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AIBA CELEBRATES 100 DAYS TO GO UNTIL 2021 MEN'S WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

AIBA is celebrating the milestone of 100 days to go until the Men's World Boxing Championships in Belgrade, Serbia by promoting solidarity during the ongoing challenging times with COVID-19 and encouraging the global boxing community to stay united through its shared passion.

AIBA's flagship tournament, which will be held from 26 October – 6 November 2021 will be a key event in the boxing calendar this year, with the world's best athletes set to compete in the Serbian capital.

The delivery of the World Championships will be overseen by the President of Serbia, Mr. Aleksandar Vučić, who is the Head of the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

Legendary boxer Roy Jones Jr. and famous Serbian actor Miloš Biković are official Ambassadors for the World Championships and will play a key role in the global promotion of the event. There will be significant prize money for athletes in Belgrade, with winners receiving CHF 100,000, whilst there is CHF 50,000 and CHF 25,000 for athletes finishing in second and third place respectively.

Reflecting on the 100 days to go milestone, AIBA President Mr. Umar Kremlev expressed his desire for the World Championships to represent a beacon of hope as the world begins to emerge from the pandemic:

'The life of an athlete in normal circumstances is extremely challenging and the pandemic has made things even harder. At AIBA, we're proud of the way our sport's athletes have continued to work hard in pursuit of their dreams. They are an example of tenacity and perseverance, which we should all follow. The World Championships in Belgrade will be an opportunity for them to show the world



the fruits of their labour and it is our job at AIBA to provide them with the best possible platform to excel.

'My ultimate goal as President of AIBA is to create an environment that supports athletes and allows them to fulfil their ambitions. The progress we have made, and will continue to make, from a reform perspective will play a key role in this and it will be evident at the World Championships in Belgrade. We are placing significant emphasis on improving the transparency of our sport, as well as our governance. With 100 days to go, I want to thank all athletes for helping unite the global boxing community and I urge them to continue working hard in the build up to the tournament. I also wish to assure them that AIBA is working tirelessly to ensure the World Championships is a fair, transparent and memorable occasion.'



International Boxing Association

AIBA WELCOMES 10 NATIONAL BOXING TEAMS TO TRAINING CAMP IN KHABAROVSK

From 3 – 23 July, the International Boxing Association (AIBA) organized a training camp for boxers from 10 different countries in the Russian city of Khabarovsk.

Supporting National Federations and providing opportunities for their athletes is a key priority for AIBA. Following several requests from federations for additional elite level training experiences, a camp was organized by AIBA to help athletes prepare for international competitions.



AIBA is a home for boxers. Our main task is to help them to compete at the highest level. Because of that we organized the training camps to provide full support for our boxers', AIBA President Umar Kremlev said.

Athletes from Algeria, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jordan, Mauritius, Morocco, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela, spent three weeks in Khabarovsk. During this time the athletes went through a comprehensive training camp to prepare for upcoming international competitions.



International Boxing Association

AMERICAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (AMBC)

QUITO HOSTS THE TRAINING BASE AT ALTITUDE

The capital of the Ecuadorians, gathers since June 15, youth athletes from Ecuador, Brazil and Uruguay, who are preparing to participate in the Youth Qualifiers to be held in Guadalajara – Mexico, from 12 to 19 July 2021. The international training base will culminate on July 4th.

Ecuador, will seek the largest number of quotas to be present with their athletes in the Pan American Games to be held in the month of November in Colombia. The Ecuadorian team is directed by the AIBA 1 star coaches, Dirovic Nicolas, Jefferson Moyano, Byron Ayovi and Fernando Tipan.



Ecuadorian Boxing Federation

ASIAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (ASBC)

BOXER PUSHPAKUMARI WINS BRONZE AT ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SRI LANKA AFTER 9 YEARS

Sri Lanka was represented by four men and three women at the ASBC Asian Elite Men and Women Boxing Championship held in Dubai, UAE. Vidyarthna SC pugilist Nadeeka Pushpakumari won a bronze medal in the women's fly weight (51kg) category, bringing pride and joy to the island.

