



WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY 2018 REPORT

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★ WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY 2018 – EVENT REPORT

Intro message

April 6, 2018 stood in the sign of solidarity. The ITTF chose World Table Tennis Day to soft-launch its own non-profit Foundation aiming to promote “Solidarity through Table Tennis”. Appropriately, this edition brought many examples of how table tennis is shared with others. All around the world, clubs opened their doors for Come and Try Days and we saw a big commitment of Non-Governmental Organisations who were involved in half of the 597 registered events; in Turkey a granite table tennis table was set up for public play, in areas of conflict, such as Kenya or Afghanistan, table tennis games were organised to promote peace, social barriers were broken down in countries like Argentina or Haiti, and children with no access to table tennis got in touch with the game for the first time in rural Tunisia. All in all, almost 100,000 people enjoyed playing table tennis on April 6 2018!

On World Table Tennis Day we share the love for our sport, but we are also sharing knowledge, healthy and peaceful behaviour, fun, materials, and many more. Throughout the 597 events in 97 countries, we also find a lot of events celebrated in public places such as shopping malls, pedestrian streets, beaches and parks. Surely, table tennis was in the public talk in many cities!

As in previous years and also thanks to the kind contribution of iPong and Butterfly, featured projects received iPong

robots and equipment. All organisers sharing a video with us received 2 T-Shirts that were especially created for World Table Tennis Day 2018 and are not purchasable.

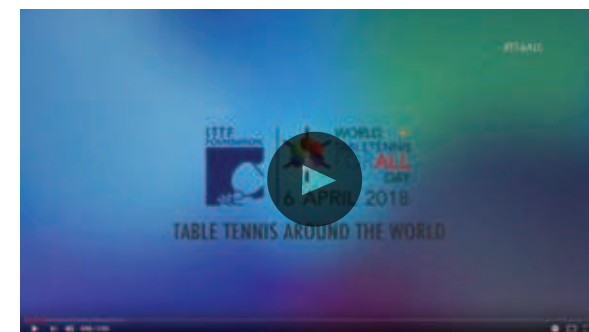
My personal thanks go to our sponsors Butterfly and iPong, to our partners from Peace & Sport and UNHCR for the joint celebration in Za’atari, Carolina Rosso for her patience and ideas with graphic design, to Etsuko Enami for her help with the statistics, to Romina Concha Sepúlveda for her Social Media Management and to Wiebke Scheffler for all those little and unseen steps. Further I'd like to thank the ITTF officials and staff for their continuous support.

My biggest congratulations are reserved for each single organiser and participant. It's thanks to your love for our sport that we develop and make table tennis accessible to everyone everywhere!

And of course, thanks to you, reader of this report, for your interest in World Table Tennis Day and your help to spread the word and make it grow in 2019.

Looking forward to seeing you on April 6, 2019!

Leandro Olvech
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Official 2018 WTTD video



📍 2018 WTTD EVENTS MAP

👤 TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
94851 approx.

👤 AVERAGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
164 approx.



