

# REPORT of

## Executive Board Meeting

30 Sept. – 1 Oct. 2017 – Bucharest, ROU

**Venue:** Athénée Palace Hilton Hotel

**Present:**

Dr. Tamás Aján, President

Mr. Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary

Mr. Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Ms. Ursula Papandrea Garza, Mr. Nicu Vlad, Mr. Jose Quinones, Mr. Zhanat Tussupbekov, Mr. Petr Krol, Vice Presidents

Ms. Karoliina Lundahl, Mr. Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Birendra Prasad Baishya, Mr. Maxim Agapitov, Mr. Shakhrillo Makhmudov, Mr. Mahmoud Mahgoub, Mr. Luis Zambrano Andrade, Dr. Michael Irani, Executive Board Members

Mr. Khaled Mhalhel, WFA President, Mr. Marcus Stephen, OWF President, Dr. Antonio Urso, EWF President, Mr. Willian Ozuna, PWF President

Mr. Yoshiyuki Miyake, Mr. Gustavo Malgor, Ex-officio Executive Board Members

Dr. Christian Baumgartner, Chair of Special Commission on Tbilisi decision

Mr. Attila Ádámfi, IWF Director General and IWF Secretariat staff

**Excused:** Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana

### 1 **Opening by the President**

**Dr. Tamás Aján**, President expressed thanks to Vice President **Mr. Zhanat Tussupbekov** and the *KazMunayGas International Co.*, as well as **Mr. Nicu Vlad** and the Romanian Federation for organising and hosting the EB meeting.

### 2 **Welcome address by the hosts**

**Mr. Tussupbekov** offered greetings on behalf of *KMG International* and thanked the RWF for its cooperation.

**Mr. Vlad** also welcomed his colleagues to Bucharest.

### 3 **Approval of the Minutes of the Tokyo 2017 meeting**

*The Minutes of the previous meeting in Tokyo were unanimously approved.*

### 4 **IWF Secretariat – Lausanne and Budapest offices**

**The President** updated the new Board of the IWF headquarters and offices: IWF registered in Lausanne with staff; main Secretariat in Budapest.

### 5 **General Secretary's office, administration, bank, etc.**

**Mr. Jalood**, General Secretary is moving from Qatar to Astana, KAZ and opening an office there. The address and details would be communicated soon.

The President referred to discussions with Sheikh Ahmad, ANOC President who confirmed his strong support to weightlifting.

## 6 Financial issues

### MF membership fee

Dr. Aján recalled that in his electoral campaign he had promised to delete the annual membership fee for MFs so he was compelled to make this proposal to the Board. A discussion followed whereby the Executive Board concluded that **the MF membership fee was to be maintained.**

Dr. Aján suggested increasing the financial support, including that for CFs, as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, while proposing more direct support to the MFs. A relevant proposal to be elaborated by a Commission.

## 7 Commissions

The President suggested only appointing the Chairs now and later, in consultation with the appointed Chairs, making a proposal for the membership.

***Proposal jointly presented with the General Secretary – and approved unanimously by the Executive Board:***

### 1. Athletes' Commission

Chair: Mr. Pyrros Dimas

Assistant: Mr. Tom Goegebuer – if needed, to invite him to EB meetings

Mr. Stephen suggested that eventually a Constitution change should be necessary to consider in order to follow the *IOC Guidelines* and let the athletes elect the members of the Athletes' Commission.

### 2. Women's Commission

Chair: Ms. Ursula Papandrea

### 3. Disciplinary and Ethics Commission

Vice Chair (position fixed by the IWF Constitution): Mr. Birendra P. Baishya

### 4. Membership Commission

Chair: Mr. Petr Krol

### 5. Development and Education Commission

Chair: Mr. José Quinones

### 6. Marketing Commission

Chair: Mr. Zhanat Tussupbekov

(7. **Intercontinental Commission:** Chairman is the IWF President by Constitution, in coordination with General Secretary)

**The President** proposed to the Board that **Ms. Lundahl** should act as a **Deputy Chair** to **Mr. Mahgoub** for the CRC, with a special focus on women's weightlifting – **accepted**.

**Dr. Aján** informed the Board about the establishment of a Weightlifting Academy by the Kazakhstan Weightlifting Federation (in Astana) in cooperation with ELEIKO Company in a total value of 15 Million Dollars. He called the three Committees to elaborate criteria for a "Weightlifting Academy" in the next 6 months. Once established, IWF will issue Certificates for both instructors and students. Projected time of construction: 2 years.

**Mr. Tussupbekov** added that their goal was to provide in one place a complex opportunity for top qualification in weightlifting coaches, management personnel, medical personnel and related staff. He mentioned that the budget was a pool of resources from Astana's Mayor, governmental and private sources. He promised to submit status reports at each EB meeting on the progress of the project.

## **8 Uniform for Executive Board**

Material, design and contribution to tailor's costs were distributed. EB uniform to be ready by next meeting.

## **9 Executive Board and Committee meetings in Anaheim**

(Not discussed – invitations had been sent.)

## **10 Follow-up on the Tbilisi decision**

**Dr. Aján** reminded the Board that weightlifting had 49 positives in the 2008 and 2012 reanalysis. **Dr. Nyirfa** gave an update explaining why still no action was legally possible on the Tbilisi decision after 1 and half years.