The Asia Women Boxing Championships was inaugurated in 2001, and since 2019 has been amalgamated with the Asian men Championships. So far Sri Lankan women boxers have recorded 7 Bronze medals at these championships. The last bronze medal was won by Shiromalie Weeraratne of Sri Lanka Police, at the 2012 Asian Championship held in Mongolia; fighting in the Light welterweight. Pushpakumari faced a tough loss to two-time world champion Nazym Kyzaibay of Kazakhstan at the semifinals. Kyzaibay went on to win the championship defeating six-time world champion Mary Kom of India in the final. Pushpakumari also won a bronze medal at the South Asian Games held in Nepal in 2019.

Looking to the men's Division in the Flyweight 52 Kg quarter finals, South Asian Silver Medalist and a product of Vidyarthna SC, KVL Eranda, had a very close bout with Saken Bibossynov of Kazakhstan; the bronze medallist of AIBA World Boxing Championships. Kazak boxer won this bout with very little margin and went on to win the bronze medal of this weight category. Rukmal Prasanna, product of Gamini Central Ingiriya, belonging Sri Lanka Army fought in the Bantam weight 56 Kg at the quarter finals. He also had a close combat with a young but very experienced Junmilardo Ogayre of Philippines; he won the bronze medal in this weight category. Rasmika Illangaratha, a Veyangoda



Central product fighting for Police boxing club, had a hard bout in the quarter finals with Gulasal Sultonalieva of Uzbekistan, who won the silver medal of this weight category.

Dian Gomes, the President of Boxing Association, stated that the fights of Kavinda and Sanjeewa were highly impressive as they barely got an opportunity to train in the Pool.

Kazakhstan led the women's medal tally in the championships by winning eight gold medals while Uzbekistan and India won one gold each. In the men's division, Uzbekistan grabbed 6 gold medals out of 10 weight categories. Mongolia clutched 3 golds while India won 1 gold medal at the tournament. The tournament saw the participation of 20 strong countries together with 187 boxers.

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Boxing Association of Sri Lanka

Macau Boxing team are now hard training for preparation coming Macao Boxing open national Championship in end of August. We are expected more than 30 local boxers would participate including children in this summer event. The championship composed into two parts : physical fitness testing and boxing. Hope all boxers to have good physical fitness during in the boxing training.



Macau Boxing Association

EUROPEAN BOXING CONFEDERATION (EUBC)

MARDEN SUPPORT FOR INVIGORATING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

England Boxing member club Marden ABC has been helping students from a local high school and people from the surrounding community get active and enjoy sport.

The Tyne, Tees and Wear gym, based in North Tyneside, has joined up with youngsters from John Spence High School by arranging a host of activities, including boxing, outside of their normal school hours.

The Invigorate Programme is designed to energise the students as well as their parents and others to not just get a taste of sport, but to keep that interest going.

The weekly programme have been made possible with funding support from support Sport England and Rise, a North East charity who help people get physically active.

All sessions see the children working in their school bubbles, with half inside the gym and half outside, and all Covid-19 guidelines have been followed.

They have gradually built in popularity and its success has been highlighted by



the fact that a number of students are now taking part in sessions outside of the Invigorate programme.

Marden Head Coach Dean Preston said: All of the pupils have been great to work with. They listen and really want to learn and be active.

“The programme provides the option to join in with an activity they may not have considered in the past as its with their peers and in their class bubbles, so they have more confidence to give it a try.

“The great thing is we have had some of the pupils attend our normal sessions and are really keen to progress and develop in boxing.

“The school has been a pleasure to work with and due to the success we will be supporting them further in the next school year where we hope to see some aspiring boxers being given the opportunity to train with us as part of their PE sessions.”



England Boxing

THE CZECH CADET TEAM RETURNED FROM THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN TBILISI

Under the guidance of team coaches Martin Svoboda, Konstantin Flachbart and personal trainers Milan Ondrášek and Jiří Kocourek, the seven-member Czech cadet team returned from the European Championships in Georgia. Our experienced international referee Tomasz Schmid also represented us at the European Championships.

From 3rd July till 12th July 2021 in the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi, took place the European cadet championship. 224 boxers and 115 boxers from 30 European countries – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Croatia, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Moldova, Germany, Poland, Romania, Russia, Greece, Slovakia, Serbia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine - participated

in this European Championship. Czech team travelled in the group of Katrin Ivanova (54kg), Maria Polakova (57kg), Filip Horváth (52kg), Vojtech Bernáček (54kg), David Karbáš (57kg), Antonio Hauer (60kg), Martin Rusnjak (63kg).

