

# UPDATE



Newsletter of the European Athletic Association

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## European Championships and 100th Council Meeting

# Keep quality with a more professional base

Hansjörg Wirz

The European Athletic family can be proud of the excellent European Championships, which were very well organised by our German friends. Munich, with the Championships and the outstanding facilities in the Olympic stadium presented our sport in an attractive and interesting way and has shown that the host country is a key nation in terms of athletic culture. Even the very rainy weather on some days did not prevent the spectators from being present. The enthusiastic crowd with their outstanding athletic knowledge supported the athletes and assisted them to great performances. In addition the fantastic pictures were delivered by television all over Europe and the excellent viewing figures have proven the wide interest and recognition of our sport.

It is with great pleasure that I express my thanks to all persons and Member Federations as well as to all bodies and companies for the great contribution and support of the European Championships.

The European Championships is the most important competition in our 4 year program. Therefore it is important that we carefully analyse the situation and what this means for the future. Our society is in

a permanent process of change and this fact will also influence our sport. The success of the past does not guarantee the future if the signs are not respected.

Some days ago the Council of the European Athletic Association met for the 100th Council Meeting in Switzerland. The Members celebrated the jubilee on top of a famous Swiss mountain and worked hard in the Council meeting on the future of our federation. In a Presidents' workshop in Florence on the occasion of the Calendar Conference at the end of October several subjects will be discussed. There is no doubt that our sport is well received by the media and the public, on the condition that we achieve an attractive presentation with high quality in all areas. To reach this demanding target our structure has to develop a more professional base in the near future, including more working capacity by respecting our financial resources. Without this step we risk not to keep our strong position in the market and in the view of public opinion.

Any loss in this direction will not allow us to organise such successful Championships in the future as we had in Munich. The consequences will be an influence on the financial background of our federation. The important assistance and support

to our Member Federations will be put in question which is an unacceptable situation. Therefore I ask you all for your support in this matter.

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**100th EAA Council meeting in Interlaken (SUI)**

# Review of a successful year and outlook for the future

**A review of the end of the athletics` season and the outlook for the future were the basic themes for the 100th meeting of the EAA Council. In Interlaken (SUI) in the heart of the Bernese Alps the Council took some decisive steps.**

In a general retrospective and mainly related to the two highlights, the European Indoor and Outdoor Championships, the Council expressed its satisfaction with this year's events. «It was a successful year of European athletics with a high standard and high quality. It gave an excellent reputation and a great image to athletics on our continent», EAA President Hansjörg Wirz summarised the conclusion of the Council's discussions. «We made an outstanding effort and engagement», Wirz said. «Now we have to maintain this standard according to the future requirements.»

The Council analysed the situation and agreed to implement a procedure in which the following matters are touched:

- The centralisation of the staff in one head office
- To increase the working capacity in different fields and to adapt the responsibilities to the future
- To secure the non profit status and solve the related questions re. tax and domicile
- Adapting the communication system to modern requirements
- Handling marketing and event man-

**European Junior Championships 2003 in Tampere**

Additional Entry Standards Junior Men

Shot Put	6 kg	17.50 m
Discus	1.75 kg	52.00 m
Hammer	6 kg	62.50 m

agement in the future and its adaptation to the needs

Beside these important matters for the general internal work of the European Athletic Association, the Council approved the Groupings for the European Cups 2003 and some additional entry standards for the European Junior Championships 2003 in Tampere (see box below).

For next year's events the following candidatures were discussed but not yet finally appointed:

- European 10'000m Challenge: Athens (GRE)
- European Winter Throwing Challenge: Gioia Tauro (ITA)
- European Mountain Running Championships: Monte Bodone (ITA)

**Upcoming dates and deadlines**

**10 February 2003:** Deadline for submitting proposals to the EAA Congress

**16 February 2003:** 101st Council Meeting in Leipzig (GER)

**12 April 2003:** 18th Ordinary EAA Congress in Athens (GRE) with the election of the new Council



**Water from all directions, not only from the Giessbach water falls (from left to the right): Karel Pilny, Agoston Schulek, Till Lufft, Tamara Paul, Giorgios Constantinopoulos, Irena Szewinska**



The EAA Council on top of the Schilthorn and in front of the famous Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau.

Council Member Erika Strasser and Treasurer Karel Pilny enjoy the panoramic view.

**Jubilee Council Meeting - celebration on a summit and on a lake**

# Following in James Bond's footsteps

**A cable car ride to the top of one of the famous summits in the Swiss Alps and a rainy boat trip on the Lake of Brienz was the special program to celebrate the 100th meeting of the EAA Council in Interlaken (SUD).**

As usual James Bond was a bit faster. As he was on the Schilthorn, which was called «Piz Gloria» in the 007 movie «On Her Majesty's Secret Service», as when Bond completed the filming work in Switzerland by April 1969 the European Athletic Association had not yet been founded. It was one year later that the EAA became an independent continental organisation, and it was on 8 November 1970 when the EAA Council met for the first time in Paris.

