



FIPS-Mouche

International Fly Fishing Federation



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Championships

In the year 2018 and 2019 we had following championships:

The 38th World Fly Fishing Championship 2018 – Comano Terme, Italy.

Championship was placed in a beautiful Trentino area famous besides the wonderful landscape also with the skiing, cycling, hiking and other sport activities. Headquarter was situated in Grand Hotel Terme in Trento, that has provided to all participants high quality accommodation and extra class Italian food and wine. Promotion of the event was on excellent level - big number of billboards, big amount of large and medium size banners, press conference with presence of regional press representatives – an excellent example to be followed!!! The competition itself ran on rivers Sarca (3 sectors), Noce river (1 sector) and amazing mountain lake Cornisello (fishing from the bank), eligible fish were salmonids only. From the logistic perspective there was a big challenge of the organizers to distribute the participants over the competition sectors as there were quite often only narrow access roads available. That's why the organizers decided to use small busses which made the overall logistic even more demanding.

Special attention the organizers brought to the safety of the participants. On every single sector there was at least one emergency team in readiness and specially for lake due to the difficult access high up in the mountains there was a dedicated on-call air ambulance available. All these measures showed up later on very appropriate as a serious medical emergency occurred on lake during a competition session. Thanks to the prompt first aid actions of Slovenian competitor Matjaz Tirovic and the air ambulance being flown in the controller in question was saved and released from hospital fairly quickly afterwards. The athlete was symbolically awarded at the closing banquet supported by a standing applause from all present – once again thank you Matjaz.

The opening ceremony was held in Trento town. After the parade in the historical centre we arrived in the main square where were warmly welcome by the local inhabitants and the authorities. The banquet at Museum was outstanding. The closing ceremony was held at Comano in the park of Grand Hotel Terme. The closing dinner was very accurately prepared and the atmosphere was joyful and festive thanks also to the excellent wines offered by the organizers. Amazing fireworks closed the 38th WFFC memorable way.

There were 4 anti-doping tests carried out (2 in and 2 out of competition) that resulted into 1 positive case currently under evaluation of the Anti-Doping Tribunal of the CIPS.

In teams Spain won, before the Czech Republic and host Italy. In the individuals David Garcia Ferreras (SPA) won Gold, silver Jirky Hiltunen (FIN) and bronze Andrea Pirone (ITA).

The 17th Cortland World Youth Fly Fishing Championship 2018 – Myczkowce, Poland

The Youth championship ran again under the financial and merchandised support of the title sponsor CortlandLine Company, FIPS-Mouche has a 3-year sponsorship contract with. This contract significantly helps us to reduce the participation fee and makes the championship accessible for a wider range of member federations. The headquarter of the event was well know town of Lesko, where there have been in the past already 2 Championships organized. To commemorate and showcase the great cooperation and respect between town and fly fishers, the municipality has built in the centre a special fountain with sculpture of fish, symbolically 1 fish per each championship, so that currently there are 2 browns and 1 grayling over there...

Competition was held on the legendary river San (4 river sectors) as always in the part it was very challenging for each angler. One stillwater session was held on the water dam Myczkowce, from the drifting boats. Traditionally the river San is famous with dry fly fishing and that's is why the host country proposed having 1 dry fly only sector. FIPS-Mouche has warmly welcome and accepted this idea in order to challenge the young competitors in proving their mastership also in this traditional fly fishing technique.

Opening and closing ceremonies in towns of Lesko and Polanczyk run without any problems, have met the standards of FIPS-Mouche. Local municipalities were involved into both ceremonies.

In teams Poland won, before the Spain and Czech Republic. In the individuals Szymon Konieczny (POL), Saint Aman Emilio (FRA), Sergio Heredero (SPA).

The 24th European Fly Fishing Championship 2018 – Vyssi Brod/Herbertov, Czech Republic

Championship was placed in Southern Bohemia, near Vyssi Brod with headquarter situated in Herbertov. In spite of the fact that Herbertov was recently reconstructed unfortunately it did not quite meet the quality standards of FIPS-Mouche European level championships, also not all room facilities were ready at the start of the event. Anyway the great advantage was almost ideal location of the headquarter, walking distance to both neighbouring river sectors.

Championship was organized professionally, lead by very experienced international organizer Milan Hladik. The competition itself ran on rivers Vltava (3 sectors) and Kvetonov lake (2 sectors fishing from the bank and boats). This event was utilized to trial an innovative system for the lake session – combination of the anchored boats and the bank fishing (both with rotations). The system was very well welcome by the competitors and captains as it reasonably distributes the fishing pressure on the entire lake during all sessions. It also reduces the transfer costs as both groups are staying on the lake for the whole day that also significantly increase a comfort of the competitors.

