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#### FIG ACADEMIES FORGE NEW LEVEL

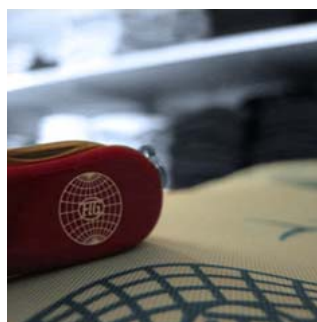
In an intensive series of FIG Academy Working Group meetings for Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline and Acrobatic Gymnastics, members met this month at the FIG Head Office in Lausanne under the leadership of FIG Vice President Slava Corn (CAN).

The purpose of the meetings was to further develop the FIG educational programmes.

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#### WE'RE OPEN!

The FIG on-line Shop has once again opened its doors for business, and you can gain access by going to the homepage of the Federation's official website. For months, the FIG Shop has been offline for the development of a totally new website, but it's back with more services and new products that will better respond to a growing demand.

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#### Acrobatic Gymnastics Technical Committee

#### NEW ACRO IS HERE!

Members of the new FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Technical Committee met for the first time in Lisbon (POR) after being elected in the Fall of 2008. For the 2009 – 2012 Cycle, the Committee will be presided by Tonya Case (USA), who lost no time in getting down to the business at hand. At the top of this cycle's list of things to do, the Academies!

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# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



Jan Novak (SVK)  
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## TRA Intercontinental Judges' Course, Bratislava (SVK)

### INNOVATION FACILITATES LEARNING

66 participants from 26 different nations met in Bratislava (SVK) with experts from the FIG Trampoline Technical Committee for an Intercontinental Judges' Course, February 3-8, 2009.

In his opening speech, Horst Kunze (GER), President of the FIG Trampoline Technical Committee, thanked President Jan Novak and the volunteers from the Slovakian Gymnastics Federation for the excellent organisation of this important course and for opening their doors so graciously.

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## RG Intercontinental Judges' Brevet Course 2009-2012

### FROM THEORY TO PRACTICAL

The five-day International Rhythmic Gymnastics Judging Course at the Lilleshall N.S.C., led by FIG representative Paola Berardino (ITA), wrapped up on Sunday, January 25, 2009 with successful examinations for 12 British judges. The candidates obtained a FIG Level 4 Brevet and another eight participants met the national judge requirements for the first time in their career.

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## ACRO Intercontinental Judges' Brevet Course 2009-2012

### INCLUSION AND COLLABORATION

The Acrobatic Gymnastics Intercontinental Judges' Brevet Course for the Olympic Cycle 2009-2012 took place from November 18-22, 2008 in Ruit, Germany, where snowy weather greeted the 47 candidates from 22 different countries.

The course was taught with the philosophy of "inclusion" of all participants, and emphasis was given to improving communication between the Technical Committee and the world of Acrobatic Gymnastics.

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## INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTIC EVENTS



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## ART and RG: 9th African Championships, Cairo (EGY)

The 9th African Championships in Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics, which took place from January 29 to February 5 in Cairo (EGY), have revealed a field of new talent, and FIG President Professor Bruno Grandi couldn't be more pleased.

Not far from the venue for these African Championships, remains of Ancient Egypt were found that would indicate that a form of rhythmic gymnastics was practised some 3,500 years ago with portable apparatus!

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## MAG: 2009 U.S. Winter Cup Challenge, Las Vegas (USA)

This year's U.S. Winter Cup Challenge, which took place on February 5-7 in Las Vegas, was a combination of proven international experienced gymnasts with an outstanding group of "newcomers." Seventy-seven gymnasts competed in two qualifying sessions, knowing that the purpose of this competition is the re-ranking of the US men's national team.

[Check the results!](#)



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## ART: Tyson American Cup, Hoffman Estates (USA)

The USA's Jordyn Wieber and Germany's Fabian Hambuechen won the All-around titles at the 2009 Tyson American Cup on February 21 in front of a crowd of 6,388 at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates (USA). Bridget Sloan (USA) placed second and Kim Bui (GER) third for the women while the USA's David Sender and Joseph Hagerty finished second and third, respectively, for the men.

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## MAG: 2009 Elite Canada Men's Gymnastics, Surrey (CAN)

Casey Sandy of Burlington, Ontario posted the best scores on Floor and Rings en route to the Gold medal in the All-around event at the Elite Canada Men's Gymnastics competition, held at the Guildford Recreation Centre in Surrey (CAN) on February 25 – 26.

