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2002 is the Year of European Athletics

The European Indoor Championships in Vienna signify the start of the season and will be held immediately after the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. In this initial period, highlights will also include the European Winter Throwing Challenge and the 10'000m Challenge.

Hansjörg Wirz

Following this first part of the year, we will see the SPAR European Cup as well as the European Cup for Combined Events. At the beginning of July, the first European Championships in Mountain Running takes place in Madeira and further integrates the Mountain Running movement into our family.

The European Championships in Munich will be the most prestigious competition in Europe in 2002 and will again, as it did the last time, attract the attention of the entire Continent and therefore strengthen our sport within Europe. Finally the SPAR European Cross Country Championships at the end of the year will bring this outstanding programme to a conclusion.

As we have agreed with IAAF to swap the years of the World and the European Indoor Championships, the structure of this year's heavily concentrated programme will no longer be repeated. This change

has had a positive impact on our activities, resulting in an increasingly balanced programme over the four year period.

The year 2002 provides a great chance to present our sport and the strength of athletics in our society in an excellent way. It will however, require an outstanding effort on the part of all members. The EAA Council has therefore decided to contribute an extraordinary subvention to support the federations financially and to partly compensate the high investment of preparation and participation in the different activities. For the future of our sport it is very important that this European year of athletics is a success. Our organisers are working hard to reach a high level of quality and recognition. Not only is the performance of the athletes in the stadium important, but also spectators motivating these athletes to produce an outstanding competition and great performances as well as the TV audience are valuable elements. We are thankful for the great effort the organisers are investing in our programme to offer ex-



cellent conditions for the athletes.

The most important element in presenting our sport in an attractive way is the participation of the athletes. All the member federations are therefore requested to make a special effort to encourage their top athletes to take part in this busy programme. The success of this year will secure our future. The strength we are showing will be recognised by the media, our sponsors as well as the spectators in the stadium and on television. An outstanding presentation of our sport adds value, the most important element of hard competition on the market nowadays as we are competing with other sports as well as other activities within our society.

We are very thankful for the efforts of all parties involved in our programme and with the statement «all together for success» we will reach the target. ■

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Friday 1st March

09.30	60 m hurdles	Pentathlon	
09.30	Triple Jump	Qualification	Women
10.00	Shot Put	Qualification	Women
10.00	Pole Vault	Qualification	Men
10.15	High Jump	Pentathlon	
10.45	200 m	1st Round	Women
11.15	200 m	1st Round	Men
12.00	60 m	Heptathlon	
12.20	60 m hurdles	1st Round	Men
12.45	Long Jump	Heptathlon	
12.50	60 m hurdles	1st Round	Women
13.30	Shot Put	Pentathlon	
15.00	High Jump	Qualification	Women
15.15	Long Jump	Pentathlon	
15.30	3000 m	1st Round	Men
15.30	Shot Put	Heptathlon	
15.30	Pole Vault	Qualification	Women
16.00	400 m	1st Round	Women
16.20	3000 m	1st Round	Women
16.50	800 m	1st Round	Women
17.00	Long Jump	Qualification	Men
17.15	200 m	Semi-Final	Women
17.30	High Jump	Heptathlon	
17.30	Shot Put	Qualification	Men
17.35	400 m	1st Round	Men
18.15	800 m	1st Round	Men
18.40	200 m	Semi-Final	Men
19.00	800 m	Pentathlon	
19.20	1500 m	1st Round	Men

Saturday 2nd March

09.30	Long Jump	Qualification	Women
10.00	60 m hurdles	Heptathlon	
10.45	High Jump	Qualification	Men
11.00	1500 m	1st Round	Women
11.00	Pole Vault	Heptathlon	
12.00	60 m	1st Round	Men

12.00	Triple Jump	Qualification	Men
12.30	60 m	1st Round	Women
15.00	Triple Jump	FINAL	Women
15.00	Shot Put	FINAL	Men
15.10	800 m	Semi-Final	Women
15.15	High Jump	FINAL	Women
15.20	800 m	Semi-Final	Men
15.30	60 m hurdles	Semi-Final	Women
15.30	Pole Vault	FINAL	Men
15.45	400 m	Semi-Final	Women
16.00	1000 m	Heptathlon	
16.15	3000 m	FINAL	Men
16.30	400 m	Semi-Final	Men
16.45	60 m hurdles	Semi-Final	Men
16.45	Long Jump	FINAL	Men
16.45	Shot Put	FINAL	Women
17.00	200 m	FINAL	Women
17.15	60 m hurdles	FINAL	Women
17.25	1500 m	FINAL	Men
17.40	60 m hurdles	FINAL	Men
17.50	200 m	FINAL	Men

Sunday 3rd March

14.00	Long Jump	FINAL	Women
14.00	Pole Vault	FINAL	Women
14.20	400 m	FINAL	Women
14.30	High Jump	FINAL	Men
14.30	60 m	Semi-Final	Women
14.50	400 m	FINAL	Men
15.00	3000 m	FINAL	Women
15.15	60 m	Semi-Final	Men
15.35	800 m	FINAL	Women
15.40	Triple Jump	FINAL	Men
15.45	1500 m	FINAL	Women
16.00	60 m	FINAL	Women
16.10	800 m	FINAL	Men
16.20	4 x 400 m	FINAL	Women
16.35	60 m	FINAL	Men
16.45	4 x 400 m	FINAL	Men

European Indoor Games (1966-69) European Indoor Championships (since 1970)

