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Lausanne, February 2nd, 2010

To: The Gymnastics Federations of:

Australia	Austria	Belgium	Belarus	Bolivia	Brazil
Bulgaria	Canada	Chile	China	Colombia	Costa Rica
Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Rep.	Dominican Rep.	El Salvador	France
Great Britain	Finland	Germany	Guatemala	Greece	Hungary
Iran	Israel	Italy	Japan	Korea	Lebanon
Mexico	Netherlands	Norway	Panama	Poland	Portugal
P.R. Korea	Puerto Rico	Romania	Russia	Slovenia	Spain
Switzerland	Slovakia	Sweden	Turkey	Ukraine	USA
Uzbekistan	Venezuela	Vietnam	Yemen		

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SUBJECT: FIG LEVEL 3 ACADEMY IN ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS IN PORTO, PORTUGAL (English Language)
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Dear President:

We are pleased to invite your coaches to attend this Level 3 Academy for Artistic Gymnastics to be held in Porto, Portugal in early May 2010 shortly after the European Championships. Because of the very poor response for last year's invitation, we have chosen to make this a world-wide invitation to the 52 federations with eligible coaches.

This Academy is being organized for all eligible FIG member federations with high level results. As always, invitations to attend a Level 3 Academy are restricted to those federations & coaches who have met the following criteria:

1. Up to two coaches from Federations that placed in the top 18 teams at the most recent World Team Championships (2007).
2. If not already included above, one coach from Federations that had an apparatus finalist at the 2009 World Championships and/or have in recent years produced gymnasts on the FIG World Class list.
3. If not included above, additional numbers of coaches who have successfully completed a Level 2 Academy held in recent years in Norway, Belgium, Slovakia, Finland, Qatar, Peru and El Salvador are also eligible to attend. Federations that did not qualify by Criteria 1 or 2 may send only the identified coaches. However, the invitation is limited to a maximum of three from each federation even, as in several cases, many more coaches had successfully completed Level 2. NOTE: Successful completion means that the coaches must have received at least 60% on the combined theory and practical examination at the Level 2 Academy they attended.

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4. The host federation is invited to attend with a maximum of three coaches.

Please note that this Academy will be conducted entirely in the English language and without translation. All documents will be provided only in the English language! NOTE for Spanish speaking federations: There will be a Spanish language Level 3 Academy in 2011.

According to our records your federation is invited to attend with a maximum of:

		MAG Coaches	WAG Coaches
AUS	Australia	-	2
AUT	Austria	-	2 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
BEL	Belgium	3 (must all be from 2007 L2 course)	3 (must all be from 2007 L2 course)
BLR	Belarus	2	-
BOL	Bolivia	-	2 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
BRA	Brazil	2	2
BUL	Bulgaria	1	-
CAN	Canada	2	2
CHI	Chile	1	1 (must be from 2008 L2 course)
CHN	China	2	2
COL	Colombia	-	1
CRC	Costa Rica	2 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)	2 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
CRO	Croatia	1	-
CYP	Cyprus	1	-
CZE	Czech Republic	1	2
DOM	Dominican Rep.	-	2 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
ESA	El Salvador	1 (must be from 2008 L2 course)	2 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
ESP	Spain	2	2
FIN	Finland	3 (must all be from 2006 or 2008 L2 course)	3 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
FRA	France	2	2
GBR	Great Britain	2	2
GER	Germany	2	2
GRE	Greece	2	1
GUA	Guatemala	1 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)	3 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
HUN	Hungary	1	-
IRI	Iran	1 (must be from 2007 L2 course)	-
ISR	Israel	1	-
ITA	Italy	2	2
JPN	Japan	2	2
KOR	Korea	2	-
LIB	Lebanon	1 (must all be from 2007 L2 course)	1 (must all be from 2007 L2 course)
MEX	Mexico	2 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)	1
NED	Netherlands	2	2
NOR	Norway	3 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)	3 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
PAN	Panama	1 (must be from 2008 L2 course)	1 (must be from 2008 L2 course)
POL	Poland	1	-
POR	Portugal	3 (host country)	3 (host country)
PRK	P.R. Korea	1	2
PUR	Puerto Rico	2	-

