

FITA INFO newsletter



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FITA Office Opening

18 August 2006

For its 75th anniversary, the FITA put on a superb show and received a great present from its former FITA President Jim Easton: one million dollars for the FITA Development Foundation.

Led by the President, Dr Ugur Erdener from Turkey, the celebrations at the new office and on the archery field in Vidy (Lausanne, Switzerland) fulfilled the utmost expectations from the numerous VIPs worldwide and the fans.

The new office at the Maison du Sport International in Lausanne was officially opened with a cutting ribbon ceremony. A FITA Sponsors' board was presented by their representatives and the 1400 pts Wall of Fame was inaugurated by Clint Freeman (AUS), Sofia Goncharova (RUS) – representing Mary (Zorn) Hamm (USA) – and Park Sung-Hyun (KOR).

The athletes then went on for exhibition matches that proved to be a true show and a revelation of modern archery for many. Live video screen, cutting edge technology, on field animations and top classes performances were displayed on the Vidy archery field!

A FITA Development Foundation was officially created to support the development of archery worldwide. This foundation will give athletes scholarship, material support, coaching seminars and run special programs such as "Viva America" which allows junior archers from new countries to take part in Junior World Championships later this year.

The Foundation Board is composed of the FITA President, the FITA First Vice-President, the FITA Secretary General, the FITA Honorary President Jim Easton and the FITA Honorary Secretary General Giuseppe Cinnirella.

The Foundation is being financed by one million dollars given by Jim Easton, while FITA will provide the same amount over the next four years. It is also supported by the FITA Development Fund Partners. During the celebration of the office opening, Jim Easton received the Spirit of Sports Award from the GAISF for his life-long achievements.

More can be read in the section News / All News / 2006 / 21-Aug-2006 of www.archery.org.



FITA Council

Meeting on 19-20 August

Taking advantage of the 75th anniversary, the FITA Council met in Lausanne on August 19-20 under the Presidency of Dr Ugur Erdener.

Here is a summary of the key decisions:

- The Outdoor World Championships 2009 have been awarded to the city of Ulsan (Korea) in August.
- The Indoor World Championships 2009 have been awarded to the city of Rzeszow (Poland) in March.
- Three events of the World Cup 2007 have been appointed:
 - Varese (ITA): May 2-5, 2007
 - Antalya (TUR): May 30 to June 2, 2007
 - Dover (GBR): August 1-4, 2007
- The fourth qualifying event will take place on April or September 2007.
- Next year World Cup Final will take place on October/November 2007.
- The Ski Archery World Championships 2007 has been awarded to Russia.
- FITA will propose a Live coverage of the World Cup Final 2006 in Merida (MEX). This live coverage will be broadcast by Eurosport and other national TV channels. The current TVs showing World Cup highlights are: ESPN Star Sport, Fox Sport International, ART Arab (Pan Middle East), Sports Russia (Russia – Eastern Europe), TRT Turkey, TVE Spain, Czech Republic, Croatia, Fox Sport Australia, Zee Sport (India) and Sport+ (French speaking countries).
- The 4th Think Tank meeting was held on August 16-17th and an update of the proposals for the Strategic Plan 2007-2012 was presented to the Council. It will be communicated to the Members Associations in the near future.
- One of the Members of the Youth Development Committee, Dr. Emin Ergen, has been replaced by Mrs. Nancy Littke at the request of Dr. Ergen.

Member Associations

IMPORTANT: Invitations and Entry Forms

For all future World Championships and World Cup events, all our Member Associations should check the FITA website for all invitations and entry forms, since they will not be sent by post any longer in the future, unless previously requested to FITA Event Director (jcholgado@archery.org).

Korea

The Korea Archery Association has a new logo as of September this year:



Venezuela

The Federacion Venezolana de Tiro con Arco (FEVETA) announced with great regret that its Treasurer Mr. Alejandro Hernandez A. passed away in July. Mr. Hernandez was one of the people who helped to initiate archery in Venezuela.

FITA sends its condolences to his widow, children and to FEVETA.

Great Britain

The Grand National Archery Society (GNAS) is looking to appoint a coaching professional to lead the further development of the GNAS Coach education, development and support programme linked to the UK Sport Action Plan for Coaching.

The position will be based at the Society's Head office at Lilleshall National Sports Centre and is for a 2 year contract based on a 35-hour week but will involve weekend and outside of normal office hour's work. The successful applicant will be required to attend meetings and other related events throughout the UK and must be willing and able to travel.

For an application form and information pack, please apply to:

Mrs. Diana Giles, PA to the CEO: Grand National Archery Society, Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Nr Newport Shropshire, TF10 9AT - Telephone: 01952 677888 - E-mail: pa2ceo@gnas.org

Final date for return of application form – 22nd September 2006

Interviews will be held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on Friday, 6th October 2006.

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

A delegation of Libya archers spent nearly one month training at the Middle East Archery Center in Cairo, Egypt. The delegation arrived on August 29, 2006 and left the center on September 17.

