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Gymnastics cleans house PASSING THE BATON

Traditionally, the intercontinental judges' courses mark the end of an Olympic cycle, and celebrate the beginning of a new one. Yet they also serve as the background for the transfer of office within the Technical Committees. This year changes have been made across the board.

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NEWS FROM THE FIG HEAD OFFICE



Prof. Bruno Grandi (ITA)
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IOC Virtual Congress Contribution of FIG President Grandi

FIG President Prof. Bruno Grandi (ITA) contributes to the IOC Virtual Congress on the topics of Olympic values, justice in sports and non-competitive general sports. He names competence and honesty the basics of justice, points out the importance of Fair Play as an Olympic value and underlines the role of general sports as a possessor of unique cultural standing and of the physical and psychological well being of every individual.

Members of the Olympic Family as well as the general public are invited by the IOC to contribute to the virtual Olympic Congress on five different topics until December 31, 2008. The principal recommendations will then be discussed at the Olympic Congress in Copenhagen (DEN) in October 2009.

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GFA Committee and
OC Gym for Life 2009
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Gymnastics for All Committee members set the wheels in motion for 2009 challenge!

LAUSANNE (SUI), November 26, 2008: The Gymnastics for All Committee met at the FIG Head Office in Lausanne (SUI) November 22 – 24, with a full agenda for Committee President Margaret Sikkens Ahlquist (SWE) and her colleagues.

The session started off with a joint meeting between the GFA Committee and the Organising Committee of the Gymnaestrada 2011 in Lausanne and continued with the official transfer of power within the FIG Gymnastics for All Committee, followed by a constructive Committee meeting with newly elected members.

Finally, four representatives from the 2009 Gym for Life Challenge Organising Committee in Dornbirn (AUT) were received.

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Grandi visits all International Judges Courses Nov 08 – Feb 09

Beginning with the course for Acrobatics in Ruit (GER) and for Rhythmic Gymnastics in Minsk (BLR), the series of International Judges Courses of the 2009-2012 cycle started off this month. The courses are taking place every four years in all competitive FIG disciplines in order to ensure the ongoing education of FIG judges.

FIG President Prof. Bruno Grandi (ITA) will be visiting the courses up until February 2009 in an effort to underline the importance of justice and honesty in the FIG judging system. The next courses will be in Leipzig (GER) for Men's Artistic Gymnastics, in Beijing (CHN) for Aerobics and in Bratislava (SVK) for Women's Artistic and Trampoline Gymnastics.

FIG EVENTS



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World Games 2009 Test Events, Kaohsiung (TPE)

From October 28 - November 4, 2008, the gymnastics test events for the World Games 2009 in Kaohsiung (TPE) took place in the newly built Kaohsiung Arena. World class gymnasts in Trampoline, Rhythmic, Acrobatic and Aerobic Gymnastics stunned the crowd with their skills.

These test events proved to be a great success for the Kaohsiung Organising Committee (KOC), and were a fantastic opportunity to introduce international gymnastics to local spectators for the first time ever. The competitions were televised live by host broadcaster PTS and ESPN Asia.

For complete event coverage please click [here!](#)

INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTICS EVENTS



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GFA: 1st Golden Age Gym Festival, Maspalomas (ESP)

(UEG): 1,800 gymnasts from 22 countries plus four observer countries, including Japan, animated the opening ceremony of the 1st UEG Golden Age Gym Festival that kicked off the first edition.

A *world premiere* was presented by four members of the UEG Gymnastics for All Technical Committee, showcasing gymnastics for older people in which humour and pep was in the spotlight.

The rest of the event, broadcasted live by Gran Canaria TV, allowed gymnasts from the island to present different disciplines ranging from RG to gymnastics for seniors, including folk dances and images of the world-famous Carnival.

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GFA: 48th Blume Festival Gran Canaria

The Blume Festival Gran Canaria, staged in memory of the Spanish gymnast Joaquim Blume, who was killed in an accident at the end of the 1950's, celebrated its 48th anniversary this year.

From November 22 – 29, more than 1,500 participants representing 86 countries worldwide and more than 6,000 gymnasts from the Canary Islands and the Spanish mainland participated in the event.

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ART: Pan American Individual Event Championships, Rosario (ARG)

November 19 – 23, the Pan American Gymnastics Union (PAGU) Individual Event Championships took place in Rosario (ARG), organised by the Confederacion Argentina de Gimnasia.

Gymnasts from eleven countries participated in the event, and all participating countries were represented in the Apparatus Finals. Universality at its best!

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ART: EnBW Artistic Gymnastics World Cup, Stuttgart (GER)

Around hundred gymnasts representing 35 nations took part in the 26th DTB-Pokal 2008, a world cup event (category A) that was held in the Porsche Arena of Stuttgart (GER) from November 14 - 16.

Host Germany won six medals in all, three of which World Champion Fabian Hambüchen collected on his own (Gold on Horizontal Bar and Floor, Bronze on Parallel Bars). Chinese gymnasts topped the rankings in both the Men's and Women's competitions.

Check the [results!](#)



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ART: 4th Artistic Gymnastics Asian Championships, Doha (QAT)

The 4th Senior Artistic Gymnastics Asian Championships took place at the Aspire Dome in Doha (QAT) from November 15 - 18, 2008. Organised by the Qatar Gymnastics Federation under the aegis of the Asian Gymnastics Union, the four day championship boasted the participation of more than 260 delegates from 21 countries, including host Qatar. A record!

