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SHOOTING CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS

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## ALL MEMBER FEDERATIONS OF THE SHOOTING CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE

### XII CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS 2018

With every Olympic cycle, a large group of officers are renovated in our continent, so, its possible that some of them are not acquainted with our long history and our organization. For that reason, let us present a

### BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CAT

On April 4, 1973, 45 years ago, in Mexico City, during the II BENITO JUAREZ International Competition, 18 countries of the American Continent, attending the invitation of Mario and Olegario Vázquez Raña, to form the SHOOTING CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS:

Netherland Antilles, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, USA, El Salvador, Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

During that reunion, it was agreed that the First Championship of the Americas would take place that same year on October 12, not only a holiday but a celebration of the discovery of our Continent.

With the advent of the World Cups and other major international events, it became increasingly difficult to find adequate dates that wouldn't overlap with the annual competition schedule.

Here is a brief summary of the first 11 editions of the Championship of the Americas:

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## **I MEXICO 1973**

The first Championship of the Americas took place in October at Military Range 1 and the Vicente Suarez Shooting Range used for the Mexico 1968 Olympics.

## **II MEXICO 1977**

Chile was slated to organize the second edition but had to withdraw and once again the Mexican Shooting Federation and Mr. Olegario Vázquez Raña, as President of CAT, took over the organization of this event, keeping alive the integrity of the young organization. Those who participated will never forget the unusual snowfall they had to endure on the cold competition mornings or the closing ceremony that took place in the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Vázquez's home.

## **III RIO DE JANEIRO 1981 – SAO PAULO Alternate Venue**

For the first time, an alternate venue was used for this competition: the *Club Paulista* held the shotgun events and Rio Janeiro the Pistol and Rifle disciplines. Mr. Hugo de Sa Campello was the man behind the organization of this Championship that took place in conjunction with the World Championship Shotgun in Tucumán and the World Championship RT in Lomas de Zamora, Argentina so that the shooters of the Americas could then easily travel to Brazil.

## **IV FORT BENNING, USA 1985**

The legendary Fort Benning shooting range, the official training center of the famous Marksmanship Unit, the division of expert shooters where countless World and Olympic Champions began their careers, was the venue for the IV edition of our championship, thanks to the tireless efforts of Bill Krilling, Mike Tippa, Gary Anderson and the support of the National Rifle Association NRA and the US Army among others.

## **V SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO 1989 – GUATEMALA Alternate Venue**

The Pistol and Rifle and the Shotgun federations of Puerto Rico invites all shooters of America but the Running Target group, arguing lack of a good facilities. To save the competition the Shooting with Hunting Guns Guatemalan Federation, ask for the opportunity to organize that part of the competition program hosting at the

same time, the first World Cup ever exclusively for Running Targets, keeping that honor for another 8 memorable World Cups during the 90s.

### **VI GUN CLUB, LIMA, PERU 1993**

Only the tireless enthusiasm of Dr. Carlos Boza made the Gun Club Revolver of Lima ready for the opening ceremony of the CAT Championship. The hard work of the organizers during a time of political strife in Peru, in addition to the arrival of shotgun shooters who found incomplete ranges were circumstances that only the good will and collaboration of all involved made shotgun competitions possible in only one range.

### **VII TIRO FEDERAL, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA 1997**

Guatemala bid to host the VII Championship of the Americas however was later forced to withdraw and General Ernesto Alais, President of the Shooting Federation of Argentina took over soon after the successful realization of the Shooting Competitions of the 1995 Pan-American Games, as well as a World Cup. Thanks to the excellent group of collaborators such as Enrique Rébora, Juan Carlos Sampayo, Julio Escalante, Carlos Correa, Raúl Simo and Alfredo Oribe among others, this was a truly wonderful edition of our championship.

### **VIII FORT BENNING, USA 2001**

Within two weeks after the brutal act of terrorism that took place on September 11, 2001, nobody expected the US Shooting to go through with the organization of the CAT Championship and National Federations wondered if their participation was in jeopardy.

The greatness of the people of the United States was clearly manifest when they not only honored the celebration of the championship but also opened the doors to one of the most important military bases in their country to all participants. Despite the absence of a few federations due to travel complications, the VIII Championship took place with great success.

### **IX SALINAS, PUERTO RICO 2005**

Both Shooting Federations of Puerto Rico organized in the city of Salinas, the IX Championship of the Americas. Thanks to the intervention of the President of the CAT, Mr. Olegario Vázquez Raña, for the first time in the history of our Championship, Olympic Quotas for Beijing 2008 were transforming our event in the most important shooting competition in our Continent. However, this accomplishment demanded greater logistical and financial investment from the

organizers, since the distribution of Quotas entailed the participation of international Jury members, electronic targets and results equipment, as well as a greater number of anti-doping tests. Mr. Jesús Elizondo worked tirelessly as Technical Delegate to make this event possible with the full cooperation of the local Federation Presidents Mr. Irizarry in Rifle and Pistol and Mr. Sosa in Shotgun.

### **X DEODORO, RIO, BRAZIL 2010**

During the Fifth Continental Shotgun Shooting Cup in Acapulco, the Brazilian and Chilean National Federations with the CAT Executive Committee Members present at the event requested a reunion. The meeting took place in Villa Ángeles, the summer home of Mr. Olegario Vázquez Raña on November 3, 2007. The CAT President explained that due to the new rules of the International Olympic Committee in regards to the distribution of Olympic Quotas, these priceless invitations would only be available during the 2 years prior to the Games, so that the CAT Championship had to be postponed for one year so that Quotas would be offered for the London 2012 Games during the Rio Championship of the CAT. Hence, the X Championship took place in 2010 at the Deodoro Shooting Range; the same venue used for the 2007 Pan-American Games and the 2016 Rio Olympics.

### **XI GUADALAJARA, MEXICO 2014**

Highly successful become the celebration of the XI Las Americas Tournament, using CODE as venue for air guns competitions and Club Cinegético Jaliciense for Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun events, from October 11 to 20.

The allocation of 11 Olympic quotas for Rio, and the decision to use this competition as a qualifier for Toronto Pan-American Games, makes possible that more than 400 athletes of America compete in the beautiful city of Guadalajara. New participation record for these tournaments.

### **XII GUADALAJARA, MEXICO 2018**

Originally, both federations of Guatemala assume the responsibility to host the XII edition. Unfortunately, a restructure of the administration of Guatemalan Pistol and Rifle federation, forces to decline this privilege.

Immediately FEMETI was appointed from a group of 3 other candidate federations, to host, once more, the largest shooting competition in America.

The Mexican Shooting Federation and the Organizing Committee have sent out the invitation to participate in this XII Championship of the Americas to take place in Guadalajara, Mexico from November 1 to 12 of this year in the excellent venues used during for the ISSF World Cup this year.

Following the same procedure implemented in 2014, a total of 215 pan American quotas for Lima 2019 will be allocated. Besides, a total of 12, one for each Olympic discipline for Tokyo 2020, will also allocated.

The Shooting Confederation of the Americas reiterates a warm invitation to participate in these competitions in Guadalajara. If you haven't yet received the official invitation, you can download it directly from the CAT website at [www.conatiro.org](http://www.conatiro.org).

