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77th FIG Congress in Helsinki (FIN) THE FIG RE-ELECTS ITS AUTHORITIES

HELSINKI (FIN), October 19, 2008: At the close of three days of intense deliberations, the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) has re-elected its governing body. 380 delegates representing 90 of the 129 affiliated federations designated the 122 individuals who will sit on a line-up of committees and commissions for the duration of the 2009 – 2012 Olympic cycle.

The Assembly re-elected incumbent President Prof. Bruno Grandi (ITA), who will undertake a fourth mandate (1996), and three Vice Presidents, Dr Michel Léglise (FRA), Ms Slava Corn (CAN) and Mr Koji Takizawa (JPN).

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Standing ovations and emotions

LAUSANNE (SUI), October 23, 2008: In recognition of their exemplary work and contribution, the FIG General Assembly paid tribute to four of its members and awarded them the Honorary Vice President's distinction at the Congress in Helsinki (FIN) on October 19, 2008.

The audience gave standing ovations to the deeply stirred Patricia Wade (GBR), Egle Abruzzini (ITA), John Atkinson (GBR) and Nicolae Vieru (ROU).

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HEGELE Sabrina (GER)
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FIG Athletes' Commission Gymnast elected

GLASGOW (GBR), October 10, 2008: The athletes participating at the Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships in Glasgow (GBR) have designated their delegate for the FIG Athletes' Commission of the 2009 - 2012 Olympic cycle. The German gymnast, Sabrina Hegele (19 years old) was elected with a great majority by the acrobats and will be seated from January 1st 2009 at the FIG Athletes' Commission.

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Team China
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Query regarding age of Chinese gymnasts

FIG concludes Beijing investigation

LAUSANNE (SUI), October 1, 2008: The Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) has completed its investigation into the ages of Chinese team gymnasts who competed at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Originals of official documents received from the Chinese Gymnastics Association, specifically passports, identity cards and family booklets or 'Household Registers', confirm the ages of the athletes.

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7th Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Final Benidorm Hasta luego!

Benidorm (ESP), October 4, 2008: Under the lights and cameras of the Spanish National Television (TVE), the graceful athletes of Rhythmic Gymnastics have once again seduced and dazzled every spectator at the Palau L'illa in Benidorm. Midway between art and sport, this kind of gymnastics at this level of quality would win the support of even the most skeptical.

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Men's Group podium
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21st Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships Glasgow (GBR) Review Final

GLASGOW (GBR), October 12, 2008: A capacity crowd gathered at the Kelvin Hall Arena in Glasgow, to watch the greatest Acrobatic gymnasts battle to be crowned World Champion. Some amazing routines were on display with Russia dominating proceedings.

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

Benidorm ESP October 4 – 5, 2008



[5th International Age
Group Competitions](#) and
[21st Acrobatic Gymnastics
World Championships](#)

Glasgow GBR October 3 – 5, 2008
GBR October 10 – 12, 2008

FIG MEMBER FEDERATIONS



Kirsti Partanen awarded
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Women and Sports: IOC Award for Finnish Gymnastics

HELSINKI (FIN), October 17, 2008: Among the 'Women and Sports' diplomas awarded in 2008 by the International Olympic Committee, the diploma for Europe is assigned to the current President of the Finnish Gymnastics Federation, Ms Kirsti Partanen.

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Gym For Life Challenge 2009 ... and the Champion is?

LAUSANNE (SUI), October 5, 2008: Next year from July 15 to 19, the City of Dornbirn (AUT) will host the first Gym For Life Challenge, a new contest for Gymnastics For All, a competition to feature the best gymnastics groups of the world!

Which Federation will have the Champion Group of the year 2009?

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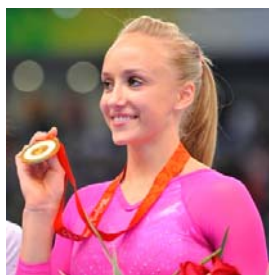


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12th Glasgow Grand Prix and World Cup Artistic Gymnastics

GLASGOW (GBR), October 18, 2008 (*British Gymnastics*): The 12th staging of the Glasgow Grand Prix has brought together some of the greatest gymnasts in the world. Winning a medal here was no easy task. A priority for the gymnasts is winning points to reach the World Cup Finals to be held in Madrid in December this year. From 22 competitions during 2007 and 2008, plus the results of the 2007 World Championships and the Beijing Olympics Games the World Cup finalists will be selected from the points won from all these tournaments.

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LIUKIN Nastia (USA)
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Women's Sports Foundation

Nastia Liukin honoured sportswoman of year

LAUSANNE (SUI), October 16, 2008: 2008 Women's Artistic Gymnastics Olympic All - Around Champion Nastia Liukin (USA) was honoured as the 2008 Sportswoman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation on Tuesday October, 14 in New York.

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Artistic Gymnastics

1st Hungarian FIG World Cup Competition, Szombathely, Oct 3-5

(MATSZ): Mr. Andreás Szabó, President of the Hungarian Gymnastics Federation, welcomed the gymnasts and spectators: "It is a special pleasure that for the second time the former Savaria, now called Szombathely - running back over a 2000-year-history and having a vivid cultural and sport life - is the host of a remarkable international event which is placing in the up-to-date Arena Savaria Stadium."

