WAGC for their sportsmanship in returning the Bronze Medal that had been presented to them earlier when finishing in joint Bronze medal position with the Japanese team in their age-group synchronised event. Unfortunately, the tie break rule (synchro score on this occasion) had not been implemented until after the award ceremony. It is to both girls' credit that they had no hesitation in returning their medals immediately the error came to light.

British Gymnastics can be rightly proud of the achievements of this WAGC team. Everyone involved worked tirelessly throughout to ensure a successful event; and especially the coaches, medical staff and chaperones – not forgetting the judges.

Sharon Wood also deserves a special word of thanks for putting the team together over the previous months and her leadership throughout.

It goes without saying that both Matei and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being part of such a wonderful and hard working group. Congratulations to everyone.

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## **FIG RULES FOR ADVERTISING**

### **Chart Summary for Advertising, National Emblem and Manufacturer's Logo**

#### **NEW**

#### **Men**

**Clothing Item:** SINGLET

**Advertising:** 3 – 1 x 90 sq.cm **OR** 2 x 60 sq.cm

**Placement:** Anywhere on the front or side **NOT ON THE BACK**

**National Identity or Emblem:** 1 x National Colour or Emblem Min. 30 – Max 80 sq.cm

**Placement:** Anywhere on the front

**Manufacturer's Logo:** 1 x Trademark or Brand logo

**Placement:** Anywhere on the front according to the brand

**Clothing Item:** PANTS or SHORTS

**Advertising:** 1 x 60 sq.cm

**Placement:** Either hip to the side in front

**Manufacturer's Logo:** 1 x Trademark or Brand logo

**Placement:** Anywhere on the front according to the brand

#### **Women**

**Clothing Item:** LEOTARD

**Advertising:** 2 – 2 x 60 sq.cm

**Placement:** Front above the waist anywhere. Sleeve shoulder or wrist. Front below the waist at the hip. **NOT ON THE BACK**

**National Identity or Emblem:** 1 x National Colour or Emblem Min. 30 – Max 80 sq.cm

**Placement:** anywhere on the front or the sleeve

**Manufacturer's Logo:** 1 x Trademark or brand logo

**Placement:** 1 - Anywhere on the front according to the brand

#### **Men or Women**

**Clothing Item:** UNITARD

**Advertising:** 2 – 2 x 60 sq.cm

**Placement:** Front above the waist anywhere. Sleeve, shoulder or wrist. Front below the waist at the hip. **NOT ON THE BACK**

**National Identity or Emblem:** 1 x National Colour or Emblem Min. 30 – Max 80 sq.cm

**Placement:** Anywhere on the front or the sleeve

**Manufacturer's Logo:** 1 x Trademark or brand logo

**Placement:** 1 – Anywhere on the front according to the brand

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## **4 Countries Annual Match**

**GBR FRA GER POR**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2010**

**City of Bath**

The 2010 annual match of the **4 Countries** will be hosted by British Gymnastics in the **City of Bath** on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. The match will be used as a warm up for seniors in the run up to the European Championships later in the month which are being held in **Varna BUL 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>**.

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**The National Trampoline Technical Committee wish all Trampoline Sports friends a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.**

**May all that you wish for in 2010 for your family, friends and gymnasts come true.**



<b>Dates</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Participants</b>
20 - 25 April 2010	<a href="#">Trampoline European Championships</a>	 VARNA (BUL)	Senior and Junior
9 - 12 June 2010	<a href="#">46th Nissen Cup / World Cup</a>	 DAVOS (SUI)	Senior
1 - 5 July 2010	<a href="#">Trampoline FIG World Cup cat. A</a>	 WROCLAW (POL)	Senior
14 - 26 August 2010	<a href="#">Youth Games of the I Olympiad</a>	 SINGAPORE (SIN)	Junior
3 - 4 September 2010	<a href="#">Feira Internacional de Albacete</a>	 ALBACETE (ESP)	Senior
15 - 19 September 2010	<a href="#">Trampoline FIG World Cup cat. A</a>	 ASTRAKHAN (RUS)	Senior
22 - 26 September 2010	<a href="#">Loulé World Cup - Portuguese Republic Centenary Competition</a>	 LOULE (POR)	Senior
8 - 9 October 2010	<a href="#">Trampoline FIG World Cup cat. A</a>	 SALZGITTER (GER)	Senior
11 - 13 November 2010	<a href="#">27th Trampoline World Championships</a>	 METZ (FRA)	Senior
17 - 19 November 2010	<a href="#">Trampoline World Age Group Competitions</a>	 METZ (FRA)	Age Group
16 - 19 November 2011	<a href="#">28th Trampoline World Championships</a>	 BIRMINGHAM (GBR)	Senior
23 - 26 November 2011	<a href="#">International Age Group Competition</a>	 BIRMINGHAM (GBR)	Age Group
10 - 16 April 2012	<a href="#">European Championships</a>	 WROCLAW (POL)	Senior, Junior and Age Group
27 July - 12 August 2012	<a href="#">Games of the XXX Olympiad</a>	 LONDON (GBR)	Senior

## *Olympic Games London 2012*

**London (GBR), FIG Office, October 16, 2009:** The logos and emblems for Olympic disciplines appearing in the 2012 London Games were made public by the London Organising Committee's graphic artists yesterday. The figurative design allows for rapid identification of the three FIG specialty disciplines: Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline Gymnastics.

