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Stadium infrastructure for athletics

European wide strategy is needed

The show cases of our sport are the World Championships, the European Championships and the Olympic Games. The tremendous and knowledgeable crowd in the stadium and the impressive number of TV viewers are showing the great interest in our sport, which is also underlined by the positive image of some of the traditional international meetings as well as several newcomers.

Hansjörg Wirz

To be successful, these competitions need a modern stadium infrastructure. In most cases an athletic stadium is also used for football and other sports events or concerts. For the city authorities - the owners of most of the stadiums - the economical aspects are becoming an important issue. They are looking for other activities that can be organised in the stadiums to guarantee the usage of the installations and to generate some income as a pay back for the big investments.

Football is more and more looking for stadiums without an athletic track so that the spectators are closer to the playground. In addition there is a development to have the natural grass replaced by an artificial

surface. These facts are working against our sport and the existing solution, where the important investments in a stadium can be used for athletics and football, is in big danger.

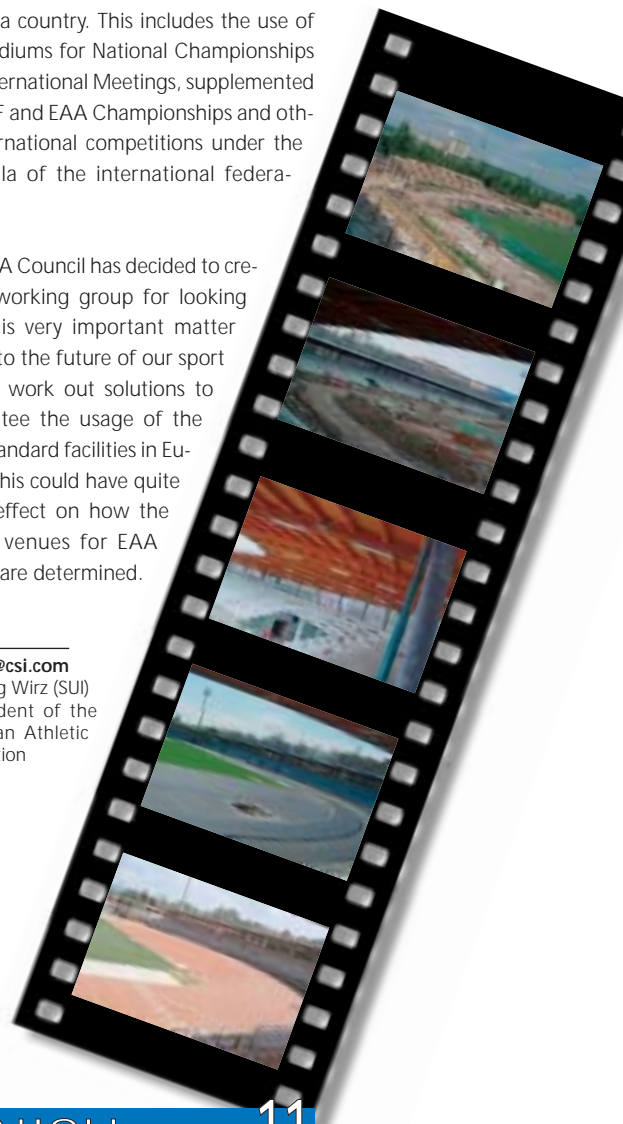
Our sport has to learn that we cannot ask for a modern infrastructure in a stadium without guaranteeing the use of such facilities. Football is in a position to play matches at least once every second week. The system of our sport is not offering the same quantity of competitions.

All these facts lead to the necessity to develop a European wide strategy together with the member federations and the authorities on national level. The strategy must be based on the need of high level athletics infrastructure which is requested

within a country. This includes the use of the stadiums for National Championships and International Meetings, supplemented by IAAF and EAA Championships and other international competitions under the umbrella of the international federations.

The EAA Council has decided to create a working group for looking into this very important matter linked to the future of our sport and to work out solutions to guarantee the usage of the high standard facilities in Europe. This could have quite some effect on how the future venues for EAA events are determined.

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The Europeans at the World Championships

European Championships U23 and Juniors

Carolina Klüft wants to have fun

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Results of the the European Cups 2003

SPAR European Cup

Florence/ITA		21/22 June	
Men			
1.	France	109.0	
2.	Germany	100.5	
3.	Great Britain	96.0	
4.	Russia	92.0	
5.	Italy	84.0	
6.	Poland	83.0	
7.	(-) Spain	80.0	
8.	(-) Greece	74.5	
Women			
1.	Russia	130.0	
2.	Germany	103.0	
3.	France	102.0	
4.	Great Britain	83.0	
5.	Spain	82.0	
6.	Greece	78.5	
7.	(-) Romania	77.5	
8.	(-) Italy	62.0	

First League

A	Lappeenranta / FIN		21/22 June	
	Men			
	1.	(+) Sweden	125.0	
	2.	Finland	113.0	
	3.	Hungary	104.0	
	4.	Belgium	89.0	
	5.	Belarus	83.0	
	6.	Norway	77.0	
	7.	(-) Denmark	67.0	
8.	(-) Estonia	60.0		
Women				
1.	(+) Poland	125.0		
2.	Finland	104.0		
3.	Sweden	104.0		
4.	Belarus	100.0		
5.	Hungary	99.0		
6.	Belgium	81.5		
7.	(-) Ireland	58.0		
8.	(-) Lithuania	47.5		

B	Velenje (SLO)		21/22 June	
	Men			
	1.	(+) Netherlands	121.0	
	2.	Ukraine	115.0	
	3.	Czech Republic	110.0	
	4.	Portugal	100.0	
	5.	Slovenia	82.0	
	6.	Bulgaria	67.5	
	7.	(-) Israel	63.0	
8.	(-) Slovak Republic	60.5		
Women				
1.	(+) Ukraine	125.0		
2.	Czech Republic	104.0		
3.	Portugal	96.0		
4.	Netherlands	92.0		
5.	Bulgaria	87.0		
6.	Slovenia	86.0		
7.	(-) Slovak Republic	67.0		
8.	(-) Serbia & Montenegro	58.0		

