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2007 World Gymnaestrada in Dornbirn (AUT)

The contract is soon to be signed!

Moutier / Dornbirn, June 25, 2004: The 13th World Gymnaestrada will be held in a little over three years, July 8 through 14, 2007. This is the largest mass sports event in the world, bringing together over 20,000 participants from all five continents and with a global budget of some 10 million Euros. In the last week, negotiations between the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) and the Österreichischen Fachverband für Turnen (OFT) drew to a successful close. The contract is scheduled to be signed on June 29, 2004, in the presence of Professor Bruno Grandi, FIG President and IOC Member, Mr Norbert Bueche, FIG Secretary General, Mr André Gueisbuhler, FIG Deputy Secretary General and Ms Heide Bruneder, OFT President. The Landesrat Mag. Siegmund Stemer, Prefect dipl.Ing. Wolfgang Rümmele, OC President Ms Marie-Louise Hinterauer, the Dornbirn City Council Members, OC Director Mag. Erwin Reis and the President of the Vorarlberg Gymnastics Society, Labg. Monika Reis.

OFT President, Heide Bruneder recently said, "I remember well my enthusiasm when I participated as a gymnast in my first World Gymnaestrada. It was in 1965 in Vienna. Austria's first World Gymnaestrada was considered a meeting of the peoples. Indeed, it was the first time the Gymnastics Federations of Africa, Oceania, Eastern Europe and the United States participated in an event of this kind. And for this reason, the event deserved being called the "Gymnastics World Celebration," a celebration characterised by unbelievable vitality! We are proud that after 40 years, the World Gymnaestrada is returning to our country. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the hosts of the international gymnastics family; we are greatly anticipating spending a few unforgettable days together."

Dornbirn is situated deep in the heart of Europe and in the "Dreiländereck", the point where Austria meets with Germany and Switzerland. During the event, Dornbirn's population will double (!) with the arrival of over 20,000 gymnasts.

Still 1103 days to go! oft/fig/az

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<p>The official Dornbirn World Gymnaestrada Website: www.wg2007.com Austria and the World Gymnaestrada: www.gymnaestrada.info</p>

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