

XIII GALICIAN OPEN TOURNAMENT



May 2005, the XIII Galician Open Tournament was held in the Zas - Baio Sports hall (A Coruña). The tournament was organized by F.I.T.E Galician Delegation, Su A Agra Sports Association, local authorities of Zas, Brétema leisure and free time company, San Cristobal printers, A.S.I.S.A insurance, and a vast number of local firms.

149 Sports men and women took part in the infant category, 70 in junior and senior, among which were senior members of the National Team, 15th different schools from different provinces and one Team from Portugal.

Sung (Baio), Liceo (Noia), Trocola Gym (Noia), Municipal School (Oroso), Esparta Gym (Santiago de Compostela), Jansu (Villalba), Taeguk (Sarriá), Master Gym (Vilagarcía de Arousa), Club Arcade (Pontevedra), Sportoday Gym (Madrid),

Educative Center of TaeKwon-Do Centro (Arroyo de la miel, Malaga), Sung-Eurogym (Tenerife), Club Deportivo Bua (Tenerife), Muscle Fitness Gym (Barcelona) and the Voluntary Fireman Association (Loures-Portugal).

All the competitors showed a high and uniform level, which did not allow any particular school to outstand. The organizers believe it is a very positive thing and it goes to show that the teaching level is high in all the school through out the national territory.

The event in kids category took place in Saturday April 30th, 10 to 14 hours and 16 to 21 hours, the Patterns (tul) and Sparring divisions, male and female.

At the end of the competition the Mayor of Zas, Ernesto Rieiro, the council member Celestino Fernandez, the F.I.T.E. President Carlos Martin, the new FITE delegate in Galicia Juan Ramon Vidal, the international instructor Fernando Perez and the owner of the printer San Cristóbal Oscar Lema, handed out the trophies to the winners and qualifiers. (Designed by Aixiña Disabled Society).



Following this, the FITE President and the Galicia Delegated gave a commemorative plaque to the following persons for their collaboration:

Ernesto Rieiro, Mayor of Zas.

Marcos Villar, President of the Su A Agra de Baio Association,

Oscar Lema, Owner of the San Cristóbal Print,

Ovidio Souto Vazquez, Instructor of the TaeKwon-Do School of Baio,

Pablo Mira, Student of the TaeKwon-Do School of Baio,

Also the FITE President gave a commemorative plaque to the New Delegated of Galicia, Juan Ramon Vidal, for his excellent work. The National Team surprised the ex national coach, Carlos Martin, with a replicant of the bronze medal won by the team in the last World Championship in South Korea.



During the second day, the junior and senior competition were held, the divisions of sparring, pattern, power break and special techniques, there was more competition in sparring and pattern. The new FITE coach, Antonio Blanco, was very satisfied by the work done and with the young promises. This was the first test to join the National Team. The trophies were handed out by the same authorities and the Council member Jose Maria Calo.

The excellent infrastructure of the Zas Sports hall in the Baio town, were prepared for this event. This good organization and the goodwill of the Organization Comitee made live to the competitors and the numerous public an exemplary competition.

The chances of the life made that the Mayor of the City council where the event was made, Ernesto Rieiro, was cousin of one of the greatest competitors of the history of TaeKwon-Do I.T.F., the Argentina champion Ricardo Rieiro. This pleasing surprise without a doubt caused that the support of the City council was still more generous with the organization of the event of which was predicted at first. It is possible to honour that the maximum authority of this City council besides to preside over the inauguration ceremonies, of delivery of trophies and of closing, it surprised the Organization with his pleasant presence during most of the time in which the event was developed.



The FITE Delegate for Galicia wants to thank all the Clubs and competitors who took place in the event for his work done and results obtained. Also extend to all the persons and organizations for their disinterested work, specially for Mr. Carlos E. Martin, Antonio Blanco, Ovidio Souto and Pablo Mira, who carried out all the organization. We hope that all of our style practitioners try to be more implied in all the activities, because it will be impossible successfully to develop events like this.

Finally the organization thanks the congratulations recieved during and after the event made by the most of the participant clubs, competitors and public why the consider an exceptional organization. Also we want to request excuses by the little mistakes that could have been committed and that all we know that they are inevitable more in any type of organization and in these in which one counts solely on the work and the disinterested collaboration of everything what it surrounds it.

Thanks to all and we hope to see you next time.

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