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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM OGERT SHKREPA, PRESIDENT, ALBANIAN SNOOKER FEDERATION



On behalf of the Albanian Snooker Federation (ASF), I am pleased to again extend a warm welcome to players, officials, referees, supporters and guests on behalf of my Board Members. It is a honour and privilege for our Federation to host the 2017 European Snooker Championships in Albania, organizing at Rafaello Resort, Shengjin, Lezha.

The hosting of such an event like this is dependent on the cooperation and generosity of so many people and organisations working together as a team to ensure its success. The sincere thanks of our Federation go to everyone who has contributed to bringing this event to Albania.

We are delighted that Rafaello Resort is providing these fabulous surroundings and generous hospitality. We are also proud that these Championships have been sponsored by SIGAL UNIQA Group AUSTRIA Insurance company, CREDINS BANK, Grupi GLOBE, GULF, Lajthiza, Faxe, Tonino Lamborghini Energy Drink, and I take this opportunity to thank them again for their valued support in assisting us to deliver these Championships. I would also offer particular thanks to the European Billiards & Snooker Association, who, with their generous sponsors, support all the European Championships. I know that EBSA are pleased to welcome the support of STAR Snooker Tables, who are providing the excellent tables and to the continued and much valued long standing sponsorship from Strachan who have again provided the excellent tournament cloths, Saluc for offering all of the sets of Tournament Balls, Rigour and The World Games 2017-Wroclay.

With a high number of the top players in Europe competing, we are certain that this will be a most memorable Championships, with many friendships being renewed, and many more formed. We wish all players the very best of luck. Whilst ultimately there will only be one winner in each of the 6 Reds, Ladies Individual and Teams, Masters Individual & Teams, Mens Teams Championships, we hope that you will leave Albania feeling richer by the experience of taking part and that you continue to prosper in our sport.

Finally, our thanks go to the officials and referees who will be working extremely hard and tirelessly over the coming days to Maxime Cassis, EBSA Chairman ; Simon Smith, EBSA General Secretary, Tournament Director and all EBSA Team.

I hope you enjoy the Championships and your time in this wonderful city.

Best wishes

Ogert SHKREPA
President, ASF

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WELCOME MESSAGE



Dear sportsmen, referees, organizers of European Snooker Championship 2017, It is my great honor and pleasure to welcome you at Rafaelo Resort, Shengjin, Albania and to wish you success, joy, satisfaction, excitement and utmost achievements during this tournament. It is always inspiring to be part of events which are a pure demonstration of teamwork, harmony, respect, fair play as only the world of sport could offer such!

I salute you to be part of this amazing sport and I do thank you for choosing Rafaelo Resort!

On behalf of my hospitable team, I wish you lots of success!

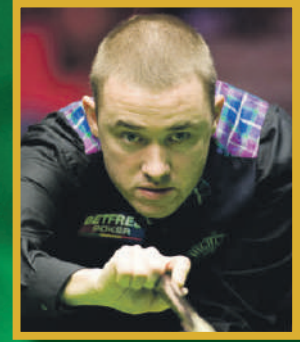
Mark Gjinaj
General Manager



Steve Davis
1981, 1983, 1984, 1987
1988, 1989



Mark Selby
2014, 2016



Stephen Hendry
1990, 1992, 1993, 1994
1995, 1996, 1999



John Higgins
1998, 2007, 2009, 2011



Ronnie O'Sullivan
2001, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013



Neil Robertson
2010

- Cliff Thorburn 1980
- Alex Higgins 1982
- Dennis Taylor 1985
- Joe Johnson 1986
- John Parrott 1991
- Ken Donerty 1997
- Mark Williams 2000, 2003
- Peter Ebdon 2002
- Shaun Murphy 2005
- Graeme Dott 2006



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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM MAXIME CASSIS, EBSA CHAIRMAN



On behalf of the European Billiards and Snooker Association, I am pleased to welcome all players, referees and supporters to Shëngjin / Albania for this potential feast of snooker that has been arranged by the Albanian Snooker Federation (ASF).

