Résumé

On Sunday evening the 9th EVACI ended, as planned, with a short closing ceremony. The flag and the championship baton were handed over to the Mayor of Torún, who will welcome the master athletes in 2015. The Torún delegation had a thorough look at how to organize indoor championships and discovered some points that might need improvement. Preparations for EVACI 2015 will start earlier than the ones for the championships in San Sebastian. According to the EVAA Council these championships showed both highlights and problems. However, the problems that occurred were solved as fast as possible thanks to the enormous support and effort of Maria Prat (General Co-ordinator) and her team.

A difficulty arose on the first day. The LOC did not expect this ‘run’ on that day. Fortunately the next day this problem was solved.

Unfortunately there was no sponsor, and as a result no budget to support the event. There were no banners and posters to be seen in the city of San Sebastian and the citizens seemed to be unaware of the event.

Lots of questions were answered and problems solved during the daily technical meetings.

The officials, volunteers, and referees were always friendly and helpful. Marine and Martin – our key persons at the information desk – were always available to give information or able to lead athletes to the persons they needed to speak to.

A blemish on these championships were the disqualifications in the 200m runs. Some athletes were not used to indoor curves. In curves they stepped on the line. Video tapes were used to prove the decisions of judges.

In the future EVAA has to focus on this problem and use permanent video taping. Only twice the “Jury of Appeal” had to decide. Besides this, in the high jump the Technical Director had to intervene and clarify some issues regarding the measurement of the spikes.

Teamleaders congratulated the LOC of San Sebastian with the organization of these championships.

The perfect time schedule, the medal ceremony, the friendly people involved in these championships, the fair prices in the restaurant, the sunshine on most days.

Athletes and visitors enjoyed the cross running in the Hippodrome, just a little ride away from the Aerodrome. The atmosphere was splendid and the races were one of EVACI’s highlights.

Although San Sebastian was a great experience/event, there are still some problems and misunderstandings to clear.