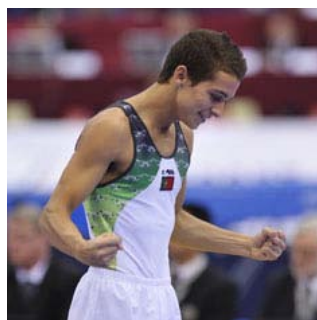




FIG TOP NEWS



LICO Andre (POR)
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26th TRA TUM DMT World Championships, St Petersburg (RUS) TAKING IT HIGHER!

The Russian Trampoline Federation staged this year's World Championships in Trampoline Gymnastics, Tumbling and Double Mini-Trampoline in St Petersburg from November 18-21. A total of 272 gymnasts from 32 federations competed.

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NEWS FROM THE FIG HEAD OFFICE



TANSKANEN Jani (FIN)
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SportAccord IF Sports Forum 2009

The voice of the gymnasts!

Leaders in international sport were invited to Lausanne (SUI) for the annual *International Federations Sports Forum*, organised in 2009 by SportAccord.

In an effort to fully develop the topic of youth and sport, organisers invited Jani Tanskanen (FIN), recently elected to the FIG Athletes' Commission, to speak on the relationship between a federation and its athletes. Responsible for Artistic Gymnastics within his own federation, Tanskanen shared his experiences with a highly attentive audience.

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FIG President Grandi honoured

The President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), Prof. Bruno Grandi, was honoured with a degree of Dr Honoris Causa from the Semmelweis University of Budapest (HUN). The distinction pays tribute to his humanitarian commitment to sport as a whole and to his contribution to education and the healthy lifestyle made possible by practising sport at any age.

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Prof Bruno Grandi (ITA) © FIG

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Dr Michel Léglise (FRA)
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FIG Medical Commission

Where rules and ethics meet

The Medical Commission of the International Gymnastics Federation convened in Paris (FRA), November 1 - 3, upon invitation by its President, Dr Michel Léglise, also Vice-President of the FIG. Addressing first and foremost the Therapeutic Use Commission (TUEC), made up of Dr Zakia Partagi (TUN), Jay Binder (USA), Pierre Dernier (BEL), Mirela Siracova (BUL) and Neoklis Georgopoulos (GRE), Dr Léglise recalled the importance of acting independently, in strict adherence to the rules, but with an ethical mindset when analysing the cases submitted.

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GFA Committee Meeting and Colloquium on safety

GFA convenes in Lausanne

The FIG Gymnastics for All Committee held an ordinary meeting at the FIG Head Office in Lausanne (SUI) from November 23-25, 2009, followed by a colloquium on safety in group performances on Friday and Saturday.

The Committee also convened with Local Organising Committee representatives for the 2011 World Gymnaestrada in Lausanne. During this second of a total of three joint meetings of the FIG Gymnastics for All Committee and the LOC, updates were given in each operational area.

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FIG Acrobatic Technical Committee meeting

Development and promotion

The FIG Acrobatic Technical Committee gathered from November 18-21, 2009 at the FIG Head Office for their third ordinary meeting this year. FIG President Prof Bruno Grandi (ITA) and Secretary General André Gueisbuhler gave a warm welcome to the Committee members, who for the first time had an opportunity to make use of the facilities at the Head Office for their meeting.

A wide range of topics dealing primarily with the development of the discipline were on the order of the day, an issue which is the Committee's primary mission.

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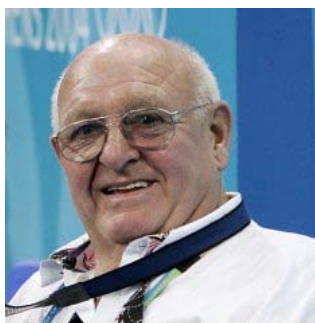
Christophe Dubi and Tatsuo
Araki © FIG

Sport and Gymnastics for All

Getting fit in the workplace!

Next year, the Finnish city of Jyväskylä will host the International Olympic Committee's 13th Sport for All Congress from June 14 – 17. Several hundred representatives of sport and health from around the globe will travel to Finland to sit in on presentations given by key-note speakers, notably Tatsuo Araki (JPN), Vice-President of the Gymnastics for All Committee of the International Gymnastics Federation and Professor of Gymnastics and Choreography at Tokyo's Nippon Sport Science University.

