

IWF CONGRESS

6 July 2018, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

MINUTES

Venue:	Hotel International, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Present:	At head table: Dr. Tamás Aján, President Mr. Mohammed Jalood, General Secretary Mr. Intarat Yodbangtoey, 1 st Vice President Ms. Ursula Papandrea Garza, Mr. Nicu Vlad, Mr. Jose Quinones, Mr. Petr Krol, Vice Presidents Mr. Shakhrillo Makhmudov, Vice President Uzbekistan Federation, EB Member Delegates of Member Federations: Roll Call in Annex #1 . (Delegates from ARM, AZE, BLR, CHN, RUS, TUR, UKR attending with no voting right.)
1.	<u>Opening</u> Dr. Tamás Aján, IWF President opened the Congress and thanked the host Uzbekistan for their hospitality and organisation.
2.	<u>Welcome speech of the hosts & technical and program information on the 2018 IWF Junior World Championships</u> Welcoming speeches were offered by Mr. Botir Zakirov, President UWF, by Mr. Jasir Matchanov, General Secretary of the NOC of Uzbekistan and by Mr. Shakhrillo Makhmudov – on behalf of the hosts.
3.	<u>Appreciations by the IWF</u> Mr. Zakirov, Mr. Matchanov received the tokens of the IWF’s appreciation for hosting the event and returned this favour by souvenirs presented to the IWF leaders. A minute of silence was offered in honour of Alexander Kurlovich, Rafael Pacho, and Irena Szewinska, important sporting personalities deceased recently. The presence of delegates from 63 countries was established. The IWF Honour Award was presented to Mr. Jeon Chang Beom, Mayor of Yanggu, Korea, following the proposal by the Korean Weightlifting Federation.
4.	<u>Information, major decisions and proposals of the IWF Executive Board</u> Among the major decisions the following was highlighted: (item presented by Technical Committee Chairman Mr. Nicu Vlad, within his TC report) – Annex #2 . 4.1 the Modification of the IWF Technical and Competition Rules and Regulations; New Bodyweight Categories for Men and Women, Bodyweight Categories for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games: MEN: 55, 61, 67, 73, 81, 89, 96, 102, 109, +109kg – of which 61, 67, 73, 81, 96, 109, +109kg Olympic categories for Tokyo2020;

	<p>WOMEN: 45, 49, 55, 59, 64, 71, 76, 81, 87, +87kg – of which 49, 55, 64, 71, 81, 87, +87kg Olympic categories for Tokyo2020</p> <p><i>The modification of the IWF TCRR as per the above was ratified by the Congress.</i></p>
	<p>4.2 Medical Committee – Dr. Michael Irani, Chairman reported (Annex #3); pointing out various issues like adjusting to new bodyweight categories, dangers of weight loss, supplements; transgender policy, lower testosterone policy; video replay in injury review; keep on electronic record, necessity of doctors’ presence in international championships, etc. In conclusion he called the Member Federations to support their doctors’ presence in Championships.</p> <p><i>The MC Report was accepted by the Congress delegates.</i></p>
	<p>4.3 Coaching and Research Committee – Mr. Mahmoud Mahgoub, Chairman reported (Annex #4); including IWF Coaching Courses Level 1 & 2 – weightlifting development for women and children, coaches’ register, etc.</p> <p><i>The CRC Report was accepted by the Congress delegates.</i></p>
6.	<p><u>Finances</u></p> <p>6.1 Annual Report 2017 Mr. Alain Siegrist, Financial Advisor made a presentation giving the Summary of the 2017 IWF accounts. – Annex #5.</p> <p>6.2 Auditors’ Report Mr. Cedric Rigoli of KPMG presented the Audited Financial Statements for 2017 (Annex #6)</p> <p>Mr. Siegrist then gave a status report of the 2018 Budget.</p> <p><i>Both financial reports were unanimously approved.</i></p>
7.	<p><u>Report on Development and Education</u></p> <p>7.1 2018 IWF Development Program – Status Report – Annex #7 Provided by Mr. José Quinones, DEC Chairman</p> <p>7.2 2018 IWF CF contributions – Status Report – Annex #8 Ms. Timea Horváth, Development and Education Manager submitted a report.</p> <p>7.3 Olympic Solidarity Report – Annex #9 Ms. Timea Horváth informed the delegates on the status and potential of Olympic Solidarity projects in weightlifting. Dr. Aján emphasized the importance of stimulating MFs, RFs and CFs to create their own marketing revenues.</p> <p><i>The three reports were unanimously approved.</i></p>

