



**INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION  
PARA TABLE TENNIS**

***TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT***

**Tournament:** 2018 ITTF PTT World Championships

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**Ranking Factor Applied for:** 80

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**Responsible Federation:** Paralympic Committee of Slovenia (on behalf of Slovenian Table Tennis Association - STTA)

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**Chairman of Organizing Committee** Mr. Damijan Lazar

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**Dates of Play:** October 15 – 21, 2018

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**Technical Delegate:** Francesco Nuzzo ITA

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**Dep. Technical Delegate:** Roger Edeflod SWE

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**Report submitted to ITTF PTTD:** 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2018

**Airport:**

Ljubljana 100km (1h. 30 minutes), Maribor 60km (50 minutes) and Graz 125km (1h. 30 minutes) (Good transport schedule).

**Accreditation:**

At the hotel Thermana Lasko. It worked well. The delegations received a general information leaflet and an aluminum bottle as a gadget.



**Accommodation:**

**Hotel Wellness Thermana Laško \*\*\*\***

Zdraviliška cesta 6, 3270 Laško,

[www.thermana.si](http://www.thermana.si)

Used for participants, staff and officials. Excellent. Good accessibility for wheelchair users.

Ancillary rooms of high standard with required equipment.

Wi-Fi free. It worked very well.





**Hotel Zdravilisce Laško\*\*\*\***

Zdraviliška cesta 4, 3270 Laško

[www.thermana.si](http://www.thermana.si)

Used for participants. Good quality. Wi-Fi free but slow.





**Rimske Terme - Hotel Zdravilski Dvor \*\*\*\***

Toplice 10, 3272 Rimske Toplice

[www.rimske-terme.si](http://www.rimske-terme.si)

Used for participants. Excellent.  
Wi-Fi free. It worked very well.





**Meals:** All meals served at the respective hotels. The quality was excellent and also variety of food was very good.





**Breakfast:** 06:30 – 10:00

**Lunch:** 12:00 – 15:00

**Dinner:** 18:00 – 22:00

**Transportation:** Regular shuttles were organized from/to the hotels in Lasko, Rimske Toplice and the practice hall in Lasko and the Zlatorog venue in Celje. The shuttles run every 30 minutes from Lasko and every hour from Rimske Toplice. Six big accessible busses were used (4 from Laško and 2 from Rimske Toplice). Additional mini busses were used on demand.





**Venue:                               SPORTS HALL ZLATOROG**

Indoor sporting arena. One accessible toilet inside and quite good possibility to set up the necessary facilities in the rooms located in one side of the hall under the spectators' stands. Fully accessible for wheelchair users. Next to the venue entrance a Café / Bar.



Spectator seats: Bleacher seats all around the hall (around 5.000).



Floor: Taraflex





Lighting:

Very Good



The spectators in wheelchair could use a special large platform suspended under the main grandstand and specially built for the event.



Officials' areas:

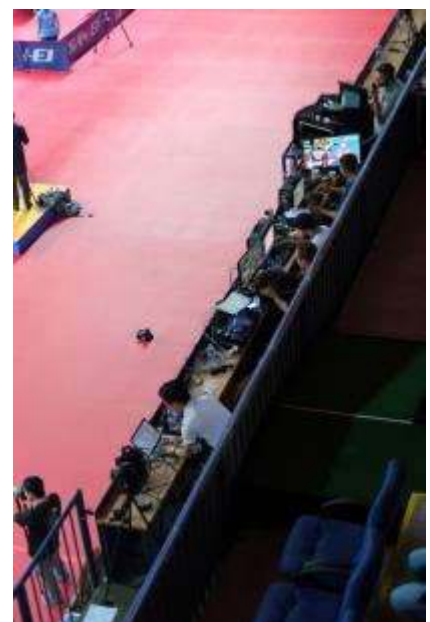
- T.Ds Referees, and results management people shared the same desk in the middle of the longer side of the playing hall but No separated rooms were available for TDs and referees.



- 2 dressing rooms for players.
- Umpires changing room



- ITTF staff and press area at the upper level of the venue.
- Media area halfway up in front of show court tables



- Reserved area for the ball people in a corner of the hall.