The Federation are very ambitious in their programme of events having agreed to stage the 2017 European Snooker Championships. This is a tremendous undertaking by any Federation. There is a huge amount of work involved in the preparation and running such a programme of events and all of the members of the Albanian Snooker Federation are to be congratulated, not least its President, Ogert Shkrepa.

The members of the tournament team are also to be commended for their hard work and dedication to the game. Without their commitment these events throughout Europe would not be the success that they are. On behalf of all EBSA members I would

like to express our sincere thanks to Simon Smith EBSA General Secretary who will manage the Championships and the Tournament Team namely, Vadim Krivda, Steve Starkie, Raymond Perez and Peter Nakov.

To stage these competitions would not be possible without the support of many sponsors and I would like to say a very warm thank you to WSP/Strachan Cloth and Saluc/Aramith Balls, and to our main sponsor STAR for supplying the tables. A special word of thanks to all the local sponsors especially the fabulous hotel that we are using to stage this event, your support is much appreciated.

We have for a number of years now been providing live scoring on the internet. This year will be no exception and a great deal of thanks is due to Dariusz Goral for his dedication and commitment to provide this useful addition to all EBSA events. A special mention must also be given to David Coltro and Claudio Costa, Press Officer and IT who will provide media reports, articles and Live-streaming. As ever the results and videos will be available daily on the European Website, www.ebsa.tv.

I would like to mention all of the hard working referees involved in the event and thank them for their commitment not just for this event but for all European Events.

Once again I would like to congratulate all involved and say well done for what will surely be another great event in this return visit to Albania.

I trust you find the championships memorable and enjoyable with old friendships being renewed and new friendships being made.

May the best players and teams win... !

Maxime Cassis
EBSA Chairman



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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM SIMON SMITH EBSA GENERAL SECRETARY



On behalf of the European Billiards and Snooker Association (EBSA) it is my pleasure to welcome all players, officials, referees and spectators to this wonderful city of Shengjin, Albania for this year's European Snooker Championships.

As with every Championships, a great deal of work is carried out in the planning and preparation of the event, and I would particularly like to personally thank our Chairman, Maxime Cassis for all of his efforts in co-ordinating the organisation and overseeing these Championships, as well as acting as EBSA Championship Overseer.

Special thanks are offered to the Tournament Team for making these championships successful. Dariusz Goral who has made the operational aspects of managing the draws, scoring and results far more streamlined than we could ever imagine. Special thanks also goes to Raymond Perez (France) who brings his wealth of knowledge and experience to the championships, as our Head Referee. Raymond will be supported by Vadim Krivda (Russia) who will be the Competition Manager with Steve Starkie (England) and Peter Nakov (Bulgaria) as Assistant Competition Managers.

My sincere thanks also go to Ogert Shkrepa, President of ASF and his team who have worked very hard to bring the event together for our arrival just prior to the Championships getting underway. Without their hard work and commitment we would not have been able to provide such a great setting for this year's championships.

Finally, I would like to thank Davide Coltro (Italy), Claudio Costa (Italy) and Peter Thomas (Wales) for providing excellent media coverage of the championships through the website and social media.

No championships would be complete without the hardworking support of the referees. We would not be able to deliver successful championships without your commitment and dedication, and we are grateful for your commitment, enthusiasm and dedication in volunteering to attend these championships.

As ever, we are grateful to our EBSA sponsors who support both our organisation and the sport in providing the best conditions for competitors. We thank WSP/Strachan Cloth & Saluc/ Aramith and STAR for their ongoing support to our Championships. We also thank the local sponsors, including Rafaelo Resort.

I wish all the participants the very best of luck. I know all competitors will compete in the spirit of fair play and enjoy the competition.

Yours in sport

Simon Smith
Championship Director

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Dear All Snooker European Championship Teams, On behalf of myself and my Culinary Department I would like to say welcome to Rafaelo Resort Shengjin - Albania. I have the pleasure to prepare for you an assortment of International Cuisine menu options. My Team will care for your good mood during your stay in Ramada Sofia Hotel. We will be happy to meet all your expectations. Myself and my team wishing each of you successfully Tournament, With Best Culinary Regards,

Emirjon Margjini
Executive Chef

Some useful Albanian phrases.....

