Six nations were present at the competition. Apart from the host country Austria it was Angola, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary and the Ukraine. Though the majority of the athletes came from Austria, Women’s Model – and Sport Physique were dominated by Hungary and Ukraine that are the two top nations in Europe. Except the victory of Manikina Kateryna from the Ukraine in the Junior Women’s Model Physique every other Model category was won by a Hungarian athlete - Nagy Szilvia, Jósza Janka and Aranyosi Gabriella. Although her category win was only saved by one point Jósza Janka turned out to be a strong Women’s Model Physique discipline winner. On the other hand Horlowa Maryna from the Ukraine won clearly against the Hungarian category winner Meszes Greta in the Women’s Sport Physique discipline. Only Women’s Athletic Physique was won by Austria - Alejandra Berthier proved to have the talent for further success on the European top level. All three discipline winners cashed € 200,00 that was sponsored by ABPF President Mag. Axel Bauer.

But in the men’s categories the Austrian Armada stroke back. Except the victory of Kozák László from Hungary in Men’s Athletic Physique over 175 cm the winner’s smile came from an Austrian - Gstettner Harald in Master Men’s Bodybuilding, Mohseni Ali and Moradifar Mehdi in the very popular Men’s Sport Physique, young and talented Middha Lovepreet in Junior Men’s Bodybuilding and in Men’s Athletic Physique up to 175 cm, Allmayer Florian, Anwary Osman and Drescher Klaus in the three Men’s Bodybuilding categories. The smile of three men grew even bigger when they won their discipline. Moradifar Mehdi in Men’s Sport Physique and Middha Lovepreet in Men’s Athletic Physique got € 200,00 and the big cheque of € 1,000,00 – also sponsored by Axel Bauer - went to the strong heavyweight and Men’s Bodybuilding Overall winner Drescher Klaus.

So another successful Austria Cup with excellent athletes and a big frenetic cheering audience took place and the organizer ABPF is looking forward to conduct the next fair competition in 2019 for all athletes that share the values of WBPF!

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