



The 1st CARLSBAD RG CUP

An International Competition in Rhythmic Gymnastics

Saturday, 15th June 2013 • KV Arena • Karlovy Vary • Czech Republic

- » Participation of 131 gymnasts from 10 countries
- » All-day competition and entertainment program for over 300 spectators
- » Modern KV Arena, with top facilities and background
- » The most beautiful spa town in the heart of Europe



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- The opening ceremony was held with the music of March from A. Dvorak's New World Symphony, which was premiered in the Czech Republic in Karlovy Vary in 1894.
- A Jury of 30 referees was led by the Chief Referee Miroslav Radek Urminsky. Thanks to 3 sets of judges each jury member did not have to work all day and could enjoy the competition as a spectator or a coach.
- Modern KV Arena offers beautiful environment for competitors and spectators as well as multimedia facilities, such as a "videocube", where the spectators were able to watch interesting or slow motion shots of gymnasts and their results.
- All competitors enjoyed enough space for competition and training as well as relaxing. The best ones gained medals. However, everybody gained wonderful experience of the competition and Karlovy Vary.

Rhythmic gymnastics came back to Karlovy Vary spectators in great style. Exactly 55 years after the very first Czechoslovak Championship in rhythmic gymnastics, held in the Pupp Grandhotel, the RG Club TJ Slavia Karlovy Vary organized a successful international competition in the modern building of KV Arena.

The competition became not only a prestigious rhythmic gymnastics event, appreciated positively by the participating clubs, but also a very nice gift to Karlovy Vary gymnasts and an honour to one of the most beautiful Olympic sports as well as a local celebration of the 60th anniversary of rhythmic gymnastics in the Czech Republic.

We do believe to establish a new sport tradition, based not only on rhythmic gymnasts' great performance but also on the "genius loci" of the wonderful spa town of Karlovy Vary.



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Registered Clubs

Czech Republic: GSK Ústí nad Labem • Ideastav Chodov • MIKA Chomutov
• RG Proactive Milevsko • SC 80 Chomutov • SK MG AJUR Hradec Králové
• SK MG Veselí nad Moravou • Slavia DDM Plzeň • Slavia SK Rapid Plzeň • SSK Vítkovice
• TJ Slavia Hradec Králové • TJ Slavia Karlovy Vary • TJ Slavoj Plzeň • TJ Sokol Plzeň IV
• TJ ZŠ Hostivař Praha

Austria: LZ Wiener Neustadt

Belgium: Elegantia, Lille

Germany: SVNA Hamburg • TSV 1861 Hof • TSV 1880 Gera - Zwötzen • TuG Leipzig

Israel: Harmony Givatayim

Italy: GR Albachiara, Lucca

Poland: SGA Bielsko-Biała • UKS 41 Łódź

Russia: Moscow 24

Ukraine: SK Dynamo, Lviv

United Kingdom: Trafford RGC, Crewe • Elena RGC, Birmingham

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"After 55 years, you have established with dignity in Karlovy Vary, although the date was an amazing coincidence. You put the bar very high. Congratulations to the successful event as well as the positive response."

Alena Hejlíková - TJ DDM Plzeň (Pilsen)



12 various performances were held during the breaks between categories to entertain the spectators. They could enjoy Zumba Dance, Belly Dance, Street Dance, ballet or Standard and Latin Ballroom Dance.

The highlights of the performance were BreakDance by RapPresent Karlovy Vary, oriental women dancing with fans by Carpe Diem under the direction of Lucie Mercova and a show dance by ballroom dance champions Jan Onder and Lucie Huncarova.

The First Carlsbad International Competition in rhythmic gymnastics was held in a really quiet and friendly atmosphere and became a celebration of rhythmic gymnastics, an opportunity for meeting not only for the competitors but also coaches and referees from all over the world.

Many participants took the opportunity to visit and see the beautiful spa town of Karlovy Vary. Members of the Karlovy Vary Rhythmic Gymnastics Club TJ Slavia were happy to share with the participants not only the tension of the competition day, but also relaxing moments during a city sightseeing tours, a dinner and the After Party.

During the competition day 11 categories in all age groups of free RG program were presented. All spectators could watch and compare great sports performances, choreography and music.

Due to the enthusiasm of the organizers, sponsors' willingness and comfort of participants an outstanding competition was organized at extraordinary levels. We look forward to the next year's competition, which we hope to be even better and more amazing.

Thanks to all the racers for great sports performances, to the judges for their responsible and demanding job, to the media for promotion of the event and last but not the least to the audience for their visit and a great atmosphere.



