



FIPS-Mouche

International Fly Fishing Federation



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Championships

Last year we had following championships:

The 36th World Fly Fishing Championship

Vail, Colorado, USA. More than 3000 meters of altitude in the marvellous Rocky Mountains. Fishing was mainly on private stretches and waters of State Parks. The organisation committee, led by John Knight, did a marvellous job and the fishing was outstanding. Trout over 80 cm have been caught, controllers were great and (can we expect something else in the States) the sponsors were generous to all. Maybe it was the best fishing ever during a World Championship....

The Spanish team won, before France and the USA, in the individuals it was Julien Daguillanes from France, in front of Jordi Oliveras from Spain and Lace Egan from the USA.

The 15th World Youth Fly Fishing Championship

Galicia, Spain was organising the Youth Fly Fishing Championship. Good organisation, good accommodation and great food but also, and this is the most important, good but very difficult fishing! Small but very strong fish and nice rivers with lots of weeds in it made it very precise fishing.

France won, before the USA and the Czech Republic. In the individuals France won Gold, silver and Bronze !

The 22nd European Fly Fishing Championship

The north of Poland was the scene for this European Championship. Mainly river fishing for Grayling. We had to change the dates for this championship from End of September to early October, because the World championships in the USA were too close to the planned date. Therefore Trout was already in the closed season and thus not eligible for the competition. Due to cold weather, rain and strong winds, it was a hard championship. Accommodation, food and organisation have been very good and overall it was a good championship.

Poland won, before the Czechs and the Spanish team, individual winner was Poland, before Czech Republic and Poland.

The 2nd Masters Fly Fishing Championship

Galway, with world famous lakes like lough Corrib and the Connemara lakes like lough Inagh, was host for these World Masters Championships. Fishing in such an environment is already a marvellous experience, catching those wild fish is even more rewarding! Fishing was not easy, as expected, but local knowledge was needed. Accommodation, food and Guinness were top as was the trip to the Burden and the Cliffs of Moher. Every evening there was a sing-song and during the closing banquet it was the brand new Masters World Champion, Jackie Coyne, who was singing for all of us.

Italy won, before Scotland and Ireland, Jackie Coyne from Ireland won gold, before Edoardo Ferrero from Italy and Mike Cordiner from Scotland.

Inspections

Inspections have been done for the Senior World Championships in Slovakia. There will be 4 complete different types of river fishing and on lake session from drifting boats.

For the Youth World Championship we went to Slovenia. The Savinia valley is our host and it will be river fishing for trout and grayling and lake fishing from the bank.

The European championship will be in the North Portugal, Arco de Valdevez. this year and we expect a good championship, but we all know that the fishing is hard and the fishes are small. But, the wines are delicious!

The Master will be in Portugal, Serra de Estrella region, and will be lake fishing from the bank in two great mountain lakes and two sectors on a river, easy wading, close to Covilha. The mayor of Covilha will arrange a very entertaining trip for all competitors and, of course, wines and food will be nearly as good as the fishing!

Conservation

During all World Fly Fishing Championships, symposiums have been organised in which most of the teams and their representatives actively participated. Most of them have a highly international content and are always followed by active discussions. Local top scientists usually select a national topic that also concerns most of the other countries present.

Communication

Our website has a secured access for Board members, for captains and national officials and for the general public. We will do our very best to make this website a place where everyone will find all necessary information about FIPS-Mouche, such as rules, statutes, general assemblies, championships, conservation and youth issues.

Board

We had several meetings, preparing the new draw and results program. We adjusted the competition rules with a clarification on the choice of nationality of team members and arranged a three year's sponsoring for the Youth World championship.

I like to thank my board members, members of the technical committee and other fly fishers for their valuable contributions and I like to thank CIPS for the possibility they gave to develop competitive fly fishing.

If we take care of the nature, the nature will take care of us.