Second League

A	Aarhus (DEN)		21/22 June	
	Men			
	1.	(+) Switzerland	131.0	
	2.	(+) Austria	121.0	
	3.	Ireland	114.0	
	4.	Lithuania	103.0	
	5.	Latvia	86.0	
	6.	Luxembourg	57.5	
	7.	Iceland	53.0	
8.	AASSE*	47.5		
Women				
1.	(+) Switzerland	122.0		
2.	(+) Latvia	117.0		
3.	Austria	114.5		
4.	Norway	111.0		
5.	Denmark	101.5		
6.	Iceland	81.0		
7.	AASSE*	38.0		
8.	Luxembourg	27.0		

B	Istanbul/TUR		21/22 June	
	Men			
	1.	(+) Romania	209.0	
	2.	(+) Croatia	183.0	
	3.	Turkey	175.5	
	4.	Cyprus	164.0	
	5.	Serbia & Montenegro	162.0	
	6.	Moldova	121.0	
	7.	Bosnia & Herzegovina	114.0	
	8.	Azerbaijan	106.0	
	9.	Armenia	103.5	
	10.	Georgia	103.0	
	11.	Albania	75.0	
12.	FYR of Macedonia	15.0		
Women				
1.	(+) Estonia	212.5		
2.	(+) Turkey	203.0		
3.	Israel	183.0		
4.	Croatia	169.0		
5.	Cyprus	151.0		
6.	Moldova	138.0		
7.	Georgia	98.0		
8.	Bosnia & Herzegovina	90.0		
9.	Armenia	88.5		
10.	Azerbaijan	76.0		
11.	Albania	74.0		
12.	FYR of Macedonia	15.0		

AASSE* =Athletic Association of the Small States of Europe

+ promoted / - relegated

European Cups Combined Events

Super League

Bressanone (ITA)		05/06 July	
DECATHLON			
1.	France	23538	
2.	Russia	23357	
3.	Italy	22678	
4.	Ukraine	22286	
5.	Germany	22165	
6.	Finland	21824	
7.	(-) Czech Republic	21134	
8.	(-) Austria	19518	

HEPTATHLON			
1.	Russia	17983	
2.	Belarus	17982	
3.	Ukraine	17527	
4.	Greece	17433	
5.	Germany	17249	
6.	Poland	17131	
7.	(-) Czech Republic	16663	
8.	(-) France	16408	

First League

Tallinn/EST		05/06 July	
DECATHLON			
1.	(+) Poland	23082	
2.	(+) Estonia	22921	
3.	Netherlands	22637	
4.	Switzerland	22551	
5.	Spain	22151	
6.	Great Britain	21830	
7.	(-) Hungary	21323	
8.	(-) Latvia	21001	

HEPTATHLON			
1.	(+) Great Britain	18239	
2.	(+) Netherlands	17346	
3.	Italy	17197	
4.	Finland	17174	
5.	Estonia	16958	
6.	Sweden	16923	
7.	(-) Lithuania	16597	
8.	(-) Portugal	13897	

Second League

Maribor/SLO		05/06 July	
DECATHLON			
1.	(+) Greece	21539	
2.	(+) Slovenia	21080	
3.	Sweden	20020	
4.	Lithuania	19884	
5.	Slovakia	19039	
6.	Croatia	it	

HEPTATHLON			
1.	(+) Switzerland	16845	
2.	(+) Spain	15735	
3.	Austria	15577	
4.	Hungary	15232	
5.	Latvia	14811	
6.	Denmark	14044	
7.	Slovenia	13525	

9th IAAF World Championships in Paris

Europe can repeat the Sevilla result

Thanks to the jumpers and throwers Europe can keep its top position among the six continental areas. With a predicted total of 71 medals the European athletes have the strength to repeat at the 9th IAAF World Championships the result from 1999 (71) which was the best since 1987 (92).

Nicolas Russi

Two years ago in Edmonton the European athletes won a total of 69 medals. According to a prediction based on the current world season list there could be one or two more in Paris. At the last six World Championships Europe got a percentage of podium places between 48 to 54 %, and also in Paris almost every second medal in the 46 events will remain in the host continent.

Once more the summary is mainly based on the traditional strength in jumps, throws and combined events. 14 out of the 18 title wins predicted and 45 out of the 71 probable medal wins will be achieved in a field event (including decathlon/heptathlon). In 11 events Europe is dominating and goes for a clean sweep.

A short prediction by event groups

Sprints: Medal wins will be rare and pending from individual outgrowths. The season list doesn't represent the full power of the Europeans taking into account that some are mainly preparing the championships without regular competition activities.

Prediction: -/1/1

Middle and Long distance: Mainly some strong French and Spanish runners as well as the 800 m will be responsible for the medal wins.

Prediction: 1/4/6

Hurdles: A few single podium rankings can be expected.

Prediction: -/1/2

Jumps: Europe will leave only a few places for the others. In almost every event at least two Europeans will go onto the podium.

Prediction: 6/5/7

Throws: With seven to nine Europeans among the top ten there is a great dominance which will end with most of the medal wins.

Prediction: 6/8/8

Combined Events: Also this events are kept in European hands.

Prediction: 2/1/3

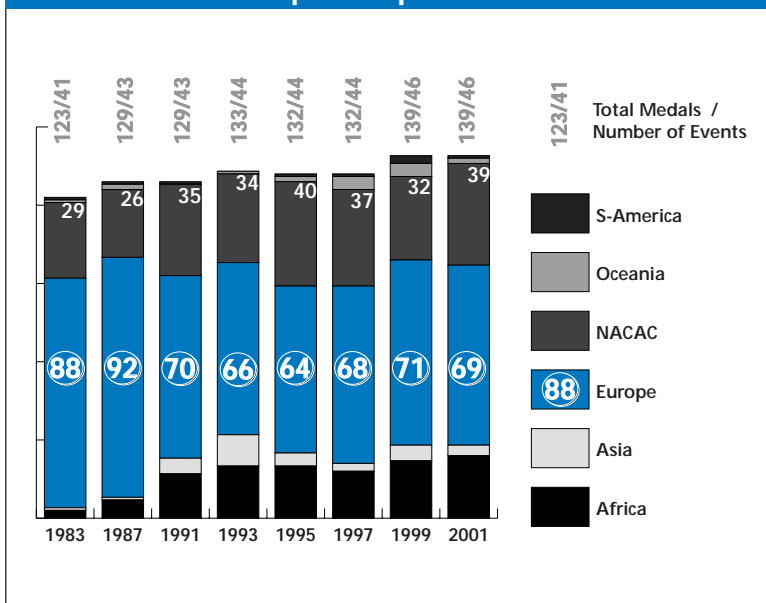
Walk: In the three walking events mainly China will step into the European power.