At 3000m, on top of the Schilthorn, EAA President Hansjörg Wirz gave a speech of thanks to all those engaged in the large work of the past months. «We are now in the mountains. And there, we know, that when climbing to the summit, we often only have the opportunity to go up because there is no way back. It looks

similar for our association. We have to look forward and we have to go the way of the future», Wirz said.

A very good panoramic view over the Swiss Alps and a good glass of wine (not like Bond, who, in the same place drank «Martini, shaken not stirred») was an exciting combination. And the very experienced travellers took note that a cable car ride into a cloud has no effects, the opposite to a flight in the same conditions.

On Sunday the Hotel Giessbach surrounded by water falls was, despite the bad weather, again a very special place to go. And the guests from all over Europe learned that it is not just the Swiss railway but also the Swiss boats which keep a strict eye on timely departures...



Antonios G. Dracos during the cable car ride with the Eiger as a special background.

## First Council meeting in Paris

The 1st meeting of the EAA Council was held on Sunday, 8 November 1970, in Paris and was led by President Adriaan Paulen. It started at 9.20 am and ended at 0.20 pm (!). The sixteen members of the Council elected L. Khomenkov as Vice President, granted the 3rd European Indoor Championships 1972 to Grenoble (FRA), elected the Jury of Appeal for several events and set the entry standards for the European Indoor Championships 1971. Beside that the Council decided to appoint an European Competition Rules Advisory Panel and discussed the Congress wish to appoint an ad-hoc Commission for Juniors. The Council decided not to follow this request but to ask the Federations if they want changes in the rules for the Junior Championships and whether they are in favour of official European Junior Records. It is interesting to read that «everybody is aware of the impossibility to end to a standardization in all European countries». The 100 Council meetings were held in 31 countries and 58 different cities. Once the EAA Council had an official meeting outside of Europe, on 17 July 1976 in Montreal (CAN). Budapest, Rome and Helsinki are the leaders hosting the EAA Council.





## Internet Poll for the «Waterford Crystal European Athlete of the Year

# Munich winners and record holders

**For the 10th time the European Athletic Association will award the best female and male athlete of the outgoing season with the Waterford Crystal European Athlete of the Year Trophy. The internet poll on [www.european-athletics.org](http://www.european-athletics.org) is open for everybody until 15 December and some prizes can be won.**

Two times 15 athletes are proposed as candidates for the «Waterford Crystal European Athlete of the Year Trophy 2002». Among them 25 European Champions, three World and seven new European record holders. Although based on objective criteria there may be subjective feelings. The vote is fully open, and other names can be added in the voting form.

This year the procedure of counting the votes has been slightly changed. The opinions will first be counted by country and then the country results added to the final results. So, the so called «national buyers», known for instance from figure skating judges, will have less influence on the final ranking. ■

## Candidates Men

**Steve Backley (GBR):** Won his 4th consecutive European title in the javelin with 88.54, 3rd best world performer of the year.

**Dwain Chambers (GBR):** Won the 100 m European title (9.96). Later equalled the European record (9.87). On four occasions, ran under 10.00 seconds.

**Stéphane Diagana (FRA):** Won the 400 m hurdles European title with 47.58, 3rd best world and leading European mark of the year.

**Jonathan Edwards (GBR):** World leader in the triple jump (17.86), European silver medalist and winner of the World Cup.

**Róbert Fazekas (HUN):** This years world leader (71.70/4th best world performer of all-time), European champion (68.83) and the World Cup winner (71.25) in the discus.

**Francisco Javier Fernández (ESP):** Set a Championship record of 1:18:37 to win the European title in 20km Walk. Earlier, smashed the world best with a time of 1:17:22.

**Colin Jackson (GBR):** Won his 4th consecutive European title in 110 hurdles with 13.11, leading European mark of the year. Earlier in the season, won the European indoor 60 m hurdles title (7.40).

**Konstantinos Kenteris (GRE):** Ran a personal best of 19.85 to win the European 200 title. 2nd best European performer of all-time, equal world best mark of the year.

**Wilson Kipketer (DEN):** The European 800 m champion (1:47.25). World year leader with 1:42.32.

**Robert Korzeniowski (POL):** Set a world record of 3:36:39 in 50km Walk to retain his European title.

**Sergey Makarov (RUS):** World leader in the javelin with 92.61, 3rd best world performer of all-time. Silver medalist in the European Championships (88.05) and World Cup winner.

**Christian Olsson (SWE):** The European champion in the triple jump, indoors (17.54) and out (17.53). Set a European indoor record (17.80). No. 3 on the world and European outdoor year list with 17.64.

**Roman Sebrle (CZE):** Won the European decathlon title (8800 pts). Lost once in four decathlons, scoring 8800, 8701 and 8800, top-three totals of the year. Earlier in the season, won the European indoor heptathlon title.

