



*FIPS-Mouche*

*International Fly Fishing Federation*



## **FIPS-Mouche Presidential Report**

### **CIPS Congress and General Assembly**

#### **Niagara Falls USA 2018**

#### **Championships**

Last year we had following championships:

##### ***The 37<sup>th</sup> World Fly Fishing Championship - Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia.***

Championship was held in 4 regions of Slovakia – Liptov, Orava, Gemer and Spis on 4 river (Vah, Bela, Poprad, Orava) and one lake water dam Dedinky (fishing from the boats). Competition ran on the best stretches of the picked sectors. The international organizer of the event was deliberately appointed Mario Podmanik, with general aim to gain the organizing knowledge and in the future to provide these expertise to the organizers on even higher level. Very challenging was the organization of the competition on upper part of river Bela in wild a bushy area, difficult to mark the beat, access path to the beats and quite significant occurrence of the wild bears. Some of the participant have met them during the practise as well as while competition sessions, luckily without any incidents. Lot of the beats were difficult to access and so the competitor were specially transferring by sponsor off-roads that was highly appreciated by all effected competitors. Luxurious accommodation level, food and wellness traditionally provided by grand hotel Permon. We had one positive doping test of Bulgarian angler – prohibited substance of THC was detected. France won, before the Czech Republic and Spain. In the individuals Antonin Pesek (CZE) won Gold, silver Gregoire Juglaret (FRA) and bronze Sebastiene Delcor (FRA) – btw 3 French in top 4 anglers!!!

##### ***The 16<sup>th</sup> World Youth Fly Fishing Championship – Savinja valley, Slovenia***

Slovenian Angling Association has again provided a new excellent place for fly fishing event and again in a new region. Young and professionally behaving organizing team lead by international organizer Bostjan Zagorzen. The championship was highly supported by a title sponsor of the event company CORTLAND that FIPS-Mouche has signed a 3 years contract with. Based on it the participation fee was reduced by 200e a competitor and so that resulted into highest participation ratio ever - 12 countries.

Good organisation, good accommodation and food but also, and this is the most important, good but very difficult fishing traditionally in Slovenia ONE fly only and crystal clear water! Very simple online system of the local fishing permit obtaining for guests. Modern championship website, well structured, intuitive handling and easy data access.

France won, before the Poland and USA. In the individuals Dariusz Ordzowialy (POL), Valentin Meister (FRA), Filipe De Mingo (SPA).

##### ***The 23<sup>rd</sup> European Fly Fishing Championship – Arcos de Valdevez Portugal***

Portugal was hosting 2 championship in 2017 – Euro and Masters, of course in a different areas. The Euro was held in region Arcos de Valdevez – ancient town with a long history and beautiful scenery. Fishing was on 4 rivers and 1 lake, difficult and very technical. Accommodation, food were excellent, organisation was done with a strong support of FIPS-Mouche delegates but overall it was a good championship. France won, before Spain and Czech Republic, individual winner was Sebastien Delcor (FRA), before Pierre Kuntz (FRA) and Ruben Santos Beccerro (SPA). In top 8 anglers there were 4 French and 3 Spanish!!!

### ***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Masters Fly Fishing Championship – Covilha, Portugal***

The Masters were held in Portugal, in Serra de Estrella region, on two great mountain lakes and two sectors on a river, easy wading, close to Covilha. Local municipality was strongly involved into the organization and generously provided a very entertaining trip for all competitors and, of course, wines and food was nearly as good as the fishing!

Italy won, before France and USA, Edgardo Donna (ITA) won gold, before Jean Meya (FRA) and Massimo Cini (ITA).

### **Inspections**

FIPS-Moche was facing a difficult situation as the Welsh Fishing Association has withdrew in April the hosting of the World and so promptly called all members for proposals to host the event alternatively. There were 3 candidates applying for organization and at last proposal from Italy was considered as the best. Inspection have been done in Comano area, there will be 4 river fishing sectors and on lake session.

For the Youth World Championship we went to Poland in area of Lesko/Polanczyk. The legendary river San will be significantly included into the event with 4 sectors (one sector dry fly ONLY!!!) together with a water reservoir Myczkowce.

The European championship will be in the Southern Bohemia in Czech Republic close to Rozmberk in Herbertov. Traditionally a high level organized event expected organized on 3 rivers and 2 sectors on lake, there will be a new style of fishing tested – from anchored boats.

The Masters will be held in Spain, region Asturias – river fishing sectors only.

### **Conservation**

During all World Fly Fishing Championships, symposiums about protection of the salmonids in Slovakia 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**

In May our website was hacked by some hackers and heavily infected by viruses. Since this time it was out of the operation and so Board appointed IT expert to disinfect all the data as they have been considered important for the future of our business. Meanwhile Board was communicating with its members via email sending out the quarter information reports, additionally the facebook site was used as well. The website was finally disinfecting, fixed and beginning December put again into operation. All relevant data are available, a new website based on new technology and platform will be put into operation in middle 2018.

### **Board**

We had several meetings, preparing the new draw and results program that is to be operated at all 2018 championships, we arranged a new set of FIPS-Mouche measuring gauges that are being distributed to our

members upon their request. We adjusted the competition rules with a clarification on the choice of nationality of team members and preparing the adaptations of the Statutes and Rules for 2019. In respect of the standards we have produced a new version of Guidelines (available on the website), continue to develop the internal operating procedures, we succeed to collect all legacy files into the managed and protected archive. In the area of sponsorship we continue the 3-years sponsorship contract for the Youth World championship with Cortland that resulted in 2017 to the highest number of participants ever. FIPS-Mouche appointed a dedicated person for 2 years to develop the sponsorship program of FIPS-Mouche. Regarding the future of FIPS-Mouche, were working on the middle term goals and vision 2021 of FIPS-Mouche.

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

Tight lines.