



WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY 2016 REPORT

Celebrating & Sharing our PASSION for TABLE TENNIS!



**"Breaking Down Barriers
with Table Tennis Balls"**
ITTF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Intro message

On April 6, Table Tennis enthusiasts all over the world celebrated the **2nd edition of World Table Tennis Day (WTTD)**, which aims to show the world a sport that is able to gather all kind of people. Small and big activities have been created all over the world putting the focus on experiencing the joy of playing Table Tennis and not on competition.

WTTD forms part of ITTF's "Table Tennis for ALL" – Program and has the aim to make our sport **popular, universal and inclusive**. The term "ALL" not only means more people, but also different kinds of people in terms of age, gender, social status, culture and physical ability. The ITTF firmly believe that table tennis is not only a matter of competition; it is also a **vehicle for positive social change, a healthy worthwhile use of leisure time** and an opportunity to **bring people together**, an excellent tool for **social inclusion & social cohesion**. Table Tennis has a unique value where people from different ages, gender, skills or physical condition can play together. It is a sport for life and it's FUN!

We are glad to see that WTTD grew in its second year: 38 more events than in 2015 and 13 more countries took the challenge to organize a WTTD. There have been **196 events in 83 different countries** covering the five continents: **over 40.000 people enjoying Table Tennis** for April 6.

The organizers received some additional incentives to organize their local event. **8 newsletters** with useful tips about event preparation had been sent out to all registered organizers and they received very good feedback. **TT4ALL.com has been translated into 8 languages** to make our message accessible for more people. The best **30 videos got an official WTTD - T-Shirt** and we could win the first sponsor for the **first WTTD - Award**: The most popular, most inclusive,

most universal, most creative and the most popular, inclusive and universal event at once won **iPong-Robots sponsored by iPong**: www.ipong.net. Among the events, there were fancy dress parties in Italy, where players were invited to participate in medieval and sea related costumes, and play with swords or surfboards instead of rackets, the construction of a Table Tennis Table made of chocolate in Mexico, playing Table Tennis in unusual locations all over the world, such as bars, shopping centres, pedestrian streets and public squares. Some events even combined their celebration with additional noble aims like combating terrorism with Table Tennis Balls in Tunisia or planting trees in Kenya. The **main event took place in Kathmandu, Nepal** and celebrated at the same time the inauguration of "Table Tennis for NepALL" project, the International Day on Sport for Development and Peace and the inauguration of the newly renovated Para Table Tennis Training Centre in Kathmandu.

The local organizers couldn't spread the message in a better way: **Table Tennis is UNIVERSAL, POPULAR and INCLUSIVE**.

Thanks to all who were engaged organizing and participating to keep the WTTD real. Special thanks to ITTF President Thomas Weikert, the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace Wilfried Lemke, the International Working Group Co-chair of the Sport and Persons with Disabilities Young Sam MA, and to our role model Melissa Tapper, Australian player with a disability, for their active contribution to the main event in Kathmandu.

Thanks also to ITTF Deputy CEO Glenn Tepper for the continuous support, to Joachim Davy for the official video, to the colleagues from the Marketing

Office in Singapore for the tireless help and to iPong for the prizes.

And a huge thank you goes of course to those who gave WTTD life all over the planet: to the National Associations, Clubs, NGOs, groups of friends and individuals who showed such a big commitment.