**Ingo Schultz (GER):** European 400 m winner in 400 with 45.14. European year leader (44.86).

**Simon Vroemen (NED):** Set a European record of 8:06.91 in 3000 steeple. Narrowly lost the European title (8:24.45 – 8:24.34).

## Trophy 2002»

## Win a trip to Leipzig

All participants of the vote have the opportunity to win special prizes. There will be a draw among those participants having the correct rankings given or have the most athletes in the right position.

## PRIZES

**1st prize:** A weekend trip (Friday - Sunday, 14 - 16 February 2003) to the European Indoor Cup in Leipzig/GER, including flights, hotel accommodation in a double room, tickets for the event and invitation to the banquet with the Award ceremony.

**2nd prize:** A Seiko watch

**3rd to 6th prize:** EAA Polo-Shirt

Candidates  
Women

**Glory Alozie (ESP):** European 100 m hurdles title winner with 12.73. European year leader (12.60).

**Süreyya Ayhan (TUR):** In her late season debut, won the European 1500 title with 3:58.79. Later ran 3:57.75, leading world mark of the year. Undefeated in five races, including the World Cup.

**Kajsa Bergqvist (SWE):** Year leader (2.05/equal-3rd best outdoor performer of all-time) and the European high jump champion (1.98).

**Jolanda Ceplak (SLO):** The European 800 m title winner, indoors (1:55.82/ world indoor record) and out (1:57.65). World year leader with 1:55.19.

**Svetlana Feofanova (RUS):** Won the European title in the pole vault, indoors (4.75/indoor world record) and out (4.60). Set outdoor European records of 4.76 and 4.78, 2nd best mark of all-time.

**Muriel Hurtis (FRA):** Won the European title in 200, indoors (22.52) and out (22.43). No.2 on the European year list in 100 (10.96) and 200.

**Olimpiada Ivanova (RUS):** Set a Championship best of 1:26:42, the leading world mark of the year in 20km Walk, to win the European title.

**Irina Korzhanenko (RUS):** European champion in the shot put with a world-leading 20.64 and World Cup winner.

**Tatyana Kotova (RUS):** Won the European Cup in the long jump with 7.42, 5th best performer of all-time, the world's longest jump for eight years. Also won the European title (6.85) and the World Cup (6.85).

**Olga Kuzenkova (RUS):** Year leader (73.07) and the European champion (72.94) in the hammer throw.

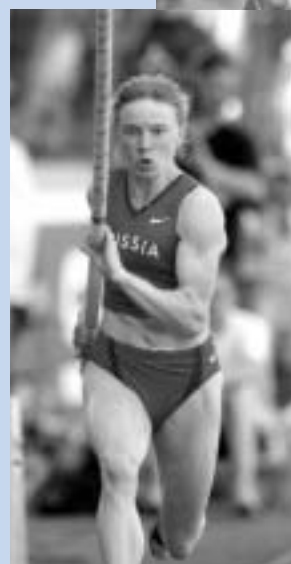
**Mirela Manjani (GRE):** Set a Championship record of 67.47, world best mark of the year in the javelin, to win the European title.

**Yuliya Pechyonkina (RUS):** Won European and World Cup 400 hurdles (53.38/53.74). Earlier ran 53.10, leading world mark of the year, 4th best European performer of all-time.

**Paula Radcliffe (GBR):** Won the Commonwealth Games title in 5000(14:31.42/5th best performer of all-time) and the European title in 10000 (30:01.09/2nd best mark of all-time), both leading world marks of the year. In her debut early in the year, she won the London marathon in 2:18:56, the 2nd best mark of all-time.

**Gabriela Szabo (ROM):** Set a European record of 8:21.42 in 3000, 5th best world performer of all-time. Silver medallist in the European Championships in 1500 (3:58.81). Later improved her year best to 3:58.78. Also ran 14:34.29 in 5000, 3rd best world mark of the year.

**Alesya Turova (BLR):** In her first-ever 3000 steeple race, set a world record of 9:21.72. Later improved her record to 9:16.51.



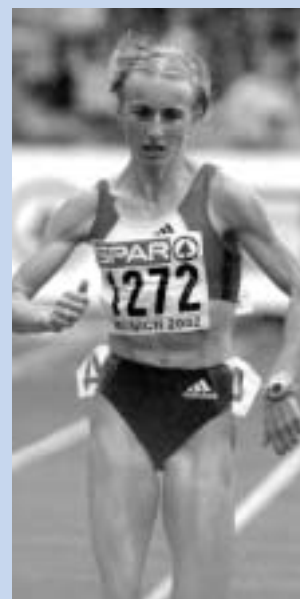
## European Athletes 1993 - 2000

## Men

1993	Linford Christie	GBR
1994	Colin Jackson	GBR
1995	Jonathan Edwards	GBR
1996	Jan Zelezny	CZE
1997	Wilson Kipketer	DEN
1998	Jonathan Edwards	GBR
1999	Tomás Dvorak	CZE
2000	Jan Zelezny	CZE
2001	André Bucher	SUI