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Passing of Kurt Hack

Eurotramp founder passed away

FIG is greatly saddened of the death of Kurt Hack, founder of the family-owned enterprise Eurotramp Trampoline – Kurt Hack GmbH, a long-term partner of the FIG. Kurt Hack passed away after a long illness at the age of 79.

In a leading position, Hack was responsible for the development of trampoline apparatus as regards safety, stability and quality, which led to the high technical standard performed by elite trampolinists worldwide today. [Read more ...](#)

HACK Kurt (GER) © MinkusImages



Spieth Gymnastic and the FIG

More than just a handshake!

President Prof Bruno Grandi recently presented Mr Uli Spieth, Director of Spieth Gymnastic, with a copy of De Arte Gymnastica prefaced by Prof Grandi himself; Spieth has been an official FIG partner and apparatus supplier for nearly 54 years. The gift is a token of the exemplary collaboration that has spanned multiple generations. [Read more ...](#)

Ulrich Spieth and Prof Bruno Grandi © FIG

FIG EVENTS



BERKI Krisztian (HUN) © FIG

ART: EnBW World Cup A, Stuttgart (GER), November 13-14, 2009

The 2009 FIG World Cup Series in Artistic Gymnastics concluded in Stuttgart (GER) with gymnasts battling it out not only for World Cup medals, but for a range of overall titles to boot.

A total of 139 gymnasts from 34 countries made their appearance in Stuttgart's Porsche Arena, amongst whom an impressive number of World and Olympic Champions. [Read more ...](#) and check out the [detailed results!](#)

The updated FIG World Ranking lists for Artistic can now be consulted online. [Men](#) [Women](#)



SUI Lu (CHN) © FIG

ART: FIG World Cup A, Osijek (CRO), November 6 – 8, 2009

An enthusiastic crowd saw 14 London World Championship finalists, five medallists and two newly crowned champions performing at the second to last Artistic Gymnastics World Cup of the 2009 season in Osijek (CRO).

With four Gold medals and one Bronze, China topped the rankings in Osijek, followed by Romania with two Gold and the Czech Republic with one Gold and two Silver medals. Host Croatia collected a total of five medals (two Silver and three Bronze). A total of twelve nations divvied up the medals ranks.

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Podium TRA girls 11-12yrs
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TRA: 19th Trampoline Gymnastics World Age Group Competitions, St Petersburg (RUS)

Just one week after the world championships, from November 18-21, 2009, the Sport and Concert Complex in St Petersburg (RUS) was set for trampoline hopefuls competing at the World Age Group Competitions. 760 participants between the ages of 11-18 took advantage of the opportunity to compete for their home country on an international stage.

The competition provides young athletes with a place to glean experience and move comfortably upward through the ranks of high level sport, respecting the natural stages of physical development and increasing difficulty within safe boundaries. **Reviews:** [Day 1 and 2](#) [Day 3 and 4](#)

INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTIC EVENTS



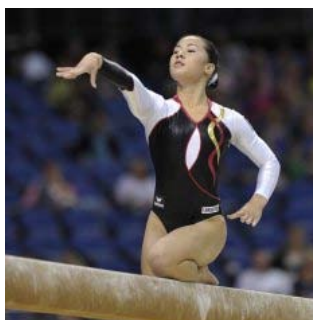
ART and RG: 16th Bolivarian Games, Sucre (BOL), November 15-26, 2009

Featuring more than 2,300 athletes in 36 sports, amongst them Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics, the Bolivarian Games are held every four years in honour of Simon Bolivar, who was an important figure in the political independence of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Peru and Venezuela.

2008 Olympian Jessica Lopez (VEN) swept the Artistic events, winning five Gold and a Bronze. In Rhythmic, Andreina Acevedo Martinez (VEN) took off with three Golds and a Silver while Venezuela's Group also won the 5 Hoops competition.