Greetings.....

Hi!	Ckemi!	Nothing much?	Asgje me shume?
Good morning!	Miremenges!	Good night!	Naten e mire!
Good evening!	Mirembrema!	Help and Directions.....	Ndihme dhe Orientim
Welcome!	Mirese erdhe !	I'm lost	Kam humbur
(to greet someone)	(per te pershendetur dike)	Can I help you?	Mund t'ju ndihmoj?
How are you?	Si je?	Can you help me?	Mund t'me ndihmoni?
I'm fine, thanks!	Mire, Faleminderit!	Where is the bathroom?	Ku eshte tualeti?
And you?	Po ti?	I'm looking for.....(John).	Po kerkoj.....(John).
Good/ So-So.	Mire/ Ashtu-Ashtu	One moment please!	Nje moment ju lutem.
Thank you	Faleminderit, shume!	Hold on please! (phone)	Prisni ne linje! (telefon)
(very much)!		How much is this?	Sa kushton?
You're welcome!	Je i mirepritur!	Excuse me ...!	Me falni...!
Hey! Friend!	Hej, mik!	(to ask for something)	(per te pyetur per dicka)
I missed you so much!	Me mungove shume!	Excuse me! (to pass by)	Me falni ! (per te kaluar)
What's new?	C'kemi ndonje te re?	Come with me!	Eja me mua!



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Places to see in Albania

Tirana



Scanderbeg Square, taken its name from the Albanian National Hero, is in the heart of Tirana's centre, featuring its history through different architectural objects.



BUNK'ART, a nuclear bunker located in the suburbs of Tirana it is a recent tourist attraction that evokes the Communist period.



The old and the new face of Tirana's architectural landscape.



Berat

Berat, "Town of a Thousand Windows", is part of UNESCO World Heritage List since 2008. Mangalem is a traditional quarter under the citadel hill.

Kruja



The Kruja Castle view with its signaling tower.



The sculptural assembly of Scanderbeg at the entrance of museum.



The Museum of National Hero "Gjergj Kastrioti Scanderbeg"

The historic town of Kruja is the symbol of Albanian resistance against the Ottoman invasion. Scanderbeg's military skills succeeded over the Ottomans' attempts to conquer the Albanian territories. His resistance turned Kruja castle into a well-known place and himself as a protector of Christianity.

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Emerald island of Ksamil enriching the Southern part of Albanian Riviera



Kakome Bay



Porto Palermo Bay



The deep clean sea waters with turquoise reflections is not the only beautiful feature of Albanian Riviera. Combined with historical monuments, high mountines which will turn the holidays into a discovery and wonderful experience.

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Maxime Cassis
EBSA Chairman



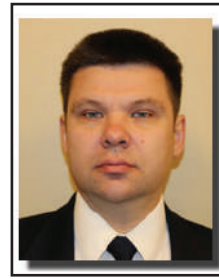
Simon Smith
EBSA Board / General Secretary



John Terry
EBSA Board



Dariusz Goral
IT Manager



Vadim Krivda
Competition Manager



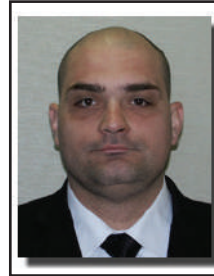
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Press officer



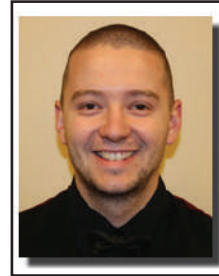
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Asst. Comp Manager



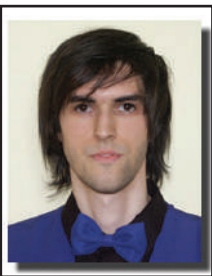
Raymond Perez
Asst. Head Referee



Peter Nakov
Asst. Head Referee



Bratislav Krustev
CueZone – Coach



Claudio Costa
Live-Streaming



Pascal Meubis
Professional fitters



Kris Bombois
Professional fitters



Inge Vermeulen
Professional fitters

Referees List



Edmond Ndou



Arenc Norja



Andi Bici



Kseniya Katkova



Natalya Taratinova



Tatiana Prud



Erich Pließnig



Thierry Theunesie



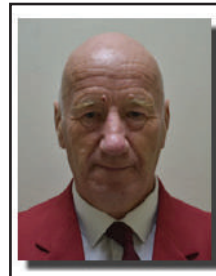
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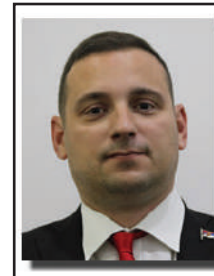
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John Pellew