Photo by Grega Valancic

- Call Area: Non-regular space between the main entrance of the players and the warming area however, then proved sufficient to contain the due number of persons.



- RCC: Small space pulled into a separate part within the call area.



### Practice hall Tri Lilije in Lasko



### Warming up area in the venue

12 x SAN-EI Blue wheelchair friendly tables



## Stands



## Accessible toilets (the two) in front of the main entrance



## VIP Area

**Other services:**

**Medical service:** First aid was available all day long during the competition days, and an ambulance was always parked outside the venue.

**Wi-Fi Internet:** Available to everyone at hotels and venue

**Repair Service:** On demand

**Water:** Dispensed In water gallons.

**Equipment:**

**Tables:** 12 tables SAN – EI, blue, premium wheelchair, ITTF approved.  
12 SAN – EI, blue for warm-up and 14 for practice.

**Nets:** SAN-EI, blue

**Balls:** XUSHAOFA Seamless, white

**Scorers – Surrounds - Umpire's tables - Towel boxes:** SAN – EI

**Competition days:**

<b>14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Arrival day
<b>16<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Draw; Technical meeting, Opening ceremony and Umpire's briefing
<b>17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Competition days
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	End of the competition; Medals ceremony; Closing ceremony and Farewell party.
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October 2018</b>	Departures

**Competition hours:**

<b>October 17<sup>th</sup></b>	09.00 – 20.30
<b>October 18<sup>th</sup></b>	09.00 – 20.30
<b>October 19<sup>th</sup></b>	09.00 – 20.30
<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	09.00 – 18.30

<b><u>Participants:</u></b>	<b>Nations Total:</b>		<b>51</b>
	<b>Participants:</b>	Male	196
		Female	123
		Staff	244
	<b>Participants total</b>		<b>563</b>

<b><u>Officials:</u></b>	<b>TD:</b>	Francesco Nuzzo	ITA
	<b>Deputy TD:</b>	Roger Edeflod	SWE
	<b>Classifier:</b>	Pablo Perez	ESP
	<b>Referee:</b>	Cheong-ki Chan	HKG
	<b>Deputy referees:</b>	Ales Sustarsic	SLO
		Maria Tsipou	GRE
		Matej Hamran	SVK
	<b>Assistant referee:</b>	Matija Krnc	SLO
	<b>FOP Coordinators</b>	Jamie Hitchcock	GBR
		Howard Brialey	GBR
	<b>Racket Control:</b>	Ivo Žerovnik	SLO
	<b>Computer:</b>	Brane Krmelj	SLO

**Umpires:** 52 in total (SLO - 16, CRO - 5, SRB - 5, SVK – 3, BRA - 2, BUL - 2, COL - 2, DEN - 2, ENG - 2, GER - 2, HUN - 2, JPN - 2, TUR - 2, FIN - 1, LUX - 1, MKD - 1, SWE - 1, USA - 1)

The number of umpires was only sufficient for the need of the competition.

**Ball people:** Ball people were always present during the whole tournament and very well organized.

**Volunteers:** There were enough volunteers present. They were friendly and always willing to help. Excellent work.

**Meetings:** The Technical meeting was held on 16th of October at 14:30 in a conference room of the Thermana Hotel in Lasko. Necessary information was given to the delegations. The Draw was distributed. The umpire's briefing took place at 20:30 at the hotel where the umpires were accommodated.

**Classification:** At Hotel Wellness Park – For class 10 re-evaluation

**Competition:** Very well prepared competition. Players and umpires gathered from the Call Area under supervision of the FOP managers and marched together into the field of play through a designated entrance. Coaches followed after presentation. All spectators were confined to spectators' stands. Schedule was respected and no delays occurred. All umpires were helpful and worked very well.

### **Information Homepage and Results:**

The webpage of the event organized in an excellent way gave a lot of general and specific information, photos, videos, articles and results. Results were posted regularly on the official website of the event on the ITTF website and were available through a mobile application but not delivered in pigeon boxes and information boards nor in the venue than in the hotels receptions. Uploads were ongoing and regular at the end of each round. Definitely a very efficient work has been done by all insiders.