Prediction: 2/1/3

Relays: At least one medal in each relay should be possible.

Prediction: -/3/1

Medals World Championships





5th European Cup of Race Walking in Cheboksary/RUS

More than 50'000 spectators

Huge success at the 5th European Cup of Race Walking in Cheboksary / RUS in the south east of Moscow. More than 50'000 people followed the races, even more the closing ceremony.



Never before a walking event had such a crowd, and even compared to stadium athletics only championships on top level achieve a similar interest. According to the information by the local security services more than 30'000 people were at the opening ceremony in the «Olympiyskiy» Stadium, and at the closing ceremony near the monument «Mother-Patroness» 70'000 people were present.



How well the organisers in the capital of the Chuvash Republic worked and how big the support was given by the governmental authorities can be shown with the example of the competition facilities. The Stadium had been reconstructed for a total sum of 37.4 million rubbels (1.07 mio Euro), and the road for the walking course had been renovated for 10.18 million rubbels (292'000 Euro).

Among the 245 walkers from 27 countries the Russians were once more the leading participants. Eight individual medals out of a total of 15 were won by Russian walkers. This was topped by a Russian clean sweep in the men's 50 km.

Men 50 km: 1. German Skurygin (RUS) 3:47:50. 2. Aleksey Voyevodin (RUS) 3:48:43. 3. Semen Lovkin (RUS) 3:51:36. - 46 started, 30 ranked. - **Teams:** 1. RUS 6. 2. ESP 16. 3. POR 54. - 6 teams ranked.

Men 20 km: 1. Francisco Fernandez (ESP) 1:19:48. 2. Alessandro Gandellini (ITA) 1:20:52. 3. Vladimir Andreev (RUS) 1:20:56. - 67 started, 57 ranked. - **Teams:** 1. ESP 13. 2. RUS 18. 3. ITA 26. - 12 teams ranked.

Women 20 km: 1. Elena Nikolayeva (RUS) 1:26:22. 2. Elisabetta Perrone (ITA) 1:27:58. 3. Maria Vasco (ESP) 1:28:10. - 54 started, 48 ranked. - **Teams:** 1. ITA 27. 2. ESP 40. 3. RUS 44. - 11 teams ranked.

Men Juniors 10 km: 1. Andriy Yuryin (UKR) 41:32. 2. Aleksandr Prokhorov (RUS) 41:36. 3. Nikolai Serodovich (BLR) 41:40. - 45 started, 42 ranked. - **Teams:** 1. RUS 6. 2. ESP 11. 3. BLR 14. - 14 teams ranked.

Women Juniors 10 km: 1. Irina Petrova (RUS) 46:54. 2. Vera Sokolova (RUS) 47:02. 3. Sniazhana Yurchancko (BLR) 47:03. - 32 started, 32 ranked. - **Teams:** 1. RUS 3. 2. BLR 7. 3. GER 14. - 12 teams ranked.

4th European Championships U'23 in Bydgoszcz/POL

One step forward

The superlative of «the best ever» can be an appropriate but also dangerous judgement. Without going to high Bydgoszcz for sure was a step forward in the young history of the European Championships U'23.

Nicolas Russi

Not only the 16 championships' best performances, the two European Records «under 23» in the women's events (3'000 m steeplechase and hammer) as well as the high jump world leading mark by Aleksander Walerianczyk (POL/2.36) are signs for the high level and the very good conditions at the 4th edition of this event. In 14 events all three medalists' performances topped the results of the past championships, and a few like Walerianczyk's height, Ladji Doucouré's 13.25 in 110 m hurdles, Marek Plawgo's 48.45 in 400 m hurdles Dmitriy Valyukevich's 17.57 in triple jump, Elvan Abeyegesse's 15.16.79 in 5'000 m or Yelena Isinbayeva's 4.65 in pole vault have to be also considered as very valuable on a World Championships' level.

A step forward can be applied in relation with the top athletes competing in Bydgoszcz. For Tim Benjamin (GBR/200 m, 400 m), Ladji Doucouré (FRA/110 m hurdles, decathlon), Aleksander Ivanov (RUS/javelin), Krisztian Pars (HUN/hammer) and Yelena Isinbayeva (RUS/pole vault) it was the 3rd gold medal win on different levels. In 1999 they won at the World Youth Championships, 2001 they became European Junior Champions and now as European Champions U'23 they made a further jump forward. Isinbayeva as world record holder and last year's silver medalist in Munich already arrived on the top. Hammer thrower Kamila Skolimowska, who was European Junior Champion already in 1997, then World Youth Champion 1999, 2nd last year in Munich and now winner in Bydgoszcz, is

another example for a continuous progression.

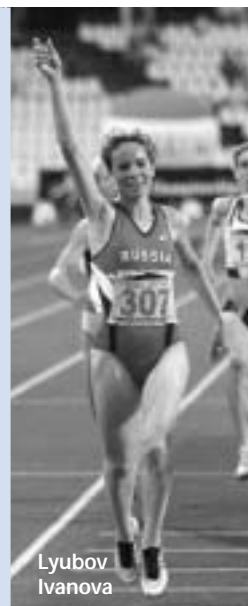
In addition to that Bydgoszcz was also a step forward in the organisation and presentation of this event. The organisers, very much supported by the Polish TV, used all elements of modern athletics with a high quality videoboard, scoreboard, music and infield interviews. The quality of the program was partly an outcome of the EAA event presentation seminar in Madrid, which proves that with more discussion and knowledge transfer it is possible to increase the entertainment aspect of our sport.

