

## **Head Judge Report WUSV World Championship IP in Hungary 2023**

To start with, I would like to give thanks to the WUSV Board of Directors for having appointed me as head judge to the WUSV World Championship IP and for the trust they put in me.

The hosting country for this year's event was the *Magyarországi Nemet Juhaszkutya Klub - MNJK* from Hungary. After the Corona pandemic related cancellation of the event in 2020, a new event concept was developed, and a new venue had to be found.

The first visits to the venue and a pre-selection of the helpers were scheduled for the month of March 2023. In cooperation with the WUSV Commissioner for Trial & Training, Egon Gutknecht, we worked on the implementation and framework conditions of the competition. Mr. Mate Meszaros was put in charge to second us. He supported us very well and implemented our proposals as desired. I would like to use this opportunity give thanks to Mate Meszaros and his entire team. On all days of the event, sufficient and competent personnel was available.

The manageress of the competition office, Ms. Marianna Szabone Gregor, and her team had to cope with a very responsible task. The team worked in a very concentrated fashion and was always kind, no matter how stressful their workplace became. I would also like to give thanks to the team for the very good cooperation before and during the event.

Thanks are also due to President Ferenc Truka who assumed the overall responsibility for the World Championship. In addition to that, together with his team he was also responsible for the coordination for several side events.

For the tracking exercises farmland was made available in the surroundings of Győr. An experienced and well-coordinated team under the leadership of Dr Brigitta Toth-Horvath was responsible for the placing of the tracks. Since Mr. Hans Graf was not available for health-related reasons, Mr. Ernst Riegl was post nominated afterwards and employed as tracking commissioner. Supported by Egon Gutknecht the correct placement of the tracking objects was surveyed. My thanks go to everybody involved in section A.

The judges' college consisted of a very experienced team. Tracking judge was Mr. Vivi Gilsager from Denmark. Obedience was judged by Pierre Wahlström from Sweden as the main judge and by Ms. Ilona Fornal from Germany as co-judge. WUSV-Board of Directors member, Mr. Vadim Plotsker, from the United States was in charge of the down position of the dogs. The defense work was judged by the very experienced Toine Jonkers from the Netherlands. I would like to give thanks for the good and amicable cooperation.

Prior to the event, a total of 137 dogs was registered. Ultimately, a total of 123 dogs took part in the competition. After a five-day competition the winner was selected.

After a stunning performance, Marcos Ferre with Leo de Jardines from Spain did prevail.

Martin Pejsa with Chuck Felones from the Czech Republic gained the second place – closely followed by Janne Vaara with Airasuden Irck from Finland on the third place.

Also, the team classification was won by the competitors from Spain.

The second place went to the founding country, Germany, right before the hosting club in Hungary.

Congratulations to everybody! I would like to also give thanks to the competitors for the fair and correct presentation of the dogs. By the same token, I would like to give thanks to the team captains for the good cooperation throughout the entire event.

With sporty Greetings,

Peter Mayerl/ Austria

Head Judge