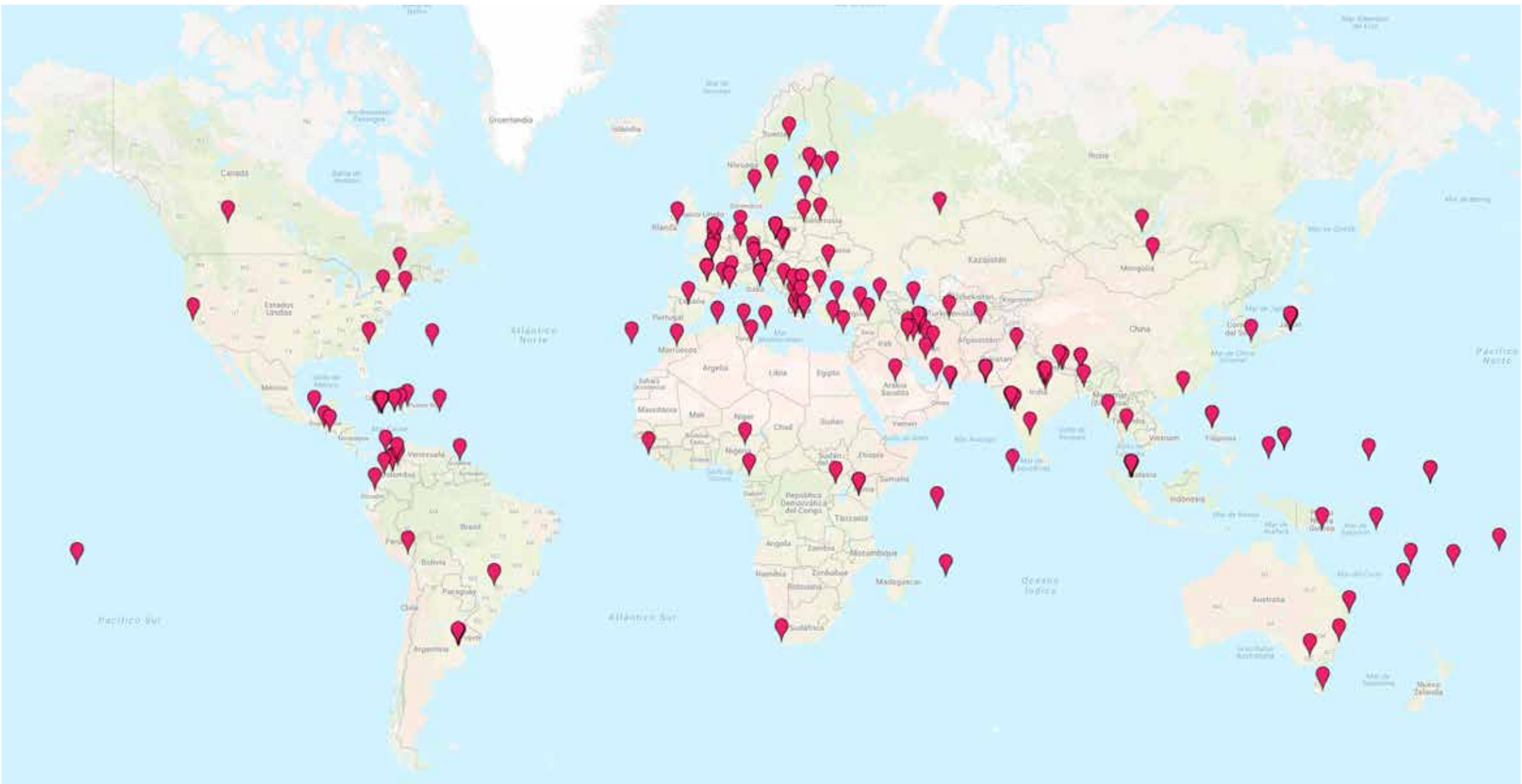
We are looking forward to 2017 edition, when we want to reach even more people in more corners all around the world and are looking forward to your creative ideas for **bringing Table Tennis closer to everyone, everywhere!**

Please visit the dedicated website **TT4ALL.com** and register your event for 2017. If you love table tennis, share and enjoy your passion with others!