Check the results: [ART](#) [RG](#)

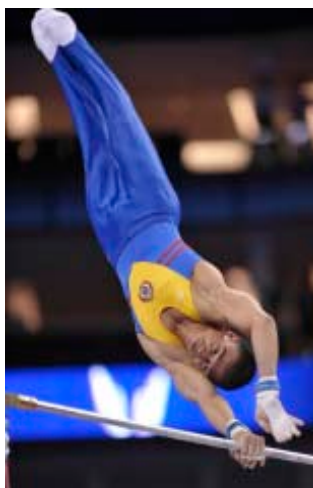
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ART: Swiss Cup 2009, Zurich (SUI), November 1, 2009

This year saw the 21st edition of the Swiss Cup held as a Mixed Pairs competition, but it was the first time that a pair from Germany claimed the Gold. In the presence of 6,500 enthusiastic spectators, Kim Bui and Matthias Fahrig won the traditional meet in Zurich on Sunday, edging out yet another German duo, their team-mates Elisabeth Seitz and Thomas Taranu. Just as in 2006, the host country's first entry Ariella Kaeslin and Niki Boeschstein placed third. Qualified second for the Final, Ukrainians Yana Demjantschuk and Mykola Kuksenkow finished on rank four. [Read more ...](#)

BUI Kim (GER) © FIG



ART: 9th South American Championships

From October 30 to November 2, the Colombian Gymnastics Federation organised the 9th South American Gymnastics Championships in Sogamoso. The host country (266.133) prevailed over Brazil (263.601), and Argentina (241.333) in the Men's competition and 2008 Olympian Jorge Hugo Giraldo Lopez won four more medals for Colombia (Gold AA; PB and Silver PH; SR).

On the Women's side, Brazil (167.600) outclassed Colombia (147.017) and Argentina (144.683). The All-around podium was pure Brazilian with leading gymnast Priscila Cobello adding Gold on Balance Beam and Floor as well as Silver on Uneven Bars to Brazil's record.

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GIRALDO LOPEZ Jorge Hugo (COL) © FIG

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YUSSUPOVA Aliya (KAZ) © FIG

RG: 4th Senior Rhythmic Gymnastics Asian Championships Astana (KAZ), Oct 15-18, 2009

The Gymnastics Federation of Kazakhstan hosted the 4th Senior Rhythmic Gymnastics Asian Championships in the beautiful Sport Complex – National Tennis Court in Astana (KAZ) from October 15 – 18, 2009.

Eight federations affiliated to the Asian Gymnastics Union (AGU) participated in the event: Japan - Korea - Kazakhstan - Malaysia - Uzbekistan - Kyrgyzstan - Thailand and India. The host country's Aliya Yussupova dominated the event by winning all five Individual Gold medals plus the Team Final.

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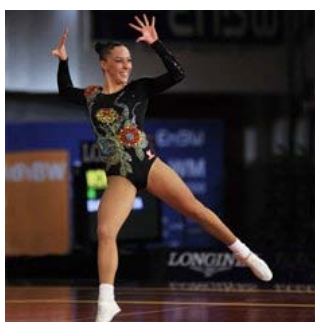


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AER: 3rd Asian Indoor Games Hanoi (VIE), October 30 – November 8, 2009

The 3rd Asian Indoor Games hold in Hanoi (VIE) featured Aerobic Gymnastics as one of the 27 sports on the programme. Qualifying rounds in Men's and Women's Individual as well as in the Mixed Pair and Trio categories took place on November 1 and 2, followed by the Finals on the 6th. The events were staged at the Haiphong Gymnasium, located 100 km from the country's capital Hanoi.

A real home crowd pleaser, Vietnamese Vu Ba Dong and Tran Thu Ha brought home Gold in Mixed Pair from the Hai Phong Gymnasium; 20.875 points and the lead in the artistic and execution categories. [Read more ...](#)



AER: 6th Aerobic Gymnastics European Championships Liberec (CZE), November 20 – 22, 2009

With 6 medals (including 3 titles) Romania dominated the 6th Seniors Aerobic Gymnastics European Championship. France won four medals (2x Silver, 2x Bronze), and Russia took one Silver and one Bronze medal.

Italy's Giulia Bianchi and Spaniard Ivan Parejo prevailed in the Individual categories.