The meet was the second and final phase in Canada's national team selection.

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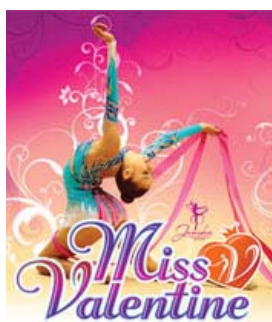


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## RG: 3rd Brussels Cup, Brussels (BEL)

At the 3rd Brussels Cup in Rhythmic Gymnastics on February 7 - 8, Anika Rejek of Leverkusen (GER) came in second behind Russian gymnast Anna Epifanova (88.250). With a total score of 87.225, she clearly pushed Belgian local favourite Lieselotte Diels into 3rd place (84.200). In the Apparatus Finals, Epifanova triumphed on Rope and Hoop, Diels won on Ball and Anika Rejek was victorious in the Ribbon Final, the last discipline.

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## RG: 15th International Miss Valentine, Tartu (EST)

The 15th International Rhythmic Gymnastics Tournament "Miss Valentine" took place on February 20 – 21 in Tartu (EST). Among the participants from 17 different countries were the 2008 Olympic Champion Eugenia Kanaeva (RUS), the Russian junior and senior teams as well as Estonian Jana Lukjanova, who is preparing for the London Olympic Games in 2012.

The tournament, which included competitions in three age groups, was organised by the Gymnastics Club Janika, the Estonian Gymnastics Federation and the City of Tartu.

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## ACRO: Stars above the Bug River, Vinnitsa (UKR)

The 18th International Acrobatic Gymnastics Tournament "Stars above the Bug River" was held in Vinnitsa (UKR) on February 23-28, 2009. Since the first tournament in 1999 the number of participating countries has increased to 20, with a total of 300 individuals participating this year as delegates of the USA, Belgium, Portugal, Germany, Poland, Russia, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, and Ukraine.

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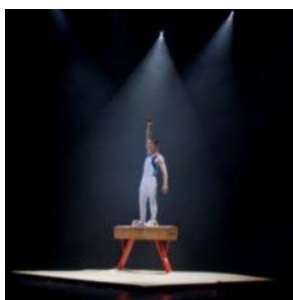


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## CAN: 2009 National Gymnastics Week, Feb 8-14, 2009

National Gymnastics Week's goal is to celebrate the positive benefits of Gymnastics For All along with Artistic, Trampoline, Aerobic and Acrobatic Gymnastics. The purpose of National Gymnastics Week is to increase the visibility of and participation in gymnastics throughout British Columbia. In addition to helping educate the public about safe and healthy gymnastics activities, National Gymnastics Week also provides fundraising and promotional opportunities for participating clubs.

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## FIN: World Champion Tanskanen as Technical Director

The Finnish Gymnastics Federation (SVOLI) has appointed former top gymnast Jani Tanskanen (34) as Technical Director for Men's Artistic Gymnastics. World Champion on High Bar 1997, Jani is a familiar face to international gymnastics thanks to his long career as a gymnast.

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TANSKANEN Jani (FIN)  
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## LUX: General Assembly FLGym 2009

In its 110th year of existence, the General Assembly of the FLGym took place on February 6 in Sanem in perfect consensus. Organisers were found for many competitions in 2010 and 2011 and David Greisch of the Sporting Club Belvaux and responsible editor of the magazine "Le GYMNASTE" has been re-elected as a member of the FLGym Council. Jules Reichling of Espérance Differdange was honoured for his 40 years of activity as a judge.

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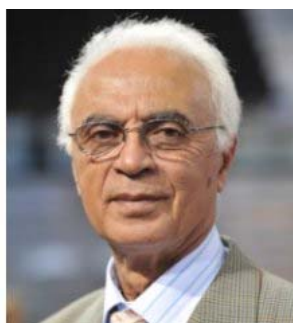
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## MEX: Elections

On January 29th, the Federacion Mexicana de Gimnasia had its General Assembly, where new members were elected to the Board of Directors for the Olympic Cycle 2009-2013 as follows:

President: Gustavo Salazar  
Vice President: Carmen Gómez  
Secretary General: Naomi Valenzo  
Commissioner: Ernesto Ayala  
Treasurer: Lorena Galán  
Athletes representative: Manuel Alemán

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## UAG: Election to the African Gymnastics Union

The African Gymnastics Union convened its members for a statutory General Assembly. Elections were the focal point of the meeting, with incumbent Mohamed Yamani (ALG) re-elected to the presidency. The 3 Vice Presidents, Jerry Massia (RSA), El Jubi (MAR) and Albertine Goncalves (SEN), will be at the President's side for his new mandate.

