

The 1st edition of Fugare sets the tone in Belgium!

The first edition of FUGARE has set the tone in Belgium. On Saturday the organizers welcomed more than 5,000 visitors. It was a huge crowd and therefore a real promotion for the pigeon sport! Although pigeon fairs in our neighbouring countries never attract a lot of people on Sundays, half the number of visitors of the first day came to our event on the second day of the weekend. So on Sunday too, there were a lot of people milling around on the fair. Most of the exhibitors had fanciers visiting their stand from Saturday morning until Sunday night. In total 7,000 people paid a visit to the fair.

The ones who were not present missed out on a lot: numerous contacts were made, tons of materials – ranging from baskets to drinking bowls and pigeon boxes – were taken home by both young and old. The young pigeons were real sellers as well. After all, the period is ideal. This weekend during FUGARE 2011 it was proven that there are still young pigeons fanciers, despite of what is rumoured. The visitors did not all come from Belgium. The northern French market was present in large numbers and buses from England and Spain came to the fair as well. Here and there you could even run into Chinese people and Poles in the corridors and on the stands.

The organization managed to get the international top on stage to cut the official tape: Mr. De Rijst (national chairman of the KBDB), Mr. Goegebeur (national chairman of the sports committee KBDB), Mr. Bral (alderman for sports of the city Kortrijk), Mr. Tereso and Mr. Bardos (international chairman and chairman of the international sports committee of the FCI) and Mr. De Sousa (Chairman of the European committee of the FCI). The students of the Ichtorschool took care of the background music during the opening.

Also side activities, such as the distribution of the FCI World Championship Thailand and the Bricon Trophy, the forum with Erik Limbourg, Rik Cools and Roger Desmet-Mathijs and the presentation of veterinarian Ruben Lanckriet were widely applauded.

The organization did not leave the women in the lurch either. They could visit the “Ladies Corner”, a collection of stands specially meant for the partners of the pigeon fanciers. On Saturday our free shuttle service even drove them to the new shopping mall named “K” in Kortrijk. The catering was excellent as well. The pigeon fanciers were able to enjoy the event on every level.

We are very pleased with the route that we have chosen for this fair and we will take the same one for the edition of 2012. This second FUGARE will take place on the 18th and 19th of February 2012 in Kortrijk Xpo (B).



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