Edition	Dates	City/Country	Stadium Name	Track	Countries	Athletes
	27.03.66	Dortmund, FRG	Westfallenhalle	160m	22	179
	11/12.03.67	Praha, TCH	Sportovni hala PKOJF	160m	21	225
	09/10.03.68	Madrid, ESP	Palacio de los Deportes	182m	21	219
	08/09.03.69	Beograd, YUG	Veletrna hala	195m	21	234
1st	14/15.03.70	Wien, AUT	Stadthalle	200m	24	240
2nd	13/14.03.71	Sofia, BUL	Festivalna	200m	23	298
3rd	11/12.03.72	Grenoble, FRA	Palais des Sports	180m	23	234
4th	10/11.03.73	Rotterdam, NED	Ahoy	170m	24	292
5th	09/10.03.74	Göteborg, SWE	Scandinavium	196m	25	252
6th	08/09.03.75	Katowice, POL	Rondo	160m	24	254
7th	21/22.02.76	Munich, FRG	Olympiahalle	179m	24	229
8th	12/13.03.77	San Sebastián, ESP	Anoeta	200m	24	245
9th	11/12.03.78	Milano, ITA	Palazzo dello Sport	200m	23	255
10th	24/25.02.79	Wien, AUT	Ferry-Dusika-Halle	200m	25	215
11th	01/02.03.80	Sindelfingen, FRG	Glaspalast	200m	25	250
12th	21/22.02.81	Grenoble, FRA	Palais des Sports	180m	23	260
13th	06/07.03.82	Milano, ITA	Palazzo dello Sport	200m	23	291
14th	05/06.03.83	Budapest, HUN	Sportcárnok	200m	24	264
15th	03/04.03.84	Göteborg, SWE	Scandinavium	196m	25	244
16th	02/03.03.85	Piréas, GRE	Peace and Friendship Stadium	200m	26	341
17th	22/23.02.86	Madrid, ESP	Palacio de los Deportes	164m	26	324
18th	21/22.02.87	Liévin, FRA	Palais des Sports	200m	24	352
19th	05/06.03.88	Budapest, HUN	Sportscárnok	200m	27	395
20th	17/18.02.89	Den Haag, NED	Houtrust	200m	27	342
21st	03/04.03.90	Glasgow, GBR	Kelvin Hall	200m	27	399
22nd	29.02/01.03.92	Génova, ITA	Palasport	200m	29	475
23rd	11-13.03.94	Paris, FRA	Palais Omnisport Paris-Bercy	200m	31	508
24th	08/10.03.96	Stockholm, SWE	Globen Arena	200m	45	478
25th	27.02-01.03.98	Valencia, ESP	Palacio de los Deportes Luis Puig	200m	39	508
26th	25-27.02.00	Gent, BEL	Flanders Sports Arena	200m	44	566
27th	01-03.03.02	Vienna, AUT	Ferry-Dusika-Halle	200m		

European Indoor Championships in Vienna

Full stadium hopes for Stephanie Graf



For the third time - after 1970 and 1979, Vienna will be hosting the European Indoor Championships between March 1st and 3rd. Austria welcomes the Championships at a very special time, as the winters sports oriented country is celebrating its most successful local star, Stephanie Graf. The response to the European Athlete of the year 2001 and the interest in the upcoming Championships, therefore, do not come as a surprise. An athletics event in Austria will be sold out again after 30 years; for the Dusika stadium this would even be a first.

Olaf Brockmann

Two highlights are already in store: the women's and the men's 800m. In the women's race, world season leader Stephanie Graf will challenge the indoor and outdoor World Champion of 1999, Ludmila Formanova, who is coming back from a 15 months long injury related break. Another strong opponent will be Yolanda Ceplak, who currently is the number two in the world season list behind Graf with a time of 1:57.18. Ceplak and Graf - although opponents on the track - both belong to Robert Wagner's group of athletes. In the men's race, a top level competition can be guaranteed. Outdoor World Champion, André Bucher will meet Pawel Czapiewski, the bronze medallist at the last World Championships. André Bucher, just like Stephanie Graf, will be awarded the title 'European Athlete of the Year' in the Vienna Rathauskeller on the eve of the first races of the Championships.

At least 15 medal winners from the 2001 World Championships in Edmonton, Canada will be competing in Vienna. And at least nine European Champions from

Gent 2000 will try to defend their title at the Dusika Stadium

Even though it would be premature to describe the expectations for the individual events, the entries promise record figures. At the Championships in Gent in the year 2000, 566 participants from 44 nations were entered - both figures are certain to be topped in Vienna.

As always, the sprint will be one of the events where particularly young talents will use the opportunity to make themselves heard, whilst experienced stars, such as Grit Breuer, are concentrating on the outdoor season. This setting is also an excellent forum for smaller athletics nations.

Why not for Austria? In addition to Stefanie Graf, local hurdler Elmar Lichtenegger, who just missed the podium in Gent, is ready to make headlines. Should he be successful, a small town in Kärnten will be able to celebrate two athletes: Both Graf and Lichtenegger grew up in Völkermarkt, just a few blocks away from each other.

The organizers of the Championships are working hard on the preparations for a true three-day athletics festival. The media response from all over Europe reflects their success. 30 TV positions, 20 radio stations, and approximately 250 press representatives, as well as 80 photographers show an enormous interest, especially given the fact that the Championships take place only one week after the closing of the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Vienna is looking forward to welcoming warmly the participating athletes and guests! ■

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The Czech decathlon stars Roman Sebrle and Tomasz Dvorak

New Technologies in Athletics

Science Fiction? Science Yes, Fiction No!

Would you believe that one day there will be no judge around the long jump pit? That there will be no photo-finish camera installed? That you can follow your favourite athlete through each kilometre of the Championships' marathon from home, via the web?

