



Presidents Report to Delegates – World Benchrest Meeting Calgary/Canada 2019.

Dear Fellow Shooters,

The following report covers the federal activities for the past two years.

First of all, I would like to thank the New Zealand Federation and the Organizing Committee around Graeme Smith for the excellent job, they performed, organizing the 14th World Championships, two years ago in Nelson. To my knowledge, there were no complaints and every delegation praised the exemplary organisation. So, congratulations and thanks again !

International/Continental Competitions:

European Championships: They took place in Scandinavia, after Sweden, this time again in Lohtaja/Finland, from 05.08. to 11.08.2018, and five nations attended with their teams. The Championships were won by Sweden, second was Finland, 3. Norway, 4. Austria, 5. France. Jari Laulumaa from Finland won the individual 2Gun Aggregate. The next European Championships will probably take place in Châteauroux/France, in 2020.

Pacific Regional Championships:

They were held in New Zealand, at Nelson shooting range, in November 2018. Three countries (Australia, New Zealand and New Caledonia) attended with 3 teams each. The team event was won by Australia 2, second was New Caledonia 1 and 3rd Australia 3. The individual 2Gun Aggregate was won by Ean Parsons (AUS-2).

African Regional Championships:

Since I received no results upon my request from South Africa, I assume that no championships were held in 2018.

Rimfire WRBC3:

The third Rimfire World Championships took place last year, in Manresa/Spain, near Barcelona, from July 23rd until 28th and it was a well organized competition – my compliments to Xavier Llorente Puigdemivol, Josep Perarnau and their organizing committee for their excellent presentation!

Eleven nations with in total 71 shooters were represented, amongst them Australia, South Africa and Namibia, who were not shy of doing a very long journey to attend these championships! The team event was won by France team A, followed by Spain A (silver medal) and Italy A (bronze medal).

The individual aggregate was won by Pedro Serralheiro from Portugal.

To be noted that a new (everlasting!) one target World Record has been achieved by Stéphane Gomel from France with 250 and 25 X'ses. Congratulations, Stéphane. However, this might give us some thoughts of perhaps making a change in the Rules, regarding the allowed time for one target shooting. Maybe should we reduce the allowed time of 30 minutes to 20 minutes ? This will have to be discussed (and voted) during the next Rimfire Delegates' Meeting.

The next Rimfire World Championships will probably take place in Châteauroux (France) in 2020.

WBC15:

Our friends from Calgary have done a great job, preparing these 15th World Championships and I'm looking forward to a great competition. The number of competitors comes to 86 shooters from 17 countries, 16 teams and 10 individual shooters.

WBC16:

During our Delegates' meeting in Calgary, Mr. Kobus Visser will give us an informative update about the next World Championships 2021 in South Africa.

WBC17:

We have one bid for 2023 from France. The hosting city will be Châteauroux, where the French Federation have built their brand-new National Shooting Centre, situated in the middle of the country. The French Delegate will give us more specific details during our Delegates' Meeting in Calgary.

WBC18:

To this date, no formal bidding has been received.

Let's hope, this could be a trigger of cogitation for one or another amongst the Delegates to consider hosting a future WC in his country....?

With kind regards,

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President