Medal table ECH U23 2003

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
RUS	7	7	6	20
POL	5	5	6	16
GBR	5	3	2	10
FRA	4	4	1	9
UKR	4	3	1	8
GRE	4	0	1	5
GER	3	6	4	13
BLR	3	2	4	9
SWE	2	1	1	4
HUN	2	0	0	2
NED	1	1	3	5
TUR	1	1	1	3
CZE	1	1	0	2
AUT	1	0	0	1
CRO	1	0	0	1
EST	0	2	0	2
ESP	0	1	3	4
LAT	0	1	3	4
ROM	0	1	2	3
ITA	0	1	1	2
LTU	0	1	0	1
POR	0	1	0	1
SLO	0	1	0	1
SVK	0	1	0	1
BEL	0	0	2	2
FIN	0	0	2	2
IRL	0	0	1	0



Kamila Skolimowska



Lyubov Ivanova



Aleksander Walerianczyk



Marek Plawgo



Yelena Isinbayeva

European Championships U23 Bydgoszcz/POL, 17.-20.07.03

Men 100 m

1	Ronald Pognon	FRA	10.19	=CR
2	Argo Golberg	EST	10.28	NUR
3	Fabrice Calligny	FRA	10.34	

Men 200 m

1	Chris Lambert	GBR	20.34	CR,PB
2	Marcin Jedrusinski	POL	20.39	SB
3	Johan Wissman	SWE	20.43	NUR

Men 400 m

1	Leslie Dhone	FRA	45.04	NUR,CR
2	Tim Benjamin	GBR	45.86	
3	Rafal Wieruszewski	POL	45.87	

Men 800 m

1	René Herms	GER	1:46.26	
2	Florent Lacasse	FRA	1:46.47	
3	Manuel Olmedo	ESP	1:46.83	

Men 1500 m

1	Mounir Yemmouni	FRA	3:44.02	
2	Xavier Arény	ESP	3:44.65	
3	Lorenzo Perrone	ITA	3:45.05	

Men 5000 m

1	Chris Thompson	GBR	13:58.62	
2	Mohammed Farah	GBR	13:58.88	
3	Robert Connolly	IRL	14:03.75	

Men 10000 m

1	Ioannis Kanelopoulos	GRE	29:00.78	
2	Vasil Matviychuk	UKR	29:01.29	
3	Pawel Ochal	POL	29:17.41	PB

Men 110 m Hurdles

1	Ladji Doucoure	FRA	13.25	
2	Philip Nossmy	SWE	13.50	PB
3	Gregory Sedoc	NED	13.55	NUR

Men 400 m Hurdles

1	Marek Plawgo	POL	48.45	CR,SB
2	Christian Duma	GER	49.53	PB
3	Thomas Kortbeek	NED	49.68	SB

Men 3000 m Steeple

1	Martin Proll	AUT	8:25.86	CR
2	Radoslaw Poplawski	POL	8:27.95	
3	Jukka Keskiälo	FIN	8:28.53	

Men High Jump

1	Aleksander Waterianczyk	POL	2.36	CR,WL,NUR
2	Andrey Tereshin	RUS	2.27	PB
3	Wojciech Borysiewicz	POL	2.27	PB

Men Pole Vault

1	Oleksandr Korchmid	UKR	5.50	
2	Marvin Osei-Tutu	GER	5.50	
3	Maksim Mazurik	UKR	5.45	

Men Long Jump

1	Louis Tsatoumas	GRE	8.24	
2	Volodimir Zyuskov	UKR	8.22	PB
3	Danut Simion	ROM	8.09	PB

Men Triple Jump

1	Dmitriy Valyukevich	BLR	17.57	NUR,CR
2	Marian Oprea	ROM	17.28	
3	Rudolf Heipling	GER	16.66	

Men Shot Put

1	Pavel Lyzhin	BLR	20.43	CR
2	Pavel Sofin	RUS	20.33	PB
3	Rutger Smith	NED	20.18	

Men Discus

1	Rutger Smith	NED	59.90	
2	Dmitriy Sivakov	BLR	58.00	PB
3	Bogdan Pishchalnikov	RUS	56.88	

Men Hammer

1	Krisztian Pars	HUN	77.25	
2	Esref Apak	TUR	76.52	
3	Aleksandr Vashchilo	BLR	71.91	

Men Javelin

1	Aleksandr Ivanov	RUS	82.59	
2	Igor Janik	POL	82.54	NUR
3	Tero Pitkämäki	FIN	78.84	PB

Men Decathlon

1	André Niklaus	GER	7983	SB
2	Indrek Turi	EST	7864	PB
3	Atis Vaisjuns	LAT	7681	PB

Men 4x100 m

1	Great Britain	GBR	39.31	
Edgar/Lambert/Chin/Grant				
2	France	FRA	39.38	
Adolia/Calligny/Socrier/Dihone				
3	Belgium	BEL	39.54	
Verecke/Gourmet/Beyens/Debaerdemaker				

Men 4x400 m

1	Poland	POL	3:03.32	
Wieruszewski/Skalski/Dabrowski/Plawgo				
2	Germany	GER	3:03.36	
Gatzka/Duma/Sattelmaier/Swillims				
3	Russia	RUS	3:04.18	NUR
Matveyev/Petrov/Borschchenko/Polukheyev				

