



***INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TABLE FEDERATION
PARA TABLE TENNIS DIVISION***

TECHNICAL DELEGATE REPORT

Name of Tournament: **2017 EUROPEAN PARA TABLE TENNIS
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Ranking Factor Applied for: **50**

Name of Responsible Federation: **Slovenian Table Tennis Association
NPC Slovenia**

Name of Tournament Organizers: **PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE OF
SLOVENIA**

Dates of Play: **Sep 26th – Oct 05th, 2017**

Name of Technical Delegate: **Constantina CROTTA GRE**

Name of Deputy TD: **Tomas VARGA SVK**

Report submitted to ITTF PTTD: **20 October, 2017**

Airport:

Airport LJUBLJANA 75 min (92 Km) distance from the hotel
Airport GRAZ (Austria) 90 min (120 km) distance from the hotel

Accreditation:

HOTEL WELLNESS PARK LAŠKO.



During the accreditation everybody received the bulletin of the tournament together with a bag. Umpires received a t-shirt.

Info – Welcome desk: There was an **info point** in the Hotel Wellness Park Lasko, where the participants could receive information about voluntary racket control, transportation, several brochures and tourist guides of Slovenia and any other info.

A **welcome desk** was in the venue where participants could receive any info for the tournament or for the tourist attractions of Slovenia.



Accommodation:

The accommodation was organized in 3 very good hotels, with free Wi-Fi internet access. All participants had the possibility to use the wellness facilities of Hotel Thermana Park Lasko.

HOTEL WELLNESS PARK LAŠKO
HOTEL ZDRAVILISCE LASKO
HOTEL HUM (for officials)

<https://www.thermana.si/en>

<https://www.thermana.si/namestitve/hotel-zdravilisce-lasko>

<http://hotel-hum.com/>

Hotel Wellness Park Lasko



Hotel Zdravilisce



Hotel Hum



Distance between Hotels and Venue: Hotel Wellness Park and Hotel Zdravilisce and Hotel Hum 5 minutes by bus and 10 minutes walking distance.

Transportation: Shuttle buses start 6:45am from the hotels and then every 15 minutes.



Meals: All meals were served at the hotels; the quality and the variety of the food was very good. Arrangements with the duration of the meals were made, depending the end of the matches.

Breakfast: 06:30 – 10:00

Lunch: 12:00 – 15:00

Dinner: 18:00 – 22:00



Venue: Sports hall Tri Lilije, Poženelova ulica 22, Laško

Fully accessible for wheelchair users. As the competition was taking place in the first floor, 2 elevators were available for wheelchair players. Next to venue entrance was a Café / Bar.



There was a shop of table tennis equipment in the entrance of the hall



The Main Hall.



Floor: Taraflex red color

Lighting: Approx. 1000 Lux over tables

Referee and TD Table: Close to the playing area in a podium in the middle of the hall

Spectator Seating: 500 seats available with a good view of the playing area.

Equipment:

Tables: 12 tables SAN-EI blue all wheelchair accessible, (8 for standings, 4 for wheelchairs)
2 tables were used as show courts
Nets: SAN-EI
Balls: Xushaofa 3star 40+
Scoreboards and Umpire’s tables: SAN-EI
Towel boxes: SAN-EI
Surrounds: SAN-EI



Practice – Training Hall: 12 SAN-EI Tables in each hall with Taraflex flooring,

PRACTICE HALL

TRAINING HALL



Changing rooms: 3 changing rooms, 6 bathrooms – 3 wheelchair accessible toilets in total



Water: Water machines were available throughout the hall and in the practice hall



Classification: At the hotel wellness park. 8 classifications were made. A classification seminar was also held in Hotel Thermana Park Lasko on 26th and 27th September where 12 participants took part.



Doping Control: Responsible for the Doping Control was Mr Takuro Okada from ITTF

Out of Competition (Pre-Competition) Testing

Date: 27th September
Number of Samples: 3 Players (Urine)

In-Competition Testing

Date: 30th September
Number of Samples: 3 Players (Urine)

They have been collected all samples (3 OOC and 3 IC) without any problems, and samples were sent to the Laboratory by Slovenian Anti-Doping Organization (SLOADO).

Doping Control Room



Call Area: Very spacious, just behind the field of play. Very well organized

Racket Control: Just next to the call area. Also, a voluntary racket control was organized in the 27th September. 191 voluntary tests were made.

CALL AREA



RACKET CONTROL AREA



MARCHING IN

In every round there was a marching in procedure accompanied by music. British Dave Cochrane, Brialey Howard and Statter Ian were responsible and they made a fantastic job.



Other services:

- Computer center, print service and staff were situated next to the technical table
- **Results Service:** Professional work from Brane Krmelj and Ales Sustarsic



Every day a lot of ball pickers were provided. Very well organized.



Mascot of the tournament: Mark the Lion

Mark the Lion is an ambassador of disabled sports, loves action, is full of positive energy and is courageous and hardworking. All these helps him to overcome any obstacle and succeed personally as well as in sports. The mascot was in the venue many hours during the tournament and in the medal ceremony, creating a wonderful atmosphere.

Mark The Lion



Medical service: Available everyday throughout the tournament. Ambulance present.



Information Board: In the venue and in both hotels. In addition, screens



Wheel chair service: wheel chair service was during the whole tournament upon demand

Elevators: 2 elevators were suitable for wheelchair players in both sides of the venue.



