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News from Denmark...

National Competitions in 2004: In April the DHL held its annual national competitions with a very large participation. At these competitions two competitors qualified for the upcoming Coupe Mondiale in France. Soeren Brix in the Junior Virtuosity category and Lars Pilsgaard Hansen in the Senior Virtuosity category.

DHL Sponsors CIA Coupe Mondiale Winners: After a successful tour by the 2002 Winner of the Coupe Mondiale, the DHL has invited the winners of Coupe Mondiale 2003 Alexsei Peresidly (below left - 2nd place) and Nikolay Sivchuk (below right – 1st Place) for a concert tour of Denmark following their appearance at this years Coupe Mondiale in Pontarlier, France. The tour will take place from October 27th and November 7th, 2004. The DHL has the pleasure to introduce these two excellent young musicians and noble ambassadors of their country to our local accordion lovers. Alexsei and Nikolay perform as a duo by the name "Ugoria" and will present music by the composers Piazzolla, Semionov, Glinka, Grieg, Weber, Brahms, Tchaikovski, Kusjakov and Gubaidolina.



Accordeonova tours in the Baltics and Russia:

Many of the readers of this newsletter will remember the orchestra at the final concert of the 2004 Coupe Mondiale in Copenhagen under the direction of Peter Anders from Alleroed. Accordeonova has recently returned from a tour in to Sweden, Finland, Russia and Estonia from 24th August - 8th September 2004. The concert tour was a large success both musically and socially.

The orchestra played in Suzdal on the 2nd of August at the annual Russian Masterclasses. The orchestra received many standing ovations, among others for the performance of the 1st Symphony written by the Danish composer Leif Kayser. On the 3rd of August the orchestra played a concert in the Composers Palais in Ruza, where the audience mainly consisted of composers, musicians and their relatives. After the concert several composers addressed Peter Anders and declared that the instrumentation of the orchestra was very interesting, and that they certainly were interested to compose for this instrumentation.

Andrew Walter's 90th Jubilee: The jubilee was celebrated on the day with representatives from Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Firstly there was a concert in the Granninge Church, in which musicians from the three countries among others played one of Andrews beautiful waltzes, the Granninge Waltz. Later on there was a concert in Sollefteaa. During the concert "the Andrew Walter Scholarship" was awarded the young Russian accordionist Irina Krjutjkova, who studies in Stockholm.

On the 9th of November we will also celebrate Andrew Walter with a large concert in Stockholm, where among others Irina Krjutjkova will play a classical piece in three movements by Andrew Walter together with a symphony orchestra.