



8th FIG AER Gymnastics World Age Group Competition 15th FIG AER Gymnastics World Championships

Guimarães (POR), May 25 – June 3, 2018



REPORT

Organization

Guimarães, the ORIGIN of Portugal was the place for the 8th Aerobic Gymnastics World Age Group Competition and the 15th Aerobic Gymnastics World Championships. The Gymnastics Federation of Portugal as LOC, who are very experienced in organizing various FIG events. They hosts AER World Cups regularly and also hosted the Intercontinental Judges' Course in the end of 2016. Therefore, we were confident that the organization was under its control with great preparation of the venue.



Venue

Multiusos de Guimarães
Alameda Cidade de Lisboa
Creixomil 4835-037 Guimarães



Apparatus

- Aerobic Gymnastics Floor: Gymnova - "Cancun", Ref. 6632
- Steps: Venturelli - Art. STE16 (WCH only)

4 AER floors were provided, 3 for the training area and 1 for the competition hall. All of them are in good standing and without any problems.

For WCH, 35 Venturelli steps were provided. 8 steps on every floor and 3 extra. Only the steps provided by the LOC were allowed during the trainings and competition. This information was announced in the directives in advance.

Halls

Training hall

Training hall was in the same gymnasium with 2 aerobic floors and 2 marked floors. There was also the marked floor for the waiting area. The music floor with music was adjacent to that hall to allow music to be played. There was 1 floor and 1 marked floor.





General warm up area

There were no mats for the general warm up. We've asked LOC to provide sufficient mats for the warm up at the venue inspection and were provided.

Competition hall

Beautifully decorated competition venue with huge LED wall as a back panel for the competition floor with gymnasts' video, results, ranking were shown. Security was also very good.



Judge's meeting room

Judge's instruction and draw, were made at the orientation meeting room, with very good conditions. They provided with water, coffee/tea and snacks for the break. This room was also used for FIG President Round Table and AER TC Round Table.

TC meeting room

With partition of the walls, many offices were made (FIG President, Secretary General, EC, TC, Sport, Media). All were equipped with necessary devices.

Outside of these rooms, there was an open space where LOC have provided with some snacks and drinks.

Catering

In the gym, they had 2 large catering places and a coffee stand. One restaurant was for the officials, staff and judges and the other for the delegations. We had to order our food (lunch/dinner) in advance and the food was very good.

Programme – WAGC

Date	Programme	Note
5/22	Arrival	
23	Orientation Meeting / Judges' Instruction / Training	
24	Training	
25	Qualification Day-1	AG1: IW / IM / GR AG2: TR / MP / AD
26	Qualification Day-2	AG1: TR / MP AG2: IW / IM / GR
27	Final	All categories
28	Departure	



Programme – WCH

Date	Programme	Note
5/29	Arrival	
30	Orientation Meeting / Judges' Instruction / Training	
31	Training / Continental President meeting / Medical and Anti-Doping fight Round Table	
6/1	Qualification Day-1 FIG President Round Table	Q: AS / AD / IW / TR
2	Qualification Day-2 Final	Q: IM / MP / GR F: TR / IW / AD
3	Final AER TC Round Table	F: IM / MP / GR / AS
4	Departure	

Categories

Age Group 1: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR

Age Group 2: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR, AD

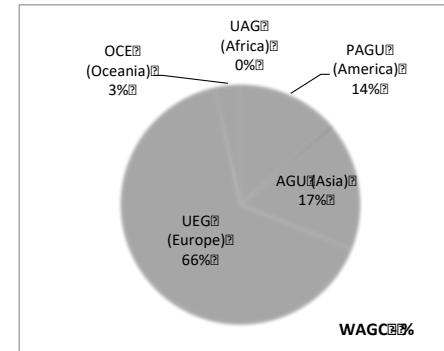
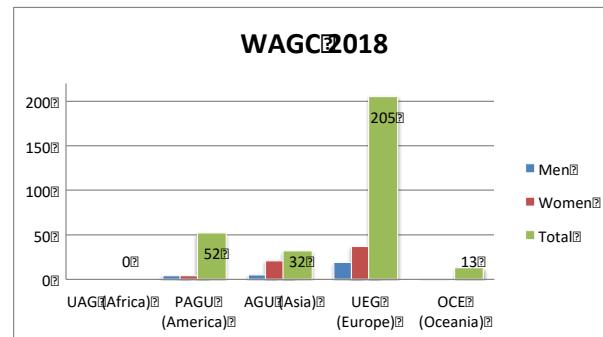
Senior: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR, AD, AS

Entries – WAGC

29 nations. 364 gymnasts.