Libya archery team:

Women

Mabrouka Zabti
Fatma Basri
Latifa Alahrsh
Rim Salem

Men

Ali Arebi (archer & coach)
Mahmoud Dgebij
Ahmed Megrisi
Majdi Aborgeba

Anis Albekshali – coordinator



Colombia

The Second Junior National Tournament took place on 5-7 August in Bogota. This event was valid for qualification to the 2006 Junior Outdoor Target World Championships.



One of the candidates to a Viva America scholarship, Aura Maria Santos (COL), shot a score higher than the minimal score defined in the programme.

The other Colombian candidate, Daniel Muñoz, also shot above the minimal score at the Central American Games in Cartagena, Colombia last July.

Judges

Judges Application for 2007 and 2008

FITA International Judges are invited to let it be known whether they will be available and willing to officiate as Judges at the events listed below.

FITA International Judges, FITA Accredited Continental Judges, Honorary Judges, Judges Emeritus and JCA Judges are invited to let it be known whether they will be available and willing to officiate as Directors of Shooting at the events listed below.

- World Indoor Target Archery Championships – Izmir (TUR), 13-17 March 2007
- World 3D Archery Championships – Sopron (HUN), 6-10 June 2007
- World Outdoor Target Archery Championships – Leipzig (GER), 5-15 July 2007
- FITA World Cup – 1st Series – place TBC (Asia), date early April TBC*
- FITA World Cup – 2nd Series – Varese (ITA), 30 April-5 May (dates TBC)**
- FITA World Cup – 3rd Series – Antalya (TUR), 29 May-2 June (dates TBC)**
- FITA World Cup – 4th Series – Dover (GBR), 31 July-3 August (dates TBC)**
- FITA World Cup – Grand Final - TBC (TBC), October (dates TBC)*
- Olympic Games – Archery – Beijing (CHN), 8-16 August 2008
Important note: Judges applying for the Olympics 2008 must be available to serve also at the Test Event on 23-29 August 2007 if required to attend.
- Paralympic Games – Archery: Beijing (CHN), 6-17 September 2008 (Archery dates TBC)

The Judge Commissions will be selected according to Art. 9 (Appendix 4 – Book 1).

Application Forms can be found on the FITA website or by asking Chantal Steiner at the FITA Office. Please reply to csteiner@archery.org or fax +41 21 614 3055 before **October 15, 2006**.

* Decisions to be taken by Council in their next meeting in November 2006

** Dates might change of 1 or 2 days before/after

World Records & Great Scores



Jamie Van Natta (USA)

US Archery Member Jamie Van Natta shot the highest score in Women's Compound history on the 2nd of August at the US Nationals: 1402 out of a possible 1440!

The previous World Record dated from 2003 and was set at that time by Van Natta's teammate Mary Zorn at 1401 points.

Besides, Jamie Van Natta set recently another new World Record for the 70m Round (72 arrows) with 701 points. This other great score was achieved at the Gold Cup in Bloomfield, NJ, USA on the 3rd of June.

Christopher White (GBR)

British archer Christopher White (Men Compound) beat his own World Record for the 70m Round (72 arrows) on Sunday August 6, 2006 with a score of 711.

Chris White was previously holding the world's best score of 708 points since May last year.



Patrizio Hofer (SUI)

Swiss Compound archer Patrizio Hofer has recently achieved 1407 points on the FITA Round at an international tournament in Karlsruhe, Germany.

The World Record has been held since 2001 by the American Roger Hoyle with 1414 point.



Development

Call for Coaches Registration

As you are aware FITA consistently aims to inform and provide all Member Associations with educational and working possibilities available in our network. Thanks to the collaboration of many of you we have been preparing a database that allows us to ascertain the situation regarding the level, number and availability of archery coaches worldwide.

In order to maintain this database and our records of coaches' profiles as well as to have an idea of the growth in the number of coaches within the FITA family, we sent to all Continental and Member Associations the FITA Coach Registration Form.

We would like to invite all coaches that are not registered yet to submit or update their profile by completing this form and returning it to us at your/their earliest convenience.

We would also like to remind you of the possibility of applying for a scholarship for one of your coaches THROUGH your National Olympic Committee to Olympic Solidarity. This is a very interesting programme - FITA has been working in close coordination with Olympic Solidarity and these opportunities are more and more relevant after the opening of the Middle East Archery Training Centre (MEAC) in Cairo.

Instructions and forms can downloaded from the FITA website (News / All News / 2006 / 08-Aug-2006) or you can contact Mayi Cruz Blanco (mcruzblanco@archery.org) at the FITA Office.

Events

2006 Field Archery World Championships

Find all news, results and pictures from the Field Archery World Championships that was held in Gothenburg, Sweden on 28 August-2 September on the new FITA web pages:

http://www.archeryworldcup.org/default.asp?s_id=0&link_id=11

2006 Junior Outdoor World Championships

Following the deadline for preliminary entries, FITA regrets to inform that there will be **NO** World Title awarded in the following categories at the 2006 Junior & Cadet Outdoor Archery World Championships to be held in Merida in October:

- Women's Compound Junior Team
- Women's Compound Cadet Team

Email contact for Shanghai World Cup

Anybody who needs to write to the Chinese Archery Association must send their messages both to archery@sport.gov.cn and wangfeiolympiad@hotmail.com at the same time.