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Winners of categories I. - V.

I. + II. Babies (* 2006 - 2007): **1.** Luisa-Marie Kaufmann (SVNA Hamburg, GER) • **2.** Klára Kuncová (TJ Sokol Plzeň IV., CZE) • **3.** Vendula Samková (SK MG AJUR Hradec Králové, CZE) + Charlotte Pelclová (SK MG AJUR Hradec Králové, CZE)

III. Babies (* 2005): **1.** Natalia Polaczek (SGA Bielsko-Biala, POL) • **2.** Kinga Ceglarek (SGA Bielsko-Biala, POL) • **3.** Kateřina Ťupová (SC 80 Chomutov, CZE)

IV.-A Children (* 2004): **1.** Barbora Kafková (TJ Slavia Hradec Králové, CZE) •

2. Shirli Avidor (Harmony Givatayim, ISR) • **3.** Erika Nešporková (SSK Vítkovice, CZE)

IV.-B Children (* 2003): **1.** Anastasiya Levkut (SK Dynamo, UKR) • **2.** Tereza Kutišová (RG Proactive Milevsko, CZE) • **3.** Oliwia Karczmar (UKS 41, POL)

V.-A Level B pre-junior (* 2002): **1.** Nina Kosovan (SK Dynamo, UKR) • **2.** Diana Yaremko (SK Dynamo, UKR) • **3.** Aleksandra Gruszka (SGA Bielsko-Biala, POL)

V.-B Level B pre-junior (* 2001): **1.** Karolína Vostatková (SC 80 Chomutov, CZE) • **2.** Sabrina Můčková (SK MG Veselí nad Moravou, CZE) • **3.** Babette Van Reusel (Elegantia, BEL) • **4.** Klára Tamchynová (TJ Slavia Karlovy Vary, CZE)

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"I was really looking forward to your competition because visiting your city has been my dream and thanks to this competition I could make it come true. I liked the KV Arena as well, which gave the event proper level and glamor. The system of 3 sets of judges was very nice because they were also able to have a rest. All day judging is really hard."

Markéta Roubalová - SK MG Veselí nad Moravou



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- The winning competitors gained medals, original spa cups with the competition logo and sets of Carlsbad porcelain. All contestants then received nice diplomas and gift bags with valuable prizes. The displayed prizes attracted attention of their potential winners.
- The youngest participant of the competition, Ambra Butelli (born 2007) from the Italian club GR Albachiara, received a traditional Czech cartoon character toy mole and we could have seen her joy and happiness.
- The overall winner was the team SK Dynamo Ukraine with Anastasiya Ivanochko, Olga Kozak and Mariya Holovina. Their coach Olga Kravchenko took a symbolic Carlsbad Cup. The chief referee passes the diplomas.
- Gold medalists of The First Carlsbad Cup, a rhythmic gymnastics competition, in a common photo with the Competition Director Jiri Herian, who could be fully satisfied until this moment.

Although the competition day was quite long, all competitors looked forward to the closing ceremony, when all the results were announced and the prizes were passed not only by the organizers but also by the guests - Deputy Mayor of Karlovy Vary, Mgr. Jiri Klsak, KV Arena Production and Marketing Manager, Lucie Svantnerova, and a former member of the RG Club TJ Slavia Karlovy Vary and now a senior Czech Republic national team member, Andrea Kheilova.





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Winners of categories VI. - X.