Nicolas Russi

Some of these ideas probably sounds like science fiction, like new computer games for youngsters or the theoretical approach of techno freaks. But seriously: New technologies have entered the sport of athletics in the last few years, without a lot of fuss, but with a huge impact on the presentation of our sport. The film development, one of the key tasks in timing, disappeared on larger events and was replaced with much faster video finish systems which can calculate a difference up to 10'000nds of a second. Optical systems, used originally in geometry by architectes and planners, help us forget the slow procedure of the tape measure in jumps and throws. And since everybody can hear the sound alert of a false start, introduced despite some opposition of the starters, another detail of

the competition became faster and more easy for the spectators to understand.

Quick access to information, fast publication of results, by the announcers as well as on scoreboards and videoboards, become more and more commonplace. Those who followed athletics at the Sydney Olympics remember how fast the times of the races appeared on the videoboards. The on-line result feed on the internet, produced for the first time at an EAA event during the SPAR European Cup 2000 in Gateshead, is another tool which underlines the possibilities of wider information flow.

The development of technology doesn't stand still. Like for the athletes the expression «Faster, higher, further» also applies to the surroundings . But it is not only the abilities of computers, software

and other electronics that decide how technology should be used: every thing brought in must be fair to the athletes, follow the rules and keep the competition understandable. Is it worth showing virtual runners on TV to indicate the pace of the current world record (and often showing the athletes running clearly behind like a horde in a dog race)? Or is it better to show virtual lines for leading performances in the throwing events and to present in an easy way whether or not the current attempt was better? Do we need the intermediate times every 10 metres in a 100 m race? Or do we prefer the standings after each kilometre in a marathon? What does the virtual compilation of the long jump attempts show (two athletes copied into the same TV sequence)? Or, taking it further: Is it maybe more interesting in high jump or pole vault to measure the actual height the athlete has jumped and not the height of the bar? Or to take the real distance of a vertical jump instead of the distance beginning at the end of the take-off board?

Some of these questions would require slight rule changes, some would quite significantly change the event. Most of it is technically possible. With an example of new technologies from EAA partner Epson, «UPDATE» would like to give you an impression of the future and to show what can be done. Let us keep an eye on it, let us discuss * and let us be open minded for further steps. ■

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*** Forum on the new EAA website**

On the new EAA website

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a forum has been opened for such discussions. Go in, express your opinion or launch the talk about another subject.



The Epson Performance Evaluation EPE

New data in jumping and throwing events

Quality is the basic rule to succeed, also in the sport. To fulfill the new needs in the future new tools have to be introduced. The Epson Performance Evaluation EPE is a way to get more information during the jumping and throwing events.

Antonio Verga

To be able to provide all the event's information means for venue result and timing services to be fully merged with the venue infrastructures and the broadcasters activity, like to be an integrated component in their operative net.

A new requirement in term of a more homogeneous process to manage all the basis of information capable to provide a TV, Press, Radio and Internet «real time» service.

The quality of the service and the perfect operative integration with all the media, will be the two basic assumptions.

In the coming years, we will need to improve the distribution and the speed of all the statistics and real time information related to the venue results inside the venue stadium with an efficient, flexible and affordable networking system that will drive all the data to different users categories: press, photoreporters, Radio commentators and TV commentators

For the first time in Seville, Epson started to use the Epson's ND-2000: with this new CIS (Commentary Information System) machines, we revolutionised how to provide real time information to the TV commentators and to all the other people to whom the information must be addressed.

The newer ND-3000, which will be used this season for TV, Radio and partly for



The written Press allows more interactivity and is another step forward in the development of this service. With the CIS real time data like start lists and results as well as venue, event and athletes' historical data can be provided.

More information from field events

Now we need a new system to get from the competition field all the information, for instance the path of a flying body, objects and tools, that has never been used or parameterised since today, but are so precious for the television audience.

Epson has developed a new technology the Epson Performance Evaluation (EPE) able to provide in real-time athlete's per-

formance evaluation in the following disciplines:

- Long Jump
- Triple Jump
- Shot Put
- Discus
- Hammer
- Javelin

With the EPE system, Epson will provide to the spectators in the stadium local as well as to the TV spectators a new graphic way to comment some disciplines with a new more and more exciting rhythm, giving also to the large TV audience the possibility to understand better the athletes' performance by an athletic-technical point of view.

EPE is a new system to get from the competition field all the information that since today have never been used or parameterised, but which are so precious for the television audience.

EPE will relate to the actual production as the Epson CIS does to the old passive Commentator's monitors: it will add interaction. New interaction between the TV audience and the athlete performance will allow more in depth understanding by more people.

EPE is the right device to give to the Sport TV and Radio Commentators a new impressive boost to their possibility to comment the event. For example in the triple jump discipline the information how the athlete performs the two intermediate jumps (never measured before) will add a new attractive face to this sport.

The essential feeling of a live sport event is related to the emotions. So we have to give respect to the «holy» live transmissions but, on the other hand, we cannot forget the importance to inform the audience about the performance technical

data: the only real way on which the athletes could reach the podium.

So, from the emotions to the understanding is the direction through which EPE could close the round of the audience interests without compromising the true nature of a sport event.

From a television point of view during a sport event, especially in Athletics, two main situations concern the most TV directors and producers: the dull period when two ore more different field events going on simultaneously are not generating results and, due to their secondary profile, the athletes cannot attract the interest of the audience and the time before the official measurement is released.