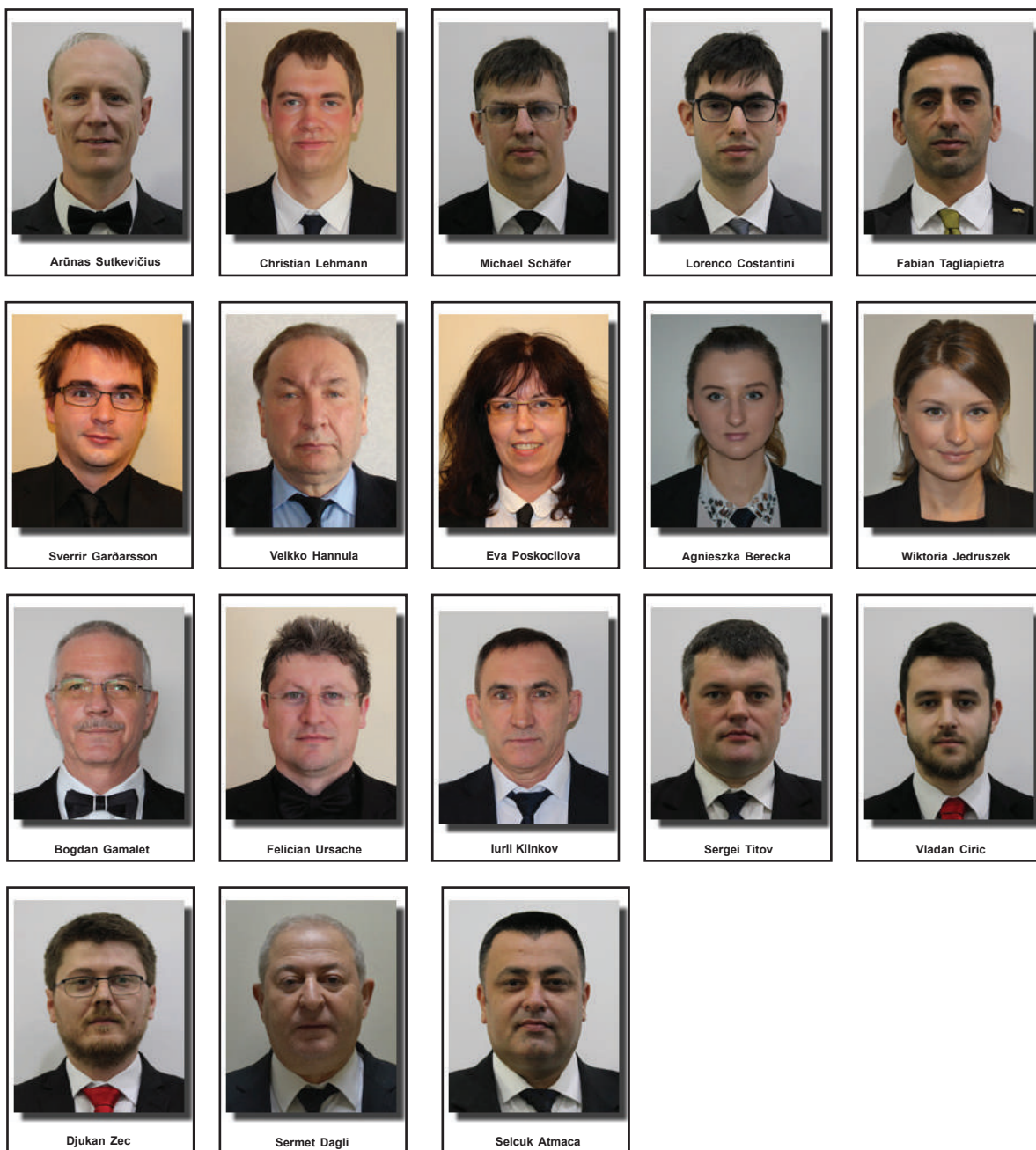
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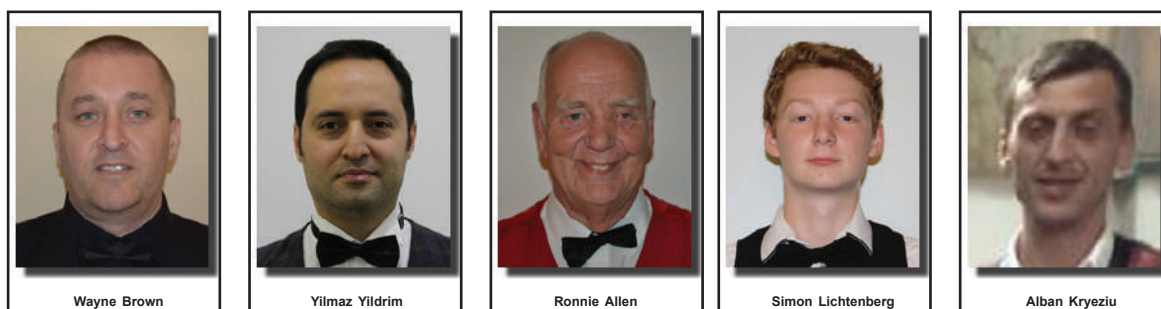
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Igor Krstevski



