

## **REPORT** of President Dieter Massin

### **1. Council Work**

#### **Reform of EVAA**

##### Two working levels

In Poznań (POL) the General Assembly of EVAA marked the beginning of a general reform of the work in the association. The first step of the reform started with the installation of the office of the "Technical Director". Together with the "Technical Director" the "Technical Board of Managers" was established. It meant that the core of the EVAA work strengthened and gathered the work of all technical requirements and simplified the key questions of the veterans' movement.

In Ljubljana (SLO) the process of changing the offices was continued by reducing the members of the council and -in the same moment- the extension of the "Technical Board of Managers" (TBM), a step which made the work within the council and within the "TBM" as well more effective and more successful. After two year it is to notice that this step was the right one into the future and into more efficiency.

The Council could treat more political matters, like winning new candidates for the European Veterans Athletic Championships (EVAC), a matter what was neglected in the past and what a lost of interest has caused.

Now it is to notice that the interest in organising EVAC is again increasing on all areas, i.d. on stadia-, non stadia-, indoor- and mountain-area as well.

##### Council decisions

During the last two years EVAA Council decided to reinstall the medal standards in order to underline the meaning of the championships. The EVAA Council underlined moreover the meaning and the definition of "championship" and will push this definition.

EVAA Council has analysed the past championships regarding the financial situation, from stadia over non stadia, indoor till mountain. In the same moment EVAA is requested to guarantee the local organisers a save (financial) basis for the lead through of championships without any risks.

Besides EVAA and its federations have to support all championships in publications and in promotions for a reasonable and acceptable participation of athletes.

Moreover the EVAA Council decided to continue the way of co-operation as to the Non-Stadia- and Mountain Championships (EVACNS and EMMRC), i.d to integrate these championships into existing (local) events. This happened in Regensburg (GER) 2007, Aarhus (DEN, 2009) -EVACNS- as well as in Unterharmersbach (GER, 2006), Lenzerheide (SUI, 2008) and Cerdanyola del Vallès (ESP, 2010) -EMMRC-. Otherwise a championship (EVACNS and/or EMMRC) is no more feasible (lost of too much money).

At last EVAA Council has adopted a "work programme", in which all council members are involved with special tasks.

### Future reform

EVAA Council will continue its way of work in the period of the elected term (2008 – 2012) and after this term it has to be analysed and corrected or continued this part of Council plans.

At present it is to note that the feedback and the acceptance of these reforms from organisers and federations and athletes are available.

### **1.2 Contacts and Information via Internet**

In 2009 EVAA changed the webmaster of the internet. Now the website (www.evaa.ch) is managed by “mediasport” in Switzerland, the same company like European Athletics (EA), World Masters Athletics (WMA) and World Mountain Running Association (WMRA). Since this time an enormous increase of daily links is to notice.

EVAA will use this opportunity to inform federations and athletes as well about all news in the European veterans' world.

Administrational items (like addresses of the council members, members of the TBM and the changes in federation addresses) are permanently updated, too.

Furthermore this website will get more and more a platform for “last news” to championships, always respecting that first of all the national federations will be officially informed.

In the meantime the menu of the (new) website is updated and new informative items are added, likewise the “video gallery”. A web-coordinator is controlling and updating the website a minimum of one time per week, so that the timeliness is guaranteed. A special thank to the web-coordinator is to say.

### **1.3 Other Activities of the Council**

#### 1.3.1 EVAA Academy

In 2007 (in Helsinki) the idea to the Academy was born and since this time many federations have used this institution for seminars, education matters and general information.

#### 1.3.2 European Best Veteran and Fair Play Award

In 2008 EVAA Council honoured Christine Müller (SUI) and Wolfgang Ritte (GER) as best Europeans in the Central Office of EVAA in Marathon, in 2009 Gitte Karlshøj (DEN) and Guido Müller (GER) have been the honourees.

During the opening ceremony of the Ancona-Indoor Championships (2009) Jean Gracia, General Director of the French Athletics Federation was awarded by the “Torsten Carlus Fair Play Award”. In Nyíregyháza Hannu Nurminen (FIN) will get this decoration.

#### 1.3.3 Support of Regional Interests

The Balkan Region with 11 federations started 20 years ago the regionalisation (Stadia Championships and Cross Country), while the Scandinavian Countries meet once per year to the Indoor Championships. Now the Baltic Region followed and for the first time Riga was hosting the Indoor Championships. The Black Sea Region is interested to gather the federation around the Black Sea, while the mediterranean federations plan to co-operate with the northern countries of Africa.