## Women

1993	Sally Gunnell	GBR
1994	Irina Privalova	RUS
1995	Sonia O'Sullivan	IRL
1996	Svetlana Masterkova	RUS
1997	Astrid Kumbernuss	GER
1998	Christine Arron	FRA
1999	Gabriela Szabo	ROM
2000	Trine Hattestad	NOR
2001	Stephanie Graf	AUT







## World Cup

# Results Team Europe

MEN'S TEAM					
Event	Pos.	Poin.	Athlete	Country	Mark
100 m	3	7	Obikwelu Francis	POR	10.09
200 m	1	9	Obikwelu Francis	POR	20.18
400 m	9	1	Szeglet Zsolt	HUN	46.26
800 m	4	6	Bucher André	SUI	1:45.31
1500 m	3	7	Baala Mehdi	FRA	3:38.04
3000 m	7	3	Lebid Sergiy	UKR	8:08.65
5000 m	3	7	Sghyr Ismail	FRA	13:32.82
110 m Hurdles	3	7	Olijars Stanislavs	LAT	13.58
400 m Hurdles	4	6	Muzik Jiri	CZE	49.28
3000 m Steeple	5	5	Vroemen Simon	NED	8:36.06
High Jump	1	9	Rybakov Yaroslav	RUS	2.31
Pole Vault	-	0	Averbukh Aleksandr	ISR	NM
Long Jump	7	3	Lukashevych Olexiy	UKR	7.83
Triple Jump	3	7	Olsson Christian	SWE	17.05
Shot Put	5	5	Bilonog Yuriy	UKR	19.88
Discus Throw	1	9	Fazekas Robert	HUN	71.25
Hammer	1	9	Annus Adrián	HUN	80.93
Javelin Throw	1	9	Makarov Sergey	RUS	86.44
4x100 m	4	6	(Vasyukov Kostyantyn, Rurak Kostyantyn, Dovgal Anatolij, Kaydash Oleksandr)	UKR	38.86
4x400 m	-	0	(Kaydash Oleksandr, van Branteghem Cedric, Obikwelu Francis, Blaha Karel)	UKR BEL POR CZE	DO

WOMEN'S TEAM					
Event	Pos.	Poin.	Athlete	Country	Mark
100 m	8	2	Gevaert Kim	BEL	11.41
200 m	2	8	Hurtis Muriel	FRA	22.78
400 m	4	6	McConnell Lee	GBR	50.82
800 m	3	7	Ceplak Jolanda	SLO	1:59.42
1500 m	1	9	Ayhan Sureyya	TUR	4:02.57
3000 m	2	8	Szabo Gabriela	ROM	8:50.89
5000 m	3	7	Pavey Joanne	GBR	15:20.10
100 m Hurdles	4	6	Krasovska Olena	UKR	13.07
400 m Hurdles	4	6	Tirlea Ionela	ROM	56.17
High Jump	2	8	Bergqvist Kajsa	SWE	2.02
Pole Vault	5	5	de Wit Monique	NED	4.20
Long Jump	4	6	Johnson Jade	GBR	6.41
Triple Jump	2	8	Hansen Ashia	GBR	14.32
Shot Put	4	6	Pavlysh Vita	UKR	19.06
Discus Throw	2	8	Vöggöli Ekaterini	GRE	61.77
Hammer	5	5	Skolimowska Kamila	POL	65.24
Javelin Throw	3	7	Ingberg Mikaela	FIN	60.08
4x100 m	4	6	(Combe Delphine, Hurtis Muriel, Dia Fabe, Sidibé Odiah)	FRA	43.30
4x400 m	5	5	(Prokopek Grazyna, Yefremova Antonina, Usovich Svetlana, McConnell Lee)	POL UKR BLR GBR	3:29.21

## More TV hours than at the last five championships

The 18th European Championships had more TV coverage than the previous five editions of this event. This is the result of a first provisional overview on the TV figures. During the six competition days in Munich 1083 hours of TV transmission were produced; 992 hours on terrestrial networks and 91 hours on satellite channels.

### Total hours of TV coverage

Athens 1982	(7 Days)	348h 43'
Stuttgart 1986	(6 Days)	534h 07'
Split 1990	(6 Days)	600h 31'
Helsinki 1994	(8 Days)	1.062h 09'
Budapest 1998	(6 Days)	930h 49'
Munich 2002	(6 Days)	1.083h 23'

## Record TV coverage for the SPAR European Cup

The SPAR European Cup in Anney had a record TV coverage of more than 82 hours. It was broadcast in 9 European countries on terrestrial networks, reaching over 55 million cumulative viewers, as well as on the pan-European network, Eurosport. Eurosport is broadcast in 54 countries throughout Europe and reaches a potential viewing audience of 250 million.