From this point forward, the logos will be associated with all things Olympic through to 2012.

It goes without saying that legal copyrights for the designs are stringently enforced; their use is strictly governed by intellectual property laws and provisions.



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**TEL-AVIV (ISR) - LAUSANNE (SUI), FIG Office, November 8, 2009:** French Georges Guelzec has been elected **President of the European Union of Gymnastics (UEG)**, by the 47 participating federations at the general assembly hosted in the **City of Tel-Aviv (ISR)**. Former Vice President, the newly elected President succeeded in the second round with 24 votes against 22 for his opponent, the then current President Dimitrios Dimitropoulos(GRE).

George Guelzec takes over the leadership of the UEG with a back ground of more than 40 years spent at the highest level of national and European sports administration and of international gymnastics competitions. A former gymnast of high level himself, he successfully took responsibilities of sports events and sports administration, such as world championships, French Open and the management of the **Sports Centre of the City of Nantes**.

The newly elected President will officially commence his duties on **January 1st, 2010** for a **4 year term**. He will be supported by the vice presidents **Ms Malin Eggerts Forsmark (SWE - new)**, **Ruedi Hediger (SUI - new)** and **Paul Garber (GBR - former)**. The following persons have been elected to the Executive Committee: **Iordan Jovtech (BUL - new)**, **Sylvio Kroll (GER - former)**, **Andrey Rodionenko (RUS - new)**, **Manuel Boa de Jesus (POR - former)**, **Metin Sayn (TUR - former)**, **Antonio Esteban Cerdan (ESP - former)** and **Igor Korbochinskyi (UKR - former)**.

The following Technical Presidents will be in charge for the next 4 years: **Gianfranco Marzolla (ITA - men's artistic)**, **Yvette Brazier (FRA - women's artistic)**, **Heide Bruneder (AUT - rhythmic gymnastics)**, **Erich Juhl Mogensen (DEN - trampoline)**, **Christina Casentini (ITA - aerobic)**, **Lawrence Colton (GBR - acrobatic)**, **Detlef Mann (GER - Gymnastics for All)** and **Keith Hughes (GBR - Team Gym)**.

## **Eurotramp founder passed away**

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HACK Kurt (GER)  
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### **Passing of Kurt Hack**

**LAUSANNE (SUI), FIG Office, November 9, 2009:** The FIG is greatly saddened to announce the death of **Kurt Hack**, founder of the family-owned enterprise Eurotramp Trampoline – **Kurt Hack GmbH**, a long-term partner of the FIG. Kurt Hack passed away after a long illness Thursday night at the age of 79.

#### **Kurt Hack – friend, supporter and manufacturer of trampoline**

Though Kurt Hack handed over the management of Eurotramp, the enterprise he founded in 1960, to his grandson a couple of years ago, he remained actively involved in the business until his death. The development and manufacturing of trampoline apparatus is the backbone of Eurotramp's success and Hack demonstrated unwavering commitment to it on a daily basis.

In a leading position, Hack was responsible for the development of trampoline apparatus as regards safety, stability and quality, which led to the high technical standard performed by elite trampolinists worldwide today. He maintained close contact with the sport itself and rarely missed a major trampoline competition, whether in or out of Germany. Because he took the time to discuss trampoline issues with coaches, gymnasts, organisers and officials, Hack developed ideas that were often implemented, influencing Eurotramp manufacturing and that of his competition.

#### **Eurotramp – a family-owned enterprise**

When founding the trampoline manufacturer Eurotramp alongside his wife Rose in 1960, Kurt Hack dreamed of developing and producing an excellent sporting device that, based on consistent technological innovation, would always have an edge on products produced by their rivals.

Entrepreneurialism, new innovations and hard work were the basis of the Eurotramp track record over the past 50 years. It all began in the fifties in Göppingen (GER) as a small craft business, but soon had become a medium-sized enterprise that delivers trampolines to countries worldwide, boasting extraordinary references. Today, **Dennis Hack**, the founder's grandson, is the company's managing director and continues to run his grandparents' business.

#### **Eurotramp and the FIG**

Having spent many years as a long-term partner of the International Trampoline Federation (FIT), Eurotramp has enjoyed positive cooperation with the FIG since the dissolution of the FIT and its subsequent merger within the FIG in 1999. The company has supplied Olympic trampoline venues with equipment since the discipline was added to the Olympic Programme in 2000, and has been the official supplier for nearly all World Championships since 1972.

Although elite level sport is Eurotramp's main focus, the company attaches great importance to the development of the sport and offers products to a broad clientele in schools, recreational centres and for therapeutic purposes. As a sponsor of the FIG development programme for Trampoline Gymnastics, Eurotramp provides equipment to eligible applicants free of charge. Lithuania profited from the programme in 2009.

On behalf of the FIG and its Authorities, President Bruno Grandi extended his warmest condolences to the family and closest friends of the deceased

All at British Gymnastics and especially those of the trampoline family join with the FIG in offering condolences to the Hack family at this sad time. **Editor.**