For the second time the city of San Sebastian had a privilege to organizing the European Veterans Championships. The last one has been held 10 years ago and this year these great facilities of Anoeta and its surroundings were used in very good way, just for masters athletes. In last year’s we observe an increasing trend of participation of competitors in indoor and stadia competition. The EVAA aim is assuring a high quality competition, that will give satisfaction to all competitors and organizers. All championships are a lesson in humility and research, newer technologies of registration events. This is another step that we have to cope in Izmir and Torun.

Once again I would like to appreciate hard and efficient work done by the hundreds of volunteers, Gipuzkoa Athletics Federation, judges, athletes, trainers as well as the Mayor of San Sebastian. Without this people we cannot enjoy competitions and Bask region.

Special thanks go to Maria Vives Prad-Lead Manager EVACI. But also I would like to draw attention to the athletes who are the leaders of national representation. In this case, it was Mikel Odriozola President of the Athletics Federation of Guipuzcoa.

Mikel Odriozola is an active competitor, Olympian, who competed three times in 50 km in race walking in Sydney, Beijing and London.

It is important that in the competition for veterans organizations were invited to the event, famous sports celebrities in the past. I am convinced that for two years European Indoor Championships EVACI Torun, honoured by their presence Polish Olympians, as Irena Szewinska - triple gold medallists in the sprints and long jump, the member of the International Olympic Committee, or Robert Korzeniowski - four-time Olympic gold medallists in race walking.

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