Report of Vice-President Jerzy Krauze

After EVAA’s annual General Assembly which took place July 20, 2010 in Nyíregyháza in Hungary and my successful election on the position of the Vice President, I have realised that I am the first and youngest person who seat this position on the EVAA Council, but the most important which is coming from Eastern Europe. I was convinced that my work will be helpful for the development of athletics in Europe, particularly are still in need of support in Eastern Europe. My first steps were not easy but thanks to my advisers – Dieter Massin and Kurt Kaschke, my work for EVAA looks better and more efficient every month.

1 Elaboration documents

1.1 One of my major goal was upgrading “Master Development Program”. Among many issues we have chosen a few, which have been taken into consideration. Finally we have decided to add only one subject to the upgraded MDP. This issue was concern implementation of the “Safety Officers” programme in the European Veterans Athletic. This chapter is informing about EVAA Championships, as a new step forward, towards the development of high standards of athletic competition in the veteran athletic movement. This elaboration ensured EVAA, that in cooperation with the local organizing committees (LOC), that judges act for the benefit of our sport, as well as to protect athletes from health damage and to make sure that the competitions follow under the rules of IAAF. For the first time mentioned and upgrading document has been published on website – EVAA Academy.

1.2 The second important and useful document which I prepared is called, “Competition report from the European Veterans’ Athletics Championships”.

This is avery useful tool for estimation competitions after they ended EVAA Championships. Thanks to this report, EVAA Council would examinate the amount of competitors or amount of entries per event and participation countries. This document also including other information and reports concerning confirmation procedure, call room, timetable, local organising committee, judges, doping tests etc. This material has been published on EVAA website – Laws and Rules.
1.3 The third document which I created is called “Bid Application”.

According to the constitution, By-Laws and other rules of EVAA I created form which clearly explains the potential of hosting cities about the rules of bidding and conducting Outdoor Stadia and Indoor EVAA Championship. This document has been published on EVAA website – Laws and Rules.

2. Contact and Cooperation with EVAA Federations.

In 2010 I started an initiative to publish the main national championships; i.e. indoor and stadia. I was responsible for exchanging and collecting information between Federations and finally preparing yearly national Indoor and Stadia Championships calendar.

It was a good opportunity and extra service for all athletes, to see and to compare, what happened in the different European countries at the national championships. EVAA announced and published these championships including the results. This information’s as well as the final results has been provided to our colleague Hans-Peter Skala (Germany), who permanently published on the EVAA website.

3. Cooperation with Local Organising Committees.

3.1 In the last two years, during the preparation to various championships I was trying to support LOC‘ many times. For the first time, by a few days, it was a great honour and pleasure for me to work in Gent/Belgium during medals awarding ceremonies. It was also very good occasion for me, to meet and speak with the best European veterans athletes, both as competitor and member of EVAA Council.

3.2 Preparations to EVACS 2012 in Zittau, Zgorzelec and Hradek, situated in Euroregion triangle, expect from us many activities, intervention and supports. The main reason of changes venues was that in 2010 in this region in Zittau and Bogatynia (Poland) occurred floods. The greatest damages happened in Poland in the city of Bogatynia. For this reason, LOC and EVAA has reversed decision of changing venue town from Bogatynia to Zgorzelec. Throughout the year 2012 I had special duty and I was responsible as contact person between Polish and German site. Today, I can express my feelings that I am happy, that my service was useful and for the first time, we can all celebrate our sport
festival, which is the 18th European Veterans Athletics Championships in the three neighbouring European countries.

3.3 On behalf of EVAA Council on July 1, 2012 I visited the city of Bludenz in Austria. Bludenz organised the 4th European Master Mountain Running Championships. The day before, in front of the Town Hall an official opening ceremony was held with the parade of different nations, with speeches and live music. It was a great pleasure for me to decorate the best mountain runners during awards ceremony.

3.4 Together with Council members we visited the city of Aarhus in Denmark. It was an inspection visit whose aim was to test sports facilities before bidding Aarhus for EVACS 2017 on the General Assembly in Zittau. Aarhus it is well known and experienced city therefore in 2004, successfully organised EVACS.

4. Coordination and preparations to organisation of the European Veterans Athletics Championships Indoor - EVACI 2015.

In order to accomplish one of my ambitions concerning the development of athletics in Eastern Europe, I adopted the principle that the simplest way would be an organizing competitions in Poland. This concept has been developed for several months. When it became clear that Torun (Poland) will complete construction of the modern athletics arena in Poland in 2012, I made a lot of effort to prepare the appropriate bid to the EVAA. In full cooperation with Polish Veterans Athletics Association - PVAA and the President of Torun, were prepared bid for organization EVACI 2015. On behalf of President of Torun and PVAA, I presented Polish bid during the EVAA Council, which took place in January 2012 in Rome. Other bidders were: Glasgow, Ancona, and Steinkjer in Norway. For my satisfaction the EVAA Council has decided to granting the organization EVACI 2015 in Poland.

In May 18, 2012, together with Dieter Massin, we signed contract between the President of Torun - Michal Zaleski and President LOC - Waclaw Krankowski for organization in EVACI 2015 in Torun. I would like to emphasize that last 2 years period was efficient and very good teamwork for me and granting Poland to host EVACI 2015, as excellent progress for development veterans athletics in Europe.

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