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Mohamed Yamani (ALG), UAG President

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## USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame – Class of 2009

2004 Olympic All-around Champion Carly Patterson of Allen, Texas (WAG), 2004 Olympian Mary Sanders of Toronto, Ont. (RG), 2000 Olympian Steve McCain of Los Angeles (MAG) and 1996 Olympian John Macready of Knoxville, Tenn. (MAG) are among the 2009 class of inductees for the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame that USA Gymnastics announced this month.

The USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame inducted its first class in 1959.

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## INTERNATIONAL SPORTS NEWS



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## International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information

*February 18, 2009 (WADA):* The purpose of the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI) is to ensure that all relevant parties involved in anti-doping in sport adhere to a set of minimum privacy protections when collecting and using athlete personal information, such as information relating to whereabouts, doping controls and therapeutic use exemptions.

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## Sportaccord announces preliminary program for Denver convention March 23-27

February 9, 2009 (*sportaccord*): Andre Agassi, former number one professional tennis player, eight-time Grand Slam and Olympic Gold medal winner, will join the impressive list of speakers confirmed for Sportaccord 2009 from March 23-27 in Denver, Colorado.

With Sportaccord taking place in the Americas for the first time, another first and highlight of the conference program will be a panel on the topic of Sport & Philanthropy – The Value of Giving Back.

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## IOC and UN-HABITAT sign Memorandum of Understanding

February 5, 2009 (IOC): Jacques Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and Anna Tibajuka, UN-HABITAT Executive Director signed a Memorandum of Understanding between their two organisations.

In future, the IOC and UN-HABITAT will form synergies in using sport to mobilise and prepare young people for active participation in urban life and to promote poverty alleviation. Advocacy and field-level activities will be driven in close cooperation between the UN-HABITAT's offices and the 205 National Olympic Committees.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event title	Venue	Participants
March 4 – 8, 2009	<a href="#">Junior Team Cup - International Gymnix 2009</a>	MONTREAL (CAN)	Junior
March 6 – 8, 2009	<a href="#">Artistic FIG World Cup Cat. B</a>	MONTREAL (CAN)	Senior
March 6 – 8, 2009	<a href="#">Rhythmic FIG World Cup Cat. A</a>	BUDAPEST (HUN)	Senior
March 14 – 15, 2009	Baltic Hoop 2009	RIGA (LAT)	Senior
March 14, 2009	Friends Cup Rhythmic Gymnastics	STOCKERAU (AUT)	Junior
March 14 – 15, 2009	GRAND PRIX BRNO- GITY CUP 2009	BRNO (CZE)	Senior
March 14, 2009	TROFEO CITTA' DI JESOLO	JESOLO (ITA)	Senior + Junior
March 16 – 18, 2009	<a href="#">SPORTELAmerica 2009</a>	MIAMI (USA)	
March 19 – 22, 2009	4th Czech Aerobic Open 2009	ZLIN (CZE)	Senior, Junior and Age Group
March 20 – 22, 2009	<a href="#">33rd Turnier der Meister Cat. B</a>	COTTBUS (GER)	Senior
March 21, 2009	<a href="#">18th Aalsmeer Flower Cup</a>	AALSMEER (NED)	Senior, Junior and Age Group
March 21, 2009	<a href="#">22. MTM Competition</a>	LJUBLJANA (SLO)	Senior, Junior and Age Group
March 21 – 22, 2009	Coupe du Pas de Calais	CALAIS (FRA)	
March 22, 2009	<a href="#">3rd Aerobic Gymnastics Latin Cup</a>	OEIRAS (POR)	Senior, Junior and Age Group
March 23 - 27 2009	<a href="#">Sport Accord</a>	DENVER (USA)	Senior
March 27 - 28 2009	14th Internationaler TABEA-Cup	HALLE (GER)	Junior

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