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## THE FIRST GRAND FITA ROUND

On March 13 to 16 the Tournament of Nations was held in the park of the Royal Palace of Caserta in Italy, first Official event with the new competition rules of the Grand FITA Round approved by Congress in Seoul last October.

Teams from eight Member Associations have participated : China, Republic of Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, United States of America, Great Britain, Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and Italy.

Among participants World Champions Butuzova and Arzhannikova from the Soviet Union and World & Olympic Champion Mc Kinney from the USA.

Also present were Vice Presidents Lovo and Skoric, Council Member Andresen, International Judges Stamp, Vessi and Vindum and observers from Australia, Canada and Japan. The Tournament was held in the beautiful park of the Royal Palace, the weather was good with some windy spells and the organization offered by FITARCO, the Italian Archery Federation was very good.

Each event of the Finals Round (Eighths, Quarters, Semifinal and Grand final) lasted approximately two hours.

The Women's event was won by North Korean Li before Soviet Arzhannikova and British Jones by 1 and 3 points. Four competitors were within reach of victory at the last arrow.

In the Men's event six of the eight finalist could still have won with the last arrow. Success went to Di Buò of Italy before South Korean Choi and Soviet Lott by 7 and 9 points. In each of the finals the eight finalists represented five different teams. All expressed their appreciation for the new competition rules making the finals gripping and uncertain to the end and at the same time easy to follow by public and TV. In spite of the novelty all participants : archers, judges, scorers, field party immediately acquired the routine of running the new competition.