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FIG new website
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New website is open!

LAUSANNE (SUI), September 19, 2008: The first 24 hours in the new website's life are of utmost importance to the media. The visual concept created in 1999 has been revamped, and will better respond to news-hungry internauts looking for catchy, original pictures. The transition from the old to the new site went without incident, with the exception of a few last minute adjustments. From now on, the FIG will be supplying a microsite per event in addition to its main website.

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NEWS FROM THE FIG HEAD OFFICE



Kirsti Partanen (FIN)
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77th FIG Congress

Record Participation!

LAUSANNE (SUI), September 24, 2008: One month prior to the opening of the 77th Congress and General Assembly of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), organisers at the Finnish Gymnastics Federation have announced the registration of 101 federations, with the number of participants exceeding 400!

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Participants GymFest 2008
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GFA Singapore GymFest 2008

LAUSANNE (SUI), September 24, 2008: For the second time consecutively Singapore Gymnastics hosted the Gymnastics for All "GymFest" on August 30, 2008 at the Jurong East Sports hall.

The aim of the GymFest is to promote exercise for everyone. Gymnastics for all encourages participation in activities involving dances, exercises, movements, mass displays and many others to promote a healthy lifestyle and friendship amongst the participants.

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MAG/WAG 41st World Championships London 2009

The O2 Arena London (GBR), October 13-18, 2009

September 8, 2008: British Gymnastics are thrilled to announce that the 41st World Artistic Gymnastic Championships will be coming to the O2 Arena in London in October 2009. This will be the first time the event has ever been held in the capital and a welcome return to the UK after a decade away. Beijing 2008 has shown the huge potential and talent of our young gymnasts and has also put interest in gymnastics at an all time high.

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Almudena Cid (ESP)
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RG 7th World Cup Final in Benidorm (ESP)

Calling for Revenge!

Lausanne (SUI) FIG Office, September 19, 2008: Olympic revenge is in the air, and Rhythmic fans planning on being at Benidorm's Sport Palace (ESP) on October 4 – 5, 2008 are going to witness it firsthand. The Spanish are enraptured by this discipline, which just might make these finals a sold-out affair!

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TRA 9th World Cup Final Togliatti (RUS), Sept. 19 - 20, 2008

Togliatti (RUS) FIG Office, September 20, 2008: This final act of the 9th and ultimate World Cup Final in Trampoline Gymnastics marks the end of a busy season, one filled with heated events and plenty of sensation.

For a few weeks, the FIG Technical Committee and Trampoline Department have struggled to maintain an exceptional line-up. They were successful, despite a few withdrawals of certain big names in Trampoline. Certain gymnasts would agree that we've come to the end of a long and difficult season, and as a result not everyone is in top shape.

Despite all that, a great time was had alongside a colourful, dazzling final.

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For the results of the 9th Trampoline Gymnastics World Cup Final in Togliatti (RUS) please visit the [FIG micro site](#).



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AER Gymnastics Course – NGF

LAUSANNE (SUI), September 25, 2008: The Namibian Gymnastics Federation (NGF) selected 80 potential gymnasts from all over Namibia and 20 dedicated coaches to attend an Aerobic Gymnastics course which was sponsored by Victor da Cruz Gomes from Victor Chance Communications.

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ACRO 21st World Championships Glasgow 2008

Having proven a wealth of organisational experience and commitment to high performance sport, Glasgow is sure to stage a fantastic Championships and looks forward to welcoming competitors from across the World to the Kelvin Hall between September 29 and October 12.

The World Acrobatics Championships and Age Group Competition will be closely followed by the Glasgow Grand Prix from 16 - 19 October, making Scotland the centre of World gymnastics for nearly a month.

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IOC NEWS



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IOC announces composition of 2016 Evaluation Commission

September 18, 2008: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) today announced the composition of the Evaluation Commission which will visit the four Candidate Cities bidding to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The team will be headed by Nawal El Moutawakel, who chaired the Evaluation Commission for the 2012 Olympic Games bid process.

