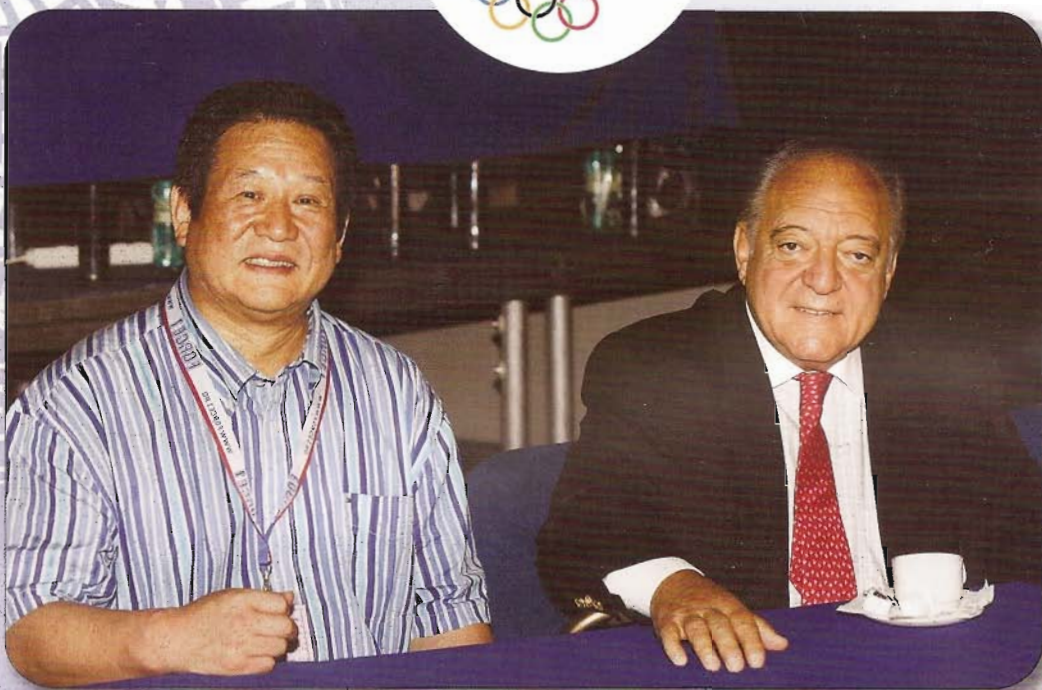


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discussed the subjects each morning and afternoon in plenary sessions, followed by section meetings. In attendance were the IOC Members, the representatives of the International Federations, National Olympic Committees, Organising Committees for the Olympic Games, athletes and athlete support staff (coaches, doctors and medical staff),

referees, judges and technical officials, the IOC's Olympic partners and, of course, in large numbers, the media. The International Olympic Committee should be commended on the concept and the composition of the five main themes of the Congress: the Athletes, the Olympic Games, the Structure of the Olympic Movement, Olympism and

Youth and the Digital Revolution. We feel quite sure that the in-depth discussion of these subjects and the conclusions of the Congress will give new impetus to the Olympic Movement and Sports all over the world for many years to come. Beside the President and the General Secretary, the Weightlifting Family was

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of October the world of sport focused on Copenhagen. The Olympic Committee of Denmark and the City of Copenhagen hosted the XIIIth Olympic Congress and the Session of the International Olympic Committee in an exemplary and splendid manner. About fifteen-hundred guests turned out for the Olympic Congress which had as its main theme "The Role of the Olympic Movement in Society" in the 21st Century. During the three days of Congress, participants



represented also by Ms. Maryse Turcotte, world championship medal winner weightlifter. The IWF must feel honoured as the outstanding former Canadian athlete and recent medical graduate was invited by the IOC to attend the Congress and she could thus join us in representing weightlifting. Miss Turcotte definitely has the potential of becoming a senior weightlifting official within the foreseeable future.

Without any doubt the decision the world expected with the highest excitement was the vote on the allocation of the Summer Olympic Games of 2016. Four cities of equal qualities and chances had reached the final phase of the bid. Representing Chicago, United States President Barack Obama came to Copenhagen with his wife. Tokyo was represented by the Prime Minister of Japan; Rio de Janeiro's bid was led by the

The respective delegations of course included an array of well-known and respected experts, sports leaders or icon athletes.

As it is known, Rio de Janeiro won and will become the host of the 2016 Games, winning with an unexpectedly large majority. A very strong factor in Rio's success was the fact that no Olympic Games have ever taken place in Central or South America. Brazil's victory was effectively aided by Carlos Nuzman, President of the Brazilian Olympic Committee. A further argument for the Rio Bid was the assistance received from Joao Havelange, the doyen of the IOC Members, ex-President of FIFA, who was present in Copenhagen and in an emotional speech expressed his desire to celebrate his hundredth birthday at the Olympic Games held in his country. Weightlifting too received its due recognition in the IOC Session. Our sport was unquestionably voted to remain an integral and solid part of the 26-sport Olympic program. That is the peak of weightlifting's more than 100-year old history. It is general opinion in the world that weightlifting, in particular our International Federation, stand out in terms of organisation, integrity and level of

activities. This judgement was confirmed by the IOC and the AGFIS (now acting under the new name of 'SportAccord'), as well as by the ASOIF and other partner organisations of the IWF:

Such recognition is obviously appreciated and nice to hear; nevertheless it also gives us certain obligations. Efforts must be continued to maintain our reputation through outstanding work in the Board and in the Committees. Our tasks are only getting multiplied, since the calendar has just recently been enriched by the Youth Olympic Games, the first of which will be held in Singapore next year, as well as by its various qualification events. Weightlifting's exposure is increasing and we must do our best to convey the message of a strong, modern and popular sport.

However, we can never succeed without your help, friends! Join us and let's work together for the sport's objectives: the success and welfare of the athletes and the development of human physique through the sport of weightlifting.

We count on you.

Dr. Tamás Aján
President

Ma Wenguang
General Secretary



Ms Maryse Turcotte, Canada

Brazilian President of State; while Madrid's candidature was enhanced by the presence of the King of Spain Juan Carlos – a person extremely popular the world over – and the Prime Minister of the country.

The Olympic Congress was embraced, before its start and after its conclusion, by the 121st Session of the IOC.



The IOC Members attending the 121st IOC Session in Copenhagen