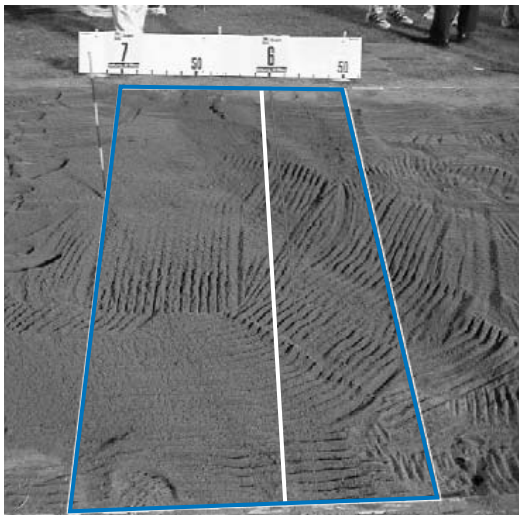
The first issue see the wide usage of the digital replay, as far as the second one is concerned the EPE is the perfect device to maintain at a high level the audience interest giving to the TV spectators a fast and precise idea of the ranking that the athlete who has just done his performance could reach.

On the ideal play field there should be only athletes, judges and the strictly indispensable number of technical people. Sometimes the playfield seems to be more like a «dancing arena» than like what it must to be: the site in which athletes could perform their performance as better as they can do.

We do not like to add more equipment and people, and if due technical constraint we might be obliged to adopt in-field devices, then we prefer to move to the installation of only few selected technical devices that are operated through a remote control system by technicians that stay outside the playfield.

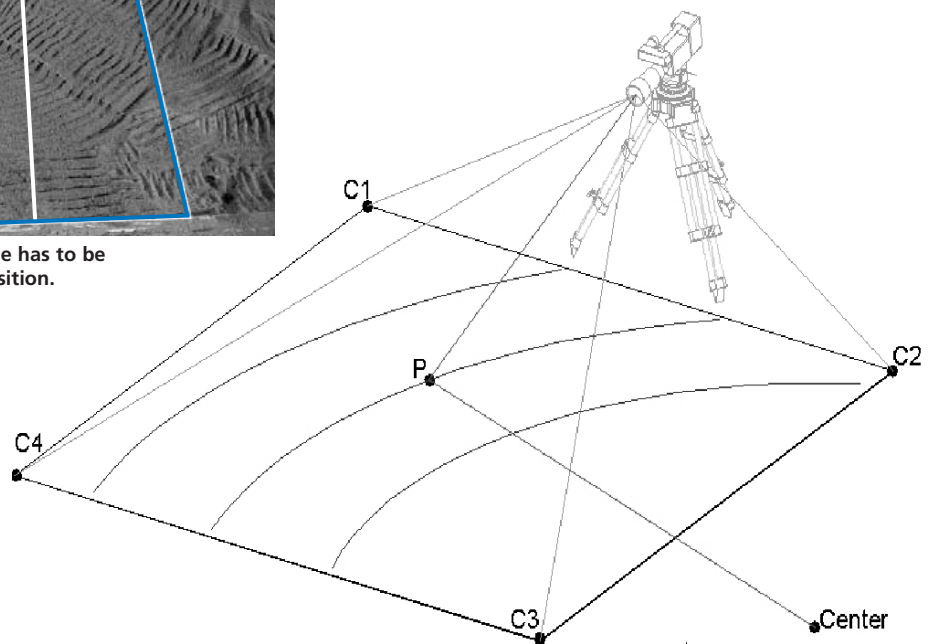
To understand does not mean that we intend to oblige the TV audience to do something boring, at the opposite we intend to provide new data that could attract the audience interest. ■

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On the screen a digital line has to be moved on the landing position.

The four points C1 - C4 give the basis for the measurement.



The triple jump finals in Edmonton

During the World Championships 2001 in Edmonton measurements with the EPE were done in Long Jump and Triple Jump. As an additional information to the official performance (one distance), the three intermediate jumps have been taken. As an example here are the details of the triple jump finals.

Men					
Rank / Athlete	Attempt	1	2	3	Result
1st Jonathan Edwards (GBR)	1	595	497	592	1684
	3	597	543	652	1792
	5	562	512	622	1696
2nd Christian Olsson (SWE)	1	553	521	325	1399
	2	588	532	608	1728
	3	568	524	655	1747
	4	578	531	580	1689
	5	562	512	622	1696
3rd Igor Spasovkhodskiy (RUS)	1	575	498	606	1679
	2	581	456	632	1669
	3	545	495	597	1637
	4	578	531	580	1689
	5	620	513	611	1744
	6	587	475	626	1688
4th Yoel Garcia (CUB)	1	591	507	608	1706
	2	590	557	593	1740
	3	587	496	623	1706
	4	584	533	606	1723
	5	573	513	636	1722
	6	557	554	623	1734
5th Walter Davis (USA)	1	588	516	616	1720
	2	621	522	575	1718
	3	597	497	611	1705
	4	625	462	356	1443
	5	594	467	599	1660
	6	625	432	635	1692
6th Brian Wellman (BER)	1	566	494	509	1569
	2	558	558	565	1681
	3	557	529	553	1639
7th Onochie Achike (GBR)	1	593	475	607	1675
	2	612	456	599	1667
	3	597	481	601	1679
	4	614	456	607	1677
	5	606	418	524	1548
	6	628	442	604	1674
8th Rostislav Dimitrov (BUL)	1	555	500	569	1624
	2	571	487	592	1650
	3	575	508	587	1670
	4	591	543	538	1672
	5	571	478	598	1647
	6	571	478	598	1647