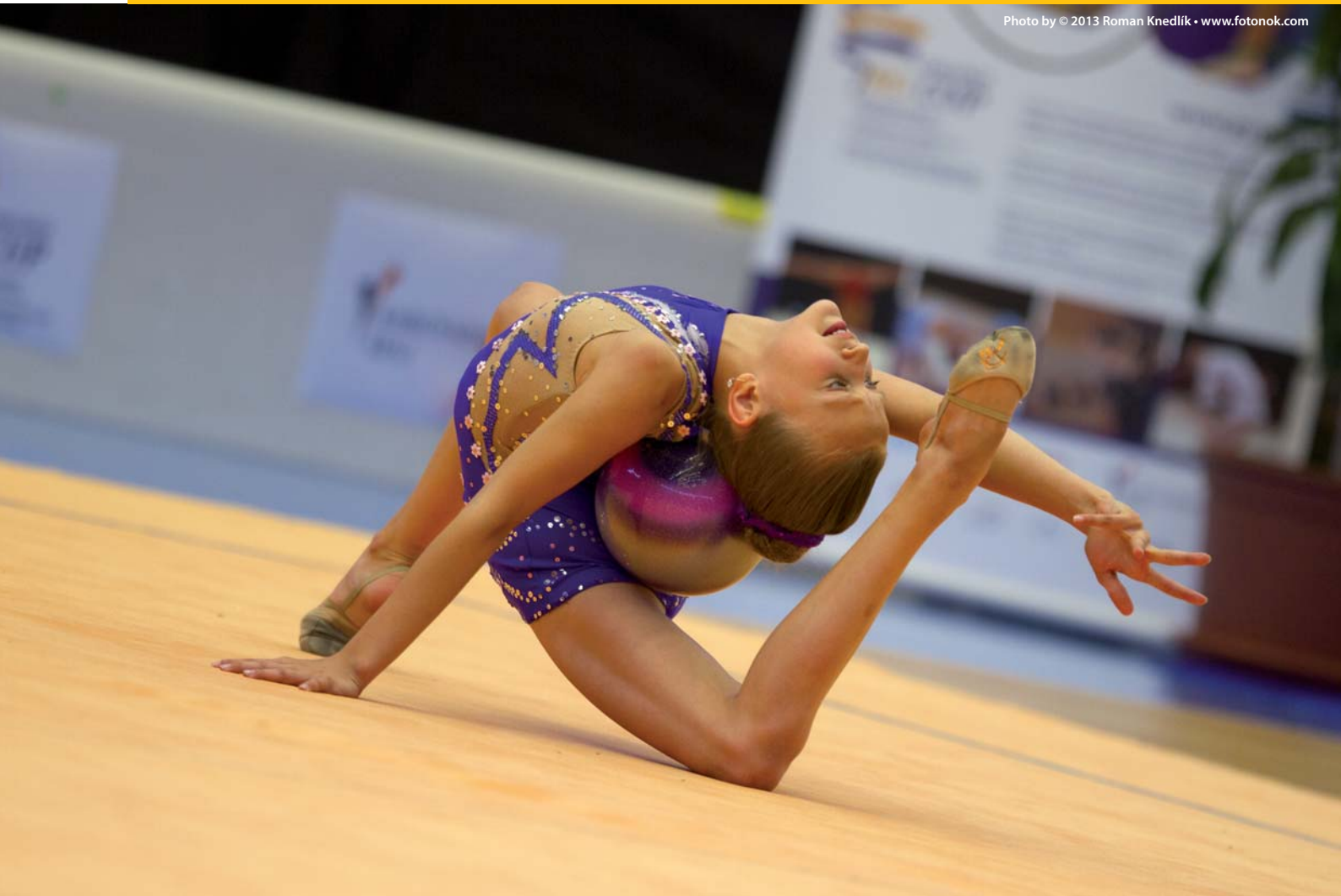
VI. Level A pre-junior (* 2001 - 2002): **1.** Anastasiya Ivanochko (SK Dynamo, UKR) • **2.** Marta Czak (SGA Bielsko-Biala, POL) • **3.** Zuzanna Polus (UKS 41, POL)

VII. Level B junior (* 1998 - 2000): **1.** Andrea Kozová (SSK Vítkovice, CZE) • **2.** Magdalena Pilch (SGA Bielsko-Biala, POL) • **3.** Kristina Bernatová (TJ Slavia Karlovy Vary, CZE)

VIII. Level A junior (* 1998 - 2000): **1.** Mariya Holovina (SK Dynamo, UKR) • **2.** Johana Marešová (Ideastav Chodov, CZE) • **3.** Adrianna Szatan (SGA Bielsko-Biala, POL) • **13.** Zuzana Rubášová (TJ Slavia Karlovy Vary, CZE)

IX. Level B senior (* 1997 a starší): **1.** Martina Buchtelová (SK MG Veselí nad Moravou, CZE) • **2.** Kristýna Kováčová (TJ Sokol Plzeň IV., CZE) • **3.** Martina Volnerová (Slavia DDM Plzeň • CZE)

X. Level A senior (* 1997 a starší): **1.** Olga Kozak (SK Dynamo, UKR) • **2.** Polina Gruzdeva (Moscow 24, RUS) • **3.** Martina Illichová (Ideastav Chodov • CZE)



The First Carlsbad Cup – an international competition in rhythmic gymnastics was held in support of the City of Karlovy Vary and Karlovy Vary Region. Patronage of the races was taken by Ing. Petr Kulhanek, Mayor of Karlovy Vary and JUDr. Vaclav Sloup, Deputy Governor of the Karlovy Vary Region for Education, Youth and Sports.

We thank all the partners who supported this international competition and helped bring this wonderful sport to the spa town of Karlovy Vary, where it naturally belongs.

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