



*FIPS-Mouche*

*International Fly Fishing Federation*



## **FIPS-Mouche Presidential Report**

### **CIPS General Assembly**

**September 2020**

#### **Championships**

In the year 2019 we had following championships:

#### ***The 39<sup>th</sup> World Fly Fishing Championship 2019, Tasmania.***

Championship was placed in a beautiful Tasmania, legendary location well known for flyfishing community targeting the wild fish.

The opening banquet was in the official hotel Grand Chancellor in a very friendly atmosphere. The closing ceremony was held in the City Park. Awarding of the medals has been held according to the protocol. The farewell party was in the adjacent historical Albert Hall Palace: it is the most magnificent building in the city. Organizers promoted the event well in advance with a very accurate web-site and an up-to-date page on Facebook. Furthermore the FlyLife magazine has covered the event in an extraordinary way. For the first time in the history of FIPS-Mouche a fly fishing Championship has been organized according to a pattern of one competition per day for five days. This system has been highly appreciated by all the National Teams so that all the Captains asked and this might be the future concept of our event providing more comfort to the competitors, less stress, logistics a time pressure on the organizers.

There were 4 anti-doping tests carried out (2 in and 2 out of competition), no results reported by now.

In teams France won, before the Czech Republic and Spain. In the individuals Howard Croston (ENG) won Gold, silver David Garcia (SPA) and bronze Kristian Sveda (SVK).

#### ***The 18<sup>th</sup> Cortland World Youth Fly Fishing Championship 2019 – Vyssi Brod, Czech Republic***

Championship was placed in Southern Bohemia, near Vyssi Brod with headquarter situated in Herbertov. Herbertov was recently reconstructed did meet the quality standards of FIPS-Mouche Youth level championships. 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 Jiri Pejchar and his deputy Milan Hladik. The competition itself ran on river Vltava only not having any lake session which was not according to the past years concept used for the youth competition. Therefore the transport was easier than usual anyway time schedule and overall logistics ran well. The Youth championship ran again under the financial and merchandised support of the title sponsor CortlandLine Company. This contract significantly helps us to reduce the participation fee and makes the championship accessible for a wider range of member federations. Opening and closing ceremony met the standards, local municipalities were involved into both.

In teams CZE won, before the USA and Spain. In the individuals Szymon Konieczny (POL), Sergio Heredero (SPA), Carlos Delgado (SPA).

### ***The 25<sup>th</sup> European Fly Fishing Championship 2019 – Plav, Montenegro.***

Championship was placed in region Plav in Montenegro. The accommodation was provided in 3 hotels – in 2 of them the quality of breakfast was below the standard. Some rooms were not ready for check-in and so it caused a delay of some teams for the opening ceremony. Overall organization was acceptable. Two teams were reported to the FIPS-Mouche representatives an inadequate behaving of the local controllers.

Czech Republic won, before Slovenia and Bosnia&Hercegovina, individual winner was Jean Guillaume (FRA), before Michal Greszta (POL) and Maciej Korzeniowski (POL).

### ***The 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2020 will be ran in Finland (Kussamo) middle of August, inspection has been carried out by Mario Podmanik. The competition will be on 2 river sectors and 3 still water sectors from the boats (2 drifting and 1 anchored boats). We are happy to announce that the upcoming European championship will held in Norway (Stor-Elvdal and Rendalen) and as a combined with World Ladies championship. Inspection was carried out by Paul Vekemans. The venue provides for an event 4 competition river sectors and 1 lake. Youth championship in 2020 will be hosted by federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in region Bohac, inspection was done by Edoardo Ferrero. Setup is based on river sectors only. Masters will be organized in Czech Republic in Northern Moravia (location Zabreh), based on 3 rivers and 1 lake.

### **Conservation**

During all World Fly Fishing Championships in Tasmania there was a symposium dedicated to the recreational fishing in Tasmania. Whilst the World Youth Flyfishing championship in Czech Republic a simple symposium was organized in a form of a guided tour to Vodnany – High School of Fishing (specialization on water management and environment). 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**

In 2019 FIPS-Mouche has introduced set of ammenments of the Competition rules (Ladies and combined championships, competitors gear and duties, care of fish, controllers as well as the captains) and Statutes (election process, membership levels, Zones) that went to life with an immediate effect. 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. What still to be finalized is the 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 3 year contract with Cortlandline ended up in 2019 but we succeeded to agree with our partner the prolongation of the contract by further successive 3 years so we can continue in external subvention of the Youth competition to keep it wide open for many other federation member teams.

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.