

## Report from the 8<sup>th</sup> IPC Table Tennis World Championships in Montreux 24<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006

### Racket Control

The event was held in the Montreux Convention Center – in two halls. The facilities for racket control were without storage rooms with locking (the room was an entry to a conference room, sometimes open to all), little ventilation, not enough light (some rubbers had to be brought outside the hall to be read), no electricity for battery loading, enough furniture, and located a bit from the two areas where players and umpires were preparing for the matches. Copying facilities and assistance from the organiser were excellent.

Before we started we agreed with the referee to have after-match tests as the general rule, except for the finals where we planned to have before-match tests. Later this was changed to after-match tests also here.

We also agreed to spread the tests to as many associations as possible.

The first day we had a few voluntary tests, but it was only available for a short period. We also accepted a few such tests during the next days.

The importance was placed on the glue testing, rubber identification, gloss, and flatness of the rackets, together with the explanation to the players and leaders involved.

The umpires from the matches brought the rackets to the racket control room.

Some of the rackets used here had very enlarged handles, making it impossible to close the lid of the boxes we used; a plastic bag was used instead.

We made in addition some practical experience with the Wassing en ez device, which will be used in the future.

### Summary:

	Men	Women	Total
Total players	243	104	347
Tested	107	52	159
Tested in %	44,0%	50,0%	

A few players were tested more than one time. Of the 48 associations some smaller ones (6) were never tested.

No players were disqualified from an event due to too much solvent.

Some players - 4 - had traces of solvents and were warned against using too fresh coverings from the factory.

A few illegal racket coverings (= not on the List of Authorised Racket Coverings) were found, and the players in question changed their rubbers.

File with details is attached.

<b>Dräger tubes:</b>	<b>Bought:</b>	<b>Used:</b>
Trichlorethylene	10	0
Toluene	120	140
Xylene	10	30

The Racket Control team consisted of:

Inge Bernasconi SUI (id) German, French, Italian, English

Sacha Carvignesi SUI (sc) French, Italian, English

Jeanne Zhang CHN (jj) Chinese, English (part time)

All were devoted to the task, performed very well, and the operations ran smoothly.

Oslo, 9. October 2006.

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