in bold = best jump
in bold and italic = best distance in this segment

Women					
Rank / Athlete	Attempt	1	2	3	Result
1st Tatyana Lebedeva (RUS)	1	513	420	578	1511
	2	530	415	548	1493
	6	552	421	552	1525
2nd Françoise Mbango Etone (CMR)	1	456	437	533	1426
	2	481	423	539	1443
	4	488	419	516	1423
	5	465	426	553	1444
	6	485	423	552	1460
	6	485	423	552	1460
3rd Tereza Marinova (BUL)	1	496	406	534	1436
	2	520	402	536	1458
	3	495	412	526	1433
	4	486	389	537	1412
	5	502	421	531	1454
	6	507	438	512	1457
4th Magdelin Martinez (ITA)	1	504	383	565	1452
	2	474	356	553	1383
	3	505	368	531	1404
	5	500	419	510	1429
	6	498	375	555	1428
	6	517	417	494	1428
5th Heli Koivula (FIN)	1	474	363	533	1370
	2	497	358	530	1385
	3	515	380	519	1414
	5	502	369	534	1405
	6	517	417	494	1428
	6	517	417	494	1428
6th Cristina Nicolau (ROM)	2	494	368	547	1409
	3	483	392	535	1410
	4	485	380	552	1417
	5	466	373	555	1394
	6	494	345	393	1232
	6	494	345	393	1232
7th Ashia Hansen (GBR)	1	484	428	488	1400
	3	481	413	482	1376
	4	500	423	487	1410
	5	488	430	477	1395
	6	484	406	517	1407
	6	484	406	517	1407
8th Trecia Smith (JAM)	1	464	437	474	1375
	2	507	448	437	1392
	3	491	391	229	1111
	4	491	391	229	1111
	5	482	397	506	1385

in bold = best jump
in bold and italic = best distance in this segment

How EPE works

The EPE is composed of the three basic subsystems:

- the videocamera set
- the digital videorecorder set
- the image processing and measurement computation device

The information path gets the live analogic images from the playfield, convert to it digital and stores all the images in the digital videorecorders, makes one more digital standard conversion to be able to handle the images with a digital workstation and gives the performance information to the Venue Information Network.

All the subsystems are interconnected

also through a control network (by fiberoptic and dedicated multicore copper cables) so the operator can manage all the setting directly from his workplace.

The operative interface is completely located in one workstation video screen so that operator is not requested to follow any other instrument. He can stay perfectly concentrated on his measurement activity and it will be up to the application software to properly manage all the connected devices (i.e. the videorecorders) without obliging to move the operator eyes outside the videoscreen.

Once the picture has been properly captured as described before, the measurement can be done. The way to check the performance depends by the selected discipline application. EPE can provide

performance evaluations using the best solutions and algorithms for any discipline in Athletics, the 1D (linear measurement) is for the long and the triple jump; 2D (linear and radial measurement) will be applied in Javelin, Discus, Shot Put to get the true distance, 3D (orbits) is a dedicated application able to find and describe the orbit made by a flying tool like a Javelin or a Discus.

Before the competition starts the EPE's technician will apply a simple trimming procedure. They will define the precise Cartesian position of the four points C1, C2, C3, C4 and then the movable red line will measure the performance. It is important to note that the red line follows perfectly the «escape lines» geometry, so this line will be angled proportionally with the requested perspective.

A wide range of reports and statistics

EAA Yearbook 01/02 now on sale



The EAA Yearbook with a wide overview on last years athletics in Europe and with lots of addresses, dates and reports is now available.

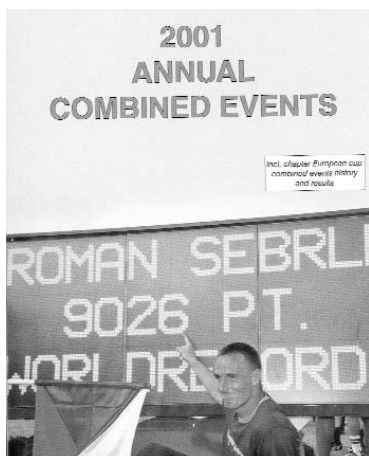
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For the 9th time Hans van Kuijen published the «2001 Annual Combined Events». This informative statistics book will be a valuable reference to the 2001 combined events season and help when organising combined events in 2002.

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New face in EAA event management



Sarah Davies

Sarah Davies joined the EAA team in November 2001 as Event Co-ordinator, working with Joanne Dick in London. Previously she was International Marketing Manager for a marketing research agency.

Sarah has lived and worked in three different countries, starting with six months at University in Paris, and then

six months working in the Burgundy region of France during her 3rd year of University, where she studied European Business/International Marketing. She went from University straight to Japan for two years where she taught English. Upon her return to the UK, Sarah joined the marketing research agency where she worked for two years in its London Head office and was then sent to Singapore for two years where she had marketing co-ordination responsibility for the Asia Pacific Region.

29 year old Sarah (for a few more days!), who lives in London is the daughter of the well known Technical Delegate Keith Davies and has thus grown up surrounded by athletics. She has been a field judge for the past 17 years and always wanted to work within the sport. She said, «Athletics has always been a part of my life - I was never good enough to compete seriously, and judging was the only other way to be involved at the time!». Her new role with the EAA proves there is yet another way! ■

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New Pole Vault world record
Svetlana Feofanova RUS sets in Stuttgart with 4.71 m a new World record (Source: EAA Media Service, 13.02.2002) >>> More ...

Timetable Winter throwing Challenge
The timetable for the European Winter Throwing Challenge in Pula CRO has been published (Source: EAA Office, 13.02.2002) >>> More ...

