



PRESS RELEASE

Record Number of Guests Attended BBLF's Business Olympics

This country's biggest corporate sport event attracted over 550 guests

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A record-high number of guests attended the 12th **Business Leaders Olympics**, this country's biggest corporate sport event. Over 550 managers and staff members and their families took part in the event which this year was held under the patronage of Sofia Mayor Yordanka Fandakova. The Olympic games that the Bulgarian Business Leaders Forum (BBLF) organised for the 12th consecutive year took place on 27 June 2015 at the **Anglo-American School in Sofia**.

Sofia Mayor Yordanka Fandakova thanked BBLF and its member companies for their support for the city of Sofia. „The event today is quite fascinating, it is impressive to see business leaders not only support various social, cultural, sport event but also take part in them too motivating others to do the same, children in particular,” Fandakova said.

BBLF Chairman Irvan Hira welcomed staff members of over 40 companies, members and friends of BBLF's responsible business community. „It is a pleasure to have you all here today in a ties-out and sport-enthusiasm-in event. The business olympics stands for our values: care for staff's wellbeing, fair play, team spirit”.

Participants enjoyed tournaments in 15 sports. Hewlett Packard is this year's **Mtel Football Cup champion**. Dundee Precious Metals Chelopech and CEZ ranked second and third, respectively who outdid the remaining 14 corporate football teams.

CEZ players won the much sought-after **AstraZeneca Basketball Cup** leaving behind Hewlett-Packard and Razvitie Corporation. Popular basketball coach **Titi Papazov** was on the latter's team.

A CEZ team triumphed in the **CEZ Volleyball Cup**. The Anglo-American School in Sofia and United Bulgarian Bank took the silver and bronze medals.

Wilson Learning Men's Tennis Cup champion is Momchil Belchev from Mtel, and Vasilena Goranova from Penkov, Markov & Partners grabbed the Women's Cup.

The **Siemens Table Tennis Cup** went to Aleksander Galabov from United Bulgarian Bank. Spas Spasov from Shell is the **Speedy Darts Cup** Champion, and M3 Communications Group' Stefani Toneva won the **Walltopia Climbing Cup**. Artificial wall climbing was part

of the games for the third year with the kind support of **Walltopia**, the top global manufacturer of artificial walls.

Dundee Precious Metals Chelopez's players were the **total winners** of the **arm wrestling** tournament. Other winners include staff members of Curtis/Balkan, United Bulgarian Bank PricewaterhouseCoopers, AbbVie, TNT and many more.

Guests tried their fortune for some **100 raffle prizes** provided pro bono by BBLF members and supporters. Popular TV host **Evelina Pavlova** took care of the good vibes of all.

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Business Leaders Olympics are the first-ever initiative in Bulgaria that brought business people, politicians, government officials, diplomats, journalists, athletes, and other public figures together to spend one day filled with intense but fair competitions in various sports. Contestants face each other on the sports field competing in different Olympic and Non-olympic disciplines, including football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, darts, chess, backgammon and others.

About BBLF

The leaders' forum unites organisations with shared values that build their businesses in a responsible, transparent and ethical way. We are a platform for exchange of good practices and ideas for Bulgaria's business and social environment. We engage and work with key figures in politics, business, diplomacy, NGOs and the media to drive social change together. Our vision: Bulgaria, a good place to invest, work and live in. For more info please visit www.bblf.bg.