Report of the acting Technical Director

My report starts from 2011.
First of all, I want to thank my colleagues of the Technical Board of Managers, my colleagues of the EVAA Council and the various friends of LOC who have helped us in our sport.

The expectations of the athletes are that our Championships are comparable as far as the organisation to IAAF World Series events. Together with the support and help of my colleagues of Technical Board of Managers I think we have made a great progress in the professionalism and standardisation of our Championships.

Despite the difficult times of financial crises have involved our Continent our efforts were to try to get the most from our “World” with the great help that is given by new information technologies, which allowed us to concentrate more and more on the technical matters, which are the most of interest for the athletes, and to afford the technology on the facts that make the routine management.

It is necessary to continue on this way and we will continue on this way!

Organisation and site visits
Days of Competition in Indoor Championships: the increased number of competitors and competitions suggest the TBM to propose to the Council to change from five (5) to six (6) days our EVACI. Council accepted. The new calendar will start from San Sebastian 2013.

Inspection visits: inspection visits were made by TBM and Council member(s) in
• Zittau, Zgorzelec, Bogatynia and Hradek nad Nisou (six inspection visits) in order to plan EVACS 2012,
• Bludenz in order to plan EMMRC 2012,
• San Sebastian in order to plan EVACI 2013

Inspections are planned to
• Upice (to be decided one day during EVACS 2012) for EVACNS 2013
• Izmir (middle of October 2012) for EVACS 2014
• Aarhus (July 15, 2012) for EVACS 2017
Experience of International Team Relay
The idea of creating international teams was proposed by the TBM to motivate Federations with a few number of competitors to participate in a team. The experience of Thionville-Yutz will be repeated in Cross Country in Upice 2013. If positive the new Council will decide for the future.

Project Safety Officer
The Council decided, at my suggestion, to give the economic benefits of the prize of the EAA Innovation Award (Belgrade 2010), to finance a new seminar on the role of Safety Officer.

The seminar was held in Basel (Nov. 2011) with the attendance of the WMA Secretary Winston Thomas.

The occasion was appropriate for a frankly discussion on the problems that unfortunately caused concerns during EVACS 2010.

Now the activity of Safety Officers is more closely related to the balance of the spirit of the Masters movement and the SO’s duty to adopt all those measures that can prevent adverse events on the health of athletes.

Countries having actually officiating EVAA Safety Officers are: BEL, FRA, GBR, GRE, GER, HUN, ITA, LAT, SRB. The project must still be developed in future.

Anti-Doping
The new WMA Anti-Doping Rules and recommendations were strictly followed by EVAA. During all Championships we have tested an increasing number of athletes. Doping test were conducted also with EPO research and the cooperation with NADOs are very good.

The understanding of the athletes increased, however our work has to be focussed to items like TUE, the rights and the duties of athletes, too.

In Zittau for the first time we will provide an extra stand for „education“, represented by GER, CZE and POL NADOs.

We have organised it, so that the athletes have the opportunity to inform themselves of their duties and their rights.

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