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News from the FIPJP (Courtesy of the WPA website)

Information from the recent FIPJP meeting has been passed on to the WPA by Mike Pegg. Information concerning the this year's programmed World Championships and future events are as follows:

- **The 2009 Women's World Championship will now be held in Supanburi, Thailand from the 13th to the 15th November 2009.**
- **The Open World Championship, this will now be called the 'World Triples Championship', dropping the term Open.**
- **We have been informed that from 2010 nations will need to qualify through the continents for the World Triples Championship, in our case this is through the CEP European Championship.**
- **The list of qualified nations is to be with the FIPJP in March 2010 for the World Triples Championship later that year.**
- **There will not be any need for qualification for the Women or Junior World Championships because of the current number of nations competing.**
- **The allocation of 48 qualifying nations for the World Triples Championship are:**
 - **Europe - 24 nations**
 - **Africa - 10 nations**
 - **Americas - 2 nations (Canada/USA)**
 - **Asia - 7 nations**
 - **Oceanic - 3 nations**
- **The Men's European Championship is to be used to decide the top 24 European Nations, which will include Israel. How the top 24 European Teams is to be decided, is by taking the ranking order after the qualifying rounds, that is before the nations are split into the Nations Cup and Championship.**
- **As it is the Nation that qualifies for the World Triples Championship, it will be up to each CEP Nation to decide how they select or qualify their teams.**
- **The FIPJP are making plans to introduce an Espoirs World Championship - this is why the CEP is making it an "every other" year European Championship.**

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