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ART: World Cup "Grand Prix Ostrava 2008" (CZE)

The Artistic Gymnastics 2008 World Cup "Grand Prix Ostrava" was held from November 6 – 8, 2008 in Ostrava (CZE). Gold medal winners came from Olympic host nation China, the Netherlands, Croatia, Slovakia and Hungary.

Check all results: [Day 1](#) [Day 2](#)



ART: 25th Memorial Arthur Gander and 30th Swiss Cup, Switzerland

Two major international Artistic Gymnastics competitions took place in Switzerland this month: Chiasso hosted the 25th Memorial Arthur Gander competition on October 29 and the 30th Swiss Cup was held in Zurich on November 2. Chinese gymnasts Lu Bo and He Ning teamed up to win the latter, a mixed-pairs competition, followed by Sandra Izabasa and Flavius Koczi (RUM) and Russia's Ksenia Afanasyeva and Maxim Deviatovskiy.

Check the results of the [25th Memorial Arthur Gander](#) and the [30th Swiss Cup](#) and take a look at the [photo gallery](#) of the 30th Swiss Cup!



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ART: Sokol Grand Prix 2008, Brno (CZE)

On Saturday, November 1, 2008, the traditional mixed pair competition Sokol Grand Prix de Gymnastics was held in Brno (CZE) for the 13th time, being organised by the club Sokol Brno 1.

Four out of the 13 participating pairs from six different countries qualified for the third and final round. Winners were Palesova Kristyna (CZE) and Piasecky Samuel (SVK), followed by Koval Anastazia (UKR) and Dimic Alen (SLO). The third pair was composed of Verbova Eva and Smejkal Petr (both CZE).

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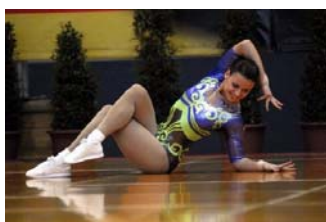


RG: Torneo Ciudad de Oviedo (ESP)

129 gymnasts from 7 different countries participated in the "Torneo Ciudad de Oviedo" which was held in Spain from October 31 - November 2, 2008 and organised by the Asociación Deportiva Omega.

The event was televised by Principado de Asturias.

Click [here](#) for more information and the results!



GAZOV Lubi (AUT)
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AER: 9th Austrian Aerobic Open

(ÖFT): The meeting, which took place on October 24 - 26, was the largest and best ever Aerobic Gymnastics Tournament held in Austria. Nearly 500 Athletes from 16 countries competed in Vienna's jam-packed *Sportzentrum Brigittenau*. Participation included young talent to world class elite level gymnasts. Fans went wild when Austria's elite gymnast Lubi Gazov claimed a victory.

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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS NEWS



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IF Sports Forum 2008

(GAISF / Sportaccord): The IF Sports Forum was organised by ASOIF, AIOWF and GAISF in conjunction with Sportaccord, and with the support of the City of Lausanne/Canton of Vaud. FIG President Prof. Bruno Grandi (ITA) and Secretary General André Gueisbuhler attended this year's event, with the two themes of Leadership and Media, which took place November 17 - 19 at the Movenpick Hotel in Lausanne.

The IF Sports Forum is based on a concept jointly developed by the GAISF, ASOIF and AIOWF Councils to organise an annual event specifically for the International Sports Federations. The aim of the IF Sports Forum is to provide an enlightening and educational package of content in various formats, addressing the needs and issues that the IFs have communicated as being of the most interest to them.

More infos: [Sportaccord](#)



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Sport for All: Turning theory into practice

November 10, 2008, (IOC): How to turn theory into concrete action for a healthier and active lifestyle for all generations was at the centre of the 12th World Sport for All Congress, which was held in Malaysia from November 3 – 6, 2008. Under the motto “Sport for All – Sport for Life”, 505 participants from 96 countries worked together to share knowledge, discuss best practice and find progressive solutions to counteract trends of physical inactivity.

The event was organised by the Olympic Council of Malaysia under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and its Sport for All Commission, in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).

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SPORTELMonaco 2008

(SPORTELMonaco): For the third consecutive year, SPORTELMonaco has posted record attendance figures, with a total of 2,495 participants, representing 1,028 companies from 80 countries worldwide taking part in the 4-day event. At the Gala evening, guests were dazzled by an impressive Acrobatic Gymnastics show presented by the British Men's Group and the Women's Group from Belarus.

SPORTELMonaco is universally recognised as the one indispensable, must-attend international market for companies involved with any aspect of sports programming and sports content across all distribution platforms. Next year's SPORTELMonaco events will be SPORTELMonaco 2009 on March 16 - 18 at the Miami Beach Resort & Spa in Miami Beach, Florida, USA and SPORTELMonaco on October 12 - 15 at Grimaldi Forum in Monaco.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

| Date | Event title | Venue | Participants |
|------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------|
| 6 Dec 2008 | 9th African Trampoline and Aerobic Championships | WALVIS BAY (NAM) | Senior |
| 1 - 7 Dec 2008 | FIG Intercontinental Judges' Course MAG | LEIPZIG (GER) | Senior |
| 4 - 7 Dec 2008 | Panamerican Senior and Aged Championship | BUENOS AIRES (ARG) | Senior |
| 10 - 13 Dec 2008 | Bondarev's Cup | MINSK (BLR) | Senior |
| 13 Dec 2008 | 4ème Challenge International de Woluwé-St.-Lambert | WOLUWE-ST.-LAMBERT (BEL) | Junior/Senior |
| 18 - 19 Dec 2008 | Mikhail Voronin Cup | MOSCOW (RUS) | Senior |

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