

Summary report of the WAE Judge Committee for the term between the Congresses 2012 in Amsterdam and 2016 in Nottingham.

As this report concludes my activity as chairman of the Judge Committee, I assume you will allow me to have a short historical look back.

In 2004 Dr. Ugur Erdener president of EMAU at that time, asked me to build up an EMAU judge committee together with Gian Piero Spada and Victor Stanescu. I would like to thank him again for the trust he put in me to be able to fulfil his expectations. The set-up of a continental judge committee became necessary as a consequence of the approval of new FITA regulations with regard to the procedure and eligibility to get the status as an international judge. Unlike before, any national judge wishing to get the status as international judge had to undergo a seminar and exam to become in a first stage a continental judge. The organisation of the seminars and exams was hence the first priority of the newly established judge committee.

The seminars listed hereafter allowed training and testing national judges from the different member associations:

2005 - Rome, 14 participants, 8 successful,
2007 - Rome, joint seminar with FITA, 20 participants, 13 successful,
2009 - Wiesbaden, joint seminar with FITA, 24 participants, 15 successful,
2011 - Wiesbaden, 17 participants, 15 successful,
2013 - Wiesbaden, 18 participants, 15 successful,
2015 - Sallanches, 23 participants, 18 successful.

That means that 84 national judges were nominated to EMAU/WAE continental judge status during the last decade. A majority of them did the next step in their judging career and succeeded to upgrade to FITA/WA international judge. There are now continental judges from almost all WAE member associations available for appointment as member of the WAE event judge commissions.

Another yearly recurrent task of the judge committee had been to submit the judge commissions for the different EMAU/WAE tournaments and championships to the Executive board for approval.

Reading the reports from the chairperson of the judge commissions and the feedback received from officials, the judge committee was satisfied to notice a considerable improvement in the work and competence of the judges at the different EMAU/WAE competitions. No major incidents were reported.

The judge committee conferred for its yearly meetings in 2012 in Wiesbaden and in 2014 in Luxembourg. In 2013 and 2015 the meetings took place at the occasion of the continental judge seminars in Wiesbaden and in Sallanches.

The re-accreditation test conducted in 2015 amongst the WAE continental judges confirmed the excellent knowledge of the rules and the good judgement of the judges for the handling of exceptional situations.

All these before mentioned tasks and work could not be achieved without the full voluntary commitment of all members of the judge committee. I would like to thank the past committee members Victor Stanescu and Henk Wagemakers for their collaboration and contributions, and especially Jean Martens who accompanied me most of the years in my role as chairman of the judge committee. My special thanks go as well to Klaus Lindau and Marinella Piscioti for their continuous support and helpful advices to the committee.

I would like to wish all the best to the newly elected committee in all their future undertakings regarding the WAE archery community's continued positive development.

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