Katrin Ivanova (54 kg) competed in the first leg against Lithuania's Aureja Adomaitieva and she did very well, winning her match 4:1 to advance to the quarterfinals. Her opponent was Evita Averyanova from Russia. Katrin

tried her best, fought hard, but it was not enough for the experienced Russian boxer and she lost on points 5:0. Then the Russian team defeated the Ukrainian team in the semi-final and the German team in the final and won the gold medal.

Maria Polyakova (57kg) fought Polish boxer Milena Mandzejowa and lost on points 5: 0 in a fought match.

Filip Horvath (52kg) started his match against German Ivo Dumpelfed. Unfortunately, he was defeated by Germany 3:2 and therefore Germany will move on to the next round of the tournament.

Wojtech Bernacek (54kg) was the first to score Israeli Alim Shahavanem 5: 0 on points and reached the quarterfinals where he was waited for by Russian Bogdan Prima. Voita fought bravely for the medal, but after two rounds the judges tilted in favour of the Russian representative. So in the last round Vojta relied on the attack and wanted to turn the tide in his favor. Unfortunately for his opponents it was water in the mill and our representative scored twice in the last round. However, he boxed the fight and lost on points 5: 0. Nevertheless, Bernacek deserves to be dismissed for his belligerence. The Russian team then managed to defeat the Turkish team in the semi-finals, and in the final played with the Azerbaijani team to win the gold medal.

David Karbas (57kg) played against Ukrainian Oleksandr Levchenko, silver



medallist of the David Karbas (57kg) played against Ukrainian Oleksandr Levchenko, silver medallist of the European Schoolboys Championships. The Ukrainian team fulfilled the role of the paper favourite and defeated our team on points 5: 0.

Antonio Hauer (60kg) lost on points to M. Enes Kaynar of Turkey 5: 0. Antonio boxed strongly, but his opponent was not satisfied with that. Our representative chose overly defensive tactics when he tried to box from behind, but unfortunately he was not enough to catch his opponent's offensive attacks.

Martin Ruzsak (63kg) had a tremendous fight with Farhad Sheydaev of Azerbaijan. Unfortunately, the representative of Azerbaijan was not up to the task of our representative and in every round he was much better and won on points 5:0. All our representatives did their best at the European Championships, but this time it was not enough for a medal. Two of our representatives lost in the quarterfinals and both finished in 5th place at the European Championships. Katrin Ivanova and Vojtech Bernacek lost to the Russian team in the medal matches, who eventually dominated in their weight classes and won gold medals.

The medals at the European Boxing Championships in Tbilisi were shared by the following countries:

- Russia: 22 medals
- Ukraine: 19 medals
- Turkey: 12 medals
- Georgia: 10 medals
- Italy: 7 medals
- Romania: 6 medals
- Germany: 5 medals
- Armenia, Belarus, Croatia, Hungary, Serbia: 3 medals
- Poland: 2 medals
- Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Israel, Montenegro, Spain: 1 medal

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YOUTH MEN & WOMEN INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CAMP JULY 10TH – JULY 24TH 2021

The Boxing Association of Montenegro is always with development phases, but with major support to sport and organisation of sport events. As we mentioned in the invitation letter the Camp's main goal is international exchange of international experience, development and popularization of boxing in Montenegro. The Training Camp is planned to be held in accordance with AIBA Rules and AIBA COVID-19 Protocole.



Zabljak is a small town in northern Montenegro and rebuilt itself and became Montenegro's main center for mountain tourism and winter sports. Sports center is located in a quiet part of Zabljak and it is surrounded by forest on three sides. It is prepared for the training of professional teams that require top concentration and physical condition. At the same time, recreational athletes can also, completely safely and relaxed, spend their time and dedicate themselves to sports. The environment of the hall provides peace and harmony, which helps the general relaxation and development of team spirit. This is very important for our boxers as well as our guest teams.

The Camp already started with an amazing 35 boxers from 6 countries. Boxers from Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Moldova and Uzbekistan enjoy special and mountain training with our best and experienced coaches. Both Men and Women were invited to participate and with special offers.

