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XIIIth World Gymnaestrada, Dornbirn 2007

It's been signed!

Moutier/Dornbirn, June 29, 2004: On location at the future 13th World Gymnaestrada in Dornbirn , the President of the National Federation, Ms Heide Bruneder and FIG President and IOC Member, Prof. Bruno Grandi signed the agreement that will give the City and the entire Austrian Vorarlberg Region the honour and responsibility of organising this quadrennial event.

The World Gymnaestrada is the FIG's signature event. Some 25,000 people of all ages come together in honour of the gymnastics ideal, inviting everyone to practise the sport at his or her own level and with the aim of maintaining over-all good health and a certain art in the way we live. This kind of gymnastics is available to all and cultivates motivity, which is the cultural foundation, the primary requirement for any activity concerning the human body. This FIG event arouses lively interest within the international sports community, particularly the International Olympic Committee and its Sport for All Commission, in which sits the President of the FIG General Gymnastics Committee, Ms Margaret Sikkens- Ahlquist, alongside FIG President Bruno Grandi.

The Austrian Federation has already organised an event of this kind. It was in Vienna in 1965 when 15,600 gymnasts participated in the event's 4th edition. It is interesting to note that Austrian gymnasts have participated in every World Gymnaestrada since the first in Rotterdam in 1953, proof of its commitment to the values the event promotes. Their commitment did not fail to be noticed by the Austrian political and sports Authorities, who roused the country's full support.

The XIIIth World Gymnaestrada will be held July 8 – 14, 2007. More than twenty thousand gymnasts are expected in Dornbirn, where the Organising Committee is already rallying round its President, Ms Marie-Louise Hinterauer and its Executive Director, Mag. Erwin Reis. /az

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The FIG World Gymnaestrada is also and in short:

- 24'724 gymnasts – 46 countries – 5 continents;
- 260'688 hotel accommodations;
- 148'771 meals;
- 45 millions of Euros generated (average 445.- € per person)

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