In the cases of the Baltic, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Region EVAA is supporting in structure and organisational questions.

#### 1.3.4 Co-operation to FIDAL – SIGMA System

After the success of EVACI in Ancona last spring EVAA is supporting the development of a database. The SIGMA company agreed with EVAA so that a future plan can be realised in short time. I.e. a database of all athletes in order to have a common system for all and to have a correct and updated list of the athletes (in particular the correct writing of names).

#### 1.3.5 EVAA Motto

The motto of EVAA for “clean sport and fair play” was again topic of all activities during the last years and will be part of all future developments.

#### 1.3.6 Record Service

Ivar Söderlind, now member of the TBM, has continued his job as EVAA statistician. He has done it in a perfect and correct way like the last years before in EVAA Council (since 1988). He is responsible for the official recognition of the European records, had a walk-over in approving the records.

Ivar Söderlind, in co-operation with most European Veteran Statisticians from the Member Federations, is working very hard in order to give a permanent up-date to the athletes, because results and records are the most interesting items on the EVAA website, what is confirmed by the daily links.

#### 1.3.7 EAVC Volunteer Pool

In Aarhus (DEN) 2004 the first time the idea was born to install a volunteer pool, after the Aarhus LOC has asked for volunteers coming from different part of Europe. Since this time the idea was maintained and extended. In Hungary again volunteers are coming from different countries of Europe helping the LOC in sport and lingual fields as well.

### **1.4 Co-operation / Partnership to EA**

The co-operation to the European Athletics (EA) is on a very good way (see last General Assembly with the change of the constitution). In 2010 other meetings with EA are planned in order to intensify the partnership with the aim to get a close collaboration of the EA.

In the meantime EA invited EVAA to take part in EA's announcement for researches, studies and new ideas top the development of the sport of athletics.

### **1.5 Looking ahead**

“A rolling stone gathers no moss” - this saying will be the guideline for the EVAA work in the upcoming years and here and now it is to say that EVAA beside the daily work will realise subjects as follow:

- Projects of standardisation (database, entry booklets, competitor booklets...)
- Analysis of proper and regional veterans' championships
- Seminars and congresses (=> EVAA Academy)
- Winning campaigns for the future championships

Finally it is to say that all projects, all works and all ideas could only be realised because of an effective and concentrated collaboration in the EVAA Council.

All council members sorted things out, clenched in many situations, contributed their free time for the team work in EVAA, always aimed to do the best for our movement and for the athletes.

For this I have to express many thanks to all my friends of the EVAA Council, who enabled all progresses, all developments and all successes.

The veterans' movement in Europe is on a very good track. Congratulations, thanks and compliments to all federations and their athletes for their commitments and contributions.

Let's continue and improve together this way!

Dieter Massin

## **Report from EVAA Vice-President**

Vesa Lappalainen

My four years as a vice-president of EVAA has been full of interesting work. During this period I have been working in the items like a new website of EVAA, a new structure of EVAA Council and a many different championship question. Among some items I feel that EVAA has taken strong steps forward but also in some areas I feel that development work can be concentrated and can be strengthened.

Four years has taught me to co-operate in our Council and with our affiliates and athletes. In this work my duty as a team manager has helped a lot. Straight opinions and comments from athletes are basic elements to do this work. And I do hope that person who will continue vice president work will never forget this.

During last four years one of the biggest changes in EVAA work was a new website. I feel that we managed to create a new start of use of modern technology. [www.evaa.ch](http://www.evaa.ch) gives us more updated information and is serving both our affiliates and our athletes. Number of visitors in our web-site has increased year by year. This change was a start and it is easier in the future to develop this modern type of information. Of course there is lot to do, but in good hands our website is helping all of us.

How we have to do this development work in Europe? I believe to the future and I think that we are on a good road. We have to remember our societies in all countries. Our athletes are coming from so many different situations. We have to create also non-competition profile in our societies. How much our athletes are reducing taxes in health care section. Our values are right, let's keep them moving on.

I feel that the best way to develop our EVAA work is to open discussion and trustiness. We need everyone and everybody's opinion is important. And I do hope that I can be also one little part of this work also in the future and with good co-operation I try to do my work in WMA for the best of Europe.