No	Nation	Men	Women	Total
1	ARG		18	18
2	AUS		13	13
3	AUT		4	4
4	BRA		9	9
5	BUL	1	8	9
6	CHN	2	3	5
7	CZE		9	9
8	ESP	4	20	24
9	EST		2	2
10	FIN	1	13	14
11	FRA		5	5
12	GBR		14	14
13	GER		22	22
14	GRE		10	10
15	HUN	3	19	22
16	IRI	10		10
17	ISR		2	2
18	ITA	3	6	9
19	JPN	5	18	23
20	LTU	2	7	9
21	MEX	4	14	18
22	MGL	1	2	3
23	PER		11	11
24	POR	5	21	26
25	ROU	3	8	11
26	RUS	8	22	30
27	TUR	4	5	9
28	UKR	3	8	11
29	VIE	3	9	12
	TOTAL	62	302	364

CONTINENT	GYMNASTS		
	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
UAG (Africa)	0	0	0
PAGU (America)	4	4	56
AGU (Asia)	5	21	53
UEG (Europe)	19	37	242
OCE (Oceania)	1	0	13
TOTAL	62	302	364





Judges

Superior Jury					
President	Tammy Yagi-Kitagawa		Execution	Maria Fumea	
Assistant	Dora Hegyi			Maria Eduarda Poli	
Difficulty	Wang Hong		Artistic	Jorge Fillón	
	Svetlana Lukina			Cristina Casentini	

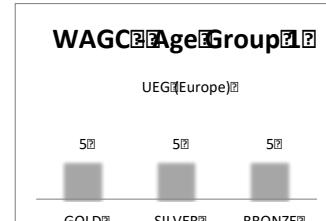
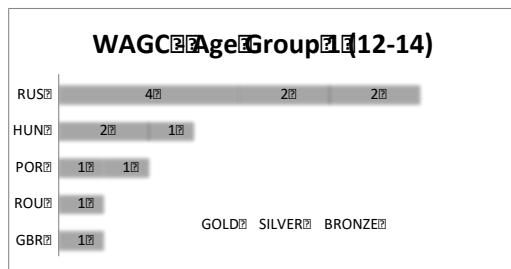
*Due to the medical leave of TC President, Sergio Garcia, I took his place and with FIG advise, we asked Cristina Casentini (Level 2 judge, ITA) who was drawn as Reference Artistic, to take SJ Artistic. We have moved Reference Reserve for her place. She has already experience SJ Artistic in Incheon, KOR in 2016.

Some judges' were not able to confirm the entered scores, which caused delay of display of the result. After the first break, judges were little faster and we have caught up with competition time at the end.

Results – WAGC

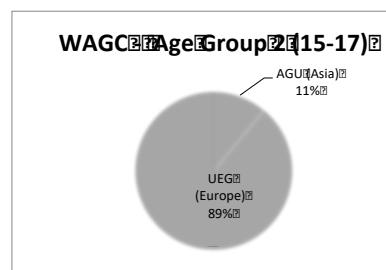
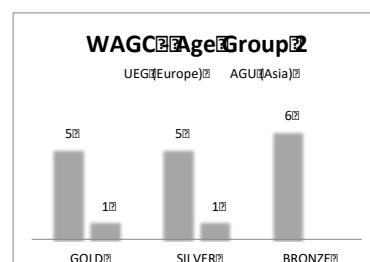
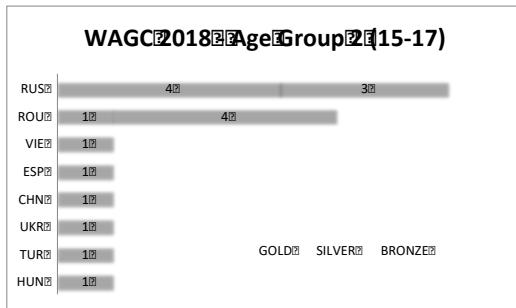
Age Group 1

	RUS	POR	HUN	GBR	ROU	TOTAL
GOLD	4	1				5
SILVER	□		□	1		5
BRONZE	□	1	1		1	5
TOTAL	8	□	3	1	1	15



Age Group 2

	RUS	ESP	VIE	ROU	UKR	CHN	HUN	TUR	TOTAL
GOLD	4	1	1						6
SILVER	□			1	1	1			6
BRONZE				4			1	1	6
TOTAL	7	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	18



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Remarks

Many new gymnasts with new faces participated in the WAGC. Among them, RUS federation achieved medal(s) in every category.