579 EVENTS in 97 COUNTRIES

★ CONTINENTAL TOP ORGANISERS

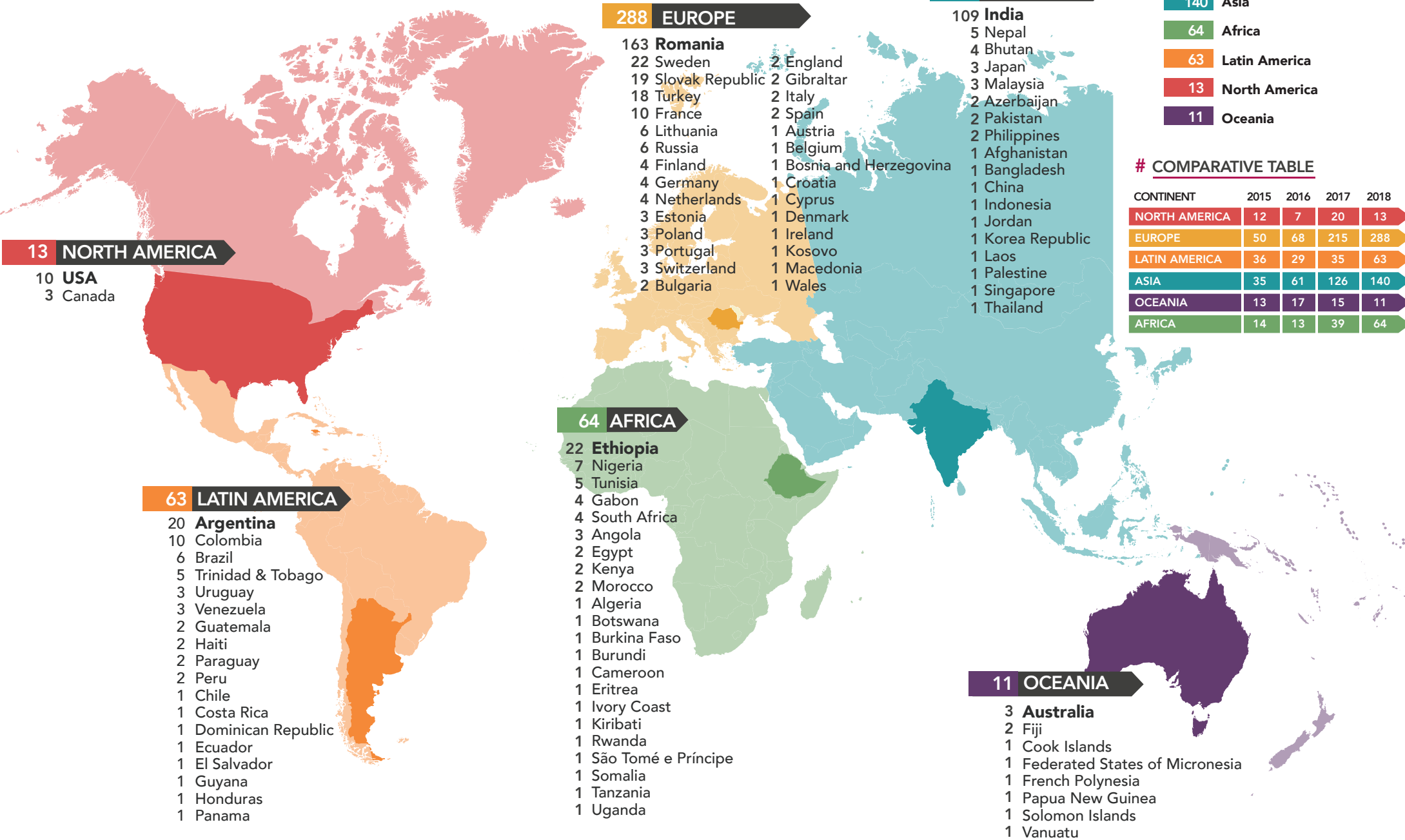
(Events quantity)

RANKING PER CONTINENT

- 288 Europe
- 140 Asia
- 64 Africa
- 63 Latin America
- 13 North America
- 11 Oceania

COMPARATIVE TABLE

CONTINENT	2015	2016	2017	2018
NORTH AMERICA	12	7	20	13
EUROPE	50	68	215	288
LATIN AMERICA	36	29	35	63
ASIA	35	61	126	140
OCEANIA	13	17	15	11
AFRICA	14	13	39	64



13 NORTH AMERICA

- 10 USA
- 3 Canada

63 LATIN AMERICA

- 20 Argentina
- 10 Colombia
- 6 Brazil
- 5 Trinidad & Tobago
- 3 Uruguay
- 3 Venezuela
- 2 Guatemala
- 2 Haiti
- 2 Paraguay
- 2 Peru
- 1 Chile
- 1 Costa Rica
- 1 Dominican Republic
- 1 Ecuador
- 1 El Salvador
- 1 Guyana
- 1 Honduras
- 1 Panama

288 EUROPE

- 163 Romania
- 22 Sweden
- 19 Slovak Republic
- 18 Turkey
- 10 France
- 6 Lithuania
- 6 Russia
- 4 Finland
- 4 Germany
- 4 Netherlands
- 3 Estonia
- 3 Poland
- 3 Portugal
- 3 Switzerland
- 2 Bulgaria
- 2 England
- 2 Gibraltar
- 2 Italy
- 2 Spain
- 1 Austria
- 1 Belgium
- 1 Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 1 Croatia
- 1 Cyprus
- 1 Denmark
- 1 Ireland
- 1 Kosovo
- 1 Macedonia
- 1 Wales