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 2016 WTTD EVENTS MAP

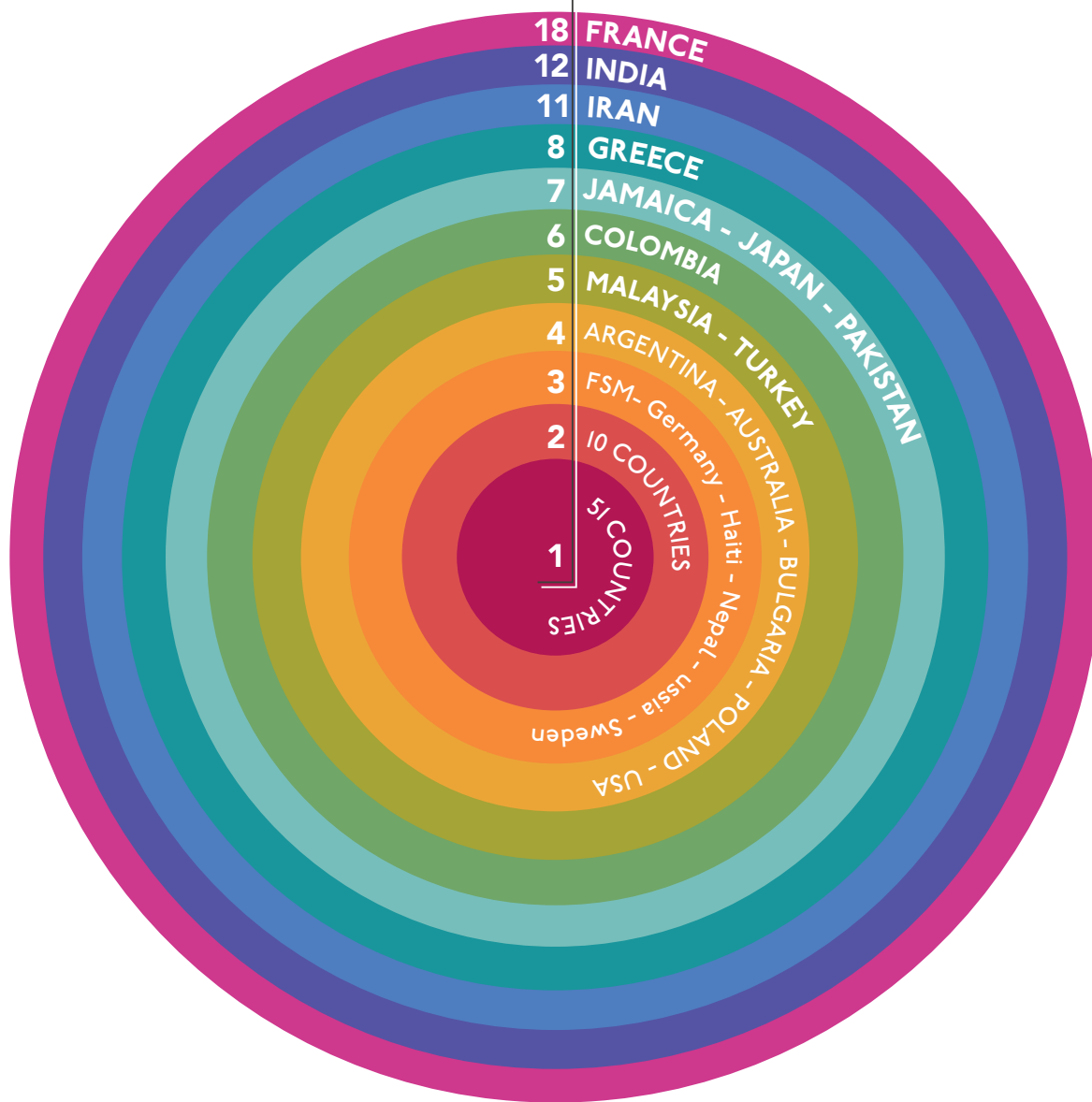


196 EVENTS in 83 COUNTRIES

WORLD TOP ORGANIZERS

(Events quantity)

