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From August 30 to September 4, the World Crossbow Championship will take place in Avon, Seine et Marne, northern France. To promote the event, a press conference was held on June 24 in the Town of Avon in the presence of the Mayor, Jean-Pierre Le Poulain and his Deputy Assistant for Sports, Jean-Paul Grandiere, Gérard Boutteville, President of the IAU (International Crossbow-shooting Union) and Charles Méchin, the IAU's Secretary General, Denise Daune, Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, and Gouhoury Pascal, chair of the Seine et Forêt Community.

Teams from 24 invited nations are expected on site in Vulains-sur-Seine, the venue for the World Championships, where 120 target buttresses for the Field event and 68 shooting stands for the 10 and 30 meter Match events will be installed.



Also present for the occasion were two leading contenders for honours in Avon, Christine Chaurd individual bronze medal-winner and member of France's 2009 European champion 10 metre Women's Match-crossbow team and Christoffel Pascal, 2009 vice-champion of Europe in the Men's individual Field-crossbow event.



Gérard Boutteville welcomed the holding of the championships in Avon "The pleasant environment will allow the athletes, from the most distant countries, to perform to their peak in the best possible conditions". As noted in the Press information by Denis Daune, the situation is unusual because all three IAU Crossbow World Championship events are being contested on a single site.

Avon World Championship Press Conference Report

The veil has been lifted somewhat on one of the surprises that await the spectators at the opening ceremony on August 31; in addition to the parade of nations, the public can attend a demonstration of historic crossbows which will present a brief history of the discipline, and also a mix of past, present and future of this sport. The future will be represented by the presence of delegates from three nations that may soon join the IAU; Cameroon, Algeria and Tunisia.



Following this presentation, the two members of the French team, who came with their equipment, explained the specifics of their respective disciplines (for example, the use of a "bolt" in the Match event and an "arrow" in the Field). It was a popular demonstration, which aroused plenty of interest amongst the audience.

The team of volunteers mobilized for the organization of this championship will continue to work during the summer so that the delegations will be welcomed in the optimum conditions. See you on August 30th for the launch of the fifteenth edition of the IAU Crossbow World Championship.

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