2nd Commonwealth Archery Championships

The Commonwealth Archery Championships to be held at Jamshedpur, India on 8-11 November 2006 is open to all Commonwealth countries. There are no qualification criteria.

More information and downloadable forms can be found on the FITA website at the following link: http://www.archeryworldcup.org/default.asp?s_id=0&m_id=714

Feel free to contact the Archery Association of India at: archery_association_india@yahoo.com or akamineni@keigroupindia.com.

Coaching Seminar and 2nd Asia Archery Grand Prix

The Asian Archery Federation had invited the FITA Coaching and Development Director, Mr Pascal Colmaire, and the FITA Coaching and Development Coordinator, Ms Mayi Cruz Blanco in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for lecturing during the 7th Asian Archery Coaching Seminar and Workshop, which was held from the 18th to the 20th July.

This was an excellent opportunity for members of the Asian Archery family to hear about new techniques available to them from advances in sport's science, coaching to mental preparation for athletes and to improve their coaching knowledge and skills in order to promote and develop the sport of Archery all over the world. 80 coaches from 16 countries were attending.

This was also an excellent platform from which to promote and inform Member Associations of the availability of the new Archery Training Centre – Middle East Archery Centre (MEAC) – which is located in Cairo, Egypt. This training centre offers training for both coaches and archers from all over the world.

At the conclusion of the 3 day seminar, the 2nd Asia Archery Grand Prix was held at the National Sports Complex Archery Centre in Kuala Lumpur. 19 Asian countries were represented with more than 120 Archers. It was a pleasure to see the fantastic organization of the event and the excellent infrastructure in place for Archery and this bodes well for the future of Archery in Asia and worldwide.

For results, please see www.archery.org, section News / All News / 2006 / 03-Aug-2006.

The picture of the month

Archery is progressing in Central African Republic!



Photo Peniel Ngaba

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Calendar Highlights

2006

12-16 September	17th European Outdoor Target Championships*	Athens (GRE)
27-30 September	Archery World Cup (4th Series)	Shanghai (CHN)
2-8 October	Oceania Continental Championships	Apia (SAM)
14-21 October	9 th World Junior Outdoor Target Championships & 3 rd World Cadet Outdoor Target Championships	Merida (MEX)
22 October	Archery World Cup Final	Merida (MEX)
31 Oct-3 Nov	2006 3rd Asian Grand Prix	Yangon (MYA)
2-9 Nov	2006 Pan American Championships	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)
6-12 Nov	2 nd Commonwealth Archery Championship	Jamshedpur (IND)
1-15 December	15 th Asian Games	Doha (QAT)

2007

13-17 March	9 th World Indoor Archery Championships & 4 th World Junior Indoor Archery Championships	Izmir (TUR)
Early April (TBC)**	Archery World Cup (1st Series)	TBC (Asia)
30 Apr-5 May***	Archery World Cup (2nd Series) / EMAU G.P.	Varese (ITA)
29 May-2 June***	Archery World Cup (3rd Series) / EMAU G.P.	Antalya (TUR)
6-10 June	3 rd World 3D Archery Championships	Sopron (HUN)
5-15 July	44th World Outdoor Target Championships	Leipzig (GER)
31 Jul-3 Aug***	Archery World Cup (4th Series) / EMAU G.P.	Dover (GBR)
23-29 Aug	Olympic Test Event	Beijing (CHN)
25 Aug-8 Sep	South Pacific Games (Archery: 27-31 August)	Apia (SAM)
October (TBC)**	Archery World Cup Final	TBC**

2008

15-19 April	European Grand Prix (1 st leg)	TBC
27-31 May	European Grand Prix (2 nd leg)	TBC
23-29 June	European Grand Prix (3 rd leg) – final Olympic Qualification Tournament	TBC
8-24 August	29th Olympic Games (Archery: 8-16 August)	Beijing (CHN)
September	21 st World Field Archery Championships & 6 th World Junior Field Archery Championships	Llwynnpia, Wales (GBR)
6-17 September	Paralympic Games (Archery dates TBC)	Beijing (CHN)
11-19 October	10 th World Junior Outdoor Target Championships & 4 th World Cadet Outdoor Target Championships	TBC (IND)
TBC	7th World University Archery Championships	TBC (TPE)

2009

16-26 July	8 th World Games	Kaohsiung (TPE)
TBC	25th Summer Universiade	Belgrade (SCG)
October	World Masters Games (Archery included)	Sydney (AUS)

[TBC *To be Confirmed*]

[* *In bold: World Ranking Tournaments*]

[** *Decision to be taken by Council in their November 2006 meeting*]

[*** *Dates might change from 1-2 days before or after*]

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