

EINLEITUNG

On behalf of the World Tenniquoits Federation I welcome all spectators, officials and players at this marvelous place in Koblenz.

It became truth now.

We are facing the 2nd World Championships of Tenniquoits.

Seven days full of passion, fighting spirit, tension and sporty elegance in the name of our wonderful and unique sport Ringtennis.

We all could be happy and proud that we accomplished to reach this point and now are capable to celebrate this great festival of international Ringtennis sport.

I'm deeply aware that with this a dream came true for a lot of us, also and especially for me.

DANKESWORTE

Germany, with the longest tradition in competitive Ringtennis of all nations around the world, is a most qualified and respectable host of this event.

Remembering the results of India 2006, the allotment of the 2nd World Championships to Germany has been an easy decision and a logical consequence.

My special thanks belong to the organizing committee around Axel Runkel, Gunthard Kissinger, to the German Gymnastic federation and to the Gymnastic federation Middle Rhine.

I'm sure and I know that they did everything possible to provide unforgettable moments to all participants here in Koblenz.

HAUPTTEIL NATIONEN

Moreover I want to direct my deep respect to all participating nations from four different continents.

It has been a great job of you to overcome all obstacles of a long journey and limited financial support, which unfortunately is significant for our common sport with the ring.

A sport, not recognized by a large scale of sponsors, but powered by your private enthusiasm.

Without this enthusiasm, we all would **not** be here today in Koblenz.

And with this enthusiasm we will lead the sport Ringtennis to higher grades of public interest.

HAUPTTEIL SPIELER

In a few moments the players will start to show us the brilliance of the sport Ringtennis.

I want to encourage them to live their dream by using qualities like passion, will and confidence in their own performance and power.

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Reach out for the ring and reach out for the medal. Good luck !