Men 20 km Walk

1	Benjamin Kucinski	POL	1:22:07	PB
2	Sergey Lystsov	RUS	1:24:04	
3	Andrey Talashko	BLR	1:24:28	

Women 100 m

1	Georgia Kokloni	GRE	11.33	PB
2	Daria Onysko	POL	11.46	PB
3	Oksana Dragun	BLR	11.48	

Women 200 m

1	Marina Maydanova	UKR	22.82	
2	Maja Nose	SLO	23.09	PB
3	Dorota Dydo	POL	23.34	PB

Women 400 m

1	Helen Karagounis	GBR	51.78	PB
2	Solene Desert	FRA	52.05	PB
3	Tatyana Firova	RUS	52.14	

Women 800 m

1	Rebecca Lyne	GBR	2:04.66	
2	Lucia Klocova	SVK	2:05.02	
3	Esther Desviat	ESP	2:05.38	

Women 1500 m

1	Olesya Chumakova	RUS	4:11.75	
2	Rasa Drazdauskaitė	LTU	4:12.16	
3	Lisa Dobrisky	GBR	4:12.95	PB

Women 5000 m

1	Elvan Abeyegesse	TUR	15:16.79	CR
2	Tatyana Petrova	RUS	16:02.79	
3	Sonia Bejarano	ESP	16:17.81	

Women 10000 m

1	Krisztina Papp	HUN	33:23.02	SB
2	Valentina Levushkina	RUS	33:28.73	
3	Louise Damen	GBR	33:29.82	

Women 100 m Hurdles

1	Susanna Kallur	SWE	12.88	CR,=SB
2	Nadine Hentschke	GER	12.89	PB
3	Mariya Koroteyeva	RUS	12.95	SB

Women 400 m Hurdles

1	Oksana Gulumyan	RUS	56.23	
2	Irena Zauna	LAT	56.47	SB
3	Maria Rus	ROM	57.01	PB

Women 3000 m Steeple

1	Lyubov Ivanova	RUS	9:41.16	EUR,CR
2	Michaela Mannova	CZE	9:42.01	NR
3	Sigrid Vanden Bempt	BEL	9:42.04	NR

Women High Jump

1	Blanka Vlasic	CRO	1.98	=CR
2	Yelena Slesarenko	RUS	1.96	PB
3	Anna Kosok	POL	1.92	=SB

Women Pole Vault

1	Yelena Isinbayeva	RUS	4.65	CR
2	Vanessa Bostak	FRA	4.40	=SB
3	Anna Rogowska	POL	4.35	

Women Long Jump

1	Carolina Klüft	SWE	6.86	CR,PB
2	Irina Simagina	RUS	6.70	
3	Ineta Radevica	LAT	6.70	NUR

Women Triple Jump

1	Viktoria Gurova	RUS	14.37	PB
2	Simona La Mantia	ITA	14.31	NUR
3	Ineta Radevica	LAT	14.04	NUR

Women Shot Put

1	Natalya Khoronoko	BLR	17.66	
2	Kathleen Kluge	GER	17.09	
3	Filiz Kadogan	TUR	16.72	

Women Discus

1	Natalya Fokina	UKR	59.30	CR
2	Jana Tucherke	GER	58.24	SB
3	Olga Chernogorova	BLR	56.57	

Women Hammer

1	Kamila Skolimowska	POL	71.38	EUR,CR
2	Oksana Menkova	BLR	67.58	NUR
3	Gulya Khanafeyeva	RUS	66.98	

Women Javelin

1	Jarmila Klimesova	CZE	60.54	NUR
2	Irina Kharun	UKR	58.28	
3	Mariya Yakovenko	RUS	57.52	PB

Women Heptathlon

1	Jennifer Oeser	GER	5901	PB
2	Yvonne Wisse	NED	5895	NUR
3	Vasiliki Delinikola	GRE	5863	

Women 4x100 m

1	Ukraine	UKR	44.29	NUR
Pigida/Shepetyuk/Chebaniu/Maydanova				
2	Poland	POL	44.51	
Radoszewska/Onysko/Dydo/Flejszar				
3	Germany	GER	44.59	
Kuckelkorn/Schorr/Wakan/Hentschke				

Women 4x400 m

1	Russia	RUS	3:29.25	NUR
Gushchina/Ivanova/Gulumyan/Firova				
2	Great Britain	GBR	3:30.44	NUR
Meadows/Hallsall/Wall/Karagounis				
3	Germany	GER	3:33.59	
Müller/Gröb/Kron/Hoffmann				