All the persons participate in this Championship





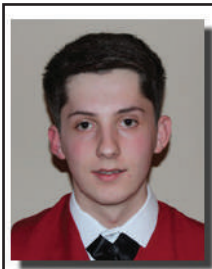
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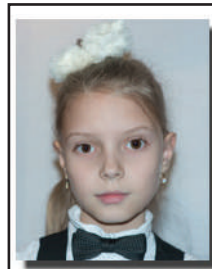
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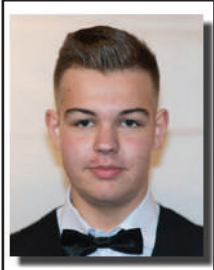
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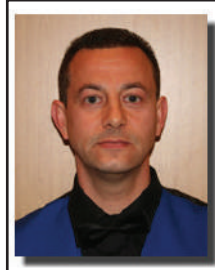
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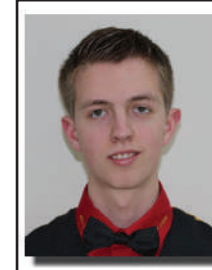
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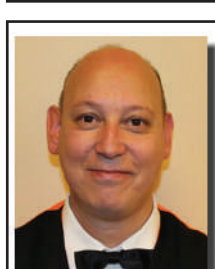
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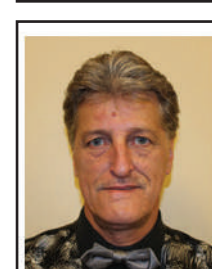
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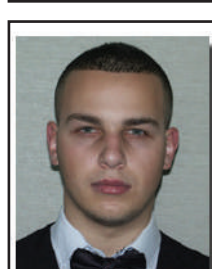
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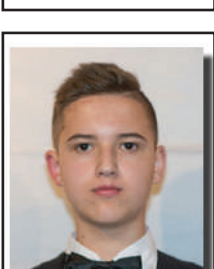
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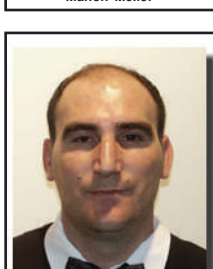
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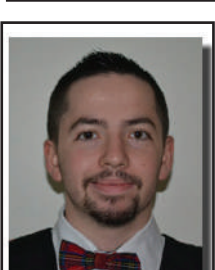
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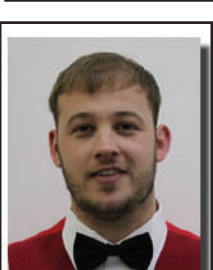
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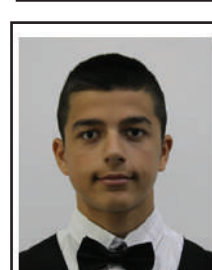
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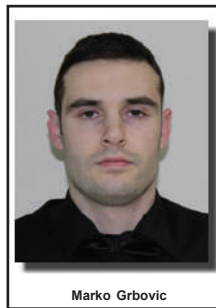
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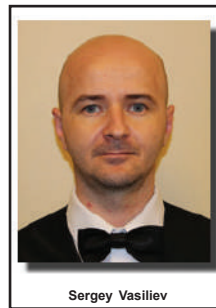
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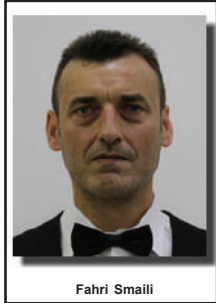