64 AFRICA

- 22 Ethiopia
- 7 Nigeria
- 5 Tunisia
- 4 Gabon
- 4 South Africa
- 3 Angola
- 2 Egypt
- 2 Kenya
- 2 Morocco
- 1 Algeria
- 1 Botswana
- 1 Burkina Faso
- 1 Burundi
- 1 Cameroon
- 1 Eritrea
- 1 Ivory Coast
- 1 Kiribati
- 1 Rwanda
- 1 São Tomé e Príncipe
- 1 Somalia
- 1 Tanzania
- 1 Uganda

140 ASIA

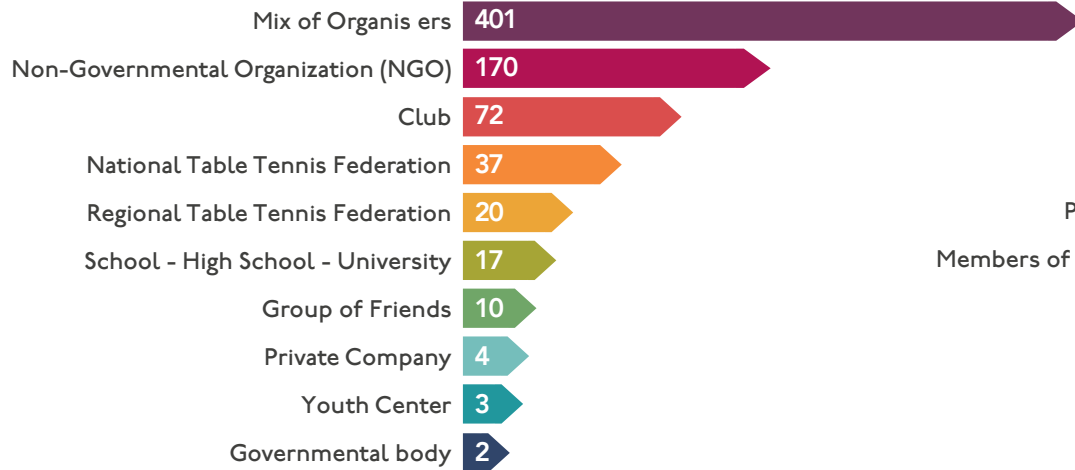
- 109 India
- 5 Nepal
- 4 Bhutan
- 3 Japan
- 3 Malaysia
- 2 Azerbaijan
- 2 Pakistan
- 2 Philippines
- 1 Afghanistan
- 1 Bangladesh
- 1 China
- 1 Indonesia
- 1 Jordan
- 1 Korea Republic
- 1 Laos
- 1 Palestine
- 1 Singapore
- 1 Thailand

11 OCEANIA

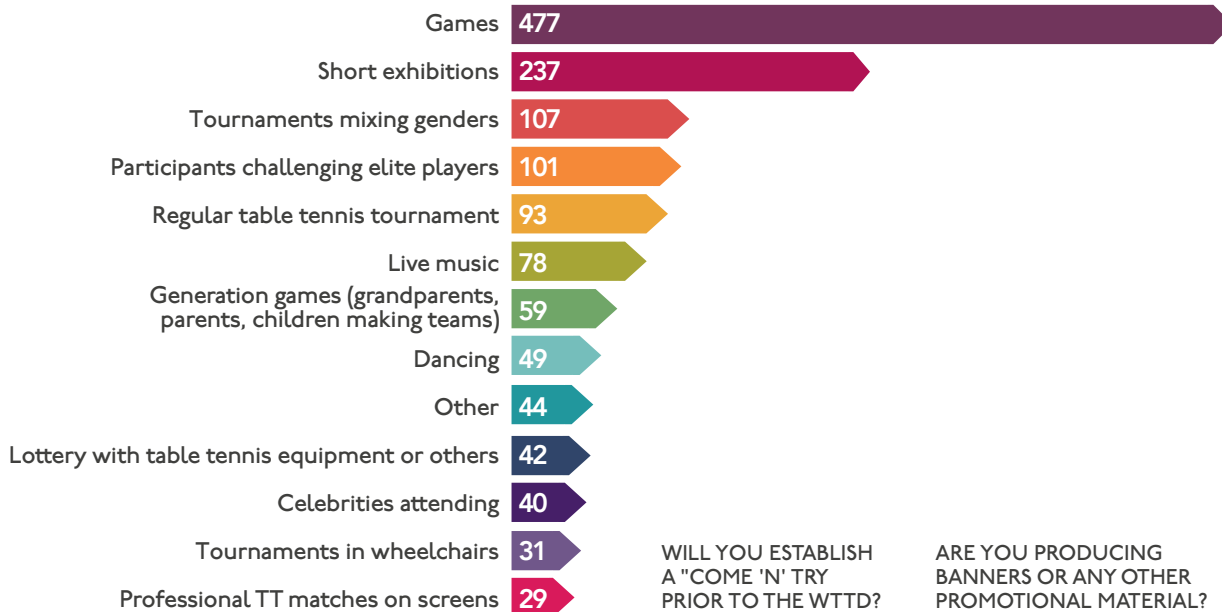
- 3 Australia
- 2 Fiji
- 1 Cook Islands
- 1 Federated States of Micronesia
- 1 French Polynesia
- 1 Papua New Guinea
- 1 Solomon Islands
- 1 Vanuatu

