

CHIAVARI 2017 SYNTHESIS

1) WEB site

Good communication between EVF Board and Chiavari staff for Website implementation
WEBSITE globally **appreciated**, but some procedures should be **simplified**.

Files of registered fencers **continuously updated** by category weapon and gender.

Too many (about 500) names remained "to be completed" without knowing which event they intended to register.

Unnecessary to allow a payment up to 8th of May. 24th of April should have been the only dead line.

Excellent livestreaming of the finals and photos via Facebook.

2) General organisation

Venue very **well equipped**.

Shuttles **OK**

Catering **excellent**, hearty and reasonable prices.

Medical **outstanding** with two ambulances and large staff highly responsive.

Many smily **volunteers**.

Very fast accreditation and weapon control, but a little **too permissive**

Many (too many?) fencing equipment sellers.

Good ventilation in Liguria and Itas : bearable heat for fencers and referees.

Not enough flat screen displays (and **out of order** the first day).

Wi-Fi **OK** (but connection procedure sophisticated and tardily communicated).

Appropriate fencing scoring sets, and pistes in **correct arrangement**

Fast and **effective** maintenance of fencing equipment.

Podium for finals **didn't provide** good spectator viewing.

No phone number for calling DT in case of **emergency**.

Opening ceremony of **real quality**.

Good job of the Master of the Ceremony for introducing finalists and medal ceremonies

Gala dinner very **appreciated**.

3) The competition

All the **poules** with the n° of piste have been posted, WEBSITE or paper, the **day before**

Too many fencers **without ranking**. Some poules were unbalanced.

All the **results**, poules and tableaux, regularly put on the **website**.

Regular progress of the events and finals in **compliance** with timetable.

Updating of screens **not always under control**.

Lack of staff on the pistes with communication with DT via walkie-talkie.

Waste of time to complete poules of 5 further to withdrawal of fencers..

Good quality of refereeing but **took time** to be manually assigned due to their nationality.

Experiment of 75+ somewhat **disappointing**.

Too many fencers on sunday.

32 pistes **not suited** for 1400 fencers.

Note : Let's not be afraid by the number of red characters. It's clear that this Competition has been a **success**. We just have to support our growth.

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ALKMAAR 2018 SYNTHESIS

1) WEBSITE

- WEBSITE globally **appreciated**, but **timetable posted too early, without BP validation**. Consequence: this timetable had to be changed, taking into account the intentions of participation from the Nations received by middle of January. A few fencers had to change their first organisation.
- **>> precise procedures to be defined for Copenhagen (BP)**
- **Ranking** of the teams should have been posted **earlier** (by middle of April rather than only the 5th of May)
- **Schedules** and n° of pistes clearly notified for each event the **day before**.
- **Results** posted in **real time** with the details of all the bouts in each match; however, the **names of substitutes**, coming during the matches, **have not always been recorded**.
- Lack of **live streaming** during finals or ceremonies neither **photo report**.
>> should be mandatory at Copenhagen? (Board)

2) GENERAL ORGANISATION

- Wide **car-park**.
- **Wonderful** venue.
- **Fast** accreditation procedure.
- **Effective** weapon control but sometimes a bit **too picky** (blades length)
- Catering **excellent**, but opening a little **late** (9am). Not convenient for a morning coffee...
- DT and referees rooms **ideally situated**.
- Generally speaking, **refereeing of real quality** (*this confirms that FIE graduate is not a necessity*)
- Competition **non-stop**; no waste of time. Schedules and n° of pistes continuously posted on flat screens but **lack of information** on Saturday and Sunday of the decision to begin the finals earlier and to swap closing and medals ceremonies (*which has been indeed a good idea, to be replicated in Copenhagen*).
- **Correct** sound system but audible **only inside the Halls (not in catering area)**.
- Good **Walkie-Talkie system** to quickly manage technical and medical issues

- Very few (and minor) injuries, effectively treated by **medical staff**
- Well-supplied **Leon Paul stand** (but didn't accept **credit card**...)
- Presence of a fencing equipment **repairer**.
- **Not enough** flat screen displays.
- >> **at least 4 screens should be mandatory at Copenhagen (BP)**
- **Lack of a paper display with a regular updating**
- >> **should be mandatory at Copenhagen (BP)**
- Wi-Fi and Internet **OK**.
- **Appropriate** fencing scoring sets (with time to 1/100th of a second), and **pistes properly spaced**, except in the Salle d'Armes which gave a feeling of a **confined space**
- Very **well-equipped** hall for finals and ceremonies (*flags : smart and original ideas*)
- Opening and closing ceremonies both **short and pleasant**.
- **Very good job** of the Master of the Ceremony for introducing finalists and medal ceremonies
- Disappointing (and maybe a loss of money) gala dinner : hardly **40 persons**
- >> **does it make sense to maintain this gala dinner? (Board)**

3) THE COMPETITION

3.1. Figures :

- **119** teams ! (99 in Medway). But this big increasing has only concerned Veterans (number stable for Grand Veterans).
- **22** referees, correctly distributed per weapon.
- **345** matches (62+103+103+77) in total
- **300** of them reached the 45 hits
- **50** of them have been won with only **one or two hits margin**
- Average matches duration :
 - Sabre : 40 mn
 - Epée : 50mn
 - Foil : 1 hour (*but sometimes, up to 1hour 20mn!*)
- Each day, ending by **7/8 pm**. It's late, particularly on Sunday with flight departure schedules for some fencers.

3.2. Comments on the 45 hits format

- Good understanding and implementation of the rules (*BP gave a memorandum to all team captains before the beginning of the matches*). Particularly, substitution and non-combativity have been wisely used by the teams
- Many exciting situations (decisive hit, “remontada”), at all stages, from poules to finals. Some of them have been a real show !
- Very few matches have been won thanks to only one excellent fencer (Stahl, Kircheis, Skorobogatov, Mocek, ...). Final results rewarded indeed the best and most homogeneous teams, which was not always the case with the previous format. In one word, this 45 hits format is **fair**.
- Almost nobody complained about an excessive tiredness ...except some referees. As a matter of fact, 6 hours per day during 4 days, it's tough.
- Finals have had to begin while some matches (bronze medal or classification) were still in progress in order to avoid a too late ending.
>> It should be possible to improve the timetable in Copenhagen (BP)

4) CONCLUSION

Undoubtedly, these Championships have been successful, thanks to three points:

- ✓ Wonderful **venue**
- ✓ Very good **organisation**
- ✓ Satisfaction, and even enthusiasm for the new **45 hits format**

I am quite confident for the next championships in Copenhagen. Their facilities are excellent and suitable even with again an increase of participation; and it's also an asset to have Jorgen among the organizing staff. We know what should be implemented and/or improved, with the main goal to finish earlier every day.

I'll probably make a visit in one year to establish and check in the field with the staff the best strategies on this purpose.

Last point, let's remain vigilant about the profitability of this event. I'm waiting for the final P&L from Anja. She already told me that it should be slightly positive.

Kind regards,

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Note : Don't miss to have a look at the Excel file attached. There are all the figures of participation and the time schedule which really took place every day.