NUMBER OF EVENTS



- 18 FRANCE
- 12 INDIA
- 11 IRAN
- 8 GREECE

- 7 JAMAICA
JAPAN
PAKISTAN
- 6 COLOMBIA
- 5 MALAYSIA
TURKEY
- 4 ARGENTINA
AUSTRALIA
BULGARIA
POLAND
USA

- 3 FSM
GERMANY
HAITI
NEPAL
RUSSIA
SWEDEN
- 2 BELARUS
BHUTAN
CANADA
ITALY
KENYA
KIRIBATI
OMAN
PHILIPPINES
SLOVENIA
TUNISIA
- 1 AFGHANISTAN
ALGERIA
AMERICAN SAMOA
ANGUILLA
AUSTRIA
AZERBAIJAN
BANGLADESH
BERMUDA
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
BRASIL
CAMEROON
CYPRUS
CZECH REPUBLIC
ECUADOR
EL SALVADOR
ESTONIA
FIJI
FINLAND
FRENCH POLYNESIA
GUATEMALA
GUYANA
HONG KONG
IRELAND
SAUDI ARABIA
KOSOVO
LATVIA
MALDIVES
MALTA
MOROCCO
MAURITIUS
MÉXICO
MOLDOVA
MONGOLIA
MYANMAR
NEW CALEDONIA
NIGERIA
PALAU
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
PERU
PORTUGAL
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
SEYCHELLES

- SIERRA LEONE
SOLOMON ISLANDS
SOUTH AFRICA
SPAIN
THAILAND
TURKMENISTAN
UGANDA
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
VANUATU

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
47170 approx.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
242 approx.

★ CONTINENTAL TOP ORGANIZERS

(Events quantity)

7 NORTH AMERICA

- 4 USA
- 2 Canada
- 1 Bermuda

29 LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

- 7 Jamaica
- 6 Colombia
- 4 Argentina
- 3 Haiti
- 1 Anguilla
- 1 Brasil
- 1 Ecuador
- 1 El Salvador
- 1 Guatemala
- 1 Guayana
- 1 Mexico
- 1 Peru
- 1 Dominican Republic

68 EUROPE

- 18 France
- 8 Greece
- 5 Turkey
- 4 Bulgaria
- 4 Poland
- 3 Germany
- 3 Russia
- 3 Sweden
- 2 Belarus
- 2 Italy
- 2 Slovenia
- 1 Austria
- 1 Azerbaijan
- 1 Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 1 Cyprus
- 1 Czech Republic
- 1 Estonia
- 1 Finland
- 1 Ireland
- 1 Kosovo
- 1 Latvia
- 1 Malta
- 1 Moldova
- 1 Portugal
- 1 Spain

13 AFRICA

- 2 Kenya
- 2 Tunisia
- 1 Algeria
- 1 Cameroon
- 1 Morocco
- 1 Mauritius
- 1 Nigeria
- 1 Seychelles
- 1 Sierra Leone
- 1 South Africa
- 1 Uganda

61 ASIA

- 12 India
- 11 Iran
- 7 Japan
- 7 Pakistan
- 5 Malaysia
- 3 Nepal
- 2 Bhutan
- 2 Oman
- 2 Philippines
- 1 Afghanistan
- 1 Bangladesh
- 1 Hong Kong
- 1 Saudia Arabia
- 1 Maldives
- 1 Mongolia
- 1 Myanmar
- 1 Thailand
- 1 Turkmenistan
- 1 United Arab Emirates

17 OCEANIA

- 4 Australia
- 3 Federated States of Micronesia
- 2 Kiribati
- 1 American Samoa
- 1 Fiji Islands
- 1 French Polynesia
- 1 New Caledonia
- 1 Palau
- 1 Papua New Guinea
- 1 Solomon Islands
- 1 Vanuatu