Women 200 m walk

1	Athanasia Tsoumeleka	GRE	1:33:55	
2	Vera Santos	POR	1:35:18	
3	Sabine Zimmer	GER	1:35:56	

European Junior Championships Tampere/FIN, 24.-27.07.03

Men 100 m

1	Leon Baptiste	GBR	10.50	
2	Till Helmke	GER	10.52	
3	Monu Miah	GBR	10.54	

Men 200 m

1	Sebastian Ernst	GER	20.63	
2	Roman Smirnov	RUS	20.86	
3	Till Helmke	GER	20.86	

Men 400 m

1	Dimitrios Grávalos	GRE	46.54	
2	Kamghe Gaba	GER	46.63	
3	Piotr Kedzia	POL	46.69	

Men 800 m

1	René Bauschinger	GER	1:49.43	
2	David Fiegen	LUX	1:49.91	
3	Ireneusz Sekretarski	POL	1:49.97	

Men 1500 m

1	Bartosz Nowicki	POL	3:45.01	
2	Thomas Lancashire	GBR	3:45.60	
3	Olle Wallerang	SWE	3:46.17	

Men 5000 m

1	Anatoliy Rybakov	RUS	14:13.41	
2	Marius Ionescu	ROM	14:16.12	
3	Cristinel Irimia	ROM	14:17.30	

Men 10000 m

1	Marius Ionescu	ROM	29:40.41	
2	Alexey Reunkov	RUS	29:40.80	
3	Mohammed Bashir	DEN	29:42.42	

Men 110 m Hurdles

1	Bano Traore	FRA	13.95	
2	Andreas Kundert	SUI	14.18	
3	Kai Doskoczynski	GER	14.26	

Men 400 m Hurdles

1	Rhys Williams	GBR	51.15	
2	Mohamed Atig	FRA	51.46	
3	Rupert Gardner	GBR	51.83	

Men 3000 m steeple

1	Ruben Schwarz	GER	8:46.21	
2	Marcel Ionascu	ROM	8:53.31	
3	Peter Kellie	GBR	8:55.69	

Men High Jump

1	Jaroslav Baba	CZE	2.28	
2	Aleksey Dmitrik	RUS	2.26	
3	Linus Thornblad	SWE	2.23	

Men Pole Vault

1	Vincent Favretto	FRA	5.50	
2	Artem Kuptsov	RUS	5.50	
3	Fabian Schulze	GER	5.40	

Men Long Jump

1	Nelson Evora	POR	7.83	
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Men Triple Jump

1	Nelson Evora	POR	16.43	
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Men Long Jump

2	Christian Kaczmarek	GER	7.81	
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Men Triple Jump

2	Dmitriy Detsuk	BLR	16.13w	
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Men Long Jump

3	Tim Riedel	GER	7.65	
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Men Triple Jump

3	Yevgen Semenenko	UKR	16.04	
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Men Shot Put

1	Magnus Lohse	SWE	20.28	
2	Anton Lyuboslavskiy	RUS	20.10	
3	Georgi Ivanov	BUL	19.94	

Men Discus

1	Erik Cadee	NED	60.42	
2	Martin Maric	CRO	58.59	
3	Andreas Porth	GER	58.45	

Men Hammer

1	Lorenzo Povegliano	ITA	72.72	
2	Kamilus Bethke	GER	72.60	
3	Andrey Azarenkov	RUS	72.10	

Men Javelin

1	Teemu Wirkkala	FIN	79.90	
2	Tero Järvenpää	FIN	73.66	
3	Antti Ruuskanen	FIN	72.87	

Men Decathlon

1	Nicklas Wilberg	SWE	7604	
2	Alexey Sysoev	RUS	7531	
3	Steffen Willwacher	GER	7497	

Men 4x100 m

1	Great Britain	GBR	40.37	
Matthews/Oboh/Miah/Baptiste				
2	Germany	GER	40.41	
Lohmann/Doskoczynski/Ernst/Helmke				
3	France	FRA	40.50	
Fagris/Fernandez/Wallard/De Lepine				

17th European Junior Championships in Tampere

New German generation

German athletics, missing some long time top names and with Paris ahead not as strong as in recent years, can positively look into the future. With a medal collection of 10 gold, 10 silver and 7 bronze medals Germany was the dominating nation at the 17th European Junior Championships in Tampere/FIN.

Nicolas Russi

The black-red-gold-banner became almost «a must» at the medal ceremonies. The athletics family, used to that the Russian anthem is dominating the continental championships, this time the crowd had even more to listen to another melody. Russia (9/8/7) and Great Britain (3/5/8) were the runner-up in the medal table. Never before at the European Junior Championships Germany had so many athletes on the podium. And even the first unified German team 1991 in Thessaloniki with 25 medals (8/5/12) was topped in Tampere.

Despite this dominance some other athletes wrote outstanding performances in the history book. Among them the 17 years old Romanian Catalina Oprea who ran a World Junior Record in 2000 m steeplechase (6:21.78). Oprea has been

clocked four seconds below the three year old world best mark set by the Australian Melissa Rollinson in Sydney.

Three athletes achieved a remarkable double: Ivet Lalova (BUL) in 100 m and 200 m, Nelson Evora (POR) in long jump and triple jump, and Sophie Krauel (GER) in 100 m hurdles and long jump. In the sprint relay the German Tim Helmke was the only athlete with three medals; after silver (100 m) and bronze (200 m) another silver.

For the Finnish spectators the highlight of the four days event was surely the javelin throw men. Teemu Wirkkala (World Youth Champion 2001), Tero Järvenpää (3rd at this event) and Antti Ruuskanen achieved the only clean sweep in Tampere, and the first Finnish only athletics podium for 67 years.

Medal table ECH Junior 2003

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
GER	10	10	7	27
RUS	9	8	7	24
GBR	3	5	8	16
ROM	3	5	2	10
FRA	3	3	2	8
SWE	2	1	4	7
POL	2	1	2	5
BUL	2	0	1	3
POR	2	0	1	3
ITA	2	0	0	2
FIN	1	1	2	4
LAT	1	1	1	3
CZE	1	0	1	2
NED	1	0	1	2
UKR	1	0	1	2
GRE	1	0	0	1
BLR	0	3	0	3
SUI	0	1	1	2
CRO	0	1	0	1
IRL	0	1	0	1
LUX	0	1	0	1
SVK	0	1	0	1
TUR	0	1	0	1
ESP	0	0	2	2
DEN	0	0	1	1



Ivet Lalova



Nelson Evora



Sophie Krauel



Katalina Oprea

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EAA Cross Country Permit Races Season 2003/04

Month	Name of Race/Meeting	Venue
OCTOBER		
19	The Great Pardubice Cross Country	Pardubice/CZE
NOVEMBER		
02	Lotto Crosscup van Vlaanderen	Gent-Zwynaarde/BEL
16	Margate International Cross Country	Margate/GBR
23	10th International Cross	Soria/ESP
23	Cross Internacional de Torres Vedras	Torres Vedras/POR
30	Cross Internacional de Amora	Amora-Seixal/POR
JANUARY		
4	50th Cross Internacional Zornotza	Amorebieta/ESP
10	48° Cross Internazionale Camp- accio San Giorgio su Legnano	San Giorgio su Legnano/ITA
11	Crosscup de Hannut	Hannut/BEL
18	27° Cross della Vallagrina	Villa Lagarina- Rovereto/ITA

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EAA Events 2003

SPAR European Cross Country
Championships Edinburgh / GBR
(14 December)
www.eurocross2003.org

Others

IAAF World Championships in Athletics
Paris / FRA (23 - 31 August)
www.paris2003saintdenis.org

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European Mountain Running Championships: Gold for Gaiardo (ITA) and Lallemand (BEL)

On a very demanding course from Trento up to the ski resort of Monte Bondone Marco Gaiardo (ITA) and Catherine Lallemand (BEL) won the titles at the 2nd European Mountain Running Championships.

«The type of the course was an advantage for me», Gaiardo said after finishing in 1:06:05 for the 13.5 km race with 1460 m height difference. After an 8th place at the European Trophy 2001 and a 5th place a year ago at the inaugurating European Championships (up and downhill) the 33 year old Gaiardo won in his home country his first individual medal.

In the women's race (8 km with 855 m height difference) the Belgium lightweight Catherine Lallemand (35 kg) made the decision with 500 m to go when she pushed and Angela Mudge couldn't react anymore. «The day before I was quite nervous. But then during the course I became confident», Lallemand said.

