

## Report of the TIP Training Camp preceding the Junior and U23 World Championships in Bratislava (SVK) July 10<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017



*TIP crew with the accommodation's guest book.*

### **A. Accommodation, venue and participants**

ICF development training camp took place in Bratislava, Slovakia. Accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner were made 3min walking distance from the venue, in a boat house. Hosts were friendly, helpful and always trying to make things easier and better for the athletes.

The group was made of 15 athletes as 6 girls and 9 boys from 15 different countries (average age 18). Plus, we welcomed on our training sessions three others paddlers from Morocco, Malaysia and Mauritius Island, mainly because they were on their own. Noteworthy point: it was the first time that a paddler from Mauritius Island competed at the World Championships.

The group was split in 4 parts :

- Miroslav Damborsky : (THA), (IND), (NOR), (MAS)
- Rafal Polaczyk : (NEP), (SEN), (GRE), (TPE)
- Jakub Stanovsky : (FYR), (HUN), (MAR), (CHI)
- Mathys Huvelin and Sherry Wei-Han Chen (assistant coach) : (FIN), (MEX), (UKR)

Some athletes started kayaking less than one year ago only on flat water, it was a big challenge for them to paddle down Cunovo's channel but they made it without any complications.

Athletes were able to paddle twice a day, almost every day, on the course. We found the right balance between : 'training' to discover/learn the course and 'rest' to perform at the World Championships.

### ***B. Coaching and equipment***

Equipment was made of personal boats for almost all the paddlers, except for Jahanvi Shrivatsava (IND) who borrowed a boat from the local club, thanks to Zorka. Without this help, the quality of the work would not reach the targets.

We noticed that it is always important to have a local referent with the TIP group, Miroslav Damborsky from Slovakia, was our guide during this camp.

Sherry Wei-Han Chen from Chinese Taipei was part of the TIP group as an athlete the last few years, and now she is on a transition to become a coach. That's why, she cooperated with Mathys Huvelin as an assistant coach to learn the job. She learned a lot, and now she is confident and competent enough to give advices to the athletes.

We worked in cooperation with Josepha Longa, Chinese Taipei team leader, and Nicolas Noël, team leader of Thailand during our sessions before the competition, as we were on the same training slots. We managed to do a good work.



*From left to right : Mathys HUVELIN (TIP coach), Jessica Fox (AUS), Shrivatsava Jahanvi (IND) and Noemie Fox (AUS) at the opening ceremony.*

### **C. Results of the Junior and U23 World Championships 2017**

CHI	OLGUIN	ANDRAS	K1M U23 : 58
FIN	MAENPAA	IISA	K1W U18 : 57
FYR	NEBIOVSKI	ENIS	K1M U18 : 56
GRE	ZISEKAS	PANAGIOTIS	K1M U18 : 84 C1M U18 : 32
HUN	RACZ	KOPPANY	K1M U18: 58
IND	SHRIVATSAVA	JAHANVI	K1W U18 : 68
MAR	SOUDI	MATHIS	K1M U18 : 16
MAS	MUZAFFA	MARINA	K1W U18 : 67
MEX	REINOSO	SOFIA	K1W U23 : 58
NEP	FLAGEUL	GOKUL	K1M U23 : 78
NOR	BERGSETH	ELIAS	K1M U23 : 69
SEN	BOURHIS	YVES	C1M U23 : 29
THA	PIYANAT	KERDSUK	C1M U18 : 51
TPE	CHUNG	YU-HAN	C1W U18 : 25
UKR	NIKHODOVSKA	OLENA	K1W U18 : 70

### **D. Global development of canoe slalom around the World**

Thanks to the amazing work and support given by the five coaches, the global level of the group has drastically increased. We have received great feedbacks from the organization, judges and coaches from different federations. Still a lot of job to do to compete against the biggest nations, but we are definitely on the right way.

It was an awesome experience for them to compete at these level, and especially to watch and compare their performance against international leaders such as Jessica Fox or the local hero : Jakub Grigar. By the way, we had the chance that Jakub came at our accommodation to share his passion, feelings and to take some photos. TIP athletes were amazed to see how Jakub was reachable and friendly.

Many of them expressed their motivation to share their knowledges and experiences in their home club. Thanks to the International Canoe Federation, athletes, coaches and all of the other people involved : it was 15 more countries who competed at the 2017 Junior and U23 World Championships.



*Jakub Grigar, 2017 U23 World Champion and the TIP Group.*