

## SHORT HISTORICAL NOTES XXVIII

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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.

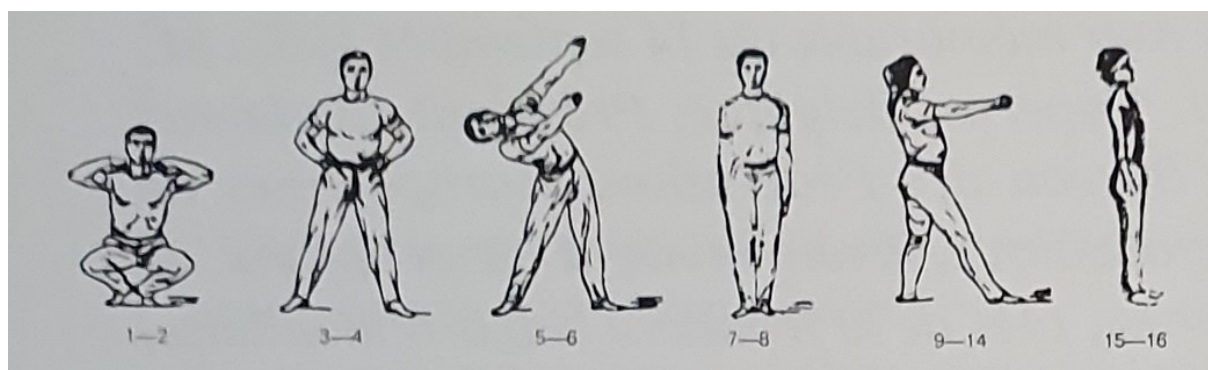


### 1<sup>st</sup> World Championship 1903 in Antwerpen

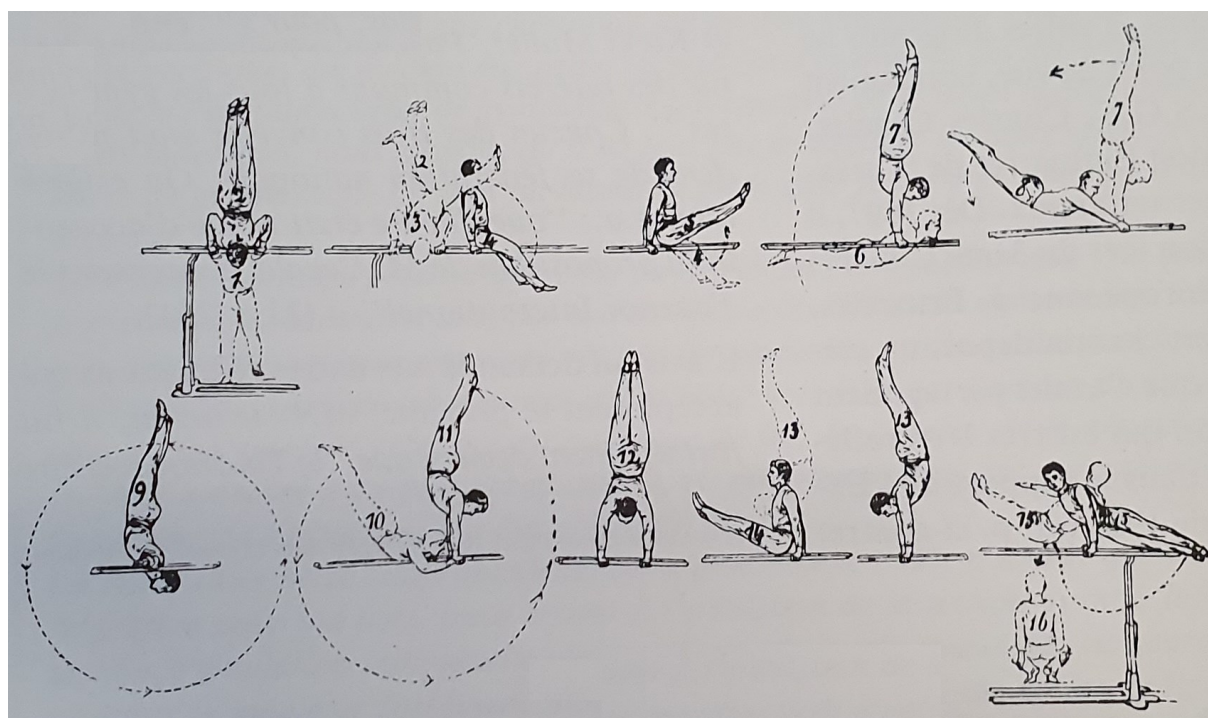
Antwerpen hosted already 3 World Championships in artistic gymnastics. The first was also the first ever organized by European Gymnastics Union (just by name, included also federation of Canada and federation of Egypt) World Championship in 1903, the second in 2013 and the last one 2023.