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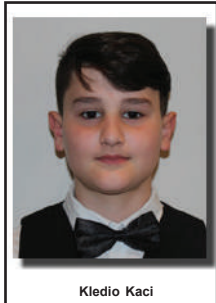
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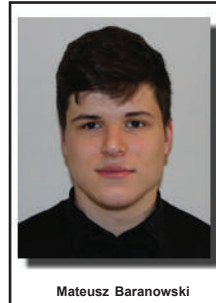
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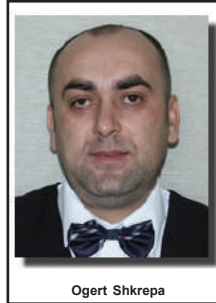
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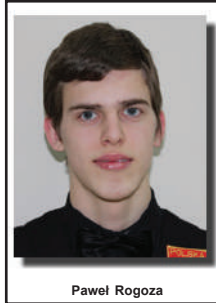
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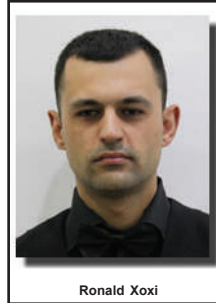
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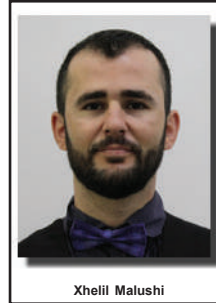
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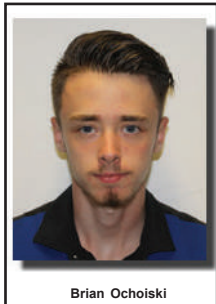
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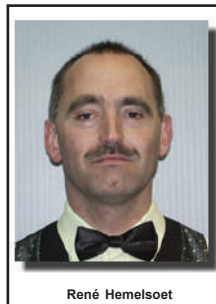
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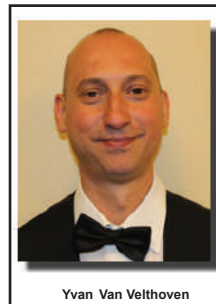
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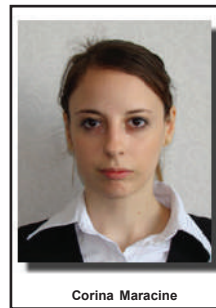
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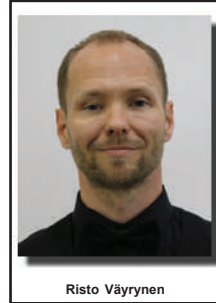
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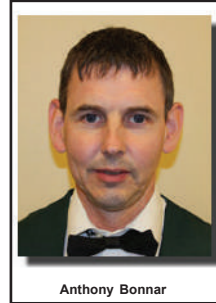
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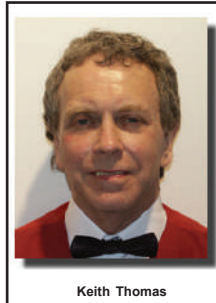
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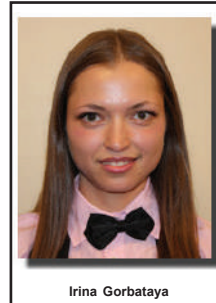
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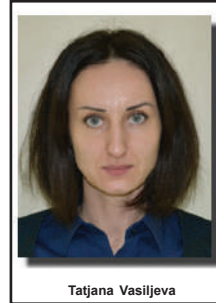
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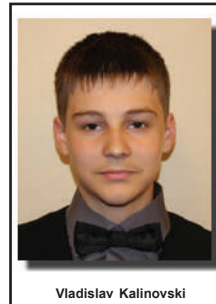
