

PARA ARCHERY REPORT 2014/2016

2014 (after WAE Congress)

Tournaments

EUROPEAN CHAMPS - NOTTWIL (SUI)	131 Athl
<i>Final venue on the field + live streaming</i>	24 WAE MAs

2015

Tournaments

WRE ALMERE (NED)	117 Athletes	103 from WAE MAs
<i>Finals venue on the field</i>	22 countries	16 WAE MAs
WRE NOVE MESTO NAD METUJI (CZE)	146 Athletes	116 from WAE MAs
<i>Finals venue on the field + live streaming</i>	24 countries	18 WAE MAs
WORLD CHAMPS – DONAUESCHINGEN (GER)	260 Athletes	141 from WAE MAs
<i>Finals venue on the field + live streaming</i>	44 countries	26 WAE MAs

Meetings

WA Para-Archery Committee	Marsh
	August (WC Donaueschingen)
Conference and lessons for Classifiers	August (WC Donaueschingen)

2016 (before WAE Congress)

Tournaments

EUROPEAN CHAMPS – ST JEAN DE MONTS (FRA)	143 Athletes
CQT for Rio	24 WAE MAs
<i>Openin Ceremony in center town + Finals venue in center town + live streaming</i>	

WRE in Almere (NED) was cancelled because of the lack of registrations at the deadline for preliminary entries. This situation probably comes of issues for founding participation this year with 2 qualification tournaments added to the games in Brazil. Countries had to choose priorities.

INDOOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED – ST HERBLAIN (FRA)	19 Athletes within 16 new classified
<i>With the support of WAE for the classification expenses</i>	

Comments and Projects

Development in Balkan zone

To promote and develop para-archery in Eastern Europe, Serbian Federation propose to organize a seminar for border countries. That would be a significant progress to help these countries to grow up the number of para-archers.

The seminar will be organized in two parts :

- How to coach beginners
- How to coach competitors

First planned in spring 2016, the seminar is delayed to have time to finalize the schedule, contents, and to find the good teachers.

Standard for International Events

As for the European Championship, the finals venue for the WRE in Nove Mesto Nad Metuji (CZE) in June 2016 will be in center town.

Organizers start to consider that Para-Archery needs high standard of competition to grow up and to deliver a good and positive picture of our sport to Medias.

PILZEN (CZE) who had bid for the WC 2017 (allocated to Beijing) will bid for the 2018 European Championships with the project of final venue in center town in front of the St Barthelme Church.

Visually Impairment

As long as the categories exist, we have to propose participation and classification for Visually Impaired archers.

The experiences of the world Championships, the European Championships and the VI Indoor Tournament will be a good base to discussion for the WA Para-Archery committee about these categories.

The biggest challenge is the classification, regarding on the cost and the needs of equipment and room that we can only find in clinics, when we find one of them who accept to host the session.

Other matter to resolve: the founding of participation and travel for archers. Most of time they have to pay all expenses by themselves because the category is not recognized by countries (VI is not part of the Para-Games).

General comment

Many thanks to the WAE Executive Board members for their confidence and their constant support for Para-Archery development.

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