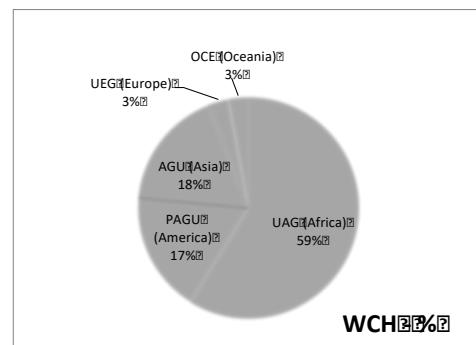
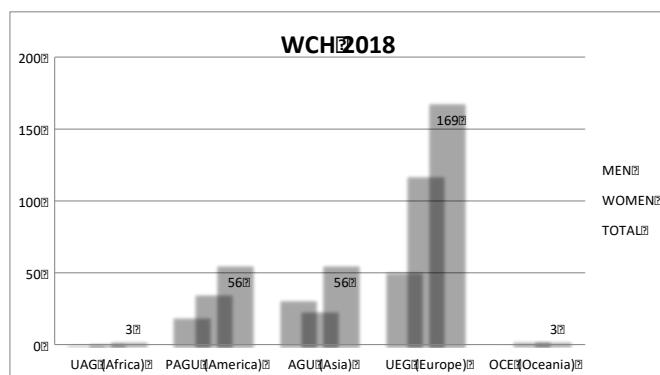
Physical preparations of young gymnasts are improving tremendously. By concrete the fundamental of sport when they are young, it will be easier for them to perform any Difficulty Elements and other movements in the near future. It showed that the base is the most important.

Entries – WCH

34 nations. 287 gymnasts.

No	NATION	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
1	ALG	1	2	3
2	ARG	5	12	17
3	AUS		3	3
4	AUT		2	2
5	AZE	5	4	9
6	BLR		5	5
7	BRA	7	6	13
8	BUL	2	3	5
9	CAN		8	8
10	CHN	12	6	18
11	COL	1	1	2
12	CZE		7	7
13	ESP	3	15	18
14	FIN		13	13
15	FRA	4	1	5
16	GBR	1	5	6
17	GER	1	7	8
18	GRE		1	1
19	HKG	1	2	3
20	HUN	4	6	10
21	IRI	6		6
22	ITA	8	4	12
23	JPN	3	8	11
24	KOR	5	3	8
25	LTU	1	3	4
26	MEX	7	8	15
27	PER		1	1
28	POR	2	11	13
29	ROU	4	9	13
30	RUS	12	8	20
31	SVK		2	2
32	TUR	1	1	2
33	UKR	3	11	14
34	VIE	5	5	10
	TOTAL	104	183	287

CONTINENT	GYMNASTS		
	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
UAG (Africa)	1	1	3
PAGU (America)	6	20	56
AGU (Asia)	6	32	56
UEG (Europe)	20	51	169
OCE (Oceania)	1	0	3
TOTAL	34	104	183
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Judges

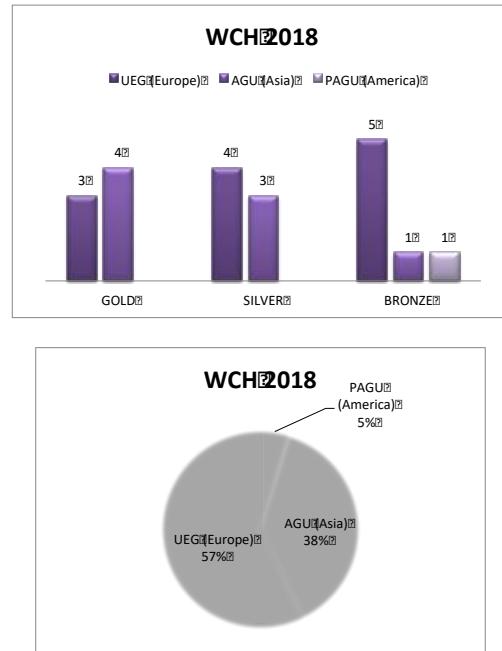
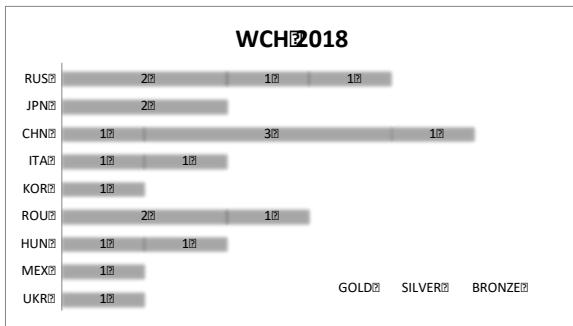
Function	Panel A	Panel B
Chair of Judges' Panel	Monika Wiethoff (GER)	Naoki Takahashi (JPN)
Difficulty	Lefki Ferentinou (GRE)	Alina Dragan (ROU)
	Andrea Sinko (HUN)	Monica Darone (ITA)
Reference Execution	Irina Kislukhina (RUS)	Judit Kovacs (HUN)
	Nerea Nunez (ESP)	Dimitrina Kandeva (BUL)
Reference Artistic	Laura Viveros (MEX)	Debora Gonzalez (ARG)
	Barbora Svatosova (CZE)	Yilin Xi (CHN)