### Total hours of TV coverage

Madrid 1996	42h
Munich 1997	62h
St. Petersburg 1998	39h
Paris 1999	42h
Gateshead 2000	46h
Bremen 2001	38h
Anney 2002	82h

**Europe - convincing (again) not just from an organisational point of view**

# European cross country has new strength

**A look at the cross country calendar proves it: Cross Country takes place mainly in Europe. World Championships were held in Belfast, Vilamoura, Ostende, Dublin - and at the end of March 2003 in Lausanne. On the IAAF Cross Country Circuit, besides Chiba in Japan and Nairobi in Kenya all the races are located in Europe.**

**Wilfried Raatz**

In international races it is mostly runners from Africa who are winning, Kenyans, Ethiopians, Moroccans ... and other nations from Africa are approaching the top level. But the results also show another development, the Europeans are coming back stronger. The successes of Paula Radcliffe (GBR), Sergey Lebid (UKR) and Paulo Guerra (POR) are proving that the sport's home continent has a new strength.

One reason for this may be the introduction of continental cross country events. Those attending the last SPAR European Cross Country Championships in Thun with 360 athletes and 27 nations witnessed a certain resurgence. About 10'000 spectators around the course on an army ground created an exciting atmosphere. Transponder chips for the timing and ranking, Touch Screens for the media with online data service and a 70m2 giant video screen with live coverage of the races were some of the newer

elements which brought the quality of this event to a high level.

«Looking at the strong concurrence in the market by other sports we cannot leave it to chance that this sport remains interesting for general sports fans», EAA General Secretary Till Lufft said. Some months later at the European Indoor Championships in Vienna as well as at the Outdoors in Munich the development continued yet further. Athletics becomes very popular once more, with a more modern approach.

Like at the SPAR European Cross Country Championships in Velenje (SLO) the organisers in Medulin in Croatia will show at the 9th championships the newly acquired power of countries from the former Yugoslavia. But the organisation is just one side, self confidence and the high level progression are others.

Strong fields in Thun proved the value of this event, which quickly became a very important meeting of the top European runners. Even if athletes like Paula Radcliffe or John Brown are not taking part and for some athletes the regeneration after a marathon takes priority, the value is still inherent.

We need just to ask if the date in early December is the right one. Especially after a long and hard season which includes some road running highlights in September and October. Maybe a move into early March within the preparation period for the world championships would be the right step?

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Cross Country European Championship 2001 in Thun (Switzerland).

## Groupings European Cup Combined Events

### Super League

**Bressanone (ITA)** 05/06 July

#### Qualified teams

##### Men

Austria  
Czech Republic (+)  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Italy (+)  
Russia  
Ukraine

#### Qualified teams

##### Women

Belarus  
Czech Republic  
France (+)  
Germany  
Greece (+)  
Poland  
Russia  
Ukraine

### First League

**Tallinn (EST)** 05/06 July

#### Qualified teams

##### Men

Estonia (+)  
Gr. Britain & N.I. (+)  
Hungary (-)  
Latvia  
Netherlands (-)  
Poland  
Spain  
Switzerland

#### Qualified teams

##### Women

Estonia  
Finland  
Gr. Britain & N.I. (-)  
Italy (-)  
Lithuania (+)  
Netherlands  
Portugal (+)  
Sweden

### Second League

**Maribor (SLO)** 05/06 July

#### Qualified teams

##### Men

Belarus (-)  
Greece (-)  
Norway  
Sweden  
Slovenia  
Slovak Republic  
Lithuania  
Denmark  
Belgium

#### Qualified teams

##### Women

Switzerland (-)  
Belgium (-)  
Spain  
Hungary  
Austria  
Slovenia  
Latvia  
Denmark

#### Individuals

Croatia  
Cyprus  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Moldova  
Portugal  
Romania  
Turkey  
Yugoslavia

#### Individuals

Croatia  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Israel  
Norway  
Slovak Republic  
Turkey

+ promoted / - relegated

# The European Cups 2003

## SPAR European Cup

**Florence (ITA)** 21/21 June

#### Qualified teams MEN

France  
Germany  
Great Britain & N.I.  
Greece (+)  
Italy  
Poland  
Russia  
Spain (+)

#### Qualified teams WOMEN

France  
Germany  
Great Britain & N.I.  
Greece (+)  
Italy  
Romania  
Russia  
Spain (+)

### First League

**Lappeenranta (FIN)** 21/22 June

## A

#### Qualified teams Men

Belarus (+)  
Belgium  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Estonia (+)  
Finland (-)  
Hungary  
Norway

#### Qualified teams Women

Belarus  
Belgium (+)  
Czech Republic  
Finland  
Hungary  
Ireland (+)  
Lithuania (+)  
Poland (-)

**Velenje (SLO)** 21/22 June

## B

#### Qualified teams Men

Bulgaria (+)  
Israel (+)  
Netherlands  
Portugal  
Slovak Republic  
Slovenia  
Sweden  
Ukraine (-)