RANKING PER CONTINENT

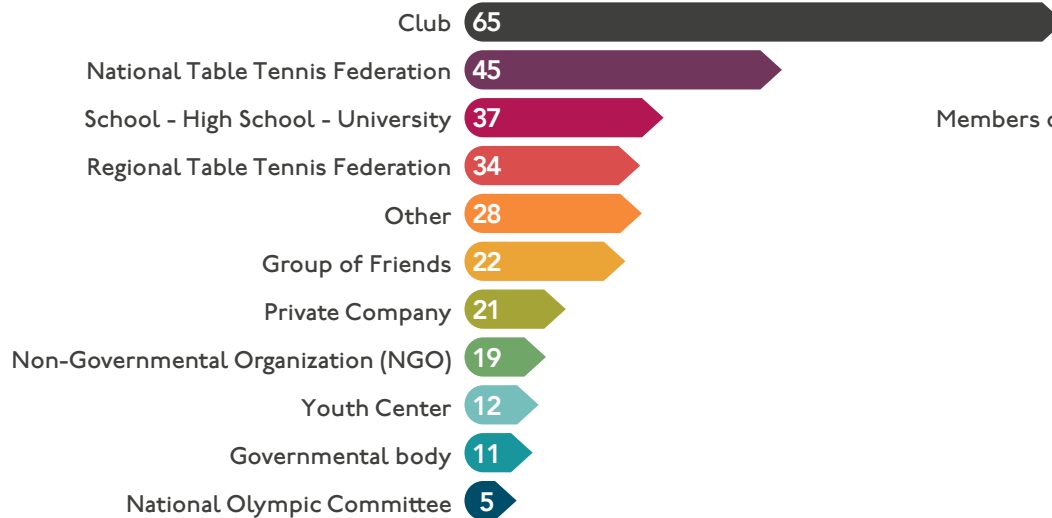
- 68 Europe
- 29 Latin America
- 61 Asia
- 13 Africa
- 17 Oceania
- 7 North America

COMPARATIVE TABLE

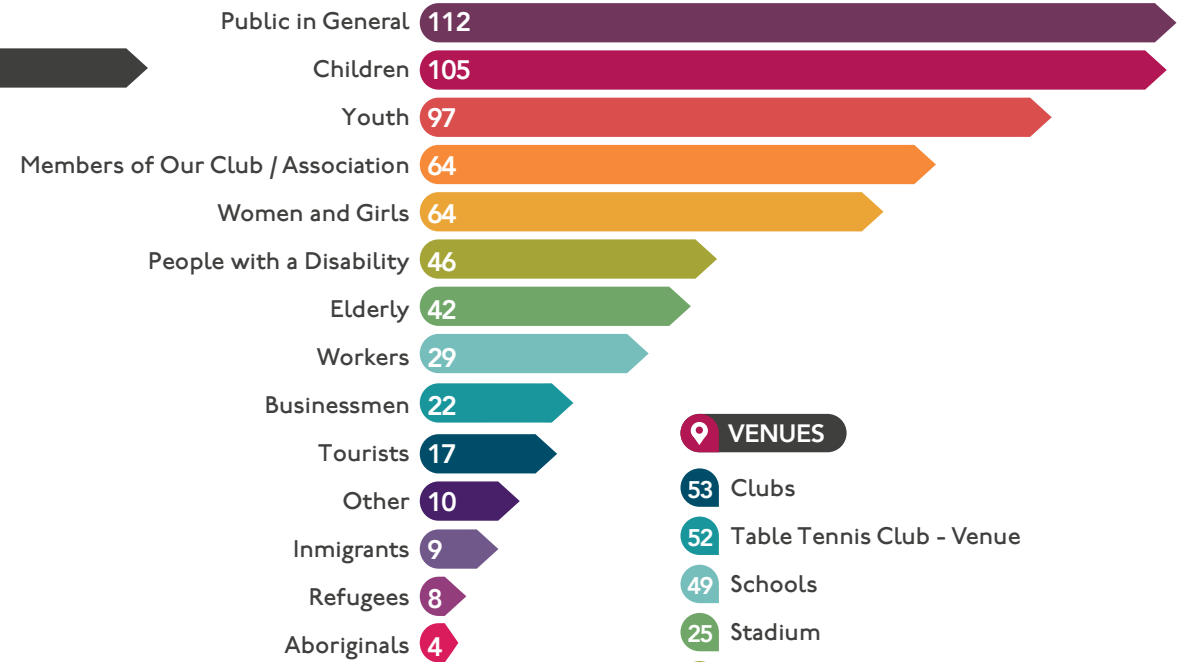
CONTINENT	2015	2016
NORTH AMERICA	12	7
EUROPE	50	68
LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	36	29
ASIA	35	61
OCEANIA	13	17
AFRICA	14	13