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Lausanne summit for Olympic Host Cities

September 12, 2008: Lausanne, the Olympic Capital, is organising, from 9 to 11 October 2008, the first Summit for Olympic Host Cities. "For each successful edition of the Olympic Games, there has been a strong host city at its core. The Lausanne Summit is the first ever gathering of these Olympic cities, where experiences will be shared to build the platform for the future", explained Lausanne's mayor, Daniel Brélaz.

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Kao Diaby
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Diploma awarded to Kao Diaby (SEN)

LAUSANNE (SUI) FIG Office, September 29, 2008: Mr. Kao Diaby (SEN) participated in the 11th education session of the Olympic Scholarship Programme for Coaches of the Olympic Solidarity, carried out in partnership with the "Projet d'Appui International au Sport Africain et des Caraïbes" (PAISAC) (International Project for Assistance of Sports in Africa and the Caribbean). The session took place in Montreal from March 17 to 20, 2008. This programme focuses on the theory of training and applied sports science.

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The committee of the ÖFT
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Austrian Gymnastics Federation (ÖFT): Christian Katzlberger re-elected to the presidency

September 20, 2008 (UEG): The Austrian Gymnastics Federation (ÖFT) held its general assembly in Bad Hall on Saturday September 20th. Christian Katzlberger was re-elected for a second mandate of three years. More than 50% of the committee members are women.

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Juan Ricardo Latorre Carmona
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Chilean sports community in mourning

September 19, 2008: FIG Council member and representative of Chile, Juan Ricardo Latorre Carmona passed away on Saturday September 13, 2008 in Santiago de Chile (CHI).

The international gymnastics family extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Juan Ricardo Latorre Carmona.

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September 19, 2008: The Gymnastics Federation of Botswana (BOT) has recently sorted out its financial situation with the FIG, and once again enjoys affiliated federation status.

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Athanasios Vasiliadis, re-elected President of the Hellenic Gymnastics Federation

September 19, 2008 (Hellenic Gymnastics Federation): Athanasios Vasiliadis was re-elected president of the Hellenic Gymnastics Federation and will continue at the helm of Greek gymnastics for 4 more years, after having achieved a clear victory in the elections held on Saturday, September 13th. Former artistic gymnastics coach Athanasios Kapnidis, who led Ioannis Melissanidis to an unprecedented Olympic gold medal in 1996 (floor exercise), was also re-confirmed as "vice president A" of the Hellenic Gymnastics Federation.



Dimitri Filonov
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Dimitri Filonov has passed away

Baku (AZE) - Lausanne (SUI) FIG Office, September 11, 2008: Head coach of Azerbaijan's Men's Artistic Gymnastics Team, Dimitri Filonov died today at the age of 82. Suffering from ill health, Dimitri courageously defied his condition, pursuing a career in coaching while preparing his gymnasts for the upcoming Artistic tournaments.

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RSA-Acrobatic Gymnastics International Youth Competition

Kempton (RSA): RSA Acrobatic Gymnastics hosted the 13th International Youth Sport Acrobatics Meeting in Kempton Park, Gauteng from 27-30 August 2008. The competition was a resounding success with many local gymnasts walking away with the medals.

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Three gymnasts and coach killed

Tragic Fire

Lausanne (SUI) FIG Office - Gelendjik (RUS), September 5, 2008: A coach and three Russian gymnasts perished in a fire that ravaged their hotel the night of Saturday, August 30-31, 2008. The foursome was training in Gelendjik (RUS), a coastal town on the Black Sea not far from Socchi and Krasnodar.

In a state of shock and grief, FIG President Prof Bruno Grandi (ITA) expressed his distress and consternation on behalf of the international gymnastics community, addressing his condolences to the bereaved, and to gymnasts of the Russian federation and Acrobatic throughout the world.

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UPCOMING FIG EVENTS



[7th Rhythmic Gymnastics
World Cup Final](#)

Benidorm ESP October 4 – 5, 2008



[21st Acrobatic Gymnastics
World Championships](#)

Glasgow GBR October 10 – 12, 2008



77th FIG Congress

Helsinki FIN October 17 – 19, 2008



[8th World Games 2009
Pre-events](#)

Kaohsiung TPE Oct 28 – Nov 5, 2008



14th Artistic Gymnastics
World Cup Final

Madrid ESP December 13 – 14, 2008

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