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BIANCHI Giulia (ITA) © MinkusImages

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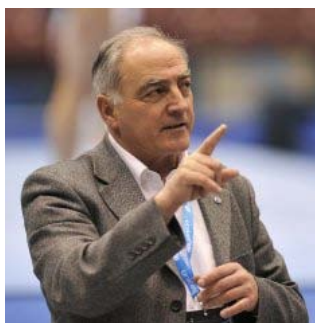
UAG - 20 years in 2010!

The African Gymnastics Union (UAG) will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its founding in 2010. It was on October 24, 1990 that eight African federations signed the founding document, which was ratified by the FIG General Assembly later that year in Frankfurt (GER).

With its founding President Mr Mohamed Yamani at its head, the Union today counts 24 federations, with regular gymnast participation in every FIG calendar event. [Read more ...](#)

YAMANI Mohamed (ALG) © FIG

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UEG: Georges Guelzec elected UEG President

French Georges Guelzec has been elected President of the European Union of Gymnastics (UEG) by the 47 federations participating in the General Assembly hosted in the City of Tel-Aviv (ISR). Former Vice-President, the newly elected President succeeded in the second round with 24 votes against 22 for his opponent, the current President Dimitrios Dimitropoulos (GRE).

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GUELZEC Georges (FRA)
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PAGU: Pan American Gymnastics Union – 2009 General Assembly

Tuesday, November 3, featured the Pan American Gymnastics Union's (PAGU) General Assembly in Aracaju, Brazil. PAGU authorities and federation delegates attended meetings to plan the remaining events for the cycle. These events include academies, competitions and training camps. PAGU President, Zobeira Hernandez (VEN), presided over the assembly while Maria Luciene Resende, President of the Brazilian Gymnastics Federation oversaw the coordination and facilitation of the event in her home city. [Read more ...](#)

HERNANDEZ DELGADO Zobeira (VEN) © MinkusImages



CAN: Keith Russell awarded!

The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) is pleased to announce that the Geoff Gowan Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009 will be presented to Keith Russell (CAN), world-renowned. For close to 40 years, Keith Russell has helped to guide the development of every gymnastics coach in Canada and the world over through his teachings and his mentoring in all disciplines and at all levels of performance. At the University of Saskatchewan, Russell is a respected professor and coach. Over the years, he has introduced gymnastics to countless physical education students. Russell presides the FIG Scientific Commission.

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RUSSELL Keith (CAN) © FIG

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS NEWS



New gymnastics journal released

The Science of Gymnastics Journal (ScGYM®) is an international journal that will provide a wide range of scientific information specific to gymnastics. The journal will publish both empirical and theoretical contributions related to gymnastics from the natural, social and human sciences. It is aimed at enhancing gymnastics knowledge (theoretical and practical) based on research and scientific methodology.

The Science of Gymnastics Journal is an international online journal published three times a year (October, February, June).

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Ten years after creation, World Anti-Doping Agency calls for renewed commitment to protect sport's integrity

Exactly ten years after the creation of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) on November 10, 1999, WADA's President John Fahey emphasized the impact the Agency has had on the protection of clean sport and called on all parties involved in the fight against doping in sport to further enhance their efforts.

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The first Youth Olympic Games mascots unveiled for Singapore 2010!

The Singapore 2010 Organising Committee unveiled the first Youth Olympic Games mascots on Saturday November 21, 2009: Lyo (pronounced Leo) and Merly. From August 14 to September 6, 2009, members of the public had been invited to name the mascots. About 375 entries were received from more than 20 countries.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event title	Venue	Participants
December 3 – 7, 2009	FIG Women's Technical Committee Meeting	CANCUN (MEX)	
December 5, 2009	RG Novoletni Pokal Moste	LJUBLJANA (SLO)	Senior, Junior and Age Group
December 7 – 14, 2009	The 2009 Doha Gymnasiade ART, RG, TRA	DOHA (QAT)	Junior
December 7 – 13, 2009	AER Copa Mexico Nuevo Milenio Cat. B	OATEPEXC (MEX)	Senior and Age Group
December 12 – 13, 2009	ART Toyota International Gymnastics Competition 2009	TOYOTA CITY, AICHI PREFECTURE (JPN)	Senior
December 17 – 18, 2009	ART Michail Voronin Cup	MOSCOW (RUS)	Senior, Junior and Age Group

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