

2012

The first ever Award went to **Il Coyotes / Cernusco Rugby Club** (Italy) for organising IX Milano Rugby Festival.

This Festival that offers different "variations" of Rugby Game, gathered that year 50 teams . . .

This first Award was the set of Rugby jerseys (donated by José Redondo).

Il Coyotes veterans, that celebrated that year 25th Club Anniversary, played in that jerseys (see Team photo) one year later at the 2nd EVRA European Festival in Esztergom (Hungary).

2013

Esztergom Vitezeki RFC (see Vets Team photo) had been awarded for the organisation of the 2nd European Festival.

HUNGARIAN – SLOVAK EURO FESTIVAL

It was the nature that „caused“ that this EVRA Festival had been held in two neighbouring countries, Hungary and Slovakia. The immense flood begin June, just twenty days before the Festival start, endangered this prestigious European veteran rugby event. Some teams cancelled

the “last minute” their participation, what caused further problems to the organisers. But in only ten days with enormous efforts of Esztergomi Vitezek RFC, their members and friends the Club Sports Centre, situated only 50 meters from the river Danube, was ready to receive veterans from 12 European countries on June 20th 2013.

2014

Starting with this year Licor Beirao Award had been "changed" - special made EVRA Series plaques are deigned for the each of "Winner" Clubs/Teams/Events.

The first EVRA Annual Award plaque had been presented to **Les Independants de Beauvais** (B R C) for the organisation of Tournoi International Rugby Veterans - Beauvais.

Rugby veterans of Beauvais, small historical town north of Paris with about 50.000 inhabitants, had organised themselves as a Club in 1999.

More than 40 years old tradition of Beauvais Rugby Club to play regularly the games with the French opposition teams from the countries of Five Nations Cup had been slowly "transformed" to the small veteran tournaments, first to be held in 2005.

From year to year "Tournoi international rugby vétérans" became bigger and bigger. . . the 9th edition in May, on the occasion of Club 25th Anniversary, gathered 17 teams from Belgium, England, Hungary,

Scotland, Wales and France, as the part of EVRA European Veteran Rugby Series.

Comitato Old Rugby Veneto (Italy) had been awarded for the organisation of the 1° Scampionato Old Rugby Veneto, veteran Event that "showed" the way to the other Italian Veteran Rugby (Rugby Old) associations . . .

Comitato Old Rugby Veneto - CORV, as EVRA member, after one year of the preparations had organised this Old Rugby "Championships" (Italian word - Scampionato), that started in October 2014 and finished end of May 2015.

2015

Award had been presented to Rugby Football Union (England) for supporting and enabling the 3rd EVRA European Festival to take place in Farnham (Surrey) at the beginning of 2015 Rugby World Cup and as the part of "Rugby World Cup celebraties".

The same year Award went to Farnham RUFC (Club 40th Anniversary) for the organisation of the 3rd European Festival.

When Farnham RUFC was bidding to organize European Festival by the end of 2013, Paul Brooker, the Festival Director "promised" perfect weather and playing conditions and a lot of Fun for European veterans.

And, he had right - all three "conditions" had been fulfilled, together with the fourth one - perfect refereeing by the Surrey RFU referees led by veteran Ref John Robertson.

Apart from the "Festival" Award 2015 this Prize went also to **Dendermonde RC Vets (Belgium)** for the organisation of **Flanders Open Rugby Festival (22nd edition)** 22nd Edition, led from by tireless Gert van den Steen since the very beginning, have had the teams from Europe and "the rest of World" what only confirms that amateur rugby still have important place in the " today's World of professional sport" . . .

2016

I Senatori Virgiliani Rugby Old (Mantova, Italy) won this year EVRA Award for organising (already for more years) two Old Rugby Torneos in the same year: Trofeo Salamella (in Spring) and Trofeo Sausage, Salumi . . . e Palla ovale (in Autumn) contributing to Veteran Rugby promotion and its development in Italy.

Trofeo Salamella (10th edition), already for the fifth time part of EVRA Licor Beirao European Series, attracted six teams - Oltremella Rugby Old (Brescia), I Veci dei Ospiti (Ospitalletto), The Milo'ld di Pavia, Old Rugby Pesaro, Old Devils Colorno and the hosts I Senatori Virgiliani. The great attention this time were the Club "Oldies" that have supported/played at the previous tournaments and the children of the Horse of Ferrara, who came especially to "give their help" to the organisers . . .

"Sausage, Salami . . . e Palla ovale" Old Rugby Torneo (8th edition), was held at Migliaretto of Mantua, attracted the following teams: Arvalia Villa Pamphili Rome, Ombre Rosse Padua, Old Blacks Milano, Old Devils Colorno, I Veci de Ospiti Ospitalletto Brescia, the Old Becks Reggio Emilia, the Allupins Lawn and the Hyenas Badia Polesine Rugby Old.

Also that year this traditional Torneo, sponsored by the City of Mantova, had been organized by the Senatori Virgiliani Old Rugby Club, in collaboration with CSI Mantova and EVRA - European Rugby Veterans Association. The approach that has characterized the whole event was the feeling of Friendship and Fun . . . involved were all the "formations" (players, supporters, relatives). The veterans of different teams that have played "not for their team", came to Mantova to share that weekend with friends, to help and support the sporting spirit and solidarity that is usual attitude of Virgiliani Senators . . .

2017

Miejski Rugby Club "Pogon", Seidlce (Poland) has been awarded as the Organiser of 4th European Festival.

May be it is the best to repeat the Organisers words - Jacek & Greg, EVRA got a couple a days after this unique Festival: " ...Thank you for the kind words. For us this Festival was the end of 5 years work to make sure that everything was as promised.

Thank you, for encouraging us to work (sometimes by writing a few mails a day), our joint effort has resulted in the Festival, of which we do not need to be ashamed of. The authorities of Mazovia, the City and the Polish Rugby Union were surprised too that you can be celebrating in this way. I hope that we will meet in Italy again, I will surely try to gather one team (Poland Veterans, based on WFS Siedlce players just like in Esztergom or Farnham) . . . " SEPTSEP

Never in the history of European festivals was one Event so medial fully covered as this one in Siedlce.

Five years of work and support of Mazovia (Heart of Poland) government, Council and the authorities of Siedlce Town, Polish Rugby Union and finally the engagement of the Organisers - Miejski Rugby Klub Siedlce, resulted with very international, friendly atmosphere, and the Polish hospitality had been felt at the every step the participants did . . .

2018

For this year the process of deciding about the Award had not been taken, the Award had not been presented . . .

2019

The 5th EVRA European Festival had been organised by I Fossilli Dolomitici Old Rugby Club in the picturesque Town of Belluno (Italy) at the "feet" of Dolomiti Mountains . . .

Veterans from Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Wales (UK), Ukraina and the host country Italy entered European Festival.

The Organisers I Fossilli Dolomitici Old Rugby Club from Belluno got enorm support from the Region and Town of Belluno, Federazione Italiana Rugby - Referees Association and of course from numerous partners & sponsors. Festival organisers gathered 20 teams from 10 European countries.

The Festival most precious prize Jeff Butterfield Trophy went to Amsterdam Academicals (Netherlands) that had participated with two teams (Under 50 and Over 50).

Festival started on September 5th at Piazza dei Martiri (old town centre) and ended on September 8th with great Gala Dinner in old Pedavena Brewery, with the Awarding Ceremony. It was the best occasion to present Licor Beirao Annual Award 2019 to the Veterans of I Fossilli Dolomitici Rugby Old