Host Czech Republic won, before France and Spain, individual winner was Pavel Chyba (CZE), before Sebastien Vidal (FRA) and Jean-Benoit Angely (FRA).

The 4th Masters Fly Fishing Championship 2018 – Asturias, Spain

The Masters were held in Spain in Asturias on rivers Piona, Ponga and Guena. Local municipality was involved into the organization, there was a nice trip organized for all competitors in day off.

Spain won, before Italy and France, Isai Ferreras (SPA) won gold, before Jean Meya (FRA) and Armando di Giacomo (ITA).

The 5th Masters Fly Fishing Championship 2019 – Dullstrom, South Africa (World Games)

The competition was based on 3 boat fishing sectors and 1 river, unfortunately in not optimal time frame for fly fishing. This was due to the fact that this championship was part of the world angling games (WAG). It's probably nearly impossible to find a place and time that would be optimal for all fishing disciplines. The

posting of the results on the web encountered some difficulty due to the link / management on the World Angling games level. The results were posted on the SAFFA website but not on the championship site. Estate staff was extremely helpful: food and accommodation very good. Controllers on the river sector did a good job and scoresheets were filled-in correctly! Lunches close to the fishing sectors were very nice and drinks during the meals and bottles of water during the fishing provided. Regular power cuts, which means no internet and no printer, made transmission of information difficult. Opening parade and ceremony was held in the town of DULSTROOM, town mayor attended. Closing ceremony was held at the banquet hall of the estate restaurant, no authorities were present. Andries Marée, organizer of the WAG, joined our community for an afternoon and visited a lake and the river venue. A visit to the Kruger national park was organized great. The symposium on yellow fish had to be cancelled as the speaker was taken ill. Spain won, before USA and Italy, R.Gorlei (RSA) won gold, before J.Alvarez (SPA) and M.Twohig (IRE).

Inspections

The World event 2019 will be ran in Tasmania in November and so exactly 1 year ahead the inspection has been done by 2nd VP Edoardo Ferrero. The competition will be on 2 river sectors and 3 still water sectors from the boats. We are very delighted that the World after several years is coming back to Australia... European championship will be for the 1st time organized in Montenegro, in region of town Plav. This for us quite new region provides for the event 4 river sectors (3x river Lim, 1 river Luca) and 1 lake (Plavka). The accommodation will be distributed over smaller hotels in Plav, but as concluded at the inspection some facilities must be first reconstructed. The final decision will be taken in winter time based on the progress. For the Youth World Championship we have done the inspection during the Euro 2018 (Czech Republic, Vyssi Brod/Herbertov) as there will be the identical venue. The competition will be held on 5 rivers sectors (all based on river Vltava – namely sections 2 x Devil stones, Vyssi Brod, Herbertov and Rozmberk).

Conservation

During all World Fly Fishing Championships in Italy, the tour of fishing farm of the Associazione Pescatori Alto Sarca and guided tour of the hydroelectric power plant Santa Massenza were organized with a high visitor interest. The outputs will be published on the new website of FIPS-Mouche so that we will continue to share conservational information among the members. Our aim is of course to push forward this initiative in the future...

Board

Over the past years FIPS-Mouche team has been collecting new ideas and identifying the gaps in Competition rules. In 2018 there was prepared quite a big package of CR potential changes and later on worked out for the upcoming GA in Almaty. The changes will be dedicated to the competitors gear and duties, care of fish, controllers as well as the captains. As usually we involved into the preparation process also team of International Supervisors and Technical commission. Besides of that we prepared also significant set of updates in Guidelines (set of technical documents reflecting standards in organizing the championships) mostly regarding the captains meeting organization, marketing and promo requirements, bidding for championships, medal awarding procedure and the others. In addition to that we have prepared also a set of amendments to Statutes mainly regarding the Zones, election process and membership to harmonize our Statutes with the CIPS one. In order to compact our work during the championship we have been working on internal document named SOP (Standard operating procedures) summarizing internal processes and policy, so having them we can deliver to the championships even more consistent services and support. Our Board intensively works also in the area a sponsoring. Our contract with Cortlandline lasts 1 more year yet but we would like to continue any form of the external subvention of the Youth competition to keep it wide open for many other federation member teams – I hope you

agree that it is a well spent investment into our future. To strengthen a bit our position in negotiation with the potential sponsors we wrote down a sponsorship value proposition, providing a main framework of cooperation, categorization of sponsorship and counter value we offer to our partners/sponsors...

At the end of this annual report I would like to express my deep thank to all Board members, members of the Technical committee, team of International Supervisors, CIPS and other fly fishers for their valuable volunteer contributions they gave to move competitive fly fishing again a bit further. Thank you.

Tight lines.