

The Youth Wing of the CTIF 2005

Cornwall and Greater Manchester provided teams which competed in the IJLK competitions in Varaždin, Croatia between 17 – 24 July 2005. Both teams competed well despite being up against teams more used to the competition. They were, however, wonderfully received during their stage performance in the town square, especially when they gave a rewritten version of "Candle in the Wind" which was dedicated to a former young firefighter colleague who had recently been murdered. A 70 strong support group helped foster great relations between GB and the rest of Europe.

All IJLK meetings were attended. The spring 2005 event coincided with the retirement of Wilfried Weissgärber from the IJLK. Willy was presented with mementoes from both the FSYTA, and those of a personal nature from Mick Norton who had worked with him for 14 years. Many documents have, in the ensuing period, been translated into English, including a new census and annual reporting document. Currently, a complete competition judge's training course is being translated from the original Italian into English. This will then be available across Europe for new judges of the future to be able to get consistent information in a language they are happy with. The census documents and the training course will be available for the forthcoming symposium to be held in Slovenia in May 2006.