Team Manual for Vienna available
The Team Manual for the European Indoor Championships in Vienna AUT can be downloaded from the web (Source: EAA Media Service, 13.02.2002) >>> More ...

Media Information 01/02
At least 15 medal winners from last year's World Championships will compete at the European Indoor



More than 600 athletes from 4 countries will compete in the Ferry-Dusika-H in Vienna AUT. For the first time it be sold out
>>> More ...

New EAA website launched
Almost three years after the first release the EAA website has been redesigned and the content got a new structure. Furthermore the address has been changed to www.european-athletics.org. Have a look and enjoy!

International Youth Camp at the European Championships in Athletics 2002

More Nations than in Stuttgart '93

More than 100 up-and-coming athletes from 29 European nations have already confirmed their participation in the International Youth Camp, being held as part of the European Championships in Athletics from 4th to 12th August 2002 in Munich. With that, a new record has been achieved, overtaking the number of countries (27) that

took part in the youth camp during the 1993 World Championships in Stuttgart. The organisers are already claiming «a huge success».

This fantastic response reflects the ongoing commitment of the various athletics associations around Europe, a commitment applauded by the Local Organising Committee of the European Championships, by the German and Bavarian Athletics Associa-

tions as well as by the German and Bavarian Youth Sport associations.

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European Winter Throwing Challenge

The 2nd European Winter Throwing Challenge (EWTC) will be held in the city of Pula CRO, March 9 and 10, 2002.

Day	Time	Event	Group
Day 1	10:00	Hammer Throw (Men)	1st Group
		Discus Throw (Women)	1st Group
	11:45	Hammer Throw (Men)	2nd Group
		Discus Throw (Women)	2nd Group
	14:00	OPENING CEREMONY	
	14:30	Javelin Throw (Women)	1st Group
Shot put (Men)		1st Group	
16:15	Javelin Throw (Women)	2nd Group	
	Shot put (Men)	2nd Group	
Day 2	10:00	Hammer Throw (Women)	1st Group
		Javelin Throw (Men)	1st Group
	11:45	Hammer Throw (Women)	2nd Group
		Javelin Throw (Men)	2nd Group
	14:00	Discus Throw (Men)	1st Group
		Shot put (Women)	1st Group
15:45	Discus Throw (Men)	2nd Group	
	Shot put (Women)	2nd Group	

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World University Cross Country Championships in Santiago de Compostela ESP
www.usc.es/crossuni

World Masters Athletics Championships Non-Stadia 2002 in Riccione ITA
www.riccione2002wma.org

Commonwealth Games 2002 in Manchester GBR
www.commonwealthgames2002.org.uk

World Mountain Running Association WMRA
www.eaa-athletics.ch/wmra

EAA Events 2002

European Indoor Championships in Vienna AUT
www.vienna2002.at

European Winter Throwing Challenge in Pula CRO
has.hr/ewtc2002/

European Championships in Munich GER
www.athletics-ec-2002.com

European Cup of Champions Clubs Cross Country Men Saint-Junien FRA (03 February 2002)

Individual: 1. Garcia Alberto (CA ADIDAS / ESP) 31:30. 2. El Himer Driss (OM / FRA) 31:32. 3. Lebid Sergiy (CS AVO / ITA) 31:34. 4. Henriques Eduardo (MCP / POR) 31:36. 5. Guerra Paulo (MCP / POR) 31:44. 6. Rios Jose (CA ADIDAS / ESP) 31:45. 7. Battocletti Guiliano (CS AVO / ITA) 31:59. 8. Ouaadi M. (OM / FRA) 32:04. 9. Rey Julio (CA ADIDAS / ESP) 32:10. 10. Diaz Mauricio (CA ADIDAS / ESP) 32:15.

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Lebid and Belkacem European Cross Country Champions (09 Dec 2001)

Sergiy Lebid (UKR) 13 seconds ahead of the long time front runner Kamiel Maase (NED) and Yamna Belkacem (FRA) in a close battle with Olga Romanova (RUS) and Justyna Bak (POL) won the 8th SPAR European Cross Country Championships in Thun (SUI).

Men (9.15 km): 1. Sergiy Lebid (UKR) 27:52. 2. Kamiel Maase (NED) 28:05. 3. Antonio Jimenez (ESP) 28:10. 4. Gabriele De Nard (ITA) 28:11. 5. Christian Belz (SUI) 28:12. 6. Sam Haughian (GBR) 28:12. 7. Carlos Adan (ESP) 28:13. 8. Mustapha El Ahmadi (FRA) 28:13. 9. Claes Nyberg (SWE) 28:14. 10. Paulo Guerra (POR) 28:15. - 75 athletes ranked.

Men teams: ESP 40. 2. FRA 50. 3. POR 72. 4. ITA 74. 5. GBR 92. 6. BEL 135. 7. NED 143. 8. RUS 160. 9. SUI 171. 10. IRL 172. - 12 teams ranked.

Women (4.65 km): 1. Yamna Belkacem (FRA) 15:48. 2. Olga Romanova (RUS) 15:49. 3. Justyna Bak (POL) 15:51. 4. Olivera Jevtic (YUG) 15:54. 5. Liz Yelling (GBR) 15:55. 6. Helena Sampaio (POR) 15:55. 7. Ines Monteiro (POR) 15:56. 8. Haley Yelling (GBR) 15:58. 9. Anastasia Zoubova (RUS) 16:01. 10. Analiidia Torre (POR) 16:03. - 80 athletes ranked.

Women teams: 1. POR 41. 2. GBR 49. 3. FRA 66. 4. RUS 71. 5. IRL 116. 6. ROM 137. 7. ESP 138. 8. HUN 140. 9. ITA 145. 10. POL 165. - 13 teams ranked.

