

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC TABLE TENNIS
COMMITTEE



TECHNICAL DELEGATE

EVALUATION REPORT

Name of Tournament:	IWAS World Games – Tribute to Peace
Ranking Factor Approved for:	20
Name of the National Federation:	ABRADECAR
Chairman of Organising Committee:	Mr. Ciraldo Reis
Dates of Play:	16th to 24th September, 2005
Name of Technical Delegate:	Leandro Olvech - ARG
Report submitted to IPC and ITTC:	October 7th, 2005

<u>Participants:</u>	11 Nations:	8 Women WC 5 Women ST 29 Men WC 16 Men ST
	Total Players:	58 10 Coaches 1 Team Leaders 2 Support Staff
	Total Staff:	13
	Total:	71 People

*** 1 Nation didn't showed up, Nigeria**

Previous Communications with the OC

There were no problems on that issue with the OC, the communications were very efficient by e-mail and telephone no nation complained.

Reception at the airport:

My personal experience was awful, I arrived at 5.30 am and nobody was there, I had to wait around 6 hours for my transport even if I could phone the OC at 7.30 am. I have received many complains from the teams regarding this matter.

Accreditation:

Were given some days after arrival and without pictures And the back numbers when the competition was already started

Accommodation:

It was in 5 hotels, the entry fee was charged according the level of the accommodation, the hotels
Rio Othon Palace 5*,
Olinda Othon Classic 4*
California Othon Classic 4*
Leme Othon Palace 4*
Trocadero Othon Travel 3*
Some of the 4 stars hotels look like 3 stars ones.
All are in Copacabana in front of the beach in the Atlantic avenue, in a distance of 600 meters. Different level of services but in general not fully accessible, some complains were received, most of them from the Trocadero hotel.

Meals:

Breakfast and Dinner were in the restaurant of the hotels with different kind of services depending of the hotels, the quality of the food was good and very good according team's comments.

The lunch was served in the venue with lunchboxes, sandwiches, some pies, fruits and desserts. Juices and water to drink. It was good enough and there was a room to have lunch, At the beginning there were not enough tables in the room arranged to have the meal but after my suggestion they installed more.

Transport:

The distance to the venue was around **1 ½ and 2 hours** that made the competition days very long and difficult to deal with. They used big buses, some with electric ramps and most of them without. On the first day they didn't have a ramp that fits in the door of some of the buses, it was a very complicated situation and the players had to wait more than 10 minutes for the unloading of the transport.

Something incredible happen sometimes, the bus drivers lost their direction from and to the venue and it caused important delays.

Communication:

The TD, referee and deputy referee were in three different hotels but during the games the OC provided 3 radios for TT officers, it made easier the communications,

In the venue there was a press centre where the accredited people could access to the internet.

Main Venue:

Miecimo Complex

The venue was shared with Cue sports, we asked for a curtain to divide the hall, there was a very good cooperation with Martin Henning, the TD of that sport.

Floor: Good Wooden
Lighting: Very Good for the competition.
May be around 1000 Lux

Temperature: Perfect
Spectator Seats: Approximately 8000

Referee's Table: In one side of the Sport Hall

Gluing Room: In a corridor of the venue

Officials Rooms: - TD + Referee + umpires + meetings
Room (very complicated to work in that way)
- Doctor and Classification Room
- Computers Area (close to referee's table)

- Press room with internet access for the media and players (very good)

Equipment:

Tables: 5 pcs Tibhar Blue, ITTF app. for ST
5 pcs Butterfly Green, not ITTF app.
But good quality for WC

Net: Tibhar, ITTF Approved

Scorers: Tibhar, ITTF Approved

Surroundings: Tibhar, ITTF Approved

Balls: Butterfly White ***

Programme:

September 16th: - Arrivals of Teams
September 17th: - Classification and umpires seminars
September 18th: - Training / Classification / Technical meeting
September 19th: - Open / Singles
September 20th: - Singles / Team Events
September 21st: - International Day of Peace Ceremony
September 22nd: - Team Events
September 23rd: - Free day
September 24th: - Closing Ceremony
September 25th: - Departures

Competition started around 9 am and finished around 8 pm first day, 9.30 am to 7 pm second and 9.30 to 13.00 the third day.

The timetable was a little short of time but there were only minor problems because of the small low quantity of participants.

Meetings:

A technical meeting was held in the evening of 18th and included some words from the organizers. It was good (in itself) but it was arranged at 7pm, the countries received the info that it was at 6pm and the list of players from the OC arrived at 8.30pm, very unfair for the delegates, they had to wait for so long!

The open event draw was handmade by referee in presence of TD. The schedule of the open was provided to the teams during the meeting.

Press:

There was a great coverage by local TV and newspapers with some interviews.

Ceremonies:

In this tournament it must be a separated chapter because of the importance that they had.

