

President's resport 2014

Pre-registration 2014

In het months leading up the Millstreet EJC it became apparent that nothing was prepared for the preregistration by the prereg-coordinator (Miark). Attempts to communicate did not lead to an update on the status. Ali & Jasper stepped in and took over the job. Although there were some technical difficulties, the preregistration was completed succesfully and the onsite registration also when smoothly.

Candidacy EJC 2015

In 2013 the enthousiastic team from Germany propose to host the EJC 2015 in Berlin. After the Toulouse EJC it became apparant that, among other things, the site was too expensive to sustain an EJC. The Karlsruhe team quickly picked up the challenge around year's end 2013 and made real good negociations with the City. However their envisioned venue was suddenly closed due to fire regulation, leaving them to abandon their ambitions. A few proposal arrived leading up to the EJC 2014 in Millstreet. At the General Assembly the Bruneck option was presented based on the experience of the team, agreement from the Town Council and strong backing of the Karlsruhe team in terms of volunteers and experience.

Millstreet EJC

The EJC Millstreet was aweome. Located between the Green Irish Pastures it featured a smiling core-team and legend stage. The attendance was 2,345 from 47 different countries.

Ali's resignation as president

Shortly after the EJC Ali send a letter of resignation. Too much useless discussions, the feeling that people do not have respect for each other, underappreciation of the hard work she did put in the EJA and probably some other reasons made her come to this discision. The remaining XC, Fredrik & Jasper, decided to continue and share the president's duties between them. Election of a new EJA president was postponed to the next most convenient moment, the EJC in Bruneck.

New preregistration system

Christian, Andi N. and Tim proposed to make a new preregistration specialized for the EJC and juggling conventions. The current preregistration based on Drupal was working, but with lots of manual labour and badly needed an update. The system, quickly coined "ERS" for EJC Registration System, would be based on the design made by Christian for the Munich EJC (2011). Amazing amount of work was done by these guys to get the initial implementation of the ERS ready for the testing phase. Testing phase was underway at the end of 2014.

Concluding remarks

With the loss of Ali as president, the EJA also lost a visionary, someone who wanted to help the Juggling community further through the EJA projects. Discussion subjects such as preregistration only EJC's are really relevant now with the highly fluctuating attendance numbers. The individual character of each EJC, in both atmosphere and organizing structure is something we should cherish and not standardize. The necessary work has been done through the year. The EJA could really benefit from having a new president who wants to continue building on the jugglers' dreams.

Jasper Verbree, treasurer

Fredrik Almgren, secretary and acting-president