Junior Men (6.15 km): 1. Vasyil Matviychuk (UKR) 19:29. 2. Mohamed Farah (GBR) 19:38. 3. Stefano Scaini (ITA) 19:39. 4. Mircea Bogdan (ROM) 19:39. 5. Cosmin Suteu (ROM) 19:43. 6. Adam Bowden (GBR) 19:43. 7. Bruno Saramago (POR) 19:44. 8. Jeremy Pierrat (FRA) 19:45. 9. Javier Guerra (ESP) 19:46. 10. Benoit Charpantier (FRA) 19:52. - 86 athletes ranked.

Junior Men teams: 1. GBR 54. 2. POR 67. 3. FRA 68. 4. ITA 79. 5. ESP 98. 6. IRL 118. 7. BEL 140. 8. BLR 147. 9. GER 172. 10. TUR 175. - 13 teams ranked.

Junior Women (3.15 km): 1. Elvan Abeylegesse (TUR) 10:35. 2. Tatiana Tchoulakh (RUS) 10:53. 3. Snezana Kostic (YUG) 10:54. 4. Inga Abitova (RUS) 11:02. 5. Charlotte Dale (GBR) 11:07. 6. Mieke Geens (BEL) 11:09. 7. Türkan Erisimis (TUR) 11:11. 8. Elina Lindgren (FIN) 11:11. 9. Julie Coulaud (FRA) 11:11. 10. Marina Ivanova (RUS) 11:12. - 83 athletes ranked.

Junior Women teams: 1. RUS 35. 2. GBR 54. 3. TUR 79. 4. FIN 96. 5. FRA 115. 6. ESP 129. 7. GER 147. 8. ROM 154. 9. POR 158. 10. YUG 164. - 15 teams ranked.

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Results of the Questionnaire concerning the Change of date of the SPAR European Cross Country Championships

The EAA launched in the last fall survey Questionnaire concerning the date of the SPAR European Cross Country Championships. The main reason was to evaluate if this event should be moved to a weekend in February. The result didn't give a clear answer. From all countries sending back an answer there was the same number of votes for December and February. Among the nations taking part with teams in more than 50 percents of the events and categories a two third majority voted for December. Therefore no decision is taken yet in the EAA.

Country	Percentage of Participation (Teams)	1st / 2nd Weekend in December	1st / 2nd Weekend in February
ALB	0%		
AND	0%		
ARM	0%		Yes
AUT	27%		Yes
AZE	0%		
BEL	100%		Yes
BIH	0%		Yes
BLR	18%		Yes
BUL	0%		
CRO	23%		
CYP	0%		
CZE	36%		Yes
DEN	36%	Yes	
ESP	100%		Yes
EST	0%		
FIN	41%	Yes	
FRA	86%	Yes	
GBR	100%	Yes	
GEO	0%		
GER	73%	Yes	
GIB	0%		
GRE	0%		
HUN	32%		
IRL	100%	Yes	
ISL	0%		
ISR	5%		Yes
ITA	100%		Yes
LAT	5%		
LIE	0%	Yes	
LTU	5%	Yes	
LUX	0%		
MDA	0%		
MKD	5%		
MLT	0%		
MON	0%		
NED	50%	Yes	
NOR	0%		Yes
POL	9%		
POR	95%		Yes
ROM	64%	Yes	
RUS	55%	Yes	
SLO	50%		Yes
SMR	0%		
SUI	27%		Yes
SVK	0%		
SWE	41%	Yes	
TUR	59%	Yes	
UKR	50%	Yes	
YUG	23%		Yes

	Marked countries with over 50% participation at the EXCH 1994-2000		all countries	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
1st / 2nd Weekend in December	9	64%	14	29%
1st / 2nd Weekend in February	5	36%	14	29%
Outstanding response	0	0%	21	43%

Individual Participation in the European Cross Country Championships

	Men	Women	Junior Men	Junior Women
1994 Alnwick/GBR	101	80	-	-
1995 Alnwick/GBR	103	79	-	-
1996 Charleroi/BEL	100	74	-	-
1997 Oeiras/POR	97	65	65	93
1998 Ferrara/ITA	79	60	78	70
1999 Velenje/SLO	84	62	104	87
2000 Malmö/SWE	86	70	97	86
2001 Thun/SUI	78	84	90	84

André Bucher and Stephanie Graf «European Athletes of the Year»

Two 800m runners from an alpine country won the Waterford Crystal European Athlete of the Year Trophy 2001: World champion André Bucher from Switzerland just hundred points ahead of last year's Trophy winner Jan Zelezny (CZE) and the double silver medalist Stephanie Graf from Austria with a clear margin between 100m world champion Zhanna Pintusevich (UKR). 2217 officials, media representatives, athletes and fans from 48 nations took part in the 9th edition of the election for the European Athlete of the Year, which was held for the third time as an online poll on the EAA website.