Competition days

25th September	Arrivals for players that need classification
26th September	Arrivals for all others, practice, classification
27th September	Arrivals for umpires, technical meeting at 17:00, umpires briefing at 19:30
28th September	Opening ceremony 8:30 at main hall and the start of individual event.
29th September	Groups stage of Singles event
30th September	Singles event completion, Medal Ceremony at 19:00 at Main hall
1st October	Team event
2nd October	Team event
3rd October	Team event
4th October	Team event completion, Medal ceremony and farewell party
5th October	Departures

Meetings:

There was a technical meeting at the hotel The Park on 27th September at 17:00, where the draw for the first competition days and all necessary information were given to the team leaders. The team composition form and all the useful information were given too. The umpires' briefing for the tournament was held in hotel wellness park on 27th September at 19:30 after the technical meeting.

UMPIRES BRIEFING



Participants

Players from 31 nations were present.

(AUT, BEL, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GRE, HUN, IRL, ISR,
ITA, LAT, MKD, MNE, NED, NOR, POL, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, SWE, TUR, UKR)

Male ♂ : 210

Female ♀ : 80

Staff: 149

Total: 438

Officials:

Technical Delegate: Constantina CROTTA (GRE)

Deputy Technical Delegate: Tomas VARGA (SVK)

Referee: Francesco NUZZO (ITA)

Deputy Referee: Marta SZILY (HUN)

Matija KRNC (SLO)

Aleš ŠUŠTARŠIČ (SLO)

Classifiers:

Juraj STEFAK (SVK)

Sheng WU (TPE)

James LAM (HKG)

Marwan DIA (JOR)

Aleksander WIETESKA (POL)

Umpires: 46 International and 7 National umpires from 13 countries

BEL	BUL	CRO	CZE	GER	HUN	ITA	LAT	ROU	RUS	SRB	SVK	SLO
1	2	6	2	1	5	5	1	1	1	8	4	16



Volunteers: Always very helpful, friendly and full of energy.



Competition: Both events run very well and in a great atmosphere. There was an excellent cooperation among organizers, officials, team leaders and players.

Results: During the tournament results were regularly published on the information board of the playing hall, also updated every hour on the IPTTC website, in Facebook and in the local event website. Also, an official Epint 2017 app was available for Android and IOS devices where everybody could get the competition's schedule, results, news, photos and stats.

Photo service: A professional photographer ZIGA ZUPAN was in the venue during the whole tournament taking photos of the players and sent them to Ian Marshall.

Articles to ITTF Website:

A lot of articles were published frequently by Ian Marshall on the ITTF website:

<https://www.ittf.com/tournament/2881/2017-european-para-championships/#news>

Website of the event

<http://www.epint2017.com/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/EPINT2017>

Live stream

<http://www.epint2017.com/live-stream.html>

Highlights and interviews

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTZ5NaPtSv0>

You tube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjSxVySND0aWTkisWbbs9tQ>

Photos

<http://www.epint2017.com/photos.html>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ittfworld/collections/72157660965180588/>

Articles to ETTU Website:

<http://www.ettu.org/en/n/news/2017/september/new-singles-european-champions-crowned-in-lasko/>

<http://www.ettu.org/en/n/news/2017/october/ukraine-won-five-gold-at-european-para-table-tennis-championships/>

Articles to IPC Website:

<https://www.paralympic.org/news/top-european-table-tennis-players-seek-titles>

<https://www.paralympic.org/news/defending-champions-dominate-para-table-tennis-euros>

Media: Local channels took several snapshots and make interviews during the tournament. In order to make sports for the disabled accessible to those who will not be present in Lasko, organizers have enabled the direct video stream of all the games. Live streaming was held on all 12 tables.





Ceremonies:



The **Opening Ceremony** was held on at the venue on 28th September at 8:30. There was a warm welcome speech from General Manager of Wellness Park Lasko hotel Mr. Samo Fakin.

The **Medal Ceremony** for single events was held in the venue on 30th September at 19:00. The ceremony started with a nice music performance of a woman band. Brief speeches were given from delegates of ITTF, ETTU, the president of organizing committee.





The **Medal ceremony** for team events **and the farewell party** was held on 4th October in Thermana Park Lasko at 19:00. A very special evening was organized. Apart the medal ceremony, warm speeches and performances from amazing technical dancers were given.

Also, all the participants had the opportunity to taste the special huge cake that was made in favor of the tournament. The farewell party lasted until the early hours of the morning accompanied by a DJ.



Organizing Committee:

Tournament manager:	Damijan LAZAR
Vice President of OC	Roman PUNGARTNIK
Technical director:	Gorazd VECKO
NTTA Representative:	Matija KRNC
Marketing	Polona MARINCEK
Accessibility Manager	Jose OKOREN
Assistant:	Tanja CERKVENIK
Transport:	Ales LETONJA
Ball boys' and girls' leader	Sabina VECKO
Assistant Coordinator	Jana CANDER
Public relations	Drago PERKO

Evaluation:

Accommodations:	Very Good
Transport:	Very Good
Meals:	Very good quality and big variety
Venue:	Good
Sport equipment:	Good, all ITTF approved
Light in the hall:	Good
Information:	Very good, On the information board and in IPTTC website and in ITTF website and in the website of the event and in the application.
Referee Team:	Very good
Computer person:	Very good
Medal presentation:	Very Good

CONCLUSION

Due to the valuable help and experience of the organizers the Epint 2017 European Para Table Tennis Championships was a big success.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the organizing committee, sponsors, officials, staff and volunteers for their great work.

WELL DONE SLOVENIA!!!!!!

Constantina CROTTA – GRE
Technical Delegate