ORGANISER(S)

★ The various types of organisations which organised events



★ ACTIVITIES INCLUDED



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?



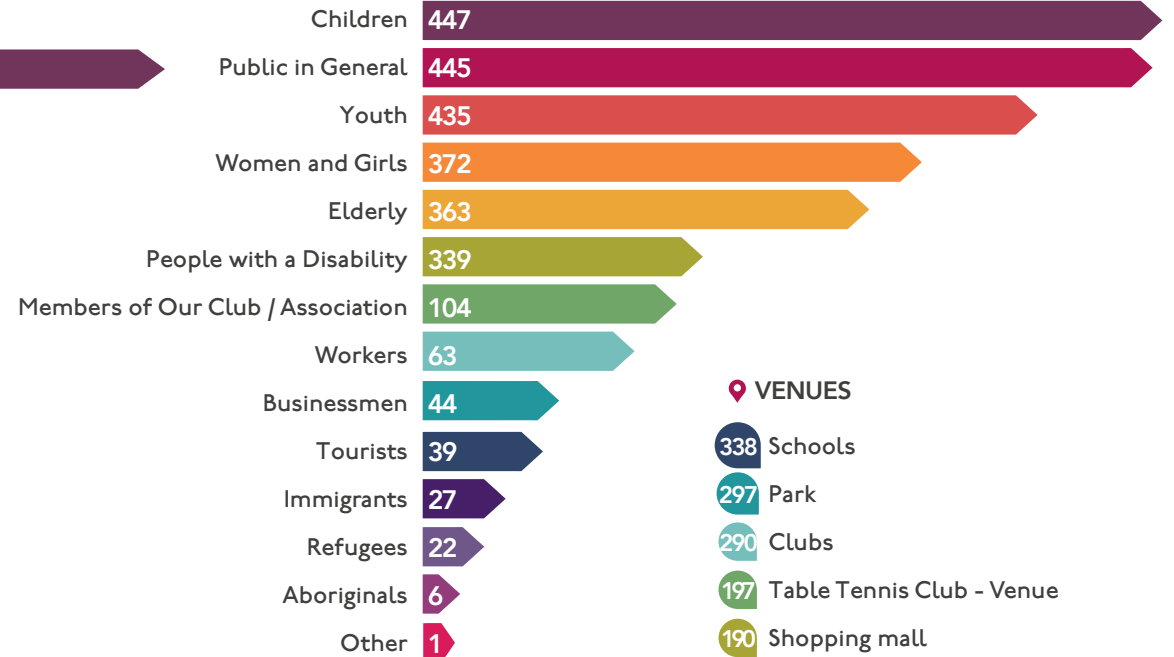
DO YOU HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHER?



DO YOU HAVE A CAMERAMAN?



👤 TARGETED PARTICIPANTS



📍 VENUES





ITTF Main Celebrations

Za'atari is located in the desert. The 4th largest Jordan city is made up of shelters, administration buildings, some hospitals, schools and a market-like structure. For around 80.000 persons, more than the half under 18, their life at home is a past memory. The hopes of a fast return to their homes in Syria are undefined. They are safe from war now, but they can't leave the camp without a permission. Their future is uncertain, not all children attend school, many parents don't see the necessary believing in a soon return home, where the ongoing conflicts will have destroyed their economic and social life.

