

17th International Competitions and 23rd International Youth Fire Brigade Meeting July 14-24, 2022 Celje, report

The history 4 months

after Villach 2017 was named in Ljubljana Celje as the next organizer.

6 meetings in Celje, as well as the annual committee meetings - were necessary for the organization.

Who? The two commission chairmen Franke, Kuinke and the division heads Bastisch and Deschberger.

The situation in previous years was not the easiest. Not only for the Slovenian association. Covid has restricted the application system in the nations to completely prevented it. Difficult for training and qualifications could not take place at all or very close to the event. The pre-registrations of the nations were already very sluggish. On the one hand, the registration app coordinated with the organizer could have been available earlier, on the other hand, many nations were not ready for the reasons mentioned.

The time had come in mid-July. The advance commando arrived with 25 people, 14 of them for traditional or sport and 9 for youth on July 14, 2022 .

Registration

The accreditation, the allocation of quarters and the issue of the participant identification cards in the Celje trade fair was very well organized and accordingly the waiting times for the participants were tolerable and did not pose any problems. The journey was easy to reach with sufficient parking space. The infrastructure of the exhibition center could be used to a large extent.

Participant

This is how we had announced the arrival date:

19 nations of Europe

In youth: 17 nations, 50 groups (20 of them female)

551 competitors, supervisors,

60 judges and 109 delegation members in total 720 participants

In sport: 9 nations, 21 groups (9 of them female)

264 competitors, supervisors,

44 reviewers in total

308 participants

In Trad.: 16 nations, 127 groups (30 of them female)

1409 competitors, supervisors,

130 judges and 130 delegation members in total 1669 participants

TOTAL 2697

Accommodation, catering:

In the run-up to the event, we were able to find out from several schools, which as

Accommodations were provided, convince of the quality of the quarters, especially the

**Facilities, sporting opportunities and distance to Celje Fair and Kladivar.
My concerns about the limited parking space at the schools were ultimately unfounded.**

**The possibility of accommodating all judges together in the dormitory and offering breakfast at the boarding school helped enormously with the tight schedule.
Congratulations for the perfect process, the timing and quality of the meals.
Problems with accommodation or food were not an issue at the four meetings of the heads of delegations during the week.
Likewise, no disciplinary irregularities were pointed out during these meetings!**

Organization, sports

**facilities You can discuss, write and record over 3 years, on day X there will always be additions, requests or changes. With the large number of questions that are put to the organizer, one thing is important: nothing can happen immediately. However, there was a timely, joint solution for everything. Offices, meeting rooms, not to forget the EDP, logistics, office supplies, certificates, etc. no problem. The perfect work shows that ultimately no reworking of certificates and medals was necessary.
The preparation and organization of the competitions - I knew it in advance - had already been planned and only had to be checked together.**

The competition equipment, the work service in order, everything available on time with commitment and a special friendliness. And always and everywhere drinking water was provided.

That's why the people who supported us in the stadiums, to organize the opening and closing ceremonies, to prepare the competitions on grass and track - the cooperation and working together was particularly remarkable. I would like to thank everyone involved at national and international level.

Competitions:

With the training sessions, the tightly designed program began, although due to various circumstances such as Covid, Ukraine were fewer participating teams.

(Traditional and youth -15%, in sports -28%)

I may focus on the traditional area. The department heads will be asked to comment on sport and youth.

As in Villach, it was a start with obstacles for the A-committee. Likewise at the start of the relay race. In the prevailing heat, the warm-up area under the grandstand was very well chosen. The delays were made up for by noon. Training is absolutely necessary for the competition. Not that the groups can learn anything more, no, the mutual scanning of the group and evaluation team, the discussion about the training work is already half of a successful competition.

Of course, working with the perhaps unfamiliar, but for all the same device is also part of it.

The step of linking recordings and the results to the Internet at the same time as the evaluation on the stadium display and posting them on various channels worldwide is forward-looking.

In the Traditional competitions, 37 (30%) groups out of 127 were clear. We had 5 objections in the relay race (109 groups without mistakes) and none during the firefighting attack (.48 groups out of 127 without mistakes). One should think "Well done!" Wrong th

media see everything and are merciless. A week later, reality catches up with us and again a shadow lies over a successful event.

Nevertheless, we should not forget that the youth completed a high-class competition and I found a very satisfied competition director. Alfred D. was in a really bad mood a few days before. Until the organizer could prove to him that you can set up a training ground in Slovenia in half a day, which takes two days in Austria.

The firefighting sport once again proved how spectacular this competition really is. A team wanted to climb the hook ladder even faster with the help of a tornado. Now you can joke about it. The situation was unpredictable and very dangerous.

I wasn't aware of the too small time window on Saturday with the honoring of the winners "Wet extinguishing attack" and it wasn't well planned. The athletes deserve a medal presentation that attracts the public. With the exception of the aforementioned honor, we managed to keep the program on time this year, which was due to very good advance planning, the excellent cooperation of the labor service and a functioning IT system.

Due to the great effort, the costs and the attractiveness, firefighting sport deserves more fans and more teams.

Opening/closing event As in the Kladivar stadium, the location in the Z'dežele stadium was well chosen. Standing areas for the participants around the stadium. Likewise, parking facilities and the use of the measuring car park. Again, the ideas of the organizer and the competition management could be implemented here in agreement with both sides. I think the more than 10,000 people in the stadium, the musical accompaniment and the preparation for honoring the winners were successful.

CTIF

Being held in the home of CTIF President Milan Dubravac was certainly an advantage for holding the event, which was also shown by the full grandstand.

Thank you very much Mr. Vice-President Nitra. We have now, I dare say, after Ostrava, Mulhouse, Villach, already staged the 4th event and I don't mean badly. Your presence was important, even more important to the organizers was your involvement in providing equipment.

And then there would be our chairman of the competitions commission "Pilo", Klaus-Georg Franke. Maybe a bit in the background during the international fire brigade competitions. Important, like everyone else on the team specifically as far as the official representative issues are concerned. To be honest, I wouldn't be able to do it otherwise. Thank you my friend Your experience, your competence, paired with German thoroughness is important and indispensable.

Organizer

When I think back, we, the International Organizing Committee, will have sat across from each other for around 4 weeks over the last 5 years. From day one it was together and not against each other. We were able to get to know the team around Commander Franci Petek, President Janko Cerkvenik with Jana Kramer-Stajniko, Zvonko Glažar, Ivan Jezernik, Adriana Cividini and Jože Berlec as understanding, fair partners.

I mean, we all planned and carried out an event together, which will ultimately go down in the history of the CTIF as very successful. I hope that we were able to meet your expectations during this week.

Finally: 2 words – Thank you very much!!

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