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Trampoline and Tumbling World Cup in Loulé (POR) 2009 first step!

LAUSANNE (SUI), September 29, 2008: The first event of the World Cup series 2009 already took place on September 26 and 27, 2008 in the nice Algarve Town of Loulé (POR), with its magnificent marina Vilamoura, where most of the athletes stayed in Hotels and apartments.

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2008 IndoPacific Trampoline & Tumbling Championships

The Indos are underway!

ROTORUA (NZL), October 15, 2008 (New Zealand Gymnastics): Over 300 athletes and officials paraded through Rotorua as part of the opening ceremony for the 2008 Indo Pacific Trampoline & Tumbling Championships on October 14.

After the first day of competition New Zealand is holding its own against strong competition from Japan and Canada.

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The city of Liberec welcomed the best Aerobic competition in the Czech Republic in the year 2008

(Czech Gymnastic Federation): The ultramodern Tipsport Arena in Liberec was the venue of the International Czech Aerobic Championship which was held on October 10-12, 2008. Almost 663 competitors from 10 countries have been registered for this competition and they performed in 330 routines, which proves the top competition in the Czech Republic in 2008. Competitors came from Bulgaria, Finland, Italy, Hungary, Moldavia, Austria, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine and Czech Republic.

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Aerobic Gymnastics

Austrian Aerobic Open Oct 24-26

(ÖFT): This meeting will be the largest and best ever Aerobic Gymnastics Tournament held in Austria: About 400 Athletes from 16 countries sent their inscriptions. Competitions in the Viennese "Sportzentrum Brigittenau" will include routines from young talents up to world class elite level.

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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS NEWS

Death of Ram Ruhee, IOC Honorary Member since 2007

October 22, 2008 (IOC): The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ram Ruhee, at the age of 81.

Elected as an IOC member in 1988, he was the founder and Secretary General of the Mauritius National Olympic Committee since 1971 and a member of the following Commissions: Olympic Solidarity (1989-2001), Cultural (1995-1996), Coordination for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games (1994-2000), Women and Sport (2002-2007) and Sport for All (2003-2007), before becoming an honorary member in 2007.

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IOC to further analyse Beijing 2008 samples

October 8, 2008 (IOC): The IOC intends to further analyse the samples collected this summer during the Olympic Games in Beijing. Substances that will be analysed across all sports include EPO CERA.

All samples are currently being repatriated to the WADA-accredited laboratory in Lausanne where Olympic samples are usually stored after the Games. The details of the procedure, such as the number of samples to be further analysed and the timeline, are currently being discussed with WADA.

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Three thousand athletes part of IOC Athlete Career Programme

October 2, 2008 (IOC): Three thousand athletes in over 30 countries so far have taken advantage of the IOC Athlete Career Programme, offered in collaboration with Adecco. The programme delivered career development training and job placements, facilitating the integration of athletes into the labour market both during and at the end of their elite sporting careers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

| Period | Title | Venue | Participants |
|-----------------------|---|---|--------------|
| 28 - 29 Oct. 2008 | Test Events World Games 2009 |  KAOHSIUNG (TPE) | Senior |
| 29 Oct. - 3 Nov. 2008 | TRA - TC Meeting |  KAOHSIUNG (TPE) | Senior |
| 29 Oct. 2008 | 25th Memorial Arthur Gander |  CHIASSO (SUI) | Senior |
| 31 Oct. - 2 Nov. 2008 | Torneo Ciudad De Oviedo |  OVIEDO (ESP) | Senior |
| 1 - 2 Nov. 2008 | Test Events World Games 2009 |  KAOHSIUNG (TPE) | Senior |
| 1 Nov. 2008 | Grand Prix de Gymnastique Brno 2008 |  BRNO (CZE) | Senior |
| 2 Nov. 2008 | 30th Swiss Cup 2008 |  ZUERICH (SUI) | Senior |
| 3 - 6 Nov. 2008 | 12th World Sport For All Congress |  GENTING (MAS) | Senior |
| 4 - 5 Nov. 2008 | Test Events World Games 2009 |  KAOHSIUNG (TPE) | Senior |
| 6 - 8 Nov. 2008 | Grand Prix Ostrava 2008 |  OSTRAVA (CZE) | Senior |
| 14 - 16 Nov. 2008 | 26th DTB Pokal |  STUTTGART (GER) | Senior |
| 15 - 16 Nov. 2008 | 2008 Toyota International Competition |  TOYOTA CITY (JPN) | Senior |
| 15 - 21 Nov. 2008 | 1st Golden Age Gym Festival |  MASPALOMAS (ESP) | Senior |
| 18 - 22 Nov. 2008 | Intercontinental Judges Course |  RUIT (GER) | Senior |
| 23 - 30 Nov. 2008 | Intercontinental Judges Course |  MINSK (BLR) | Senior |

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