**Media and Photo service:** Top class.

## **Articles on the ITTF Website:**

<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/17/ready-action-ready-put-great-front-britain/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/17/titles-defended-rio-winners-seeking-gold/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/18/british-perspective-good-start-paralympic-champions/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/18/favourites-enjoy-successful-starts-not-without-moments-concern/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/18/celebrated-names-no-charity-offered/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/18/main-draw-places-booked-progress-according-status/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/18/laurens-devos-home-country-mountains-lakes/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/19/british-perspective-paralympic-champions-amongst-ten-qualifiers-main-draw/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/19/top-seeded-names-follow-suit-main-draw-places-reserved-style/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/19/leading-ladies-progress-style/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/19/fernando-eberhardt-form-causes-major-upset/>  
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<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/20/mixed-fortunes-defending-champions-alvaro-valera-patryk-chojnowski-progress-will-bayley-viktor-didukh-depart/>  
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<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/21/titles-retained-success-beijing-success-lasko-celje/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/21/patryk-chojnowski-retains-title-much-alone/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/22/great-britain-para-team-performance-director-pleased-results-lasko-celje/>  
<https://www.ittf.com/2018/10/29/trevor-hirth-alena-kanova-elected-ittf-athletes-commission/>

Local Web Site Of The Tournament

<https://spint2018.com/>

Links to Flickr galleries:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/albums/72157674617335368>  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/albums/72157672462299767>  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/albums/72157702600591025>  
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## Ceremonies:

### Opening Ceremony:



Nice presentation of the competition with highlights on the Country and the City hosting the event.

Welcoming speech from Damijan Lazar, Chairman of the Organizing Committee and Folkloric show



Medals Ceremonies:



Closing Ceremony:



Farewell party: Very well organized.

## Organizing Committee:

<b>Chairman:</b>	Damijan Lazar
<b>Deputy:</b>	Roman Pungartnik
<b>Technical Director:</b>	Gorazd Vecko
<b>Volunteers:</b>	Sabina Vecko
<b>Marketing &amp; Media:</b>	Andreja Glavač Dominik Grbec
<b>Transport:</b>	Aleš Letonja
<b>Assistants:</b>	Tanja Cerkvenik Primož Jeralič
<b>Assistants Coordinator:</b>	Jana Čander
<b>Photo and Public Relations:</b>	Drago Perko

## Evaluation:

<b>Accommodation:</b>	Very good
<b>Transport:</b>	Good
<b>Meals:</b>	Very good
<b>Venue:</b>	Very good
<b>Sport equipment:</b>	Very good, all ITTF approved
<b>Light in the hall:</b>	Very good
<b>Information:</b>	Good
<b>Referees:</b>	Very good
<b>Computer person:</b>	Very good
<b>Organization:</b>	Very good organization with very welcoming people
<b>Medal presentation:</b>	Very good