ORGANIZER(S)

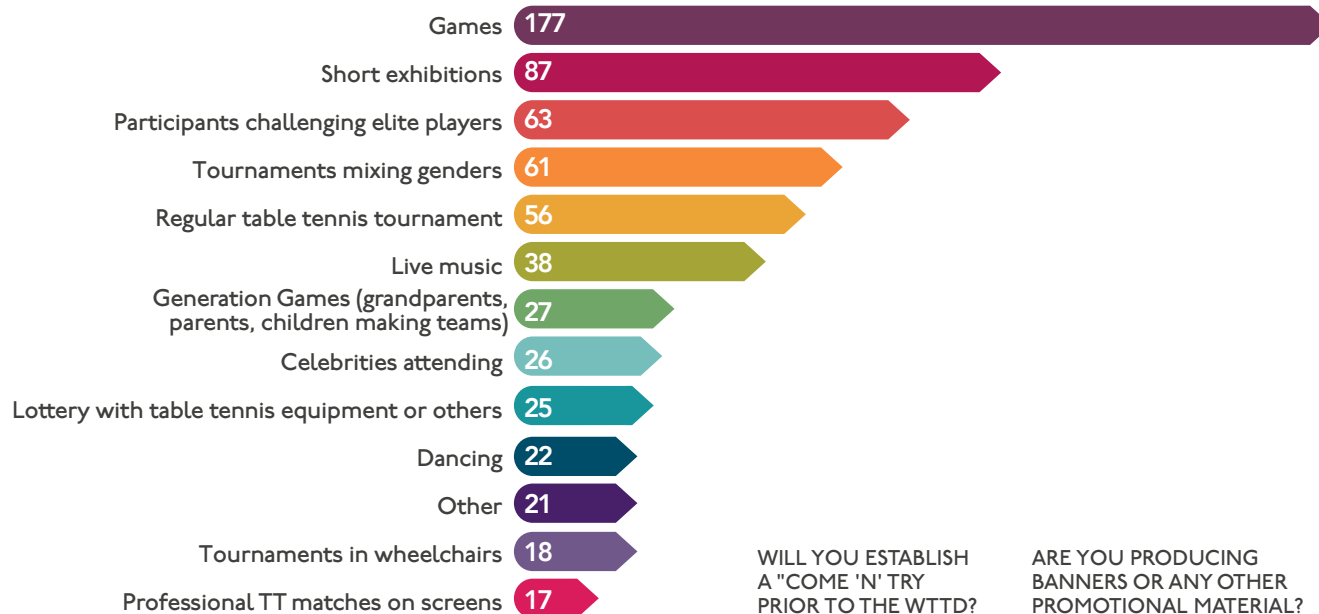
(In how many events was involved each type of organizer?)



PERSON TARGETED PARTICIPANTS



★ ACTIVITIES INCLUDED



📍 VENUES



WILL YOU ESTABLISH A "COME 'N' TRY" PRIOR TO THE WTTD?



ARE YOU PRODUCING BANNERS OR ANY OTHER PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL?



ARE YOU PRODUCING T-SHIRTS?



DO YOU HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHER?



DO YOU HAVE A CAMERAMAN?



★ ITTF Main Event

The main event was held in Kathmandu, Nepal as it coincided with the launching of ITTF project "Table Tennis for NepALL": A 3 years project to develop Table Tennis for people with a disability, providing opportunities by empowering, strengthening, and integrating them in using Para Table Tennis as vehicle for a positive social change.

Table Tennis for NepALL is organized by "All Nepal Table Tennis Association" (ANTTA), "Nepalese Disabled Table Tennis Association" (NDTTA) together with International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). The United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group supports the project.

It runs simultaneously in Biratnagar, Pokhara, Nepaljung, Dhangadi and two locations in Kathmandu. The undertaking includes the sensitization of local coaches, the improvement of accessibility for players with a disability in local community clubs and the creation of a solid network between Para Table Tennis Clubs and local organizations to develop Para Table Tennis in Nepal and train Role Models.