Vesa Lappalainen

## **Report** of Technical Director Esa Kaihlajärvi

In 2008 I was elected as Technical Director and now I am two years in this new installed office of EVAA.

### **1 TBM (Technical Board of Managers)**

1.1 There are seven members in the TBM:

Stadia Manager (Serge Beckers, BEL), Indoor Manager (Nicola Maggio, ITA), Non-Stadia Manager (Vesna Repic, SRB), Mountain/Ultra Manager (Josep M. Antentas, ESP), Statistician (Ivar Söderlind, SWE) and Women's Representative (Dace Brakanska, LAT) plus me as Technical Director and leader of this TBM.

Many things have changed after we announced a reform of the championships (rules, competition days, pre-veterans).

In the last two years the TBM met three times; it is to say that the co-operation within the TBM was very good and effective, because we had been focussed to technical items and to new ideas to our four different championships.

At the moment we have four different kinds of championships in a two years term:

- stadia championships
- mountain championships
- non-stadia championships
- indoor championships

1.2 Meeting of the TBM

There are meetings once a year (last year: two times, because we want to meet after the season, it means that we will meet in the future in October / November and no more in January, so that the Council can better prepare changes and recommendations)

1.3 Competition

Harmonisation of Competition rules to the new situation (reduction of competition days); revision of medal standards (permanently); standardisation of the entry booklet

What is to do more and why?

- to develop new ideas
- to work as a team
- to establish the new idea of "Safety Officer" including the seminars
- to present coaching and adults sport seminars

### **2 Competitions**

2.1 EVACS 2008 Ljubljana (SLO): 3693 competitors and 42 countries (the third best ever in stadia events). Good facilities (all close together – stadium I and stadium II and throw fields; -> Nyiregyhaza 2010 and better coordination that everything will work well.

2.2 EVACI 2009 Ancona (ITA): good cooperation in Italy with FIDAL and Indoor Manager. New record in participation: 2843 competitors and 39 countries.

2.3 EVACNS 2009 Århus (DEN): some new ideas - like open half-marathon together with non-stadia half-marathon; arising question - to integrate EVACNS into existing (local) events. Problems of the Cross-Country-Relay (decrease of participants) 664 competitors and 28 countries.

2.4 EMMRC 2010 Cerdanyola del Valles (ESP): 255 competitors and 10 countries.

Aim - to have 500 championships competitors. Combination EMMRC and existing

event.

### **3 Rules and Reform Attempts**

- 3.1 This year we have one day less than earlier in EVACS
- 3.2 New category of Pre-Veterans MW30 – five events per gender in Hungary 2010
- 3.3 Decathlon + Pentathlon (70+) / Heptathlon + Pentathlon (70+)
- 3.4 Medal Standards
- 3.5 New WMA rules: hurdles, throw-weights, new multi-events Age Factors 2010
- 3.6 New idea to Cross Country Relay in Thionville / Yutz (FRA); evaluation after EVACNS 2011 as well as the pre-veterans in Nyíregyháza

### **4 All Time Best Results**

- 4.1 Every event and every category
- 4.2 Work is hard and quite long
- 4.3 Ivar Söderlind's team is making these statistics in co-operation with Ton Peters (NED) and Bob Minting (GBR)
- 4.4 All 50 countries must have a good statistician

### **5 New competition places**

- 5.1 EVACI 2011 Gent (BEL) is compact and has good facilities (indoor and outdoor)
- 5.2 EVACNS 2011 Thionville / Yutz (FRA)
- 5.3 EVACS 2012 we have a new challenge – three countries are working together Zittau (GER), Bogatynia (POL) and Hradek n.N. (CZE)
- 5.4 EMMRC 2012 a candidate for mountain is wanted
- 5.5 EVACI 2013 a candidate for indoor is wanted
- 5.6 EVACNS 2013 Upice (CZE) is a candidate so far
- 5.7 EVACS 2014 Izmir (TUR) and Zaragoza (ESP) are the candidates (presentation and election in the General Assembly in Nyíregyháza)

### **6 Best Athletes**

- 6.1 2008: Christine Müller (SUI) and Wolfgang Ritte (GER)
- 6.2 2009: Gitte Karlshøj (DEN) and Guido Müller (GER)
- 6.3 European Best Veteran (man and woman) and new criteria are decided.