<p>1.</p>	<p><u>Anti-Doping Report</u></p> <p>Dr. Aján in his introduction stressed that the education of athletes must be ongoing and warned that the control network was tighter than ever. A decision by the IOC Executive Board was expected regarding the 2024 Olympic Games in view of the IWF’s relevant submission.</p> <p>Dr. Patrick Schamasch, ADC Chairman, Dr. Éva Nyirfa, IWF Legal Counsel, Dr. Lilla Sági, Junior Legal Counsel and Ms. Réka Földesi, Anti-Doping Coordinator submitted comprehensive reports to the Congress. – <i>Annex #10</i></p> <p>The importance of attending AD Seminars was stressed; issues of the Whereabouts submission were highlighted; regulations regarding the Athlete Support Personnel were explained.</p> <p><i>Congress attendees were called to stand up and make an oath to “Lift Clean”. This was accomplished.</i></p> <p>The President pointed out that even with the best elaborated AD program the IWF could not reach success without the cooperation from its constituents.</p> <p>Mr. Jalood called the attention of MFs to WA submission negligence resulting in the non-eligibility of several athletes wishing to take part in the YOG Qualification events and emphasized the national Federations’ responsibility.</p> <p>IWF staff members assured the delegates that all problems could be avoided if MFs contacted the IWF in any format in time, i.e. before the deadline.</p> <p><i>The Anti-Doping Commission’s Report was accepted.</i></p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Reports on the preparation of future events</u></p>
	<p>9.1 2018 FISU World University Championship – Biala Podlaska, POL Polish Federation President Mr. Mariusz Jedra and FISU Technical Delegate Ms. Anikó Németh-Móra reported.</p>
	<p>9.2 2018 Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires, ARG Mr. Attila Ádámfi, Event Delegate submitted a Competition progress report and information on the YOG Qualification status (permanently available on IWF website)</p>
	<p>9.3 2018 IWF World Championships – Ashgabat, TKM A delegation by the Turkmenistan Weightlifting Federation and Olympic Committee submitted an informative report. First event to be held in the new bodyweight categories, the 2018 IWF WWC Regulation was being finalized then published.</p>
	<p>9.4 2019 IWF Youth World Championships - USA USAW President Ms. Ursula Papandrea and USAW CEO Mr. Phil Andrews informed the Congress that the YWC was moved from Anaheim to Las Vegas. Timely management of visa applications was urged. Answering concerns regarding the recent US immigration</p>

	restrictions they assured delegates that exceptions for sport were available and assured that all eligible participants would be provided entry.
	<p>9.5 2019 IWF Junior World Championships – Suva, FIJ Ms. Dela Show from the Fiji Organising Committee gave particulars of the event on behalf of OC Chairman Dr. Robin Mitchell, IOC Member. Dates: 1-8 June 2019, the Government committed to fully finance from national budget, visa on arrival and renovated venues would await participants.</p>
	<p>9.6 2019 IWF World Championships – Pattaya, THA TAWA President Ms. Boossaba Yodbangtoey offered a welcome, followed by Mr. Nippon Limboonsuebsai from the OC. Dates: 16-25 October 2019, many parties cooperate, local transfer from Bangkok/Suvanarbhumi Airport (130km).</p>
	<p>9.7 2020 Olympic Games progress report – Tokyo, JPN Ms. Reiko Chinen, T2020 Sports Manager gave an update report. Test Event planned: 6-7 July 2019 = JPN-CHN-KOR International Friendship Tournament but open to attend by anyone at own cost.</p> <p>Tokyo 2020 Technical Delegate Mr. Ádámfi presented the Qualification System now completed with the bodyweight categories as decided by the IWF EB. He highlighted the process of its elaboration in several steps: the Qualification System had been approved by the IOC Executive Board; it was then sent to the Member Federations and published on the website. He pointed out that the IWF's approach to doping as reflected in the Tokyo2020 QS had been confirmed by IOC as a good example.</p> <p><i>The completed and finalized Olympic Qualification System for Tokyo2020 was unanimously ratified by the Congress.</i></p> <p>At 7.00 p.m. a briefing on the Qualification would be held.</p> <p>Dr. Aján announced to the Congress that the Zhangkong (China) barbell manufacturing company was selected as the supplier of weightlifting at the Tokyo2020 OG.</p>
	<p>9.8 2020 IWF Youth World Championships – just allocated by the Executive Board: Lima, PER Peruvian WF presenting: the well-known competition venue, 4 high-class hotels, DHS barbells, dates: middle of November.</p>
	<p>9.9 2020 IWF Junior World Championships – just allocated by the EB to Cairo, EGY Egyptian Federation made a presentation of the planned facilities and conditions.</p>
10.	<p>Presentations by the barbell manufacturers and sponsors</p> <p>The following companies made presentations: ELEIKO, Sweden</p>

	UESAKA, Japan ZKC, China
11.	Speeches by Congress delegates - none
12.	Any other business – none
The President summarized the Congress as very useful, informative and successful. He thanked all participants and contributors and declared the Congress closed.	

Minutes by A. Németh-Móra
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