The first championship was organized just for men. They competed in four types of exercises in 21 discipline:

- 6 compulsory floor exercises, performed as a team, but evaluated each gymnast individually, 5 points for execution and 2 points for section compartment
- 12 exercises on apparatus 5 points for execution and 1 point for entrance and 1 point for leaving apparatus:
  - o Two compulsory and optional exercise on rings, parallel bars and horizontal bar,
  - o One compulsory and one optional exercise on pommel horse,
  - o One compulsory vault
- 2 track and field disciplines:
  - o Sprint 150 meters – 10 points – 18 seconds
  - o High jump – 10 points – 175centimeters
- Weight lifting – 40 kg 20 times for 10 points



Example of Preliminary floor exercise compartment

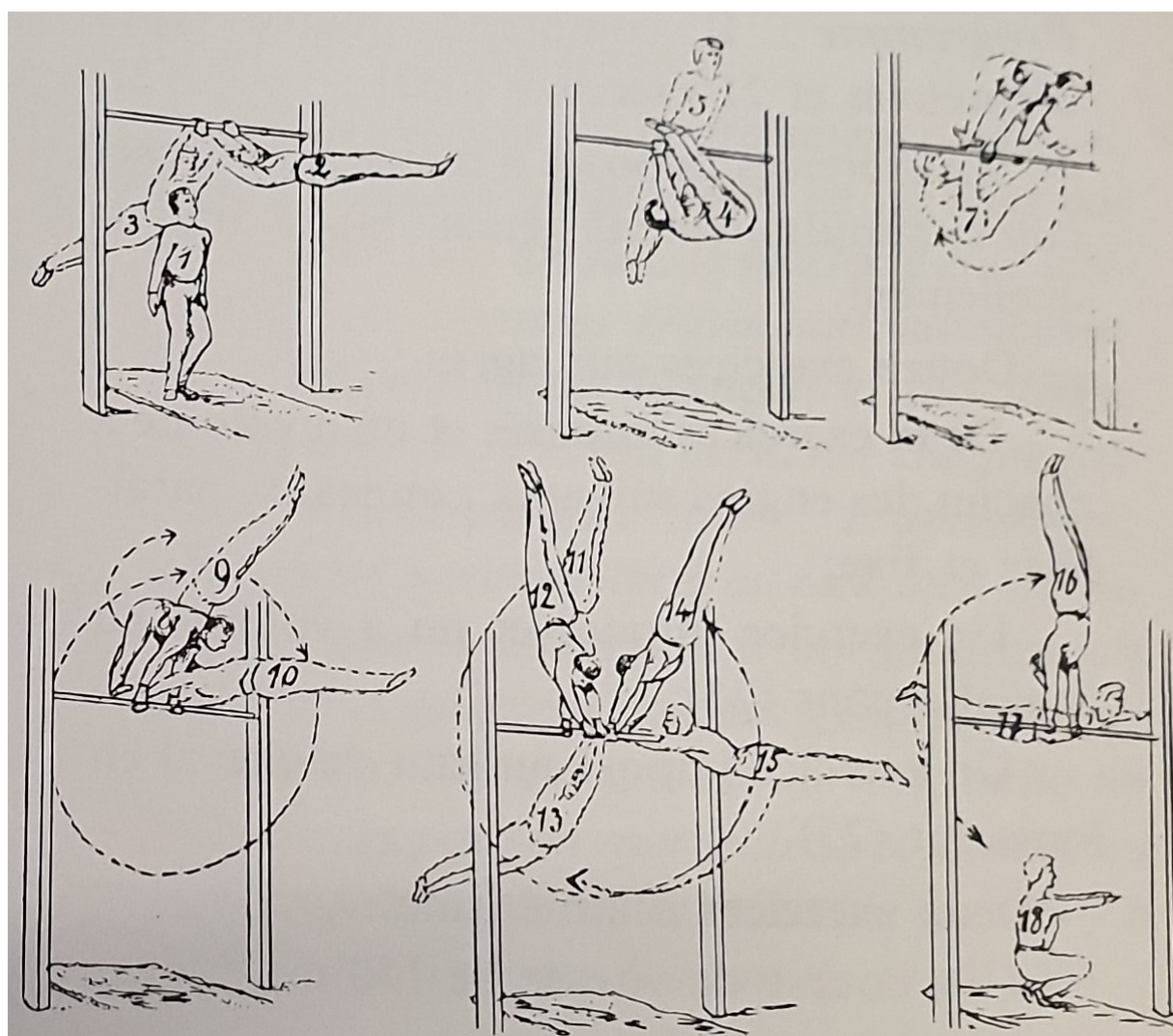


The second compulsory exercise

### RESULTS:

1. France
2. Belgium
3. Luxemburg
4. Netherland

1. Martinez (France)
2. -3. Lux (France) Wierinckx (Belgium)



The second compulsory exercise