Camp life is tough, and many depends on the charity of others. The memories of traumatic experiences in the past, fear about an uncertain future and boredom are only some of the emotions that can be find among the inhabitants.

Sport is a powerful tool to help. Over 20 NGOs use sport within Za'atari, The ITTF Foundation developed together with UNHCR and Peace & Sport the 2 years project "Nittaku Dream Building with Refugees", aiming to promote positive individual and social change inside the Syrian Refugee community in Za'atari and to increase cooperation and strengthen social cohesion between Syrian refugees and Jordan people.

In 2017 first trainers were trained, and 6 table tennis trainers are now giving weekly sessions to children in the camp.



Check out the video to learn more about this project:

**06
APRIL**

**a joint
celebration
with Peace & Sport
and UNHCR to**

* celebrate the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace and sign a Memorandum of Understanding about the partnership between Peace & Sport and the ITTF Foundation

* soft launch the ITTF Foundation, ITTF's new social responsibility arm to promote solidarity through table tennis

* launch Nittaku Dream Building with Refugees

*** celebrate
World Table
Tennis Day**



Peace & Sport International Relations and Field Programs Director Iris Vlachoutsicos and selected table tennis coaches ready to start the project.



ITTF Foundation Ambassador and ITTF expert and project coordinator Sarah Hanffou playing with children.



ITTF & ITTF Foundation President Thomas Weikert and ITTF Foundation Director Leandro Olvech soft-launching the ITTF Foundation.



ITTF Foundation and ITTF President Thomas Weikert and Peace & Sport President and Founder Joël Bouzou after signing the Memorandum of Understanding about the partnership between both organisations.



Project participants with coach Abdulrahman Jadoow

* WTTD 2018 AWARDS - OVERVIEW

World Table Tennis Day lives through the contribution of each single event, no matter of small or big, ordinary or extraordinary. Thanks to each participant, our sport reaches more and more people from year to year. Each event organiser deserves a special recognition. Thanks to so many impressive contributions, World Table Tennis Day is what it is - a wonderful and participative Sport for ALL event, including each year more people and more target groups.

The awards aim to feature special 2018 initiatives, our focus is to showcase exemplary and different initiatives each year. It is only a motivational incentive. World Table Tennis clearly shows that it is not about materials, but about the love for our sport and sharing it with others.



1 BUTTERFLY EQUIPMENT PACKAGE

WTTD 2018 showed again the commitment of volunteering. The selected initiative shows the virulent outcome of personal commitment.

Let's play ping pooooong

141 events

11.776 players

Organiser and Ambassadors:

Alica Grofova - Chladekova, Slovak table tennis legend (2nd on the World Championships, owner of 20 other medals)

Marian Bystrican, international table tennis referee.



IPONG®

iPong ROBOTS

The iPong – Robots went to the most popular, most universal, most inclusive and most creative events. The selected initiatives have model character and show great ideas to be repeated on World Table Tennis Day. With 12 iPong – Robots and 3 iPong Kits awarded in 2016 and 2017 we have now a total of 25 different featured initiatives. Congratulations!

A

2 iPong Robots for the 2 most popular events

This category awards events with a high quantity of participants, both in terms of real numbers and potential.

One of the main indicators was “hard to reach people”, that is to say, how were people addressed that normally don't play table tennis.

World Table Tennis Day "Table Tennis for All" in Bugesera / Rilima, Rwanda

Goal: To promote Table Tennis and attract people who usually don't know play table tennis

Participants: 70 out of 300

Program:

- Games
- Dance
- Testimonials of players about the game
- Speeches by local authorities and authorities of the National Association

Organiser: Rwanda Table Tennis Federation



World Table Tennis Day Celebrations in Karachi, Pakistan

Goal: To Make Table Tennis More Popular

Participants: > 100

Program:

- Invitation to children under 15
- Mixing students from different schools without bigger table tennis knowledge
- Basic lessons
- How to play
- Simple matches

Organiser: Islamia Club



B

2 iPong Robots for the 2 most universal events

The most universal event has been determined by the location where the event was organized, whether unusual, hard to reach or vast region covered.