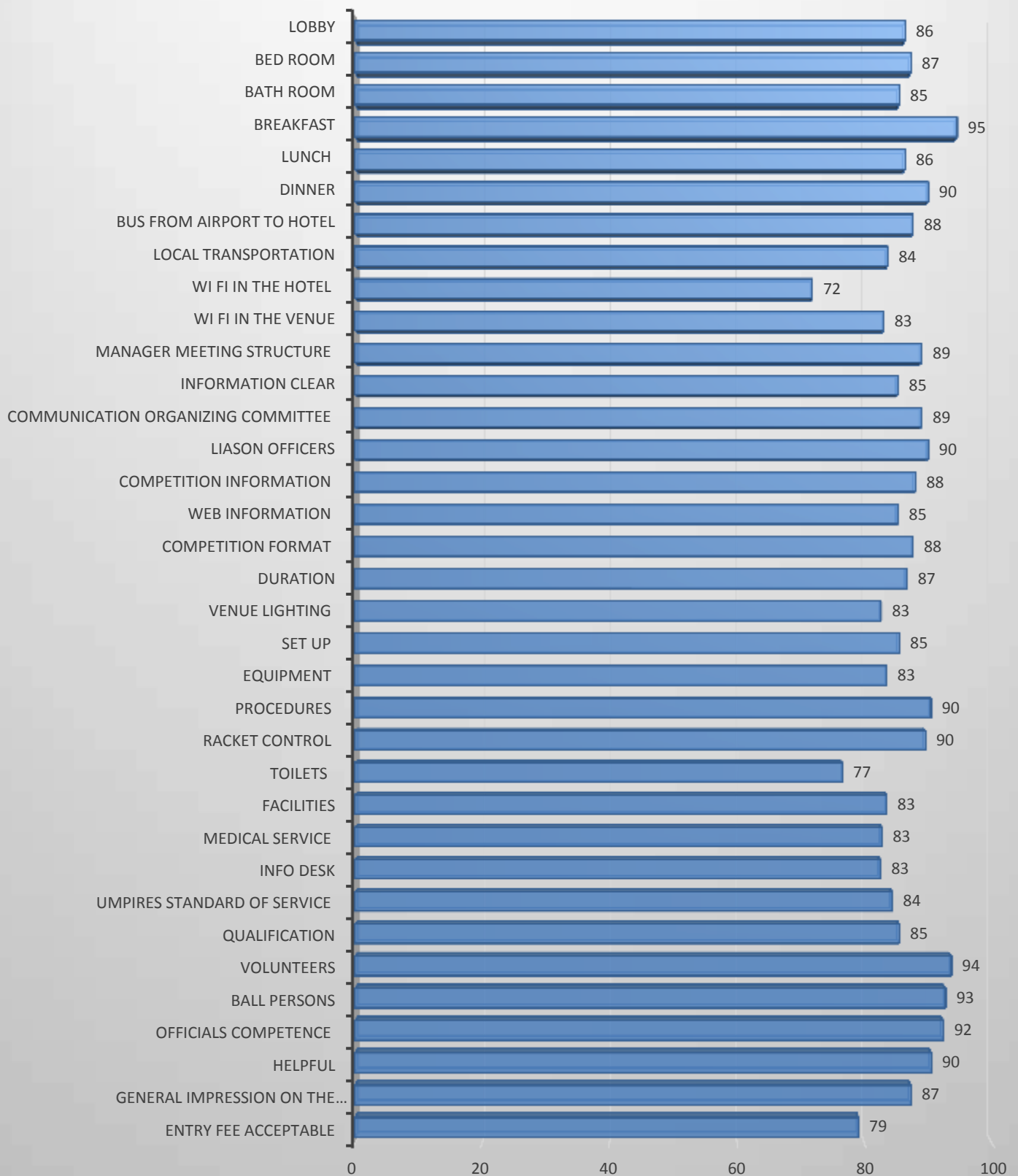
## CONCLUSION

The first Singles World Championships was in all aspects a very well organized event with a very high standard. The organization, presentation, efficiency, and supporting functions were at the highest levels. From many feedback received overall one of the best World Championships since now organized. However, since organizing such an event is not easy not everything could be perfect and it is always obviously possible to improve.

These below are suggestions that we got from the countries but that we share and can be used in prospective planning.

Accommodation:	More helping persons at information desk at the hotels (Zdravilisce and Rimske Toplice)
Transport:	Have shorter intervals with the busses from Rimske Toplice
Meals:	Have an alternative for lunch at the venue or nearby. Offer some beverage or coffee service for each team
WiFi:	Slow in Zdravilisce hotel.
Venue:	Warming-up hall too small. – Entrance to warming-up hall through Call Area (two-way path) - More toilets needed. NO Physio room – No TD/Referee room then difficult for the teams to get contact to the officials.
Light in the hall:	Make sure before the beginning all possible daylight entrances are covered
Information:	No info in the venue and in the hotels. No pigeon boxes.

Still under you find a summary chart with the outcome of a evaluation survey given us from the teams during the event. To note that quite all values are very high (values in the range 61-80 correspond to the evaluation Good and values from 81 to 100 to Very Good) confirming the overall satisfaction of the participants but also giving a real picture of the aspects more or less valued if compared among them.



**I would like to congratulate with all, Organizers, referees, umpires and volunteers, for their contribute in the success of the 2018 ITTF PTT World Championships in Celje-Lasko. Particular thanks go to Roger, Howard and Jamie.**

**Francesco NUZZO – ITA  
Technical Delegate**