

Report of the TIP Training Camp preceding the Junior and U23 World Championships in Ivrea (ITA) July 1st - 23rd 2018



TIP crew with Maialen Chourraut and her family.

A. Accommodation, venue and participants

ICF development training camp took place in Ivrea, Italia. Accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner were made in the Ostello Canoa Club Ivrea, at the venue. The organisation made it very simple for us to be here, it was great.

The group was made of 18 athletes as 5 girls and 13 boys from 15 different countries (average age 18). Indeed, we also welcomed on our group three others paddlers from Chile, Mexico and Senegal, mainly because they were by their own.

The group was split in 4 parts :

- Irati Goikoetxea : (THA), (PAR), (NEP), (RSA), (MEX)
- Irene Egües: (MRI), (FIN), (THA), (SGP)
- Atanas Nikolovsky : (MEX), (KGZ), (MAR), (CRC)
- Lucas Hives : (SEN), (CHI), (TPE), (ARG)

It was quite difficult for most of them to paddle on this hard course of Ivrea, but they did it quite well; improving day by day and showing courage and determination.

Athletes were able to paddle twice a day, during the first week, on the course. It was important to stay there three weeks, it helped the athletes to be prepared in optimal condition.

B. Coaching and equipment

Equipment was made of personal boats for almost all the paddlers, except 4 of them, who paddled in ICF's boat, Pierrick's one and a plastic boat from the organisation. Thanks to Claudio, without his help, the quality of the work would not reach the targets.

It was essential to be 4 coaches for this job, we had some health problems from one athlete (FIN) and it was important for the coaches to be close and to trust each other at every moment.

It's important to say that Iisa came back safely at home, thanks to her doctor, Jarkko (who came to watch her race) and to Irati and Irene who spent some nights in the hospital with her.

C. Results of the Junior and U23 World Championships 2018

CHI	OLGUIN	ANDRAZ	K1M U23 : 61
FIN	MAENPAA	IISA	DNS
CRC	FONSESCA	AXEL	K1M U23: DNS*
ARG	TRIPANO	NICOLAS	K1M U18 : 74 C1M U18 : 38
KGZ	SERDITOV	MAKSIM	K1M U23: 75
MEX	AZCONA	SASHA	K1W U18 : 50
MAR	CHAKIR	ISSAM	C1M U23 : 47
RSA	MAKUBO	SANDILE	C1M U23 : 55
THA	PEERAPOL	KAEWBORAN	DNS
NEP	FLAGEUL	GOKUL	K1M U23 : 58
MRI	SARAMANDIF	TERENCE	C1M U18 : 30
SEN	BOURHIS	YVES	C1M U23 : 18
THA	PIYANAT	KOETSUK	C1M U18 : 42
TPE	CHUNG	YU-HAN	C1W U18 : 31
PAR	FERNANDES	ANA PAULA	C1W U23 : 43
SGP	ONG	JUN YI	K1M U23 : 74

* injured between the 2 races

D. Global development of canoe slalom around the World

Thanks to the amazing collaboration and relation between coaches and athletes, the global level of the group has drastically increased. It is the first time that the TIP had 2 semifinalists, 3 if we take into account Jean Pierre Bourhis from Senegal who was invited to the camp. Anyway, there is still a lot of work to do to be competitive towards the biggest nations, but we strongly believe we are definitely on the right way.

We are proud to say that Ivrea 2018 TIP was an awesome experience for them. First of all, because they showed us that they were able to compete on this challenging course against the best international athletes.

To finish this, we also want to mention that we had the chance to meet Maialen Chourraut, Olympic champion from Rio 2016. The group was very excited to listen to her stories, feelings and to take some photos. Maialen came with her family and her coach/husband (Xabi Etxaniz) was happy to talk and share some experiences with the group.