Table Tennis in my School in El Aroussa, Tunisia

Goal: To bring table tennis to rural schools with socially disadvantaged children and promote the inclusion of the game into daily school activities.

Participants: ~ 200

Program:

- Encourage poor girls and boys to play tennis table
- Tournaments with club members being umpires
- Music, dancing and prizes
- Shared lunch with traditional "Couscous"
- Create table tennis clubs in schools

Organiser: El Aroussa Sport Club



Every time, Every where and for everyone Table Tennis in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Goal: To present table tennis as a sport with wonderful outcomes, such as health, friendship, peace, fun and many more good things. To create awareness and visibility.

Participants: ~ 200

Program:

- Set up normal and mini tables in a crowded shopping mall with advertisement about WTTD
- Hand out flyers about World Table Tennis Day to participants
- Give participants the possibility to play in a non-competitive but peaceful and fun way.

Organiser: Stk Stens Club





2 iPong Robots for the 2 most inclusive events

The most inclusive event has been determined by the activities offered to mix up different target groups, target a special target group that might not be reached by mass participation events and this way make everybody participate of World Table Tennis Day.

Bahía Blanca Live Table Tennis in Bahía Blanca, Argentina

Goal: To mix different age groups, gender, physical abilities and persons with different social conditions.

Participants: > 1000

Program:

- Delivery of rackets
- Free registrations to participate in the competence circuit
- Games
- Exhibitions with players recognized in Argentina and South America.

Organiser: Asociación Bahiense de Tenis de Mesa

PSF tournament and Solidarity in Gouvieux, France

Goal: To organize a tournament with a focus on Para Table Tennis.
To collect rackets and send them to places where table tennis is not accessible.

Participants: ~ 200

Program:

- Tournament
- To sensitize the recovery of the material
- To involve the participants in our chain of solidarity

Organiser: Ping Sans Frontières



D

2 iPong Robots for the 2 most creative events

This category is for all those who show creative ideas to make Table Tennis popular, universal and inclusive. Indicators are unusual activities, places, promotional campaigns, etc. The selected events give example about “what else can be done”.

Paradise of Ping Pong in Tahiti, French Polynesia

Goal: To promote table tennis and the beauty of the lagoon.

Participants: ~ 40

Program: - Great Knowledge Quiz about Table Tennis
- School TT Tournament
- Night Table Tennis Marathon

Organiser: Tahitian Table Tennis Federation



World Table Tennis for All Day 6 April in Kastamonu, Turkey

Goal: To play table tennis on the sea.

Participants: ~ 200

Program: - To play on a fisher boat

Organiser: Bozkurt Bld. Spor Klubü



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1 iPong Kit and 4 packs of balls for the 2 most popular, universal and inclusive events at once

The events combining the best the 3 pillars of World Table Tennis Day (popular, universal and inclusive, received an iPong – Kit.

1 iPong - Kit for Mpira Wa Meza Kwa Wote in Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania

Goal: To create awareness

Participants: ~ 550

- Program:**
- Different sessions:
 - Para Table Tennis
 - Come and Try
 - Kids
 - Elderly
 - How to play
 - Exhibitions matches
 - Challenge the National Team

Organiser: Tanzania Table Tennis Association (TTTA)

4 packs of balls for World Table Tennis Day all over Ethiopia

Goal: To celebrate World Table Tennis Day in the city and the countryside.

Participants: ~ 10.000

- Program:**
- Tournaments mixing genders
 - Games
 - Short exhibitions
 - Participants challenging elite players
 - Celebrities attending
 - Dancing
 - Live Music
 - Lottery

Organiser: Different organisers all over Ethiopia





WTTD T-SHIRTS

The effort of every organiser having sent one or more videos was recognized through WTTD T-SHIRTS (limited edition, not purchasable).