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### **7 What next?**

- 7.1 Some kind of criteria if someone will participate in European championships?
- 7.2 New ideas for non-stadia championships?
- 7.3 Relays - must all team members be from the same country?
- 7.4 Better competitions – LOC and TBM team work?
- 7.5 Rules – are they ready – do they need to be changed?
- 7.6 Training camps in the spring and cooperating IAAF training facilities or other places

Thanks to all who helped me and thank you to the Technical Board Managers with ideas, comments and activities.

Esa Kaihlajärvi

## Report of EVAA Secretary Kurt Kaschke

Since 2006 I have been working for EVAA as Secretary. During these four years many things had changed and other activities had been created.

### 1 Office

- 1.1 Our office in Marathon is still the home of the Master Athletic Movement in Europe. In co-operation with the Greek Federation and the Marathon Museum in Marathon, council meetings are held once in a year. During the spring meeting in January EVAA honors the European Veterans female and male in a special ceremony.
- 1.2 As a secretary I try to update the addresses of our EVA Affiliates permanently to send the news and information directly to our contact partners in our 50 federations.
- 1.3 Communication of EVAA is based on letter, fax, e-mail, and skype. Some problems come up several times: addresses changed, e-mail address changed, e-mail account is overloaded. Sending information makes it easy for me as secretary if all contact persons try to use updated versions of their software program so that the news can be received. I try to put all the news and information as fast as possible on EVAA website so that all our federations are able to be up-to-dated.

### 2 EVAA Academy

- 2.1 2007 Helsinki - EVAA continued its clearing up Doping with the "Anti Doping Declaration. In 2010 we were happy to have all European federations on the Declaration.
- 2.2 2007 Helsinki – EVAA Academy was founded and started with two seminars of training research in master athletics.

From this year on EVAA Academy presented various seminars:

- 2007 The Bend Knee Riccione (ITA)
- 2008 From Jogging to Marathon Plovdiv (BUL)
- 2008 Safety Judge Ljubljana (SLO)
- 2009 Safety Judge and Master Training Ancona (ITA)
- 2009 Safety Officer Certificate Seminar Marathon (GRE)
- 2010 Safety Officer Riga (LAT)
- 2010 Safety Officer Arad (ROU)


EVAA Academy will continue these seminars continuously the next years in co-operation with our European federations.

#### 2.3 Safety Officer Certification

In Marathon 2009 EVAA Academy started the new project "Safety Officer" after the announcement of the seminar during the Regional European Meeting 2009 in Lahti. Delegates from Italy, Greece, France, Belgium, Germany, EA took part and where certificated as EVAA's first certificated Safety Officers.

From this point on, the certificated Safety Officers present seminars in countries which requires a seminar and they will work with a team during EVAC. In 2012 there will be a resume meeting to have a research of the responsibility of the Safety Officer.

It is great to work in a good team and thank you again for your support.





Kurt Kaschke

## **Report from Treasurer**

### **Jean Thomas**

#### 1. General

During the years 2008-2009 EVAA has actively continued its missions in favour of the development of the master movement in Europe. The main activities were helping the organizers of the championships, holding Academy conferences as well as seminars about the new Safety Officer's functions. It is notable that EVAA has received a financial support from European Athletic to run its Development Program.

#### 2. Profit and Loss Accounts 2008, 2009

The fiscal year 2009 shows a surplus of 6 636 €, which offset partly the deficit of the previous fiscal year (-11 991 €).

The figures of the fiscal year 2008 were over budget particularly the expenses. Fiscal year 2009 was slightly over budget concerning the revenues (+1 540€) despite the fall of the money rate and under budget concerning the expenses (- 5 096 €).

#### 3. Balance Sheets 2008, 2009

The balance sheet on 31.12.2009 was 124 132 € compared 132 026 € on 31.12.2008, moreover it shows an increase in our net asset position of 6 636€ which is the same amount as the income surplus. Then Subscribed Capital or our own funds increased from 77 866 € to 84 503 €. In the meantime the performance bonds repayable to the championships' organizers decreased from 52 000 € to 36 000 €. Our liquidity position on 31.12.2009 come to 121 451 € which are represented by 20 996 € on a bank account (UBS) and 100 456 € on a short term investment (UBS). The amount of these liquid assets allows to finance all our projects and to get through serenely the next years.

#### 4. Forecasts

The budget 2010 is balanced; the revenues and the expenses are expected for an amount of 61 000 €. The targets are to develop the activities (EVAA Academy, Safety Officer), to give more assistance to the organizers and to better control the expenses.