



WUSV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IP 2022

The town of Randers in eastern Denmark is located in the Region of Midtjylland – approximately 25 kilometres away from the coast of Kattegat. The soccer stadium of Randers FC (first league) was this year's venue of the WUSV World Championship IP – the event was accompanied by a breed show.

Under the leadership of Vivi Gilsager and her team, the *Schæferhundeklubben for Danmark* succeeded in the organization and realization of an excellent competition. I would like to use this opportunity to give thanks to Vivi and to her press manageress Randi Salzwedell for their ongoing support they offered me throughout the entire event.

Despite the corona pandemic and the currently sad circumstances in Europe – and thanks to the generous support of the German Shepherd world – also the team from Ukraine could start at the competition. Our thanks go to all members who offered their donations. A total of 122 dogs and 31 teams from all over the world travelled to Randers. With 10,000 kilometres to cover, the teams from Malaysia and Singapore travelled the longest distance. For the first time ever, also the United Arab Emirates were represented and took part with a team of two. The president of the *Sharjah Kennel Center / SKC-GSD* (Junior Member to the WUSV since 2018) Mr. Yousef Al Hosani himself presented his dog *Asterix vom Parchimer Land*. Also, Mr. Ali Alshamsi with *Kliff vom Floyd Haus* took part in the competition.

On Sunday, September 25th, 2022, the participating dogs were presented for a veterinary medical check. From Monday, September 26th, 2022, on the stadium was available for training purposes.

Tuesday, September 27th, 2022, was marked by a tight program such as Team Captains meeting, Judges Meeting, selection of helpers as well as the opening ceremony and the drawings. On Wednesday, September 28th, 2022, the competition began for all sections at “*April weather*” conditions and 10°C – rain and shine. On Saturday night a traditional festive evening took place at the Thor-Lounge of the stadium with live music for entertainment. Following the welcome speech given by Vivi Gilsager – newly elected WUSV Board of Directors member Mr. Vadim Plotsker awarded Ms. María Isabel Sancho Castejón, mayoress of the town of Lerma in Spain, for her support of the WUSV World Championships IP and UNIVERSAL in 2021, and for her commitment to the cause of the German Shepherd Dog breed in general.

During the championship the following judges were responsible for the different sections:

Section A (Tracking):	Tracking Commissioner: Jari Kokkonen (FIN), Judge: Leonardo Roman (ITA)
Section B (Obedience):	Judge: Vadim Plotsker (USA)
Section C (Defense Work):	Judge: Wilfried Tautz (GER)
Supervision:	Head Judge: Hans Graf (CHE) Deputy Head Judge: Egon Gutknecht (GER)

The results were as follows:

Team Results:

First Place: Team Slovak Republic (831 Points)

Second Place 2: Team Germany (830 Points)

Third Place: Team Denmark (819 Points)

Individual Ranking:

Section A – Tracking: (CH-05) Aline Halt - *DC vom Hunnenkönig* (97 Points)

Section B – Obedience: (DK-05) Allan Maindal - *Wilcken Aron* (94 Points)

Section C – Defense Work: (DE-02) Nico Kerzinger - *Nitra vom Eisernen Kreuz* (97 Points)

Also, on Saturday, October 01st, 2022 an accompanying breed show was held under the leadership of Leif Jorgensen on the excellent side fields of the stadium. A total of 107 dogs were registered – all of them of very good quality. The officiating breed judges were Michael Lumby

(DK), Christoph Ludwig (DE) and Poul Meineche (DK), who was awarded for 40 years of judge activities.

Best female of the show was *Isadora av Wenigarden* – best male was *Mongrif Legacy*, a dog from a Danish kennel who also earned the title VA3 on the BSZS Conformation Show in Nuremberg.

After a successful and emotional prize awarding ceremony the WUSV flag was handed over to the hosting club of the WUSV World Championship IP 2023 in Hungary, and the WUSV World Championship 2022 came to an end.

After the prize awarding ceremony, the meeting for the debriefing of the team captains was held. The judges of all sections reflected upon the competition according to their points of view and an opportunity for discussion was given. With regard to the WUSV World Championship IP in Hungary it was pointed out that only a limited number of hotel rooms would be available, and it was recommended to book accommodation well in time.



Great dog sports was presented and the battle for the first rankings remained exciting until the very end. It was literally last minute when the team of the Slovak Republic won the first prize. It was only one point that made the very difference – that is how dog sports should be.

I would like to point out two things:

- (1.) As already mentioned on the WUSV World Championship UNIVERSAL I would like to emphasize on the performance in breeding. “*Our champion*“ Nico Kerzinger presented *Nitra vom Eisernen Kreuz* from his own kennel. The special thing about this is that the dog’s mother *Debby vom Eisernen Kreuz* already won the WUSV World Championship in Tilburg – Netherlands – in 2017. This should be an incentive for all breeders – and not only in the field of IP. .
- (2.) Moreover, it was impressing how the event was celebrated by the town of Randers and the entire region. Everywhere, banners were stretched across the streets and illuminated advertisements invited spectators to visit the *Tough Competition* as it was called. Even entire school classes attended the event and were introduced to the background of dog sports. The German Shepherd Dog breed was indeed very much celebrated.



I would like to close my report with a warm and heartfelt **Thank you for a job well done, Vivi Gilsager**. We are looking forward to coming back to Randers once again.

With kind wishes and truly yours,

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