Men (13.5 km / 1460 m): 1. Marco Gaiardo (ITA) 1:06:05. 2. Helmut Schmuck (AUT) 1:07:13. 3. Robert Krupicka (CZE) 1:07:31. 4. Marco De Gasperi (ITA) 1:08:03. 5. Nicolas Pasquion (FRA) 1:08:15. 6. Alexis Gex-Fabry (SUI) 1:08:19. 7. Regis Roux (FRA) 1:08:32. 8. Miroslav Vanko (SVK) 1:08:36. 9. Marcel Matanin (SVK) 1:08:39. 10. Helmut Schiessl (AUT) 1:09:09. - 78 athletes ranked.

Women (8 km / 855 m): 1. Catherine Lallemand (BEL) 43:48. 2. Angela Mudge (GBR) 44:01. 3. Antonella Confortola (ITA) 44:30. 4. Izabela Zatorska (POL) 45:08. 5. Isabelle Guillot (FRA) 45:27. 6. Daniela Gassmann (SUI) 45:37. 7. Vittoria Salvini (ITA) 45:42. 8. Anna Pichrtova (CZE) 45:51. 9. Monica Bottinelli (ITA) 46:11. 10. Irena Sadkova (CZE) 46:38. - 60 athletes ranked.

Men teams: 1. ITA 19. 2. SVK 30. 3. CZE 39. 4. FRA 39. 5. AUT 46. 6. SUI 50. 7. GER 53. 8. GBR 61. 9. ESP 70. 10. TUR 86. - 20 teams ranked.

Women teams: 1. ITA 19. 2. CZE 39. 3. GBR 39. 4. FRA 39. 5. SUI 55. 6. AUT 64. 7. POL 71. 8. GER 82. 9. TUR 96. 10. BEL 98. - 15 teams ranked.



58th EUROPEAN CALENDAR CONFERENCE

The 58th European Calendar Conference will take place from 23 to 26 October in Rethymno on the Greek island Crete. Detailed information and the accreditation forms can be found on the EAA website. Accommodation deadline: 25 August 2003. (www.european-athletics.org)

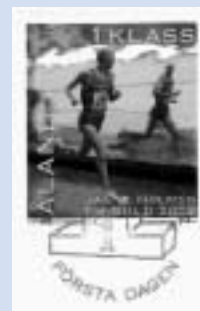
Preliminary Programme

as at 23 July 2003

Date	Event	Room
Thursday, 23 Oct.		
17.30 – 19.30	EAA Officers' Meeting / Council Meeting	Achilles
21.30	LOC Dinner – Greek Evening	Restaurant «Pelagos»
Friday, 24 Oct.		
09.00 – 17.00	EAA Calendar Conference	Restaurant Laguna
12.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
16.00 – 18.00	Balkan Athletic Association Meeting	Achilles
16.00 – 19.00	Euro Meetings General Assembly	Megas Alexandros
17.00 – 19.00	Meeting WG ECCC Affairs	Hercules
19.00 – 20.00	EAA Welcome Cocktail for new Presidents / General Secretaries of EAA Members	Hotel-Terrace or SalonAthena
Saturday, 25 Oct.		
09.15 – 12.30	Workshop for EAA Federation Presidents / General Secretaries	Megas Alexandros
13.15	Press Conference (followed by Press Cocktail)	Achilles
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch	
15.00 – 18.00	Head Coaches' Meeting	Megas Alexandros
20.30	EAA Dinner	Hotel-Taverna Mournies
Saturday, 25 Oct.		
09.30 – 12.30	EAA Athletes commission meeting	Hercules
EAA Office	21 – 26 Oct	Jason
EAA Meeting Room	23 – 26 Oct	Hercules
LOC Office	21 – 26 Oct	Odysseus

European Marathon Champion honoured by a stamp

It is very seldom that an individual European Champion has been honoured by a stamp of his own. This is the case with Finland's only Champion in Munich, the Marathon runner Janne Holmén. During the history of the European Championships Finland has won altogether 30 gold medals and none of the previous Champions have been honoured in that way. So, why Janne Holmén? The reason is, that while being Finnish by nationality he also represents the autonomous archipelago region of Åland in the Baltic Sea between Finland and Sweden, with a total population of 26'000 inhabitants. Based on the decision by the League of Nations in 1922 Åland has a strong autonomous status with legislative power in many fields, an own flag and guarantees for the Swedish language which was the mother tongue of 99 % of the inhabitants. Since 1984, Åland also issues own stamps. Curiously enough, Janne's mother Ninna Holmén was the European Champion in 3'000 m in Rome 1974 ...



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EBU, International SPAR and Seiko

EAA continues successful co-operation

The new contract with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) includes the rights to broadcast the 2006 European Championships, the 2005 and 2007 European Indoor Championships and the annual SPAR European Cup and SPAR European Cross Country Championships as well as the newly introduced European Indoor Cup.

«Our agreement ensures that major athletics events will be transmitted free-to-air throughout Europe,» EBU President Arne Wessberg said in a statement. «This is good news for TV viewers, and it marks a continuation of the excellent relationship between Europe's public service broadcasters and the European Athletic Association.» The relationship between the European Athletic Association and the EBU goes back to 1969.

Also International SPAR renewed for a further four years the sponsorship of the EAA's championship series of events. International SPAR has been the principal sponsor of the EAA since 1996 and is the title sponsor of two annual events; the SPAR European Cup and the SPAR European Cross Country Championships.

Dr. Gordon Campbell, Managing Director of International SPAR, said «the sponsorship of the EAA championship events plays a major role in building the SPAR brand worldwide. The spectacular success of the European Championships in Munich was a key factor in the decision to continue the principal sponsorship through to 2007.»

Furthermore on the occasion of the SPAR European Cup, the EAA and Seiko Europe Ltd signed a new technical and sponsorship agreement covering all the major EAA events between 2004 and 2007. This new agreement will extend the partnership of the EAA and Seiko to a total of 16 years: the first EAA event supported by Seiko was the European Indoor Championships in 1992.

Robert Wilson, Marketing Director of Seiko Europe Ltd. said, «Our partnership with the EAA is central to Seiko's support programme for sport and we are delighted to renew it. The European athletics scene is very strong at present and we expect to be involved with many great events and performances in the coming 4 years.»