#### Qualified teams Women

Bulgaria  
Netherlands  
Portugal  
Slovak Republic  
Slovenia  
Ukraine (-)  
Sweden  
Yugoslavia (+)

### Second League

**Aarhus (DEN)** 21/22 June

## A

#### Qualified teams Men

AASSE\*  
Austria (-)  
Iceland  
Latvia  
Luxembourg  
Switzerland (-)  
Ireland  
Lithuania (-)

#### Qualified teams Women

AASSE\*  
Austria  
Iceland  
Latvia (-)  
Luxembourg  
Switzerland (-)  
Norway (-)  
Denmark

**Istanbul (TUR)** 21/22 June

## B

#### Qualified teams Men

Albania  
Armenia  
Azerbaijan  
Bosnia Herzegovina  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
FYR of Macedonia  
Georgia  
Moldavia  
Turkey  
Romania (-)  
Yugoslavia

#### Qualified teams Women

Albania  
Armenia  
Azerbaijan  
Bosnia Herzegovina  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
FYR of Macedonia  
Georgia  
Moldavia  
Turkey (-)  
Estonia  
Israel

AASSE\* =Athletic Association of the Small States of Europe

+ promoted / - relegated



## 57th European Calendar Conference

Florence (ITA), 24 – 27 October 2002  
Hotel «Sheraton Firenze»

### Programme

(as at 08 October 2002)

Date	Event	Room
<b>Thursday, 24 Oct.</b>		
09.00 – 12.00	EAA Competition Committee Meeting	Studio del Cavalcanti
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
13.00 – 16.00	IAAF Golden League Working Group Meeting	tba
14.00 – 17.00	EAA Competition Committee Meeting	Studio del Cavalcanti
17.30 – 18.30	EAA Officers' Meeting	Studio del Donatello
<b>Friday, 25 Oct.</b>		
09.00 – 17.00	EAA Calendar Conference	Salone del Pisano
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 17.00	IAAF World Rankings Sub Group	tba
16.00 – 18.00	Balkan Athletic Association Meeting	Sala del Pollaiuolo
16.00 – 19.00	Euro Meetings General Assembly	Sala del Colonnato
17.00 – 19.00	Nordic Meeting	Sala del Cavalcanti
17.00 – 19.00	Meeting WG ECCC Affairs	Studio del Donatello
19.00 – 20.00	EAA Welcome Cocktail for new Presidents/General Secretaries of EAA Members	Foyer dei Sommi
20.30	Dinner (hosted by the LOC and the City of Florence) (by invitation)	tba
<b>Saturday, 26 Oct.</b>		
09.15 – 12.30	Workshop of EAA Federation Presidents and/or General Secretaries	Sala dell'Alighieri
10.00 – 13.00	Head Coaches' Meeting	Sala del Macchiavelli
13.15	Press Conference (followed by Press Cocktail)	tba
15.00 – 16.30	EAA Marketing & Communication Committee Meeting	Studio del Cavalcanti
15.00 – 19.00	European Mountain Running Commission Meeting	Studio del Donatello
17.00 - 18.00	EAA Office's Meeting	Studio del Cavalcanti
20.30	EAA Dinner (by invitation)	Ristorante Sabbatini

EAA Office	Studio della Quercia
EAA Meeting Room	Room- Studio del Donatello
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Storage	Studio del Giotto

## President Workshop and Head Coaches Meeting

**The 57th Calendar Conference in Florence is not only the common opportunity to arrange matches and fix competition dates but also to have committee and other meetings. This time, two special meetings will be held on Saturday, 26 October: A workshop for the Member Federations' Presidents and/or General Secretaries and a Head Coaches Meeting.**

Both are mainly used to get a wide input and a deep discussion about important matters. Meanwhile the presidents are talking about the EAA itself, the structure and tasks as well as events in a general way, the head coaches will touch some specified aspects of the competitions.

### The program for the President Workshop

- Organisation of the EAA events
- The European Cup
- The Future of the EAA
- Constitution Rules
- EU and influence on sport
- The Antidoping Working Group
- EAA and IAAF Congress 2003

### The program for the Head Coaches Meeting

- Study of the EAA Calendar 2003/04/05
- EAA Cross Country Championships dates in the future
- Structure of the heats/semifinals & qualification rounds at the EAA Championships
- Study of the proposal of the Women's Committee. Change of the Women's events (increase the height of the hurdles and the weight of the implements)
- Coaches integration in the Competition Committee

# Figures Facts & Figures

## EAA Directory Changes

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## Look at the new stadium in Florence

On September 24th it was one year since the workers started to wreck the «Stadio militare» in Florence (ITA), which was built in the thirties. On this place now the new athletics stadium, where the SPAR European Cup 2003 will be held, is under construction. The stadium «Campo di Marte» costs approx. 13.5 mio. EUR and will have a capacity of 8000 seats, among them 7400 covered.