Results – WCH

All categories: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR, AD, AS

	RUS	JPN	CHN	ITA	KOR	ROU	HUN	MEX	UKR	TOTAL
GOLD	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
SILVER	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	7
BRONZE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
TOTAL	4	2	5	2	0	3	2	0	0	20



Team Ranking

Rank	NOC	NOC Code	Individual Men	Individual Women	Mixed Pair	Trio	Group	Step	Dance	Total
1	Russian Federation	RUS	3	3	3	1	1	2	3	10
2	Republic of Korea	KOR	5	6	6	6	5	0	1	23
3	Romania	ROU	15	0	2	4	3	0	4	28
4	Italy	ITA	44	7	1	9	4	0	7	28
5	China	CHN	9	0	8	7	7	1	2	32
6	Vietnam	VIE	14	32	10	3	2	0	5	34
7	Brazil	BRA	2	47	9	18	11	0	10	50
8	Spain	ESP	48	5	13	19	10	4	0	51
9	Argentina	ARG	24	9	19	12	9	0	12	61
10	Portugal	POR	34	13	12	16	15	5	0	61
11	Ukraine	UKR	29	12	15	28	14	3	0	72
12	Mexico	MEX	6	23	20	24	19	0	9	78

Inquiry

No inquiry in the World Championships 2018.

LOC Scoring System – WAGC

For WAGC, LOC provided their scoring system. Only problem was, the LOC did not prepare scoring system for the 2 Superior Juries in each area for both panels (EXEC, ART, DIFF) to enter their scores. We have tried our best to compromise but they told us that it was impossible for the system to enter 2 scores by each SJ.

After consultation with André Gueisbühler, FIG Secretary General, we decided to keep SJ seats as planned but will enter 1 SJ for panel A and the other for panel B. At same time, those SJ will write down their scores for the other panel, which they are not entering into the scoring system. After the each category, we collected the written scores and gave LOC to enter into their system for the confidential result.





Line judges

LOC had prepared to have 2 cameras at the 2 corners (diagonally) of the competition floors. 2 Line judges (each responsible for 2 lines), have sat at the judges podium with the Panels and they have judged line faults by large display screen instead of sitting on the stage. For television, it looked much better with this system.

Longines Scoring System – WCH

As always, Swiss Timing was used for the WCH and as the system, there was no significant problem. Only problem during the WCH was that on the Day 2 of Qualification, the thunderstorm struck and the electricity of the gymnasium was out. It was recovered immediately but we had to wait about 8-minutes for the light to become as bright as possible. This happened twice during the Day 2 but all the participants were very cooperative and we appreciate for their patience.

Warnings

Judge

One verbal warning was given after the Qualification. Steve Butcher, FIG Technical Coordinator, was present to explain the work of this judge who was inconsistent and incompetent during the Qualification. After giving the warning, this judge was taken out of the draw for the Final. TC has given all the PCVR (Post Competition Video Review) scores. Therefore, we will wait for the JEP Analysis of this judge.

Coach

During the WAGC, written warnings were sent to ESP, PER and TUR federation regarding their Coaches' behavior. Coaches were at the designated area but their behaviors were against the Technical Regulation (Sec. 1, Art. 5.8). Although I was concentrating with the competition, it was clear and obvious actions they were taking and Jury of Appeal also saw.

At the Orientation meeting, this matter was brought up and informed all the Head of Delegations that if violate; 1st time – Yellow card, 2nd time – Red card (out of FoP). Unfortunately, a Coach from ITA had received Red card by violating 2 times. The coach was out of FoP but we wanted to save gymnasts, we allowed the coach to be with their team at the training halls since they made the Final.

Conclusion

The LOC have planned a day for WAGC and WCH for the gymnasts to plant a tree just outside of the gymnasium. All the gymnasts participated and planted to save the green.

During the WAGC, the weather was nice in Guimarães. But for the WCH, very day was raining with only 13 degrees. Arena was OK with temperature but I believe WCH gymnasts had to take care of themselves to keep their body in condition during the competition.

Another concern were the distance of accommodations. LOC have provided appropriate accommodations to the participants. Unfortunately, due to the traffic jams, some gymnasts had to leave their accommodation place much earlier than expected duration with concerns of traffic jams.

But overall, all the organizations were well done and we are happy that the WAGC and WCH have completed without any problems.

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