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ROM	Romania	2	2
RUS	Russia	2	2
SLO	Slovenia	1	1 (must be from 2008 L2 course)
SUI	Switzerland	2	2
SVK	Slovakia	3 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)	3 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
SWE	Sweden	2 (must all be from previous L2 course)	2 (must all be from previous L2 course)
TUR	Turkey	1 (must be from 2007 L2 course)	2 (must all be from 2008 L2 course)
UKR	Ukraine	2	2
USA	U.S. of America	2	2
UZB	Uzbekistan	1	-
VEN	Venezuela	1	1 (must be from 2008 L2 course)
VIE	Vietnam	1	-
YEM	Yemen	-	1 (must be from 2008 L2 course)
Invited numbers		77	77

Dates for this Academy:

Arrival of FIG Experts	May 3th, 2010
Meeting of FIG Experts	May 4 th , 2010
Arrival of candidates	May 4 th , 2010
Official Opening & Information Session	May 4 th , 2010 (evening)
Academy Level 3	May 5 th – 11 th , 2010
Departures	May 12 th , 2010 (or evening 11)

Accommodation for Academy:

Hotel Ibis São João

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Additional information:

- ◆ **All registrations will be on a strict “first-come-first-served” basis.** Registration for the course will be closed once the maximum numbers of 20 MAG and 20 WAG coaches are reached. Of the 77 invited MAG coaches and 77 invited WAG coaches, there will be room for a maximum of 20 of each – the first 20 to register!
- ◆ FIG will reserve the right to refuse admission to coaches who are not of a sufficiently high level as outlined above. It is the responsibility of your federation to provide proof of each coach's level and/or eligibility.
- ◆ In every case, the coaches you nominate must be citizens of your country.
- ◆ The Academy will be cancelled unless at least 20 persons are registered by the April 9th, 2010 registration deadline.
- ◆ As at previous Academies, eligible coaches with special prerequisites and with exceptional examination results (see below) may also be awarded the FIG Coaching Brevet at the conclusion of this Academy.

Other important information:

- ◆ **BREVET PROCESS** – since November 1, 2006, the FIG Coaching Brevet has been available at level 3 Academies under the following circumstances.
The conditions are as follows (as modified by FIG Executive Committee on May 18, 2007):
 - The candidate coach must be a currently active coach with gymnasts currently on your federation's Junior or Senior National Team.
 - The candidate coach must have experience at the international level for at least the previous four years.
 - The Federation of the candidate coach must have participated at a minimum of two World Championships in the candidate's discipline in the previous five years.
 - **The candidate coach must be specifically nominated by his federation in advance of the Level 3 Academy. The nomination must be accompanied by the candidate coach's CV.**
 - The FIG reserves the right to refuse nominations for coaches who have not achieved the necessary level or experience.
 - To qualify for the FIG Brevet, the candidate coach must:
 - Achieve a minimum of 85% on the combined theory and practical examinations held at the conclusion of the Academies.
 - Make a practical examination presentation of 15 minutes (instead of 10 minutes) which must involve a correspondingly more detailed presentation.

Financial conditions

The cost for each participant is 710 EURO for a shared double room. This fee will include: accommodation, meals and coffee breaks, administration fees, transportation between the hotel and the training and lecture facilities, and transportation to and from the airport. **The cost for those who will not need accommodation and meals is 200 EURO.** Please pay the appropriate amount to the FIG. The account information is:

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Account number: 272-56301649.9
IBAN: CH88 0027 2272 5630 1649 9
Swift: UBS WCHZH80A

OR by credit card (Visa, Eurocard/Mastercard, American Express) mentioning the card number, expiry date and detailed cardholders address.

The deadline for the registration and inscription for the course as well as the payment will be **Friday, April 9, 2010**. However, we would appreciate if you could let the FIG know as soon as possible who will be attending the course from your country so that necessary arrangements and planning can be made. **Remember also that registrations will be closed once 20 MAG and 20 WAG coaches have registered.**

An exact schedule of the course and other necessary information will be sent to you soon after the registration deadline by Hardy Fink, the Director of FIG Education & Academy Programs.

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ANDRE GUEISBUHLER
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Please note that you will receive additional correspondence regarding various details and instructions about this Academy from the following authorized persons:

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Enclosure: Registration form