A total of 120 T-Shirts went to the following countries:





INDIA - Alappuza



INDIA - Pune



BHUTAN - Thimphu



TURKEY - Sivas



GUATEMALA - Guatemala



HAITI - Cayes



NEPAL - Lalitpur



SLOVAK REPUBLIC - 141 events all over the country



SPAIN - Badajoz



ESTONIA - Aseri



TURKEY - Kastamonu



ANGOLA - Luanda



SÃO TOMÉ E PRÍNCIPE - São Tomé



EL SALVADOR - San Salvador



VENEZUELA - Barquisimeto



COLOMBIA - Monteria



RUSSIA - Irkutsk



GABON - Akanda



POLAND - Prabuti



INDIA - Gwalior



MOROCCO - Inezgane



FRANCE - Vierzon



FRANCE - Salbris



RUSSIA - Ulan



ARGENTINA - San ignacio



ARGENTINA - Oberá



ENGLAND - Bishop Auckland



SLOVAK REPUBLIC - Malacki



ARGENTINA - Monte Hermoso



MOROCCO - Inezgane



BULGARIA - Sofia



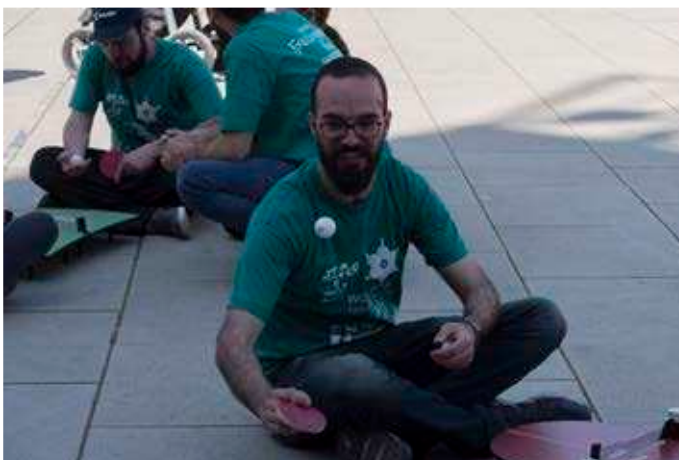
ESTONIA - Tallinn



BELGIUM - Brussels



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO - Scargoroug



KOSOVO - Prishtina



JAPAN - Yokohama



PAKISTAN - Karachi



FRANCE - Nimes



FRANCE - Nimes



BURUNDI - Bujumbura



FRANCE - Auxi le Chateau



NIGERIA - Ibadan



FRANCE - Gouvieux



USA - Berkeley



PAKISTAN - Peshawar



LITHUANIA - Akmene



PERU - Chosica



SOMALIA - Mogadishu



INDIA - Bangalore



MACEDONIA - Prilep



ARGENTINA - Bahía Blanca



TURKEY - Sivas



ARGENTINA - Balcarce



ETHIOPIA - Addis Ababa



THAILAND - Bangkok



LITHUANIA - Prienai



PAPUA NEW GUINEA - Port Moresby



ITALY - Ancona



SLOVAK REPUBLIC - Záhorská Bystrica



TANZANIA - Dar Es Salaam



BULGARIA - Sofia



ANGOLA - Luanda



ETHIOPIA - Addis Ababa



TURKEY - Batman



TRINIDAD Y TOBAGO - Port of Spain



JAPAN - Tokyo



LITHUANIA - Riese



FRANCE - Paris



CHINA - Xiapeng



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO - Oromiya



TUNISIA - El Aroussa



JAPAN - Tokyo



TUNISIA - Rafraf



BRAZIL - Santo André



ARGENTINA- Balcarse



INDIA - Pune



SWITZERLAND - Geneva



ETHIOPIA - Adis Ababa



TURKEY - Izmir



LITHUANIA - Tverai



RWANDA - Gasabo



SWEDEN - Helsingborg



ARGENTINA - Buenos Aires



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



INDIA - Haldia



NEPAL - Tulsipur



FINLAND - Kerava



COLOMBIA - Bogotá



TURKEY - Aydın



TURKEY - Bodrum



TURKEY - Kastamonu



PORTUGAL - Povoacao



INDIA - Palakkad



LITHUANIA - Zujunai



CROATIA - Bjelovar



ARGENTINA - Zarate



PERU - Lurigancho



NEPAL - Gokarneshwar



SWEDEN - Söderhamns



CHILE - Santiago



ETHIOPIA - Addis Ababa



JAPAN - Sendai



INDIA - Lokesh Singh Bagri



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ERITREA - Asmara



INDIA - Lokesh Singh Bagri



JORDAN - Rwanda



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