

IWF CONGRESS

15th June 2017 – Tokyo, Japan

MINUTES

Venue: Grand Prince Hotel NewTakanawa, Tokyo, Japan

Present: At head table: Dr. Tamás Aján, President
Mr. Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary
Mr. Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1st Vice President
Ms. Ursula Papandrea Garza, Mr. Nicu Vlad, Mr. Jose Quinones, Mr. Zhanat Tussupbekov, Mr. Petr Krol, Vice Presidents
Mr. Tetsuya Kimura, Sport Deputy Head of Japan Sports Agency
Mr. Yoshiyuki Miyake, President JWA
Member Federations' delegates – See Roll Call

1. Opening

Dr. Tamás Aján, President and the Executive Board Members present thanked for the delegates' confidence for the next four years.

He greeted **Mr. Tetsuya Kimura**, Sport Deputy Head of Japan Sports Agency, as well as Guests of Honour **Mr. Chao-Kuo Chang**, Honorary Life VP, **Dr. Patrick Schamasch**, IWF ADC Chairman. Thanks were also expressed to Thailand for hosting the IWF Electoral Congress.

The presence of delegates from 45 countries was established.

2. Welcome speech of the hosts

Mr. Tetsuya Kimura, Sport Deputy Head of Japan Sports Agency offered a welcome, followed by **Mr. Yoshiyuki Miyake**, President of JWA.

3. Technical and Program information on the 2017 IWF Junior World Championships

Ms. Reiko Chinen supplied relevant information.

4. Summary report of the 2017 Electoral Congress

Dr. Aján gave a short evaluation of the Congress.

5. Information about the IWF Executive Board meeting

Dr. Aján summarized the main decisions of the Executive Board:

TC Chairman: **Mr. Nicu Vlad** – who took the floor and thanked for the appointment.

MC Chairman: **Dr. Michael Irani** who promised to do his best to make a healthy sport.

CRC Chairman: **Mr. Mahmoud Mahgoub** (not present)

The 3 members to TC, CRC, MC elected by EB were listed and introduced to the Congress.

Appointment of 2 ex-officio EB members: **Mr. Yoshiyuki Miyake** (as Liaison to Tokyo2020), and **Mr. Gustavo Malgor** (as Liaison to the 2018 YOG).

2018 JWC – reconfirmed to be held in PRK, however, under serious conditions.

2018 JWC – allocated to Suva, FIJ (to be the 1st WC in the Pacific Region).

2019 YWC – allocated to Anaheim, CA, USA.

The President mentioned the IOC Executive Board’s decision to reduce quota and events for 2020 Olympic Games influencing the weightlifting program. The Executive Board of the IWF thoroughly deliberated the tasks arising and decided to create two Special Task Forces to address the duties. A Press Release was to be issued after the Congress.

6. Update on the latest IWF Anti-Doping Policy

Dr. Patrick Schamasch, IWF ADC Chairman addressed the delegates. The IWF has one of the strictest ADPs approved by WADA, as communicated to MFs before.

Dr. Éva Nyirfa, Anti-Doping Coordinator summarized information also sent earlier to MFs. Her presentation (Annex) underlined and highlighted the responsibility of MFs in implementing the AD rules.

The President outlined the Action Plan to address the anti-doping related tasks assigned by the IOC. **The Congress unanimously confirmed the Action Plan.**

7. Reports on the preparation of future events

7.1 2017 Universiade – Taipei, TPE

Ms. Anikó Németh-Móra, FISU Technical Delegate and **Ms. Felicia Chang**, Taipei2017 SU Weightlifting Manager reported on the upcoming Universiade where a record participation was expected in weightlifting.

7.2 2017 IWF World Championships – Anaheim, USA

USAW and OC delegation, **Mr. Phil Andrews**, **Ms. Ursula Papandrea** and **Mr. Pedro Meloni** gave a comprehensive report on the preparations, assuring the delegates of effective visa arrangements. Further info was submitted on the technical conditions, the Training Camp offered in Las Vegas, accommodation, etc.

7.3 2018 IWF Junior World Championships – Pyongyang, PRK

No report was presented.

7.4 2018 Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires, ARG

A report will follow at the next Congress.

7.5 2018 IWF World Championships – Lima, PER

A report will follow at the next Congress.

7.6 2019 IWF World Championships – Pattaya, THA

The representative of Pattaya City made the presentation of the preparations.

7.7 2020 Olympic Games – Tokyo, JPN

Ms. Reiko Chinen, Tokyo2020 Weightlifting Sport Manager submitted a very complete and pertinent report.

8. Presentations by the barbell manufacturers and sponsors

8.1 UESAKA – **Mr. Tadamasa Uesaka** offered his availability for any questions during the Championships in the competition hall.

8.2 ELEIKO – **Mr. Richard Gonsalvez** reported on ELEIKO celebration 60 years Anniversary and a proud partnership with IWF since 1969. His update included information on moving this August to new headquarters; an International Training Centre and ELEIKO Education and Research Projects.

9. Speeches by Congress delegates

None.

10. Any other business

Dr. Aján issued another message regarding the anti-doping matters and the immediate tasks and objectives of the IWF, and called for unity.

Mr. Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary addressed the Congress wishing unity and good luck to all.

With an expression of gratitude to hosts, participants, staff, the **President** declared the Congress closed.

Minutes by Anikó Németh-Móra – June 2017