

# **PRESIDENT**

## **REPORT TO THE 2010 CONGRESS in Ostrava**

Before presenting my report to the 2010 Congress, I would like to pay tribute to the memory of all members of the table tennis family, who passed away during the last year. All of them will always be remembered as highly appreciated officials and also as honest, friendly and fair persons.

### **1. Introduction**

Since our Congress in Stuttgart the membership of ETTU remains at 56 member Associations.

### **2. ITTF Meetings**

As Vice-President for Europe I unfortunately could not attend the meetings organised during the World Junior Championships in Columbia and during the World Championships in Moscow (RUS).

In Columbia, ETTU was therefore represented by Mr. Michel Gadat and in Moscow, because of a clash with the ETTU Congress, ETTU was represented by Mrs. Claude Bergeret.

Anyway both ETTU officials were reporting in detail about these 2 meetings.

### **3. ETTU Meetings**

The ordinary ETTU Congress was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2009 in Stuttgart and an extraordinary ETTU Congress was organised during the World Championships in Moscow on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2010. During these two Congresses, ETTU dealt with the usual necessary proposition changes. ETTU took also the opportunity to discuss some other important matters regarding the European Table Tennis. I take the opportunity to thank the German as well as the Russian Associations for providing us with meeting rooms and good facilities during the Championships and for all their help during our stay in Stuttgart and Moscow.

Since that time the ETTU Executive Board enlarged by several Committee Chairmen and staff members, met during the EC in Stuttgart, during the TOP-12 in Düsseldorf and during the World Championships in Moscow. An additional meeting was organised during the European Youth Championships in Istanbul Turkey. In all meetings held, the basic topical problems were discussed and solved in a good and friendly atmosphere. Among others we also discussed and prepared a new event for national teams for which you will find a proposition in the Agenda of the Congress.

During the years 2009 and 2010 I visited an important number of our member Associations. During all my visits I took the opportunity to inform the leading persons about all our projects, such as the camps, the development programme and assistance packages. Very often I also met officials of the national Olympic Committees or officials of local governments. I further will try to continue with such visits to all Associations who might ask for it.

#### **4. Co-operation with the ITTF**

The ETTU considers the close co-operation with the ITTF as one of the most important principles in its work. Many deciding matters can be solved only on the world level and the ETTU is ready to strengthen its initiatives to reach the best possible results in favour of the world table tennis.

Once again EUROSPOORT will cover the European Championships with several live transmissions as well as some tape-delayed transmissions. My thanks go to TMS, who managed this important deal for us.

#### **5. ETTU Development**

The Eurokids project still is a big success and is well appreciated especially by the smaller Associations. We also will continue in the future with the Eurokids camps as well as with the Assistance packages, a service granting some TT material free of charge to the Associations.

#### **6. Olympic Project**

Despite a difficult start this new project now runs smoothly. Unfortunately Polona Cehovin left ETTU and we had to ask Lila de Soysa for helping us out of this difficult period. Thanks to her and the Expert Group big efforts this project was smoothly running. Planned are also, for this year, some combined training camps between Europe and China.

After a successful first edition last year, ETTU will repeat the organisation of one talent identification camp with trying to attract some 100 kids participating in the camp.

#### **7. Co-operation agreement with the Asian TT Union**

The ETTU was very happy about the initiative of the Asian TT Union to organise once again a EURO-ASIA contest. After the outstanding opening ceremony of this event organised in Istanbul on the closed Bosphorus bridge, the first event took place in Beijing by end of August last year. I am very pleased about the European Team which was able to take the overall victory after two exciting days in Istanbul. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank the Turkish Federation for their outstanding organisation.

#### **8. ETTU Marketing**

The good results of our Marketing Division lead us to prolong the contract with the Vitesse Company. This company not only managed to have agreements signed with all organising Associations of ETTU events, they also were able to increase the ETTU Suppliers Pool. Up to and including the European Championships in Ostrava the Vitesse company also is dealing with TMS on our behalf with regard to TV. The Marketing Department follows closely the Champions Leagues. They introduced the electronic scoring system (live ticker) as well as live streaming via internet, which worked well during all our main events.

I really would like to thank Maurizio Evangelista and his staff for all the work they did.

## 9. Competitions

The organisation of the European Youth Championships was entrusted to the Turkish Association in July 2010. The organisation run smoothly and the playing conditions and accommodation for the participants were very good. My thanks goes to the Turkish Association for having provided nice facilities for this huge event.

The second edition of the Europe Youth TOP-10 was organised by the TT Association of Slovakia and I take this opportunity to thank the Slovak Association for the good organisation.

During the first weekend in February the Europe TOP-12 was organised by the German Association in Düsseldorf. The provided facilities were excellent and the spectators could follow a spectacular event.

Now we are looking forward to the next edition of the European Veterans Championships which will be organised in Liberec (CZE) in June 2010.

Last but not least, starting in the year 2011 the new establish EURO-CIRCUIT will take place. Already several Associations having applied to stage one round of this event and two Associations were already bidding to organise the “Grand Final”.

## 9. ETTU Secretariat

The Administration of the ETTU activities in the Secretariat in Luxembourg are very comprehensive and it would not be possible to manage without the assistance of the General Secretary, Mrs Jeanny Dom and her assistant Mr. Pierre Kass and I would like to express my thanks to them for their efficient work.

Last but not least I address my thanks to the Deputy-President, the Vice-President for Finances, the Vice-Presidents, all Committee Chairmen, all ETTU Officials, the Development Manager, the Competition Manager, the Marketing Department and all others who contributed to our work and I invite them all to a further co-operation in our efforts for the benefit of the European table tennis.

I kept this report rather short, as I want to go into details during my opening remarks at the Congress in Ostrava.

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