European Champions Club Cup

20 Sept.	ECCC Juniors Men A, Women A	Koper	SLO
20 Sept.	ECCC Juniors Men C2, Women B	Istanbul	TUR
20 Sept.	ECCC Juniors Men C1, Women C1	Tuzla	BIH
20 Sept.	ECCC Juniors Men B, Women C2	L'Hospitalet	ESP

3rd IAAF World Youth Championships in Sheerbrooke/CAN

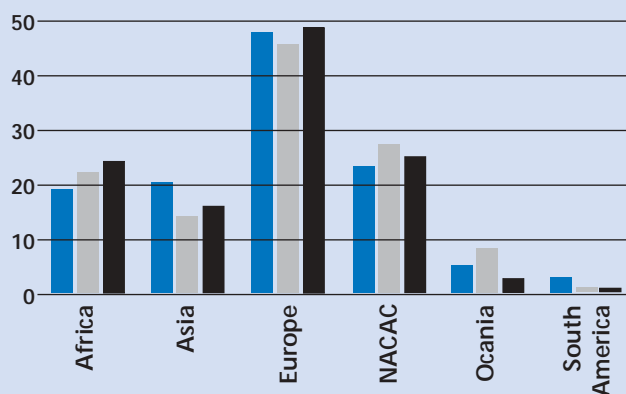
Europeans top

Once more the European athletes got most of the medals at the World Youth Championships. At the 3rd edition in Sheerbrooke/CAN Europe kept the leading position with 47 medal wins and a percentage of 40.2.

The 14 years old Elizaveta Rys-hich of Germany became the youngest ever world youth gold medallist clearing 4.05 m in pole vault. Her path in the world of athletics was paved before she was even born. Her father a 4.50-metre pole vaulter and her mother a 1.91-metre high jumper, Rys-hich's older sister, Nastja, won gold at the World Indoor Championships of Maebashi 1999. «My family is made of pole vaulters,» said Elizaveta who was born on 27 September 1988 in the Siberian town of Omsk and moved to Germany when aged 5.

Area Medal Standings: World Youth Championships 1999 - 2003

Area	Sherbrooke/CAN 2003		Debrecen/HUN 2001		Bydgoszcz/POL 1999	
	Medals	Percentage	Medals	Percentage	Medals	Percentage
AFRICA	19	16.2%	22	18.8%	24	20.5%
ASIA	20	17.1%	14	12.0%	16	13.7%
EUROPE	47	40.2%	45	38.5%	48	41.0%
NACAC	23	19.7%	27	23.1%	25	21.4%
OCEANIA	5	4.3%	8	6.8%	3	2.6%
SOUTH AMERICA	3	2.6%	1	0.9%	1	0.9%
Total	117	100.0%	117	100.0%	117	100.0%





Another gold medal win at the European Championships U'23 in Long Jump



Heptathlete Carolina Klüft (SWE)

«I want to have fun»

This young woman ist unbelievable. She wins one medal after the other and the only thing she says: "I want to have fun whatever I do." If you look at Carolina Klüft from Växjö in the South of Sweden you can believe, that this young blonde athlete really has fun in running, jumping and throwing. She is a person who loves the life and her sports. Even after the 800 m in the heptathlon she offers a show, pulls faces and pushes her fans. Beside that she improved her best result in the heptathlon to 6692 points this year.

Ursula Kaiser

In the last few years the heptathlon scene was not that big event with not lots of emotions. Until Carolina Klüft appeared. She started athletics because her younger sister did. Meanwhile everybody in the athletics scene knows her name.

The 20 year old European Champion is a jewel for this event - not only because she is European Champion and not only because she is one of the best combined athletes all over the world this year. Carolina Klüft is a special person. Every time, when she finishes an event, the photog-



Carolina Klüft and Energizer: The right combination ...

raphers are running after her, the journalists are asking her questions in the stomach and she enjoys the situation, laughing and joking, even though she says: «I am only a little girl in a huge world.»

It's not totally sure if she is aware of her effect. But since she is on top, a lot of people know her name. In her home-country she got a lot of honours in the last year. And suddenly many teenagers in Sweden are interested in doing heptathlon. She is a role model for children, even she is very young herself. The young European Champion shows feelings and tells her fans a story: the story that athletics can be fun. «I love my sports», she says. Carolina Klüft has a sympathetic charisma, she is able to attract attention with her character, her liveliness and naturalness. She has fans everywhere. In Kingston, Götzis, Bydgoszcz. The fans want to see her. And she always is good for a surprise.

In Bydgoszcz at the U23 European Championships, Carolina Klüft decided to do the long jump. «I didn't want to start in

the heptathlon, because of the World Championships in Paris. It would be too much, to do a heptathlon again before Paris», Carolina Klüft said. She did the long jump - and won the event with a new best mark of 6,85 m. The specialists got big eyes and Carolina Klüft had one more title in her collection.

But anyway her big love are the combined events. And the 1,78 m tall athlete is proud if she could help that the heptathlon will be more popular. Her motto is simple: «I want to have fun and I have fun. Everything I do, I do it for myself not for somebody else. If I wouldn't enjoy the sports anymore, I would retire tomorrow», Carolina Klüft says. She never would like to train alone. The 20 year old athlete is a very communicative person. «I need other people I can train with. To do everything alone is boring and not very motivating». So she is training with a group. «It's easier to do things together». But Carolina Klüft wants to do other things beside sprinting and jumping. She will follow her studies in history.

Her big dream are the Olympic Games in Athens. «But I don't think about medals, results and points. I am thinking of adventure, travelling and fun.» Fun is a word, which is a very important word in her life. In every second sentence said by Carolina Klüft the word fun appears. And everybody who watches that girl with her carefree, thrilling nature, is convinced Carolina Klüft really has fun.

There is only one thing, she never can take a joke. The Swedish record holder and indoor World Champion hates the discussions about decathlon for women. If somebody is talking about this, she becomes mad. «This would disturb our sport», Carolina Klüft says. «If this will be the future, I will go». And there is no doubt that she is dead serious. This young woman really is unbelievable.

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