



SANTO DOMINGO – FORT BENNING CHANGWON – BEIJING – ISSF WORLD CUPS – SPORT ACCORD – MEETINGS

2007 ISSF WORLD CUP SERIES OPENING: THE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION IS PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE FIRST WORLD CUPS OF THE YEAR 2007 WERE, ONCE AGAIN, PLANNED VERY SUCCESSFULLY BY OUR ORGANIZERS. THE WORLD CUP SERIES STARTED WITH A WORLD CUP IN THE SHOTGUN EVENTS IN SANTO DOMINGO.

SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Our member federation had gained a considerable amount of experience by organizing the previous world cups and the championships of the American Continental Confederation in the past and, therefore, this world cup was well accepted by athletes, coaches and officials. There was only one main concern reported to ISSF and that was the fact that the local organizer did not succeed in obtaining permission from national customs to allow the participating shooters to bring their own ammunition with them. Many shooters train very hard at home to participate in our world cups and take carry training rounds with different cartridges with them. When they find those which fit best in their shotguns, they like to bring these cartridges with them to the very important world cup competitions. We must ask our organizers to pay more attention in the future to this fact, since our coaches, but especially, our athletes, would appreciate it very much if they could count with this authorization.

FORT BENNING, USA

The second world cup of this year then was organized by our national governing body in the United States at the shooting ranges of Fort Benning, in the rifle and pistol disciplines. This world cup was also very successful, but

the organizers reported that they had several problems with equipment control. Shooters who wanted their equipment approved by the equipment jury had to stand in line for several hours and this, indeed, is not in the interest of the shooters and, of course, not what the shooters and coaches want. Once the rules for the clothing of the rifle shooters was finally updated to fulfill the new requirements created by the special commission for rifle clothing, we expected all athletes to strictly observe these new regulations. But, unfortunately, there seems to be quite a number of shooters who believe they could have their jackets for the rifle discipline approved by equipment control through the manipulation of the material. It was observed that some shooters tried to test the stiffness control by rolling up the material and by hammering on the jackets. This is completely unacceptable, and in the future, we will have to report such unethical behavior to the Executive Committee and the Ethics Commission which might decide to apply some sanctions against these athletes.

CHANGWON, KOREA

The third world cup of this year was organized in Changwon City, Korea, in the shotgun discipline. Traditionally, our member federation in Korea organizes the world cup every other year and also wanted to organize the world

cup in the rifle and pistol events this year. The Korean member federation, however, was very fair. The federation agreed to the request of our member federation from Thailand to organize a shotgun world cup in Korea and let the member federation in Thailand organizes a world cup in the rifle and pistol disciplines. The King of Thailand is celebrating his 80th birthday this year and has made large donations to the sport federations in his country. Therefore, our member federation requested a world cup in the rifle and pistol discipline. The ISSF normally would not agree to organize a shotgun world cup at a location where a shooting range only has three combined trap and skeet ranges, however, in the interest of the celebration in Thailand and for the benefit of our sport in Thailand, we agreed and we would like to express our appreciation to our friends in Korea for accepting the change of the disciplines in the Changwon world cup. This made it necessary, however, for the competitions to be organized in three days instead of two days in the trap and skeet events due to the high number of entries. The large majority of the participating shooters showed mutual understanding and agreed with this procedure. We would like to clarify, however, that in future, we would prefer a proposal to organize a world cup in the shotgun disciplines in a location which has four or more combined

ranges against this recent location, which only has three fields of play. The organization of this World Cup by our Korean friends was excellent and, as usual, the hospitality was highly praised by all participants, who enjoyed a colorful Opening Ceremony. Competitions were carried out by well-experienced officials and judges, which is why the result was highly efficient and successful. When the readers receive this edition of the ISSF News, the fourth world cup which is organized in the rifle and pistol disciplines in Sydney, Australia, will be finished. We will report on this world cup and on the other world cups of this year on our next issue.

2008 BEIJING – SHOOTING RANGE

During our stay in Beijing we discovered that the preparations for the Olympic Games next year in August are well on their way and many of the venues for different sports are nearly fully constructed. Of course, we made a very thorough visit to the Olympic Shooting Range, which is also near completion. The engineers of the organizing committee told us that they estimate that the Olympic range will be fully finished by the end of June this year. We saw that the electronic target machines are completely installed in all ranges, including the final range. Also, on the six shotgun fields, the installation of the clay target machines are well on their way. Currently, a large number



of workers are busy paving the walkways and roads within the complex and we were quite astonished when we heard that on the day of our visit nearly one thousand workers were on the ranges. This confirms our expectations that for the first time in many Olympic Games,



our venue will be completely finished well in advance. We can only congratulate the organizing committee for this good work. We are very confident that our member federations and our shooters will be very happy and will enjoy the competitions of the world cup and the Pre-Olympic Test event in April 2008.



SPORT ACCORD 2007

From April 23rd to the 27th, the Olympic family organized the fifth edition of the yearly Sport Accord International Sport Convention in Beijing, China. The President and Secretary General participated in this convention, which brought together officials of the Olympic summer and winter sport federations as well as the recognized sport federations and also the international federations which organize many other sports; altogether a total of more than one hundred different sports from all the continents in the world. This Sport Accord is actually not an ordinary conference but rather a unique gathering of the most diverse cross-section of active sport performance, of opinion formers, of educators and managers from the world of sport. Representatives from one hundred and one international sports federations affiliated with the General Association of International Sports Federations, the Association of Summer International Federations and the Association of the International Olympic Winter Sport Federations meet with the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee, with sponsors, meeting cities, organizing committees, broadcasters and other specialists to discuss the key-issues facing the sports industry.

IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD SPRING MEETING

In the meeting with the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee, we learned that our sport is considered to be one of the core sports in the Olympic program and does not need to undergo a new vote by the full session of the IOC, as happened in Singapore, for the future Games in 2016.

JULY 17 2007

On 17th July this year, ISSF will celebrate its 100 years anniversary. For this birthday celebration in Munich a special invitation was sent out to all member federations and some athletes to be awarded. We hope to see them all on July 17th!

We wish all our shooters and officials good luck and joyful hours of fair competitions during all future world cups and separate world championships in September.

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IN MEMORIAM



Jorge Hernandez Rivera

Puerto Rico
16. March 1922 – 07. April 2007

The International Shooting Sport Federation - ISSF has received the sad news that Mr. Jorge Hernandez Rivera passed away on 7th April 2007. Our friend Jorge Hernandez served the shooting sports all his life. For many years he was President of his home shooting federation, the Federación de Tiro de Armas Cortas y Rifles de Puerto Rico and helped the shooting sport in the whole Caribbean Region by conducting training courses for a large number of federations.

In the International Shooting Sport Federation - ISSF and former UIT he was first elected in 1980 as member of the Judges Committee. He worked very hard to become one of the best experts in our Rules and Regulations and by translating those into the Spanish language helped many officials and shooters in the Hispanic world. In 1994 he was elected as Chairman of the ISSF Pistol Committee and in this capacity he served the shooting sport until last year 2006.

The shooting sport family mourns the loss of one of its most dedicated servants and all his friends in the shooting sport extend their deep sympathy and sincere condolences to his family.