

## SHORT HISTORICAL NOTES VIII

Anton Gajdoš, Bratislava, Slovakia

Ph.D. Anton Gajdoš born on 1.6.1940 in Dubriniči (today Ukraine) lives most of his life in Bratislava (ex TCH, nowadays SVK). He comes from gymnastics family (his brother Pavel have world championship medals) and he devoted his life to gymnastics. His last achievement is establishment of Narodna encyklopedia športu Slovenska ([www.sportency.sk](http://www.sportency.sk)). Among his passion is collecting photos and signatures of gymnasts. As we tend to forget old champions and important gymnasts, judges and coaches, we decided to publish part of his archive under title Short historical notes. All information on these pages is from Anton's archives and collected through years.



**JOSEF GÖHLER (November, 17 1911, Hosbach – January, 27 2001, Würzburg)**



Dr. Josef Göhler was one of the most prominent gymnastics expert in the period from 1930 to 1982. His contribution to the gymnastics on his national (German) and international development have been in a many different ways e.g. an enthusiastic gymnast, as a writer, competitor, reporter and vice president of the German Gymnastics Federation from 1948 - 1982. He began the sport when he was 6 and trained at Hosbach. After a long career as a competitor, during which he was quite successful in the collegiate ranks, he turned his energies to reporting. His coverage of the 1936 Olympics marked the beginning of whole new passion for gymnastics

Dr. Göhler wrote many books and edited the fine magazine *Olympische Turnkunst* from 1966 - 1975. Very great work Dr. Göhler did in the world as expert-journalist, contributions to *Gymnast* magazine -USA its name at the time, now *International Gymnast* minimum 15 years from 1970. His books at beginning was for example: *Die romische Politik in Italien*, *Dissertation*, *Breslau*,

1938, Rom und Italien, 1939, 1974, Japanische Turnkunst, 1961 and some of the last was very important book - Geschichte der Turngeräte, Esslingen-Neckar, 1989.

Besides as an expert he served also as a city council member and as a pedagogue. His archives a huge treasure, which includes over 2300 of his articles, books and reports. As such important person, Jochen Henzel in 1997 made a dissertation about Jozef with title: "Being and becoming a German gymnast in the twentieth century.

Today Goehler's gymnastics archive is located in the Berlin Sportmuseum. Two of a large number of honours are: German Gymnastic Federation's- honorary membership and the merit-medal of the FIG presented to Dr. Josef Gohler at the WCh in Indianapolis in 1991 by President Juri Titov.



#### ALINA KABAYEVA (12 May 1983)



Alina is one of the most decorated rhythmic gymnasts with two medals from Olympic Games, 14 medals from World Championship and 21 from European Championship (out of them 18 gold – record of EC titles). Her long career started in 1998 with gold medal for all around at European Championship (at age of 15 years, she was the youngest European Champion) and stopped with gold medal with group at World Championship in 2007. She won all the possible titles at – Olympic Games, World Championship, European Championship, World Cup Final and Grand Prix Final. Her flexibility was something on the edge of possible, and she was also creative with her movements she was the first to perform (back split pivot with hand help, ring position with slow full turn, back scale pivot). After her gymnastics career, she moved into politics.

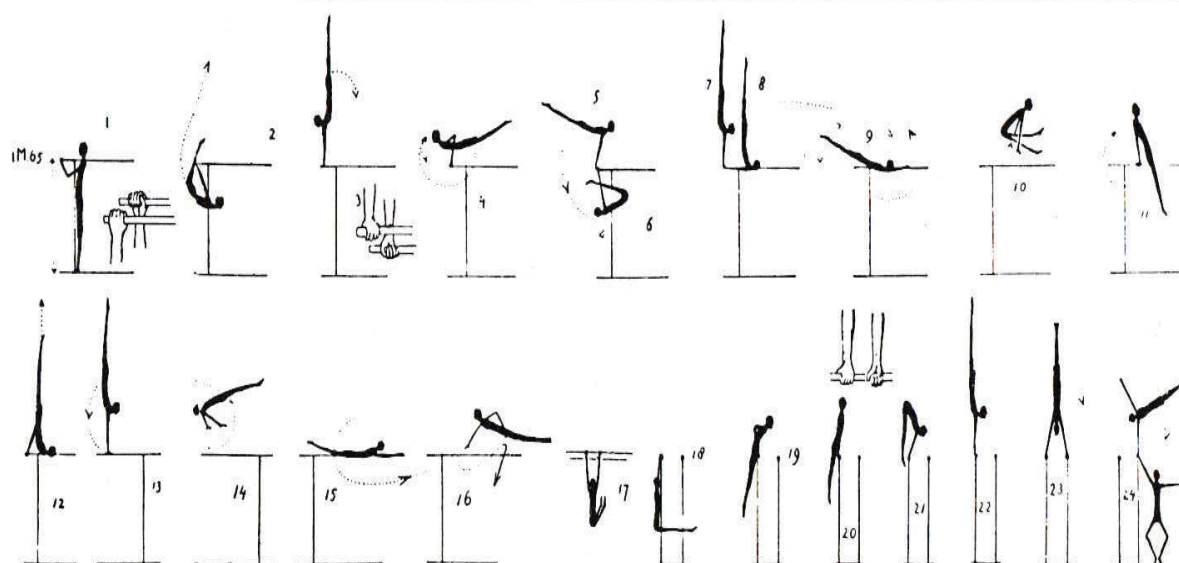
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## Medals

### Competition

OG 2000	Bronze AA (all around)
OG 2004	Gold AA
WC 1999	4x Gold AA, Team, Ball, Ribon, 2x Silver Rope Hoop
WC 2001	Disqualified for using furosemide – medicine on black doping list
WC 2003	4x Gold AA, Team , Ball, Ribon, Silver Hoop, Bronze Clubs
WC 2007	1x Gold Team, Bronze Ribbon
EC 1998	Gold AA, Bronze Team
EC 1999	3x Gold AA, Team, Hoop, Silver Ribbon, Bronze Rope
EC 2000	5x Gold Team, Hoop, Ball, Zaragoza, Ribbon
EC 2001	4x Gold Team, Hoop, Ball, Clubs, Silver Rope
EC 2002	2x Gold AA, Team, Bronze Rope
EC 2003	Gold Team
EC 2004	2x Gold AA, Team
EC 2006	Silver AA
WCup 2000	3x Gold Rope, Ball, Ribbon, Silver Hoop
WCup 2004	2x Gold Hoop, Ribbon

## COMPULSORY EXERCISES ON PARALLEL BARS AT OLYMPIC GAMES 1928



Picture say more than 1000 words.