Opening Ceremony:

Great one on the Maracana Complex, with a marching around an athletics track, speeches from local and international authorities, sponsors and personalities. After this long part, there was a presentation of typical dances, 2 couples of wheelchair dancing, a dancing group with 5 people in wheelchair and 5 standing and then an incredible scola do samba. Brazilian style, just Great.

Honorary Personalities:

The OC didn't provide me a list, as far as I remember:

- Paul de Pace (IWAS Chairman)
- Juan Palau (IWAS Vice chairman)
- Maura Strange (IWAS Secretary Gral.)
- Ciraldo Reis (OC Chairman)
- Mauro Gandra (OC Secretary Gral)
- Edson Arantes do Nascimento (Pele)
- Remigio Maradona (UN Rep.)
- Gilberto Gil (Brazilian Culture Minister)

World Day of Peace:

It was on the "Corcovado", the mountain where the Christ monument is on the top, famous image of Rio. Most of the delegations were there, and some personalities, there were speeches and a minute of silence begging for the peace in the world, it was very nice. As an addition of the people already mentioned on the opening ceremony, Jimmy Page was there as united Nations ambassador. The atmosphere was incredible, on the top of the mountain rounded by clouds and when the heaven was open it was possible to see the entire city.

Closing Ceremony:

In a Club of Scola do Samba, with great ambient, very funny, same presentations as in the opening ceremony.

Education Program:

Regional Umpires and Classification seminars

Classification:

Lecturer: Nadia Vaccaro (ARG) and Norma Patiño (MEX)

3 participants from BRA, COL and RSA

Umpires:

Lecturer: Delano Lai Fatt (BRA)

Around 40 participants from the host country

Classifications:

2 classifiers were present

10 players were tested.

Very good and professional classifications!

The player Hae Gon Lee (KOR) refused to be classified adducing that it was a misspelling of the name, anyway he was on the list and there was no chance to check it with the Classification Secretary. After a meeting with TD, classifiers and KOR coach, because of the Korean team complain, he was informed that if there is no classification, then he is not allowed to play. He decided not to play.

Results:

All results book was given to each nation on Saturday evening with a copy on CD.

All electronically results were promised to be sent to the Ranking Director during following week.

Officials:

Classifiers:	Mrs. Norma Patiño – MEX Mrs. Nadia Vaccaro - ARG
Referee:	Mr. Delano Lai Fatt – BRA Mrs. Leonor Demario – BRA
Umpires:	20 from BRA

Organizing Committee:

Chairman:	Ciraldo Reis
Secretary General:	Mauro Gandra
Executive Secretary:	Renata Chaves
Gral Technical Director:	Jorge Miranda
Gral Technical Assistant:	Erinaldo Chagas
TT Technical Director:	Benedito Rodrigues de Oliveira
TT Venue Responsible:	Omar Gomes Barbosa
TT Venue set up:	Luciano
Results:	Edir Domingos de Oliveira

IPC / IPTTC Taxes:

IWAS authorities informed me that it was agreed that there will be not tax from sports on this games.

Evaluation:

Accommodations: Good level in some and not 4 stars level in some hotels as announced, some rooms were not accessible.

Transport: The worst part of the games.

Venue: Perfect!

Tables: Very Good!

Umpires: Some with very good level and some with good enough. But they worked very hard!

Ball People: There were more than necessary, well done!

Competitions: Good organisation during the competition but more things should be foreseen.

Information: The information was distributed not so oft, and I had to ask them to do it many times. It has to be planned next time. Another computer person is necessary!

Medal Presentations: Very good, with some music in between could be perfect

Computer: Very good job.

IPTTC Officers: Very good teamwork in a lot of difficult situations! Thanks!

Org. Committee: The OC was not big enough, they needed more people involved. Most of the tasks were very centralized. There were very professional people but not enough quantity. Every request had to be asked minimum 2 or 3 times. At the beginning I felt they lost credibility with the nations and they used to ask the same questions to many people to be sure of the answer. It should be better to have more independent sport committees inside the OC

Contract: There was a contract signed by IPC, IPTTC, IWAS and the OC with very high conditions, higher than needed but it was not fully followed.

A good sample were the rooms offices on the venue, it was promised 15 by contract, perhaps 8 were enough but actually I had to share my room with the referee and the 20 umpires. I recommend to write more realistic contracts and follow them.

Anyway and after all the comments that I made, I have tried to be very meticulous and criticize everything but the results were not negative. The people had a nice time there and the atmosphere was very nice. The marketing plans were excellent, the press coverage too, it surprised me, and the opening, closing and peace day ceremonies were just excellent!

I really appreciate the efforts that the OC did and I would like to congratulate them because to go on board to organize such a BIG event and in Latin America, people have to be very courageous and valiant.

Thanks to the OC and IWAS for the hard work.

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