



PRESS RELEASE

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The World Gymnaestrada Lausanne 2011 bows out after a week of celebration. Tomorrow, Saturday the 16 of July 2011, the 14th World Gymnaestrada Lausanne 2011 will draw to a close on Swiss soil. The Closing Ceremony, which takes place at the Pontaise Olympic Stadium, will welcome the various delegations which have participated in the week's festivities, along with the organizers of the next World Gymnaestrada, to take place in Helsinki in 2015.

Over the course of a week, the city of Lausanne lived to the rhythms of Gymnastics for All. The various venues welcomed gymnasts and members of the public, giving them the opportunity to enjoy diverse performances and numerous concerts. Athletes from all over the world strolled through the streets of Lausanne, discovering the capital of the Canton of Vaud and absorbing its atmosphere. WG 2011 in Lausanne was not only a moment where gymnastics reigned but as well relaxing moments and discovery.

Fun and Gymnastics—these two concepts were very present in WG Bellerive Village. From the different concerts which took place each evening during the week, to the world record attempt on Thursday, July 14th, at which 78 gymnasts succeeded in performing 790 double flips in 750 seconds, everything combined to allow participants to benefit from the festivities.

To give the event an international dimension, representatives of the media converged on Lausanne from all over the world. Almost 190 reporters discovered the performances, traditions, and colorful atmosphere of the World Gymnaestrada and transmitted them to the people of their respective countries.

On Saturday, July 16, the World Gymnaestrada Lausanne 2011 will end with the Closing Ceremony in the Pontaise Olympic Stadium. The finale to the week will be produced notably in the presence of Finland, the country with the momentous task of organizing the next event, World Gymnaestrada 2015 in Helsinki. The passage of the flame will be an emotional event for the organizing committee as well as for all the volunteers who gave their all in Switzerland. The Closing Ceremony will however be brightened up by the performances of a variety of countries, among them Australia and The Netherlands.

The Abba Mania concert will bring the week's festivities to a close in the WG Bellerive Village. "Meet the Magic", the slogan of the WG 2011, will resonate for the last time, and then all the participants will return to their cities and towns, loaded with memories which will enable them to wait the four years until the next World Gymnaestrada takes place.

World Gymnaestrada Lausanne 2011

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KEY FIGURES

19'087 participants

255 groups at Beaulieu, representing 765 productions

224 City Groups who performed several times

30 extra TL busses put into circulation for the WG-2011

3 minute waiting time on the principle lines, which usually 6-7 min

3'15'' waiting time for the Metro M2, representing it's maximum capacity

3 new bus lines created: Beaulieu-Malley, Beaulieu-Bellerive, Malley-Bellerive

2 supplementary trains, CFF doubled its capacity for the lines Yverdon-Villeneuve, Morges-Vevey, Saturday and Sunday.

80, is the number of delegation busses parked in as not to interrupt the TL

100'054 meals served in the North halls of Beaulieu Lausanne during the event, never seen before in Switzerland

1! It's the first time a menu is served every day at noon for so many people in Switzerland

2,7 km tablecloths covering the tables

30'000 meals served each day by DSR, the equivalent of the city of Sion

7,4 ton of rations to feed 15,000 gymnasts

2'000 ice creams sold at one single stand in an afternoon

154 people treated by the DPMA on Wednesday, July 13, with 19 people evacuated to hospitals for small trauma (sprains, strains, etc.).

82 people engaged by the DPMA (Advanced Medical Detachment Post) each day, divided throughout the various WG-2011 sites

3 to 6 Doctors and as many Physical-therapists per day dispersed as needed by the program

2 Medical Transport Vehicles

1 Ambulance assigned to the Health Group in Lausanne at the site of Beaulieu Lausanne

1 Emergency Health Switchboard manned permanently from 07:00 to 21:00

3 Firefighters at the main switchboard in Beaulieu, Lausanne from 07:30 to midnight



7 Firefighters on loan from the City of Prilly stationed at the Malley Sports Centre for the National Evenings.

8 Firefighters present every day in the Guardhouse at Beaulieu from 09:30 till midnight

1 Officer Grade Firefighter for WG-2011

3 Firefighters with a 30 ton crane since June, until 2 weeks after the WG-2011 to install and uninstall of the infrastructures of the different venues

1 truck "ton-pump" with five men as reinforcements for the Opening and Closing

1 other "ton-pump" with four men presents at Bellerive from 16:30 to midnight

30 people (militia) per day for Civil Protection between 07:00 and 24:00

65 Policemen engaged for peacekeeping and traffic during the Opening Ceremony

60 Policemen daily: 15 Motorcycle Police and Police Assistants for traffic control, 35 used by the peacekeeping services to deliver the breakfasts to the delegations

2 Headquarter for the Opening Ceremonies, one at the Pontaise Olympic Stadium and the other at Police Headquarters in Lausanne

Some **125** soldiers per day, i.e. 45 to help with the health service, 45 helpers for the traffic regulation and parking areas, 15 drivers for the delivery of breakfast meals, 20 drivers and assistant drivers for the transportation of heavy material.

130 soldiers and heavy material in order to assist with the construction and dismantling of different infrastructure facilities of the World Gymnaestrada from 13th to 27th July.