

PRESS RELEASE

**Age Statistics in Artistic Gymnastics**

**NUMBERS ARE INCREASING!**

*Beijing (CHN) NIS Fig Office, August 7, 2008:* The average age of gymnasts is rapidly increasing in Artistic Gymnastics, as compared to the Athens Olympic Games. In Men's, the average age has reached 24.9 as opposed to 24.34 four years ago. In women's, 18.60 as opposed to 17.46.

YEAR	EVENT	CITY		MAG teams	WAG teams	MAG indiv.	WAG indiv.	MAG total	WAG total	TOTAL gymnast s	TOTAL MAG Fed.	TOTAL WAG Fed.	TOTAL FED	Age Ø MAG	Age Ø WAG
2000	OG	SYDNEY	AUS	12	12	26	26	98	98	196	32	32	43	21.30	17.58
2001	WC	GHENT	BEL	40	27	40	25	309	172	481	60	45	60	21.85	17.72
2002	WC	DEBRECEN	HUN			177	80	177	80	257	51	32	56	22.62	17.76
2003	WC	ANAHEIM	USA	52	33	19	34	322	223	585	66	55	73	22.71	17.37
2004	OG	ATHENS	GRE	12	12	26	26	98	98	196	31	32	42	24.34	17.46
2005	WC	MELBOURNE	AUS			189	95	189	95	297	53	40	67	22.19	18.27
2006	WC	AARHUS	DEN	43	30	57	57	315	223	548	60	51	70	22.60	18.10
2007	WC	STUTT GART	GER	24	24	137	70	281	214	495	81	64	84	23.17	17.68
2008	OG	BEIJING	CHN	12	12	26	26	98	98	196	35	34	69	24.90	18.60

Although the number of gymnasts participating in the Olympic Games is less significant than at the world championships, these numbers only confirm the rise we've been seeing over the past few years.

*"I'm excited about the increase!"* declared FIG President Prof. Bruno Grandi. *"My hopes are being fulfilled, and the culture I've been working to cultivate in gymnastics is coming of age. More mature gymnasts are able to foster a more artistic climate in their exercises."*

Born on February 24, 1973, the doyen in men's gymnastics is Jordan JOVTCHEV (BUL). In women's, Oksana CHUSOVITANA (GER), born June 18, 1975, takes the cake.