

WORLD SLATING AND TILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

2002 — 2005

The 15th International Federation of Roofing Trades (IFD) World Congress was held November 5-9 in Dublin, Ireland in the fall of 2002, coinciding with the World Slating and Tiling Championships for Young Roofers. A reception for delegates was held at the famous Guinness Brewery in the heart of Dublin.

The only American delegate to attend the Congress was Joe Jenkins of Jenkins Slate Roofing Services, Grove City, PA, who, along with his wife, Jeanine, enjoyed the complimentary open tap at the Guinness brewery. Jenkins also took two of his children to Dublin, daughter Phoebe, age 12, and son Orion, age 17, an apprentice slater.

After the Congress, the Jenkins clan traveled to Amsterdam, rented a car, and toured the slate mines of Europe while researching the second edition of The Slate Roof Bible, which is published and authored by Jenkins (see inside front cover).

Eight countries competed for a gold, silver, or bronze medal in Dublin. Each team of two young roofers with one older mentor was required to complete the compulsory tasks illustrated here: task 1 on day one, task 2 on day two, and finally, the free-form valley task on day three.

Unfortunately, the "slates" used for compulsory task 1 were "fake slates," not the real thing, and only one country (Belgium) used natural slates for its optional task, the center valley. Austria won the Gold medal, Switzerland took the Silver medal, and the UK won the Bronze medal.

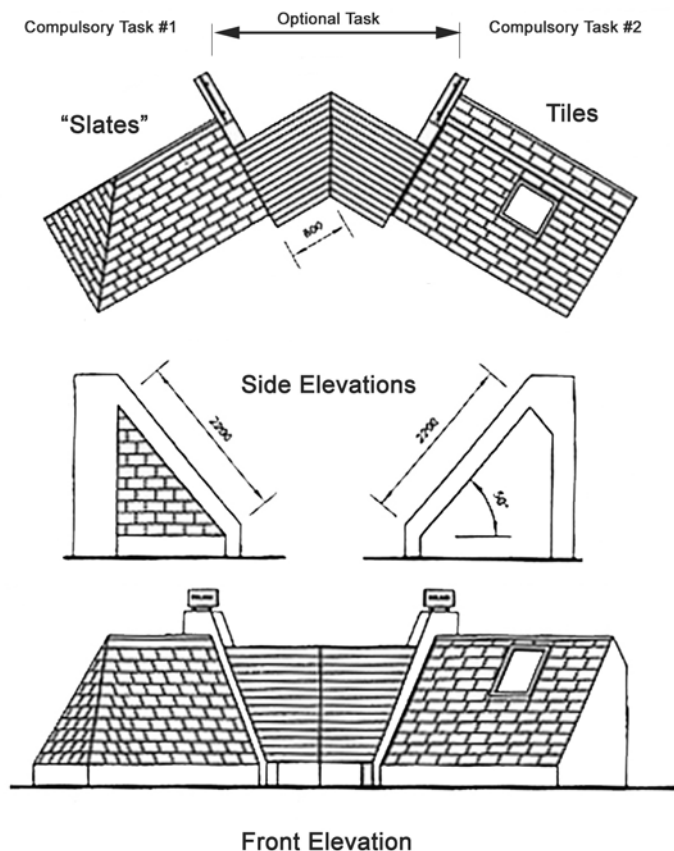
You can see photos of the competition on the Traditional Roofing web site at traditionalroofing.com/World-Championships-2002.htm. The 2003 IFD Congress was held in Budapest, Hungary, from 9 to 11 October, 2003. The 2004 IFD Congress will take place in Belgium in the city Wépion from 4 to 6 November, 2004. The 2004 IFD World Championship for Young Roofers will take place also in Belgium in the city Gembloux from 2 to 6 November, 2004. The 2005 IFD Congress and World Championship will probably take place in South Africa (Cape Town). ■

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