Men

1th	André Bucher (SUI)	800m	3807
2th	Jan Zelezny (CZE)	Javelin	3707
3th	Virgilijus Alekna (LTU)	Discus	2674
4th	Robert Korzeniowski (POL)	Walk	2450
5th	Jonathan Edwards (GBR)	Triple Jump	2339
6th	Tomas Dvorak (CZE)	Decathlon	2303
7th	Roman Sebrle (CZE)	Decathlon	2136
8th	Szymon Ziolkowski (POL)	Hammer	1982
9th	Lars Riedel (GER)	Discus	1848
10th	Pawel Czapiewski (POL)	800m	1401

Women

1th	Stephanie Graf (AUT)	800m	3545
2th	Zhanna Pintusevich (UKR)	100m/200m	3219
3th	Gabriela Szabo (ROM)	1500m/3000m	3085
4th	Fiona May (ITA)	Long Jump	2799
5th	Paula Radcliffe (GBR)	10000m/Cross	2599
6th	Kajsa Bergqvist (SWE)	High Jump	2233
7th	Justyna Bak (POL)	3000m steeple	2195
8th	Olga Yegorova (RUS)	3000m/5000m	1855
9th	Inga Babakova (UKR)	High Jump	1645
10th	Violeta Szekely (ROM)	1500m	1599



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EAA Outdoor Permit Meetings

Riga (LAT) new: 31 May (instead of 1 June)

Padova (ITA) new: 1 September (instead of 25 August)

Interview with Wilfrid Spronk, Managing Vice President of the LOC

A birthday highlight

In six months the European Championships in Munich (GER) will be already history. Wilfrid Spronk, Executive Director of Olympiapark München GmbH and Managing Vice President of the LOC, answers some questions.

Nicolas Russi

How are the preparations coming along?

Wilfrid Spronk: We are very satisfied with the current state of progress of the preparations. In certain areas, we would be able to begin with the European Championships as early as tomorrow. In others, we were able to gain new knowledge and have changed the concept - changes we will be able to implement easily, given the time available.

Which particularities will the European Championships in Munich have? What does Munich have that other cities do not have?

I believe that the entire Olympic Park provides an atmosphere that is hard to find in any other city. Our Olympic Park will be one large stage with a market place, a sport and fitness area, the European Nations Square (something particular to Munich), and a children's area called «Mini Munich», not to forget the free open air concerts that will be held every afternoon and evening on the Theatron stage on the Olympic Lake. Moreover, Munich is of course, one of the most attractive European cities with a very wide range of offers that the majority of the visitors will be sure to enjoy.

Will it be one event among many that are held at the Olympic Park?

It would be wrong to say the European Track and Field European Championships is just one of many events. This may be true from a statistical point of view but in reality, things are different. Here, we have the main responsibility for the event and the organization. For us, these European Championships are extremely important, because we have wanted to host them for so long and because 2002 marks the 30th year since the Olympic Games of 1972 took place here. Consequently, we could celebrate the 30th anniversary by holding another major track and field event. You could say, these championships are our big birthday highlight.

Advance sales have already begun. How big is the interest?

By the end of January, we have sold approx. 50.000 tickets - a quite satisfactory number and one that corresponds almost exactly to our expectations. The interest in the European Championships is huge, so we need to make it clear to the public that they should buy their tickets well in advance. We hope that we will not have the situation where there is a major stadium and you are still able to buy entrance tickets on the actual day of the event. We always remind people to buy their tickets in advance.

From August 6 to 11, a total of 46 medal sets will be awarded. Which result would make you most happy?

Such major championships require surprises to remain exciting. I would be every pleased if - as the host country - our athletes would be able to achieve a certain number of positive results. It would also be great to see some surprise medal winners up on the stage. What remains important is that sport at its best will be shown. This would be good for track and field, for the European Championships, and for the spectators. ■



Ticket Sale

Tickets can be ordered at:

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Medal tables in Mountain Running Senior Men and Women

World Mountain Running Trophy 1985 - 2001

Men (17 races individual and team long, 8 races individual and team short)

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
ITA	36	15	10	61
ENG	4	4	9	17
AUT	2	9	4	15
NZL	2	0	2	4
COL	2	0	1	3
SUI	1	9	5	15
FRA	1	8	4	13
USA	1	1	0	2
IRL	1	0	1	2
SCO	0	3	2	5
GER	0	1	3	4
FRG	0	0	7	7
CZE	0	0	1	1
ESP	0	0	1	1
Total	50	50	50	150

Women (17 races individual and team)

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
ITA	8	12	6	26
FRA	8	4	5	17
AUT	5	2	2	9
SUI	4	2	3	9
NZL	2	2	3	7
COL	2	1	0	3
SCO	2	0	3	5
ENG	1	4	3	8
FRG	1	1	2	4
CZE	1	1	1	3
POL	0	2	2	4
GER	0	2	1	3
SVK	0	1	2	3
BEL	0	0	1	1
Total	34	34	34	102

European Mountain Running Trophy 1995 - 2001

Men (7 races individual and team)

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
ITA	10	3	4	17
FRA	2	4	3	9
AUT	2	1	2	5
ENG *	0	3	2	5
SCO *	0	1	0	1
SUI	0	1	0	1
SVK	0	1	1	2
GER	0	0	1	1
POR	0	0	1	1
Total	14	14	14	42

Women (7 races individual and team)

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
ITA	4	2	6	12
SUI	4	1	2	7
FRA	3	3	2	8
POL	2	0	0	2
RUS	1	0	0	1
ENG *	0	3	2	5
GER	0	3	1	4
SCO *	0	2	0	2
BEL	0	0	1	1
Total	14	14	14	42

* This countries have to merge into a British team for the European Mountain Running Championships.

Area Medal Standings

World Youth Championships Debrecen/HUN

Area	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Percentage
AFRICA	5	11	6	22	18,8%
ASIA	6	3	5	14	12,0%
EUROPE	16	13	16	45	38,5%
NACAC	7	10	10	27	23,1%
OCEANIA	4	3	1	8	6,8%
S. AMERICA	1	0	0	1	0,9%
Total	39	40	38	117	100,0%

Countries in Total	34	
European Countries	14	
Percentage of European Countries		41,18%