## EAA Outdoor Permit Meetings

Date	City	Country
23.05.	Kyiv	UKR
24.-25.05.	Maribor CE	SLO
31.05.	Ljubljana	SLO
31.05.	Kalamata	GRE
04.06.	Cottbus	GER
07.06.	Istanbul	TUR
09.06.	Chania	GRE
12.06.	Riga	LAT
14.06.	Warszawa	POL
17.06.	Tartu	EST
25.06.	Luzern	SUI
26.6.	Strasbourg	FRA
28.06.	Funchal	POR
....07. tbd	Padova	ITA
05.07.	Cork	IRL
06.07.	Rethymno	GRE
12.07.	Gdansk	POL
13.07.	Lapinlahti	FIN
15.07.	Salamanca	ESP
15.07.	Salamanca	ESP
26.07.	Amsterdam	NED
27.07.	München	GER
29.07.	Tallinn	EST
03.08.	Lappeenranta	FIN
09.08.	San Sebastian	ESP
10.08.	Poznan	POL
16.08.	Nitra	SVK
10.09.	Rovereto	ITA

## EAA Indoor Permit Meetings

Date	City	Country
26.01.	Samara	RUS
02.02.	Lódz	POL
09.02.	Donetsk	UKR
12.02.	Moscow	RUS
15.-16.02.	Tallinn	EST

## EAA Walking Permit Meetings

Date	City	Country
01.03.	Douglas, Isle of Man	GBR
29.03.	Dudince	SVK
12.04.	Rio Maior	POR
13.04.	Naumburg	GER
26.04.	Leamington	GBR
01.05.	Sesto San Giovanni	ITA
07.06.	La Coruna	ESP
14.06.	Krakow	POL
12.07.	Dublin	IRL
07.09.	Druskininkai	LTU

## Evaluation EAA Outdoor Meetings 02

based on IAAF Scoring Tables of Athletics, 2002 edition by Bojidar Spiriev

1	Vardinoyiannia	Rethymno/GRE	07.07	83455
2	Golden Spike of Agrofert	Ostrava/CZE	12.06	82746
3	San Sebastian City G.P. Reebok Trophy	San Sebastian/ESP	20.08	82243
4	Spitzen Leichtathletik	Luzern/SUI	26.06	82091
5	Zywiec Cup 2002	Poznan/POL	18.08	82031
6	Memorial Josefa Odlozila	Prague/CZE	17.06	82011
7	Venezelia	Chania/GRE	30.06	81543
8	Meeting Madrid 2012	Madrid/ESP	03.07	81519
9	Night of Athletics	Heusden/BEL	20.07	81486
10	Balt 2002	Gdansk/POL	27.07	81384
11	Papaflessia	Kalamata/GRE	01.06	80983
12	38th Palio Citta della Quercia	Rovereto/ITA	28.08	80954
13	Meeting Citta di Padova	Padova/ITA	01.09	79909
14	Janusz Kusocinski Memorial	Warsaw/POL	16.06	79439
15	51st Cork City Games	Cork/IRL	06.07	78787
16	13. Int. Lausitzer LA-Meeting	Cottbus/GER	01.06	78391
17	XXX G.P. Dip. de Salamanca	Salamanca/ESP	10.07	78242
18	Tallinn 2002	Tallinn/EST	21.07	77707
19	Olympic Champion Prizes	Kiev/UKR	25.05	77562
20	Evli Karelia Games	Lappeenranta/FIN	18.08	77560
21	38th Gustav Sule Memorial	Tartu/EST	02.06	77062
22	VIII Meeting Int. of Madeira	Funcial/POR	29.06	76729
23	Savo Games	Lapinlahti/FIN	14.07	75206
24	Riga 2002	Riga/LAT	01.06	74842
25	EAA Ljubljana 2002	Ljubljana/SLO	02.06	74495
26	57th Cezmi Or Memorial	Istanbul/TUR	08.06	73898
27	Nitra 2002	Nitra/SVK	24.08	71293

### Notes:

- The Meeting DNA Strasbourg (29 June) did not meet the requirements for scoring having less than 14 scoring events in the programme.
- The EAA International Combined Events Meeting in Maribor/SLO cannot be scored with IAAF Scoring Tables of Athletics.
- The Meetings: Zeiss – Olympischer Tag in Jena/GER, 36th World Formia Meeting and the Grand Prix Yugoslavia in Belgrade Athletics were cancelled.
- The ranking of each Meeting has been calculated by adding the top 5 performances in the best 14 events plus the two next best scoring performances bringing the total number of performances considered for evaluation to 72. Walk and combined events are not considered.