*2 phases of Results Management for re-analysis cases: First the IOC, as owner of the Olympic Games, has to take the decisions and attend to the direct consequences (e.g. disqualification from the Games, forfeiting medals).*

*In 2<sup>nd</sup> phase IWF takes over the result management: as soon as IOC decision becomes final (all legal procedures, including appeals, concluded, etc.) case comes to the IWF to decide on the ineligibility period. IOC started to reanalyse in June 2016, and almost all cases were closed only at the end of 2016. Two cases became final not earlier than end of August 2017. Meanwhile IWF took its Tbilisi Decision on 22 June 2016. Three MFs appealed it in principle before Rio; CAS awards came out only this March. We had to wait until the validity of the Decision was confirmed. Immediately the EB put it on the agenda of its 2 April 2017 EB meeting; appointed a 3-member Commission to investigate the issues of MFs having 3+ reanalysis cases. Commission met two times, its proposal is on the table today.*

**Dr. Christian Baumgartner**, Chair of the Tbilisi Commission incl. **Mr. Quinones** and **Dr. Irani** presented the Recommendation of the Commission.

*(Application of the Tbilisi Decision = 12 months ineligibility for all MFs concerned, whereby certain MFs may request a return to eligibility after a shorter period of time – grouped according to the gravity of the violations – subject to convincingly having fulfilled a set of criteria outlined with the letter awarding the suspension.)*

The IWF in a letter to the Director General assured the IOC of the IWF's full support of the Independent Testing Authority to be established, based on the EB's earlier position.

It was **suggested reducing the minimum suspension for Youth to 4 months only**, provided conditions are fulfilled by the MF and the MF applies for the reduction of ineligibility time.

Regarding the start of suspension time: it should not be earlier than 18 October, because 9 completely individualised decisions must be prepared – based on the EB decision on the elements. RUS and KAZ submissions (and those submitted by any of the other 7 MFs) had been taken into consideration and would be duly reflected in the decision. Decisions would be circulated to the Board prior to their notification to the 9 countries.

**Dr. Aján** summed up the discussion and confirmed: the Tbilisi Commission's proposal to be accepted; 12 months suspension to be implemented; Partial Conditional Lifting of ineligibility to participate at IWF Events subject to fulfilment of conditions as per monitoring judgements – earliest time for such lifting depending on the number and severity of re-analysis violations of the MF; 4 months minimum suspension for youth-aged lifters. Content of suspension as per August 2016 Rio de Janeiro EB decision, i.e. IWF elected officers exempt from suspension.

***The Tbilisi Decision Commission's Proposal was unanimously approved.***

### 13 **Current issues of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**

***Mr. Nicu Vlad, TC Chairman, and Mr. Attila Ádámfi, Director General were unanimously approved as 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games Weightlifting Technical Delegates.***

### 15 **Any other matter**

#### 15.1 **2018 IWF Junior World Championships**

Due to the international political situation several countries had indicated they would not participate in a JWC held in Pyongyang, PRK. He suggested to reallocate the Championships to Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

***The reallocation of the 2018 IWF Junior World Championships from PRK to UZB was unanimously approved.***

### 12 **Anti-Doping issues**

12.1 **Further actions to be considered regarding the Bulgarian Weightlifting Federation - *The Board unanimously accepted the proposal to aim at an out-of-court settlement. If BWF does not accept, IWF should remain in arbitration.***

#### 12.2 **Update on anti-doping issues**

The **Anti-Doping Commission's** report was presented by **Dr. Nyirfa** highlighting difficulties in enforcing the rule on whereabouts submission (too many offender MFs) and, showing a

table of the most notorious offender countries, asked the Board for eventually imposing a sanction to support the enforcement of the Anti-Doping Policy.

***After some discussion and further clarification it was agreed that a warning be sent to VEN.***

**TUE Committee** – ADC suggested to have a pool of TUE experts to choose from based on the recent modifications of the IWF Anti-Doping Policy. As soon as sufficient personal info on the candidates was available, **Dr. Nyirfa** would get back to the EB to seek their approval.

It was repeatedly confirmed that the ***IWF was wholeheartedly looking forward to cooperating with the Independent Testing Authority***, as soon as it would be established. The extent of such cooperation shall be decided later on.

***The report of the Anti-Doping Commission was unanimously accepted.***

#### **14 Current issues of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires**

***The President's proposal for 2018 YOG Event Delegate Mr. Attila Ádámfi was unanimously approved.***

**Mr. Ádámfi** and **Mr. Malgor** gave an update report on the preparations. EB was reminded of a special dedicated sub-page on IWF website <http://www.iwf.net/youth-olympic-games-buenos-aires-2018/>

#### **11 Reports and recommendations by the special Commissions based on the IOC EB's June 9<sup>th</sup> decision**

##### **11.1 Sport Programme Commission**

##### **11.2 Clean Sport Commission**

***Both the Sport Programme's and the Clean Sport Commission's interim reports were acknowledged and the EB expected good recommendations from both to its next meeting in Anaheim. The Board additionally expressed it was satisfied with the Clean Sport Commission's approach to further improve IWF's Anti-Doping Program.***

#### **15 Any other matter**

- **The President** reported on his very favourable impressions in Turkmenistan on the occasion of the Asian Indoor Games and said that TKM was considering organising a future World Championships. Negotiations between PER and TKM might occur regarding the 2018 World Championships.
- At the upcoming Asian Weightlifting Federation Congress in Bangkok, **Mr. Jalood** would resign with immediate effect as AWF General Secretary and new elections for that position would take place.
- Matters of the IWF Development Program, support to Continental Federations and MFs were discussed in principle with a concrete proposal to be submitted at next meeting.

## 16 President closing the meeting

In his closing words, **Dr. Aján** expressed thanks for the organisation and the IWF Secretariat for the preparation and concluded that he was very satisfied with the success of the meeting that took place in a good atmosphere.

*Report by Anikó Németh-Móra*

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