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### **IRV Report 2017**

Dear IRV Member Countries,

In 2018 the Wheel Gymnastics family will return to the home country of the IRV. We will meet from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of May in Magglingen in the Swiss Canton of Bern. At a height of up to 1000 metres above sea level the IRV World Championships in Gym Wheel and Cyr Wheel will take place.

This event will definitely be the highlight of this year 2018. The preparations have already started and we are looking forward to meet our family and friends again in Magglingen.

Salzburg was the host city of our 2017 Team World Cup. The "Mozart-City" and the team around Hans Pichler did an excellent job to care about the four best teams in Gym Wheel in the world. The Swiss team took the trophy with them for the first time in the history of the Team World Cup event. This may be a good omen for the team competition in Magglingen 2018. Besides the sporting highlight of 2017 – we also learned that the elite sport level has also reflecting moments. Marcel Schawo from Germany got injured during the competition in Salzburg. We are extremely happy, that his recovery went well and he has already been competing in Gym Wheel competitions in Germany.

From the internal IRV Board perspective, we have made progress in the development of our structures, rules and ideas during the last year 2017. Our Agenda 2020 vision has been specified and we published our plans as "Agenda 2020 – Next Level".

Our plans from 2020 onwards include changes in the World Championships competition format. It has been decided to carry out the Team World Championships as part of the Team World Cup. This means that teams will qualify at the World Championships in 2020 in the same manner as previously, but the deciding team competition will be postponed and will take place in the years between world championships. We will also introduce a Junior Team World Championship that will be of particular interest to countries with strong junior sections.



The InsideWheel platform is growing continuously with new content, explaining the specifics of our sport. We are very grateful about the support of Matthias Reich from Switzerland and Lilia Lessel from Germany, both creating a “How To...” video about their challenges in building a music exercise.

Furthermore, we have started the recruiting process for our so called “InsideWheel Scouts”. Together with these volunteers we want to create new content, manage the available information and improve the knowledge base of the InsideWheel platform. With an underlying collaboration software we are able to work together globally on the documents. Until now, we have one volunteer willing to support our activities. There are still spots left for other volunteers.

InsideWheel is also becoming the new place for our online difficulty catalogue, which has been created in 2017. As first part we uploaded the spiral difficulty elements to InsideWheel, so that all elements are available online. In a second part we will enhance the elements with additional photo and video materials.

#### **Code of Points 2020+**

The announced freeze period of the international code of points gym wheel from 2017 – 2020 is still valid. Our team is working on an overall update of the regulations to have a final version of the code of points available until 2020, summarizing all changes of the last years.

In addition to that, we analysed the current structure of our CoP and decided on a wide-reaching strategic change of the structure of the Gym Wheel Code of Points. A first presentation of the work being undertaken will be made during the 2018 World Championships in Switzerland.

#### **Athletes' Commission**

Another important milestone will be the election of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wheel Gymnastics Athletes' Commission in Magglingen 2018. In the last year we published the Manual: Athletes' Commission summarizing all information about its structure, purpose, election process and way of cooperation with the IRV board. We want to highlight the importance of these kind of collaboration and participation for the global Wheel Gymnastics community. Applications of interested gymnasts and coaches are welcome.

We are looking forward to the upcoming, sporting highlights and hope to see you again soon.

Henning Henningsen  
*and the IRV Team*



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**Links:**

Agenda 2020 – Next Level: <http://www.rhoenrad.com/en/about/agenda2020-next-level.html>

InsideWheel – “How to” Videos: <https://insidewheel.atlassian.net/>

Athletes’ Commission: <http://www.rhoenrad.com/en/about/groups-and-commissions.html#AthletesCommission>