

Annual report of the EFFA Fly Casting Department for 2015

2015 was a busy year for the fly casting department. Several FCD meetings took place on Skype and several Doodle polls were to be joined in order to reach the aims of the department and to let all FCD members participate.

The things to do in 2015 were

Work in the FCD in 2015

1. Flycasting instructor exams
2. Replacement of forms for tests
3. Admission of Robert Gillespie (presentation of the candidate, Doodle poll)
4. Evaluation and update of the Master Programme (Skype, Doodle polls)
5. Additional rules for EFFA exams added(update, Doodle poll, Skype)
6. Examining Language
7. Flycasting instructor exams

Exams took place in Holland, Austria and Switzerland.

location	participants	Successfully passed	successful in %
Holland:	2	1 basic	50
Austria(Mittersill):	8	3 basic, 1 master	50
Switzerland(Altstätten):	6	3 basic	50
total:	16	8 (7 basic, 1 master)	50

The following examiners were active at exams in 2015:

Catellani Giacomo, De Bruin Bas, Fabisch Wolfgang, Feuerstein Günter, Fuchs Sepp, Santagostino Valerio, Weilenmann Hans,

assistant examiners: Elmenreich Claus, Henggeler Peter, Illien Fredy
Translator for Mittersill: Di Fronzo Daniele

1. Replacements of forms for basic tests:

Data was delivered to Markus Kunter. Despite of several requests to receive the forms in correct wording and shape there were always mistakes in the forms we received so finally the forms of the department had to be used in order to make exams possible.

The correct examination forms were not received in 2015.

2. Admission of Robert Gillespie

After Robert Gillespie showed interest to do the EFFA single hand master test Robert Gillespie was contacted by the FCD chairman in order to ask him to join the FCD (phone call, letter of application). The first attempt to get him into our team was in 2009 when he started examining for FFF which he left meanwhile. The aim was to get Robert as a representative for Ireland in order to offer instructor exams in Ireland and UK in the future. Robert would also suit as an examiner for the DH programme. Roberts fly casting and fly fishing CV was presented to the FCD members. In September 2015 a Doodle poll took place. Robert Gillespie was elected unanimously into the FCD as a representative for Ireland. The EFFA website was updated with his data and mini CV.

As he had successfully passed the APGAI and FFF doublehand instructor programme and in regard of his European wide reputation as a superb double hand instructor he was offered to get the EFFA double hand instructor certificate without doing the EFFA exam as the requirements of the EFFA certificate are about the same. Robert declared interest in doing all exams including the Master for single hand. He was promised to receive the certificate as soon as the first exams in UK or Ireland with his support will take place as the FCD had decided in the past to not hand out any certificates without seeing the person in action for EFFA purposes first.

3. Update of the Master Programme

In 2013 the FCD decided to update the basic and master exams. It was decided to start with the basic exam first. The update of the Master programme was said to be put into action after the basic programme would be finished. The basic programme was finished in 2014. So in 2015 the update process of the Master programme was started. Pre-work was done by Sepp Fuchs, Bas de Bruin, Rudy van Duijnhoven and Günter Feuerstein. After the first input process a FCD Skype meeting was scheduled to move on. The results of the discussions (questions) were presented to the FCD following a second input process during which some more requirements were added. The final approval will be in Jan/Feb 2016.

4. Additional rules for EFFA exams added

It was time to evaluate the exams of the last years and to focus on rules that were no clear enough and could lead to a misinterpretation. So the rules were discussed again(Skype) and the new rules to be added were asked for approval in a Doodle poll. One result has to be approved again as the FCD members did not realise that their decision would have eliminated the assistant examiners which was not intended. A final approval will be following in Jan/Feb 2016.

5. Examining language

The FCD came to the conclusion that despite of the fact that English is our communication language (which is necessary if you want to communicate with instructors of other countries at our meetings) it should be possible to do an exam in the language of the candidates' choice. To treat all equally this means that in the future translators are allowed. The first choice for translators are instructors from

our team but if others have to be used we have to look at the case carefully and they have to be accepted by the FCD.

Outlook for 2016:

- Election Chairman of FCD
- Approval of the Master Programme Jan/Feb, forward MP for website
- Additional Rules for examinations Jan/Feb, forward rules for website
- Forms for all examinations (urgent)
- Detailed info for examiners in regard of the new Master exam
- Exams scheduled for Friedrichshafen, Belluno, Altstätten, probably Holland in June

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