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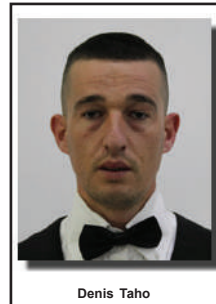
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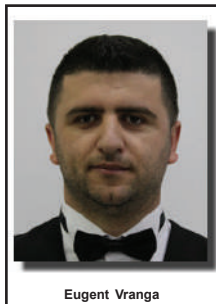
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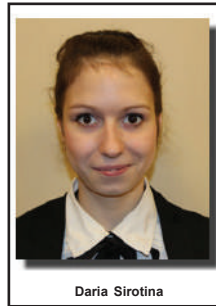
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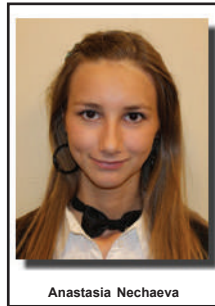
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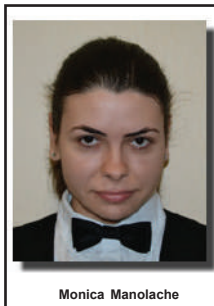
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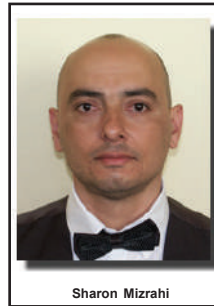
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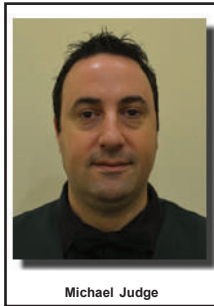
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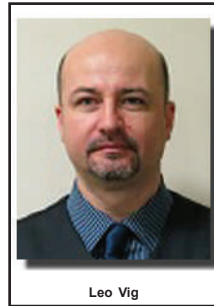
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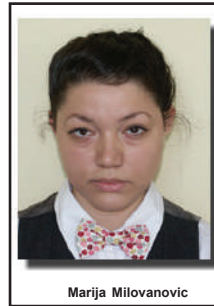
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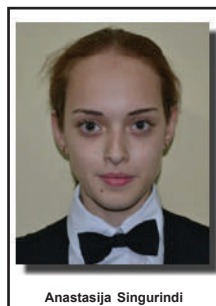
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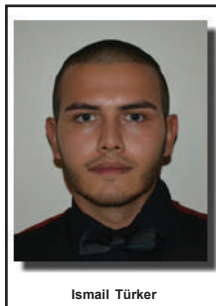
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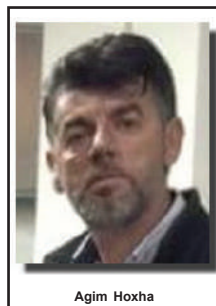
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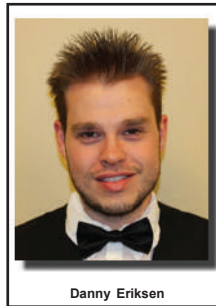
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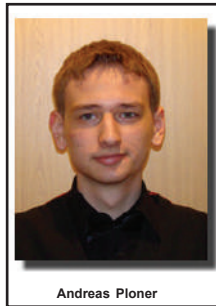
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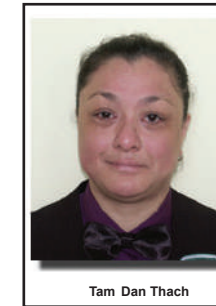
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