Present were ITTF President Thomas Weikert, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace Wilfried Lemke, International Working Group Co-chair of the Sport and Persons with Disabilities Young Sam MA, and role model Melissa Tapper, Australian player with a disability who qualified for the next Paralympics AND Olympics.

The event took place and inaugurated at the same time the newly renovated Para Table Tennis Centre „NDA Khagendra New Life training centre Jorpati, Kathmandu“. ITTF role model Melissa Tapper took an active and joyful part of the whole celebration, especially playing and talking to children. She always wore a smile and her good mood was contagious to all participants.

Wilfried Lemke:

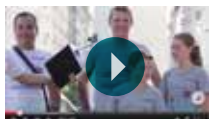
"What a great way to celebrate the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace and the World Table Tennis Day today, on April 6, through the launching of the Table Tennis for NepALL project and the inauguration of the newly renovated Para Table Tennis Training Centre. The International Olympic Committee, the United Nations and the International Table Tennis Federation put words into action by promoting the inclusion of persons with disabilities and bringing back hope after a disaster."

Thomas Weikert-ITTF President:

"Table tennis is not only a question of competition, we have seen today that we can make a big difference in people's lives using our sport for development and peace, in this case improving the conditions of children with a disability. Today we inaugurated the renovated training centre for Para athletes damaged by the earthquake; it has been financed by the Republic of Korea government through the United Nations Office of Sport for Development and Peace, but I am proud to say that the table tennis family also contributed financially, ITTF together with the 6 Continental Table Tennis Federations, for the first time a project got the sponsorship of all these organizations together. That clearly shows that we are one sport one family, supporting those in a crisis, in this case created by a natural disaster."

Young Sam MA - Co-chair of the Sport and Persons with a Disability Working Group:

"I am happy to see our first project of sport for people with a disability finally launched, it is very meaningful to be in Nepal considering last year's earthquake that increased the number of people with that condition. For sure Table Tennis for NepALL provides hope and encouragement to them; our Working Group and the Republic of Korea government will continue supporting such causes with projects on the field."



Check the videos here:

<https://youtu.be/aioRGf1pLOs>

<https://youtu.be/CvWkAtluRJO>



TABLE TENNIS FOR NEPAL





MEXICO



SIERRA LEONE



BUTHAN



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



BERMUDA



TURKEY



INDIA



GREECE



UGANDA



SOUTH AFRICA



PAPUA NEW GUINEA



TURKEY



TURKEY



SOLOMON ISLANDS



NEW CALEDONIA



TUNISIA



JAPAN



VANATU



BRASIL



ITALY



KOSOVO



MALAYSIA



PAKISTAN



JAPAN¹²



NEXT WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY: 6 OF APRIL 2017



* WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY AWARD

A novelty of this year's World Table Tennis Day was the WTTD Award 2016. Thanks to iPong (www.ipong.net), 4 iPong-Robots and 1 iPong Kit went to the most universal, most popular, most inclusive and most creative registered events.

We are very pleased for the following winners:



iPong - Kit

Most universal, popular and inclusive event at once

FRANCE – “Ping Sans Frontières”

The international non-profit charity organization Ping sans Frontières works to develop Table Tennis as an educative tool in developing countries as well as in France. They are convinced that sport is a vector for social cohesion, and a tool to promote important values like solidarity and respect. Physical activity is also a great way to achieve personal well-being. In this frame, they want to create an international solidarity chain involving Table Tennis players, clubs and national federations into their projects. For WTTD 2016 19 events have been organized for people with disabilities, for young children and adolescents in difficult areas, for women, mixed genders and generations etc.

iPong - Robot

Most universal event

TUNISIA – “Combating terrorism with Table Tennis Balls”

The Tunisian Table Tennis Federation organized a "Ping Day" in Ben Guerdane, at the south-east of Tunisia. This is the last major city before the border between Libya and Tunisia. This event represented the best way to restore normal life in a city that is trying to bring healing, one month after the unprecedented terrorist attacks, unprecedented in scale, attributed to ISIS, against security institutions and civilians, on March 7th, 2016.

