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WDC/AL World Cup Latin In Courbevoie, France

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It was a pleasure to attend the WDC/AL Latin Cup organised in Courbevoie, which is close to Paris, by 'Danse Club 92', Président Eric Habib, under the technical responsibility of the well known Michel Aufrère. To celebrate the forty years of the largest French Championship, Michel Aufrère, Odile Aufrère-Auxenfants and Dance Club 92, decided to present this event, 'the Day of Magic' in a magnificent theatre, namely the Centre Evenementiel de Courbevoie which was wonderful, with a huge screen above the technical desk. More than a thousand excited spectators gathered to witness this beautiful day filled with beautiful dancing.

The board of adjudicators, invited by Michel included (in alphabetic order): Odile Aufrère-Auxenfants, René Barsi, (France), Carmen (Germany), Marco Ciboci (Croatia), Joel Cruveilher (France), Mar Ekkart (Belgium), Luisa Freitas (Portugal), Jukka Happalainen (Finland), Sasha Karabey (Germany), Nino Romano (Italy), José Sarabia (France), Andrej Skufca (Slovenia), Snieguole Wood (Great Britain).

Several supporting events took place during the full day, including of course the World Latin Cups for Seniors, Juniors and Juveniles, and an International Ballroom Grand Prix.

There were more than a hundred couples from seventeen different countries taking part at the event. The winners of Amateur Ballroom Grand Prix International WDC/AL de Courbevoie were Kyle Taylor and Izabela Skierska from England. Not only did they display an outstanding performance during the competition, they also blessed everyone there with their beautiful four dance show, which was greeted with standing ovations.



Above: The WDC/AL World Cup Latin line-up, from left to right: Veronika Tamarova & Mikhail Popov, Victoriya Kachalko & Matteo Cossu, Ekaterina Bralyuk & Andrey Patrushev, Anna Kaczmarek & Filip Swetik, Susan Alice Fichte & Rami Schehimi, Regina Klyaynfelder & Jason Cicard. Below left: The International 'Open' Amateur Ballroom Grand Prix line-up, from left to right: Izabela Skierska & Kyle Taylor, Ylenia Dalla Bona & Ivan Iacobbe, Maja Kopacz & Maciej Kadlubowski, Alessia D'Orazi & Leandro De Rossi, Patricia Bach & Wesley Va Riel, Micol Barsotti & Manuel Rosellini. Photographs supplied by the organisers.

The event was organised to a very high standard and not only was it a beautiful spectacle, but a very welcoming and warmhearted gathering for everyone. On behalf of all the adjudicators, I would like to congratulate the organisers of this wonderful event to wish success to the future events too.

The main results were as follows: WDC/AL Amateur Latin Cup: 1st Mihail Popov and Veronika Tamarova (Russia), 2nd Matteo Cossu and Victoriya Kachalko (Italy), 3rd Andrey Patrushev and Ekaterina Bralyuk (Russia), 4th Filip Swetik and Anna Kaczmarek (Czech Republic), 5th Rami Schehimi and Susan Alice Fichte (Germany), 6th Jason Cicard and Regina Klyaynfelder (France).

International 'Open' Amateur Ballroom Grand Prix: 1st Kyle Taylor and Izabela Skierska (England), 2nd Ivan Iacobbe and Ylenia Dalla Bona (Italy), 3rd Maciej Kadlubowski and Maja Kopacz (Poland), 4th Leandro De Rossi and Alessia D'Orazi (Italy), 5th Wesley Van Riel and Patricia Bach (Netherlands), 6th Manuel Rosellini and Micol Barsotti (Italy).

World Senior Latin Cup: 1st Pascal Recca and Natalia Tolkacheva (Netherlands), 2nd Marlin Hoeting and Freia Schwertfeger (Germany), 3rd Sylvain and Aurélie Alliot (France), 4th Anthony Salerno and Sophie La Cognata (France), 5th Mike Degroot and Dorien L'Homme

(Belgium), 6th Anton Shirenkov and Anna Lukachevich (Netherlands).

Open Senior Ballroom: 1st Luca Marzi and Sonia Febraro (Italy), 2nd Chester and Shannon Crucy (Germany), 3rd Roch de Fornel and Marie Laure Charleux (France), 4th Frank and Vera Helbig (Germany), 5th Anhtony Salerno and Sophie La Cognata (France), 6th Markus and Christiane Littters (Germany).

Several other supporting events took place including mainly Junior and Juvenile competitors and showed that Ballroom and Latin competitive dances are beginning to recover progressively in France.

