

The Editor-in-Chief introduces himself



My name is Kornél JANCSÓ ('Yan-tso'), Hungarian, 58 years old, journalist. I studied Latin and Russian at the secondary school and after graduation I took a PhD degree at the Faculty of Economic Science of the University of Budapest. Despite my qualification as a diplomat and an economist, I chose journalism as my life's career. Capturing another diploma on this subject I worked as a journalist specialized in

foreign politics for almost 12 years in the Hungarian Radio. At the same time, I worked part time for the Hungarian Television as news editor. Changing tracks, in 1988 I moved to the Hungarian News Agency (MTI), in particular its Sports Department, where I covered each and every step of the professional hierarchy, rising – to date – to a Chief Editor position. By the way, that is the same Sports Department where my respected predecessor, **Jenő Boskovics** used to cover his beloved sport, weightlifting. Representing the Hungarian News Agency, I had the good fortune of being able to report on countless world and European Championships in various sports, as well as three Summer Olympic Games. As for weightlifting, I have been covering this sport since the 1988 European Championships in Cardiff. In recent years I have had the privilege of writing from time to time for

World Weightlifting and I hope that as Editor-in-Chief I can continue this service at a higher level. My gratitude goes to those giving me this opportunity.

Kornél Jancsó
New Editor-in-Chief of
World Weightlifting

Dear Friends,

*In this Editorial I would like to touch upon two – entirely different – subjects. The first one I must mention is about our great loss: the passing away of **Jenő Boskovics**, Editor-in-Chief of the IWF's magazine **World Weightlifting**, published since 1980. With his death at the same time the Hungarian sports journalists lost one of their most prominent representatives, through many years General Secretary of the Hungarian Sports Writers Association and Assistant General Secretary of the AIPS. His love affair with weightlifting started much earlier than 1980: in the second half of the*

1950s when, as a journalist for the Hungarian News Agency's Sports Department, he was assigned to this sport, besides football (his own sport) and boxing. In the decades that followed he became a close friend and associate also of the IWF of which he was Spokesman and Press Chief until his late '70s. A renowned statistician and historian of weightlifting, a man of a thousand ideas and innovations and a lovable person – that's how he was known in the world. The IWF and the Weightlifting Family lost an exceptional and irreplaceable person and a friend of many. God bless his memory! The other subject has become a topic of constant discussions in the past 14 to 15 months in the life of the International

Weightlifting Federation. What is this? It's about the transparency of the IWF and the significance of exchange of information. I must note here that even before the elections on 1st April 2009 there had been transparency in weightlifting: the Executive Board and the National Feder-

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Dr. Aján gave Jenő Boskovics the IWF's gold pin on his 80th birthday



ations had always been fully informed of all operations and decisions. Yet, there has recently been a strong sentiment voiced by various Executive Members, members of the former and the current Board, claiming that the flow of information and the transparency in the decision making processes were insufficient. It is a fact I must admit that the propagation, the presentation of the IWF's good deeds, the enormous work and efforts, the myriad measures taken and executed for the benefit of the sport have never been our – in particular my – strong sides. I have always been of the view that it is much more important to do the work than talk about it. I can see now that the communication of what we are doing is almost as important and must be improved. However, the assumption of lack of information is also the responsibility of each official concerned.

The joint meeting of the IWF Committees has become a tradition

Someone who fails to devote the necessary and continuous attention to the developments, the resolutions in weightlifting and in the IWF through attendance at IWF Congresses and meetings can easily miss out on an international level. At the same time, it must be stressed that weightlifting today cannot be isolated, cannot be treated on its own. The IWF is one of the international sports organisations and as such an integral part of the Olympic Movement. In all questions, especially those related to the Olympic Games, we need to have a permanent coordination and exchange with the IOC, which is the ultimate decision-making authority for the Olympics. Another prerogative that some

esteemed colleagues tend to forget sometimes is the full knowledge of the IWF Constitution and Rules. Of course, I do recognise that some time has to pass before new officials can fully get accustomed to the rights and responsibilities of their functions but, like everything else, it takes two sides to learn and to teach. For instance, claims have been proclaimed that we had failed to support the Continental Federations. That induced me to making a summary report that reveals the hundreds of barbell sets and hundreds of thousands of dollars distributed only in the last one year and half. It was, however, easier to speak up and call the previous management up for accounting than first making a research into the real state of affairs. I would like to emphasise that everyone has the right to criticism but it should be based on preparedness and competence.

Before finger-pointing at alleged offenders everyone should do his "homework" by acquiring the required knowledge and know-how. Superficiality has to be replaced by proficiency and competence. I am at everyone's service to fill eventual "information gaps" in this process.

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