



**BALKAN ASSOCIATION OF MASTERS ATHLETICS**

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**Office of Technical Director**

**END OF CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT FOR BAMACS 2021, KORCA ALBANIA.**

Korca, Albanian city hosted the 30th Balkan Masters Championship on the 17-19 September 2021. The stadium has NOT been certified either Class 1 or Class 2. There are a few big problems with 400m and 200m lines, relay lines....Triple and long jump TAKE-OFF BOARDS have NOT been existed...I have spoken Head Judge Moreno Beggio, he said that there were two options : Cancel the championship and send the athletes back home....Or have the organisation as it is..We have chosen the latter. I wish I would mention that BAMACS 2021 were held under specific IAAF Competition Rules, rules of the World Masters Athletics (WMA), European Master Athletics (EMA) and status of BAMA but I cannot. We could not discuss anything on technical matters because of unknown problem and missing of some countries. Some delegates of the countries presented during the technical meeting on Thursday night in the the Library Lobby. The technical meeting were chaired by BAMA president. The technical meeting ended with a failure. Athletes from 11 balkan countries and some from other countries as PRE Team were registered and 702 athletes participated in total. TIC was not capable of doing its job. There was only one tent as used to be Call Room. The call room did NOT work properly...I was supposed to run 200m but I had a problem and I did not want to run so, I did not go to call room...But they announced my name by start judge....A friend of mine has been awarded as if he ran...In fact, He did not run. There was not changing room in the stadium...There were only two toilets....I saw some athletes changing uniforms in the WC. The high jump mattress were too small...There was not Pole Vault sector so no pole vaulters attended....The lights of the stadium were NOT enough to see each other during the relays

**TIME TABLE:** Time table and results should be put on the wall but it was put on the second day...The timetable was poorly followed. There were some delays ..

**ENTRIES:** A significant number of athletes were registered in KORCA.

GRE : 113 MEN, 52 WOMEN - SLO : 24M, 21W - ROU: 33M, 27W - SRB: 52M-15W

BUL : 39M 27W- TUR: 39M-21W ALB: 87M 25W - MNE 15M 5 W- NMKD 23M, 2 W

KOS: 30M , 5 W- CRO 9M -1 W-BIH 12- PRESIDENT TEAM 37M -16 W. **TOTAL IS : 702 athletes**

**TECHNICAL STANDARDS:** Technical standarts have NOT been met....

**MANAGEMENT OF COMPETITION:** Unfortunately we could not assign an Appeal Board and could not assign a doping control manager. So doping control has not been done....

**JUDGES AND OFFICIALS:** Head of judges who was Moreno Beggio ( who is very well known referee in Europe and in the world) and referees were on duty. The photofinishing equipment has NOT been synchronized well and there was no ZERO report which is very important to register records. The number of the judges were not enough, there was no judges on the corners during especially

4x100m relays. Some walkers **thought** that they were disqualified by the judges arbitrarily without having cards....

**IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE:** No volunteers...Rudin Bektasi was alone. No body helped him from Albania Athletics Federation...This is a kind of Team Work organisation... A proper food & drinks facility/tent with Wi-Fi possibility would be nice.

**PROS AND CONS:** Opening ceremony was good...Awarding to Best Balkan Athletes was nice ...No flag of Slovenia. Some athletes got the medals from the table without standing at podium. Opening ceremony should be standardised like the order of :The name of the country +Country flag+ Team. No stationary (note book+pen etc) on the technical meeting. No Doctor and ambulance at all. No ice-machine. The web site was not updating with the results. There was NOT anemometer so some records cannot be validated.. Competition shirts are nice to have to remember Balkan Championship in Korca. Start lists and heats have not been declared before the competition and have not been uploaded to the web page....the Place of Start lists and results should have been informed before the competition. The badges should have been prepared like : Team Managers, Athletes, BAMA General Secretary, BAMA Technical Director, BAMA Vice President and BAMA President... It was nice to see the BEST SIX BALKAN MASTER ATHLETES . It has NOT been assigned a Doping Control Manager to select a male and a female athletes to get blood samples for doping control. So doping control fees should be refunded or to pay to the new Treasurer to spend to inspect the VOLOS Stadium. An Appeal Jury has NOT been assigned by GA to evaluate objections during the competition. Rudin helped a lot to those countries in need of transportation from Tirana to Korca and vice versa...

**CONCLUSION;** It has NOT been a successful organisation even with all goodwill of Rudin Bektasi. The medals and diploma were nice to have. The athlete party should have announced with menu before the competition. I suppose it is a bit costly when I compare with the prices in Korca...As you aware, most of us are pensioners and have limited budget...We should be fair and should NOT have a business minded for Balkan Championship...General Assembly was ok we had some new decision for the future of BAMA. The new BAMA President, Vice president and Treasurer will be selected for four years. After GA, we were all tired, hungry and thirsty but unfortunately there was NOTHING to eat or drink.....I walked to Hotel and I could not find any restaurants open because the curfew was on....This should have been foreseen in advance by Rudin....This my 5th addition General Assembly of Balkan Championship, I cannot compare with the others championship held in Bulgaria, Slovenia and Romania....

It was my last competition as Technical Director, I would like to thank to Technical Board Members who are Ivan Puksar, Daniel Marinescu and Ventseslav Ivanov for very hardworking for a period of five years...I wish a successful period for Damjan Gril (newly selected Technical Director) and Melachrinos Panagiotis (Newly selected BAMA General Secretary) ...

All the best...

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