## European Outdoor Records ratified by the EAA Council

Men					
100m	9.87	Dwain Chambers	GBR	Paris	14.09.
3000m SC	8:06.91	Simon Vroemen	NED	Monaco	19.07.
Women					
3000m	8:21.42	Gabriela Szabo	ROM	Monaco	19.07.
10000m	30:01.09	Paula Radcliffe	GBR	München	06.08.
3000m SC	9:22.29	Justine Bak	POL	Milano	05.06.
	9:21.72	Alesja Turova	BLR	Ostrava	12.06.
	9:16.51	Alesja Turova	BLR	Gdansk	27.07.
Pole Vault	4.77	Annika Becker	GER	Wattenscheid	07.07.
5000m Walk	20:02.60	Gillian O'Sullivan	IRL	Dublin	13.07.
U23 Women					
3000m SC	9:53.20	Sigrid Vanden Bempt	BEL	81 Leuven	18.05.
Pole Vault	4.77	Annika Becker	GER	81 Wattenscheid	07.07.

Online Corner

**EAA Events 2002**

SPAR European Cross Country Championships in Medulin CRO  
[www.cross2002.com.hr](http://www.cross2002.com.hr)

**EAA Events 2003**

European Indoor Cup in Leipzig GER  
[www.european-indoorcup.com](http://www.european-indoorcup.com)

European Junior Championships in Tampere FIN  
[www.ejch2003.net](http://www.ejch2003.net)

SPAR European Cup in Florence ITA (images construction new stadium)  
[www.fidaltoscana.it/immagini/StadioFoto/index.htm](http://www.fidaltoscana.it/immagini/StadioFoto/index.htm)

### New face in the EAA office

## Cécile Sabron replaces Helga Vielmuth



When you call the EAA office in Darmstadt you will probably hear a new voice and a new name: Cécile Sabron started her work for the European Athletic Association at the

beginning of October. She replaces Helga Vielmuth who became mother of a daughter (Hannah) on September 30th.

The 25 year old French woman studied Foreign Languages in Bordeaux and also spent some time at the Justus-Liebig University in Gießen (GER) during an exchange programme. In addition she lived in Great Britain for two years and finished these studies with A-Levels in Physical Education, German and French. Therefore besides her mother tongue she fluently writes and speaks English and German. With some placements at SPORT 2000 International (sports equipment) and at the German Athletics Federation she had already a close contact to sports and to athletics. Cécile Sabron will work in the EAA during Helga Vielmuth's maternity leave.



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**Interview with heptathlete Sabine Braun (GER)**

# Goodbye with another medal win

**At the European Championships she had a big wish: Sabine Braun wanted to win a medal one more time. And the woman who has been on the heptathlon circuit for about 20 years fulfilled her dream: the two time World Champion won the silver medal in Munich.**

She became second with 6434 points behind the young Swedish athlete, Carolina Klüft, who won with a new junior-World Record of 6542 points. It was a medal with a special meaning for the 37 year old Sabine Braun because the grand dame of the heptathlon retired after Munich. Definitely. Heptathlon number 66 in the Olympic Stadium was the last one in her life. And the enthusiastic crowd celebrated the 37 year old athlete.

**«Is your decision definitely to retire and never start a heptathlon again?»**

Sabine Braun: «Yes it is. I decided to finish in Munich after the European Championships because I am 37 years old and I have to care for my future now. First of all I will start with a job at the Olympiastützpunkt in Wattenscheid at 2004. But

I don't think that I will fall down a big hole and not train anymore. I have a lot of friends they have nothing to do with the sport and we have a lot of other things we can talk about.»

**«What did it mean for you to win silver in your last event?»**

Sabine Braun: «It was my big goal to win a medal at my last event. Especially in front of such a wonderful crowd. And I did it. This was one of the greatest moments in my life.»

**«What do you take with you from this time you spent with the sport and lived for the heptathlon?»**

Sabine Braun: «I have achieved everything, except Gold at the Olympics. I was World Champion and European Champi-

on, I even scored 6985 points, almost the 7000 mark. I earned good money even though I couldn't travel three times around the world, and had a good time during the years with my sport.»

**«How did your personality change during the 20 years in the sport?»**

Sabine Braun: «I almost became another person during this time. I developed from a 19 year old girl to a woman of 37 years. And nearly everything in front of the eyes of the general public. This was not easy, but whenever I had problems I could process them with the help of the sport and my success. And I never gave up - that was important for me.»

**«You were said that you were a person who was difficult to promote and it was difficult for you to find a sponsor?»**

Sabine Braun: «At the beginning I tried to correct this image, but I noticed that I produced the opposite effect. Sometimes it didn't matter to me anymore, what people thought about me. I did things my own way.»

**«Could you imagine working as a coach?»**

Sabine Braun: «I want to be involved in the sport in some way, but I don't think that I am the right person to become a coach. I am too impatient for that job. But we are not able to bake our talents. I prefer to care for talent search and talent support.»

**«What do you think about the situation in the German heptathlon after you retire?»**

Sabine Braun: «We have a lot of good young athletes, but nobody was able to struggle through to the top. Maybe it will be better, when I am not around anymore. Maybe Karin Ertl could follow in my footsteps. I hope the girls will get a push in the coming years.»

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