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Dear Friends,

The TRA Technical Committee held its last meeting in St. Petersburg/RUS from 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008, right after the EC meeting. A lot of work was done during the last months in order to follow the schedule to finalize the Code of Points and all rules and regulations for the next Olympic cycle and this TC meeting took the final decisions.

**I. The World Cup Series 2007/2008** will end with the World Cup Final in Togliatti/RUS 17-21 September 2008. Up till then we hope that all remaining events will be a great success for the organisers and for our disciplines in general.

The already planned World Cup in Loule/POR on 24-27 September will still take place, but will count for the 2009 series. The organisers and the TC hope that all federations will keep this event in their budget and will take part in Loule starting the World Cup 2009 under a new format.

**II. World Cup 2009:** Due to the fact, that it was very difficult in the past to find organisers for World Cup Finals and because of the additional World Championships in Trampoline, the EC decided in principle to follow the proposal of the TRA TC to organise World Cups on an annual basis without World Cup Finals and a ranking list that only will count points from the World Cup events. The TC already worked out the rules and hope the EC will follow this proposal at the EC meeting in May.

Tournaments are limited to 7 events for the series. **All** applications from potential organisers should be at the FIG office on **30<sup>th</sup> of August 2008** the latest. The start will be exceptionally with the tournament in Loule/POR in September 2008.

**III.** The principles of the **Code of Points 2009-2012 Trampoline** have been approved by the EC and are ready to be published. The EC regretfully didn't follow the proposal to invent semi-finals, but did agree to the adjustments in the difficulty tables.

**IV. TRA Judges Rules** have been modified by the TC on its last meeting in St. Petersburg and a proposal has been send to the EC for approval. Some changes were made in contents and evaluation of the examination, e.g. there will be 15 routines for execution and 10 routines in difficulty, no superior difficulty test. The procedure of past events judges analyses on videos has been clarified and tolerances are given for deviation from the expert scores, as well as criteria for evaluation of the judges work from excellent to unsatisfactory.

**V.** The **Intercontinental Judges Course** will be held in Bratislava, SVK, 02. – 08. Feb. 2009. Member federations can also start to apply for international courses in 2009.

**VI. Olympic Games:** After the test event in November 08 all seems to be ready for the Games and we are looking forward to an exciting event. We wish all the athletes an injury free season and all the best for their national trials.

Best Regards Horst Kunze  
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