Most popular event

MEXICO – “Día Mundial del Tenis de Mesa Tabasco 2016”

The event was created to share the passion of Table Tennis with the public in general enjoying and playing the game. Its diffusion spanned public and private schools, major radio stations, TV, newspapers, parks and public spaces. There was no distinction or preference.

Most inclusive event

SOLOMON ISLANDS – “Honiara Inclusive Table Tennis Promotion”

During the month of March, Table Tennis Awareness was conducted to 8 schools in Honiara, covering a population of 927 children. The event was truly inclusive from high government dignitaries down to people on the street, including those with disabilities. The goal was to promote Table Tennis as a sport for everyone, everywhere which can be played as a sport for leisure, recreation, fun, health, educational development, empowerment, competition and sports for development. And to promote Para Table Tennis and encourage more Para Athletes to join, as well as raising the awareness of inclusive sports development.

Most creative event

ITALY – “Ping Pong Muntobé” & “Table Tennis with a sea breeze”

Both events invited participants to participate in untypical Table Tennis Dresses and play with untypical “rackets”. In the town of Jesi, people participated dressed in costumes of ancient times playing with swords and knights instead of rackets. In Senigallia, the setting was the “beach” and people played in swimming costumes, using surf boards and other typically beach related objects instead of rackets.

* WTTD – VIDEO AWARD

We have used every single video that was sent us to prepare the official WTTD Video 2016 and the best 30 videos received a T-Shirt for their commitment.

We are happy and grateful to name the following winners:

ALGERIA - Alger	“African Juniors & Cadet Champ.”
AZERBAIJAN - Baku	“Table Tennis for ALL”
BRASIL - Marilia	“Dia Mundial do Tênis de Mesa na Academia Nelson Machado de Tênis de Mesa e Colégio Criativo”
BULGARIA - Sofia	“Table Tennis WTTD 2016 Amateurs”
CAMEROON - Lolodorf	“2016 WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY”
COLOMBIA - Bogotá	“Torneo Abierto con ventajas”
COLOMBIA - Bucaramanga	“Día mundial del Tenis de Mesa - Bucaramanga”
FRANCE - Serre Chevalier	“Journée Internationale du Ping”
GREECE - Florina	“FLORINA LOVES TT”
GUATEMALA - Guatemala	“Torneo de la Salud”
INDIA - Shadol	“Table Tennis Awareness Camp (TTAC) 2016: 1st to 6th April (week)”
ITALY - Jesi	“Ping Pong Muntobé”
ITALY - Senigallia	“Table tennis with a sea breeze”
JAPAN - Tokyo	“Nittaku Happiness Rally”
KIRIBATI - Tarawa	“Celebration of Table Tennis Day for ALL”
KOSOVO - Prishtina	“Dita Nderkombetare e Pingpongut (International Day of Table Tennis)”
LATVIA - Riga	“WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY”
MALDIVES - Male	“Non-stop Table Tennis 24 hrs”
MEXICO - Villahermosa	“Festejemos el Día Mundial del Tenis de Mesa”
NEW CALEDONIA - Noumea	“TABLE TENNIS FOR ALL”
NIGERIA - Ringim	“Mamaki fun play sessions for all”
PALAU - Koror	“National Elementary School Table Tennis”
SIERRA LEONE - City	“World Table Tennis Day”
SPAIN - Madrid	“III TORNEO PING PONG & ROLL”
TOGO - Lome	“ITTF WTTD 2016”
TUNISIA - El Aroussa	“Table Tennis Day 2016 in El Aroussa”
UGANDA - Hoima	“Hoima Network of Child Rights Clubs (HONECRIC) Celebrates WTTD”
UNITED Arab Emirates - Dubai	“World Table Tennis Day with Ping Pong Dubai”
USA - SantaClara	“Live Oak Academy's World Table Tennis Day For All”
VANUATU - Port Vil	“Table Tennis 4 Everyone”