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MEMBER FEDERATIONS AFFILIATED TO THE IWF

RE: CALL FOR CANDIDATURES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dear Sir / Madam:

On the occasion of the **IWF Congress in Moscow, RUS, 20th and 21st May 2013**, elections will take place to the **Executive Board and Committees** for the next term.

We should all be aware that those office bearers who will be elected to the various positions on the IWF bodies will make a significant impact on the development of international weightlifting. Therefore, all Member Federations must be aware of their great responsibility when putting forward candidates. Would you please therefore give your utmost attention to the following considerations:

1. In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Baku Congress and in effect as of 1st January 2013, Member Federations must fulfil the following conditions in order to be eligible to present candidates to the IWF elections (Article 3.4 - Obligations of Members):

- 3.4.1 *Pay the annual membership fee to the IWF.*
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- 3.4.4 *Develop the sport of weightlifting in their country. Organise the national championships annually.*
- 3.4.5 *Submit an annual activity report to the IWF.*
- 3.4.6 *Participate in the IWF Calendar Events with athletes.*
- 3.4.7 *Hold elections for or appoint their President, General Secretary and officers in accordance with their Constitution and inform the IWF about their election or appointment.*
- 3.4.8 *Remain in good standing and keep the IWF informed about the developments of weightlifting.*
- 3.4.9 *Respond to any IWF requests, including circulars and questionnaires.*
- 3.4.10 *Pay the Affiliation Fee to the IWF as determined by the Executive Board.*
- 3.4.11 *Keep the IWF Secretariat updated on any changes in the Federation.*
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Please check whether you have complied with the above conditions and nominate candidates for election only if you have fulfilled all these requirements.

2. Please nominate only members of good standing in your Federation who hold the competent to fulfil the position and devoted to the promotion of weightlifting. Regarding the eligibility of candidates, please respect the following Articles of the Constitution: (Article 8 – Elections)

8.1.4 *Member Federations may only propose bona fide candidates who are members of their Federation and must be citizens of the country of that Member Federation, as evidenced by passport or another official document issued by the country's authorities and provided by the Member Federation. A candidate may be nominated only by one (1) Member Federation to any IWF position even in case of double or multiple nationalities. The candidate must have been member of the Federation that proposes him/her for the last three (3) years, or subject to agreement between the two Federations concerned. Only those member Federations that have participated with athletes in a minimum of two (2) World or Continental Championships in the four (4) years prior to the election are eligible to submit candidates.*

8.1.5 *Any member of the Executive Board or Committees with a minimum of twelve (12) years of service may be a candidate in his/her own right to any position on the respective body provided that his/her nomination is supported by a minimum of one fifth (1/5) of the Member Federations. Proof of support by the Member Federations must be in writing and presented with the candidature.*

3. Bear in mind that the IWF Executive Board and the Committees have meetings regularly, 2 or 3 times a year. Participation is obligatory and the members' costs of travel and participation in these meetings must be financed by their Member Federation or self-financed. By signing the Candidature Form, your Federation guarantees that the travel and the participation of your elected member(s) in these meetings will be duly financed.
4. In order to increase women's participation in the sport's management parallel with the fast progress of female weightlifting, it is strongly recommended to nominate female candidates to any of the positions on the Executive Board or Committees. Moreover, in our present Constitution, we have specific rules to be able to comply with this desirable development. (Article 8.2.6):

... if none of the people elected as President, General Secretary Treasurer, 1st Vice President and Vice Presidents is a woman, the first of the eight (8) Executive Board Member positions shall be attributed in preference to a woman. To that effect, only female candidatures shall be admitted to take part in a first round of vote regarding the first of the eight (8) positions of the Executive Board. ...

5. Fill in one (1) **Candidature Form** for each candidate! (We recommend you to make or download the necessary number of copies of the Form before filling out.)
6. One candidate may run for one, two or more positions, as per the rules, (e.g. Vice President, Executive Board member and Technical Committee member) but all desired positions must be marked on the **Candidature Form** in the appropriate boxes.
7. The mark "**No.1 or No.2**" in the column "**Preference**" indicates that you may nominate a person to the Executive Board and, in case he/she is not elected there, he/she may also be a candidate to the Committees, in addition to your other candidate. To mark your preference in the election of the Committees, please check either the "No.1" or the No.2" square next to the name of the candidate.

8. Candidates must have a good command of **English** as the working language of the IWF to allow active participation in the meetings. Lacking that, members must ensure proper English translation.
9. Candidates to the **IWF Medical Committee** must possess a Diploma of Faculty of Medicine.
10. Candidates to the **IWF Technical Committee** must have International Category 1 Technical Official Card and a minimum of 5 years practice.
11. A copy of the candidate's **passport** must be enclosed.
12. The **Candidature Form** is available for download on the IWF home page: www.iwf.net . **Candidature Forms**, the photograph and the passport copy may also be forwarded by e-mail to the address election2013@iwfnet.net , but the original Forms must be sent by registered mail as well.
13. **Candidatures must be forwarded to the IWF Secretariat ONLY by means of the CANDIDATURE FORM appropriately filled out, duly signed, PASSPORT COPY and PHOTOGRAPH enclosed, arriving at the IWF Secretariat (1146 Budapest, Istvánmezei ut 1-3. Hungary)**

before 24:00 h (CET) on 20th March 2013!

14. The IWF will send a confirmation of the candidatures upon receipt.

Looking forward to receiving your candidatures,

Yours sincerely,



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