



IWF

INTERNATIONAL
WEIGHTLIFTING
FEDERATION

REPORT
OF EXECUTIVE
BOARD MEETING
12-13 March 2016
RIO DE JANEIRO



Venue: Promenade Paradiso All Suites Hotel

Present: Dr.Tamás Aján, President

Mr. Ma Wenguang, General Secretary, Mr.Nicu Vlad, 1st Vice President

Mr. Sam Coffa, Maj.Gen. Intarat Yodbangtoey, Mr. José Quinones, Mr. Ong Poh Eng, Mr. Alexander Gerasimenko, Vice Presidents

Ms. Moira Lassen, Mr. Pyrros Dimas, Mr. Birendra P. Baishya, Mr. Mohamed Jaloud, Dr. Michael Irani, Mr. David Montero, Dr. Christian Baumgartner, Dr. Fathi Masmoudi, Executive Board Members

Mr. Khaled Mhalhel, Mr. Marcus Stephen, Continental Presidents

Mr. Attila Ádámfi, IWF Director General

Excused: Mr. Mohamed Y. Al Mana, Dr. Antonio Urso, Mr. Willian Ozuna

1. Opening and Roll Call

President Dr. Aján welcomed the Board members and introduced the guests: **Mr. Carlos Arthur Nuzmán, President of the Rio2016 Org. Committee and Brazilian NOC, Mr. Agberto Guimaraes, Executive Director for Sport of Rio 2016, and Mr. Pedro Meloni, Weightlifting Sport Manager of Rio2016.**

Apologies had been sent by **Dr. Urso** and **Mr. Ozuna**.

2. Welcome address by the hosts

Mr. Carlos Arthur Nuzmán, President of the Rio2016 Org. Committee warmly welcomed the IWF Executive Board to the Olympic City, offered the NOC's and Rio2016's assistance and an invitation to dinner.

In his reply, **Dr. Aján** thanked for the honour and expressed positive expectations regarding the Olympic Games.

4. Rio2016 Update information

Mr. Pedro Meloni, Weightlifting Sport Manager informed the Board about the status of preparations for the Games, with special focus on the venues and hotels. ([Annex 1](#))

13.1 Report on the IOC-IFs Women in Sport Leadership Forum

Upon appointment by the IWF President, IWF was represented at the Forum in Lausanne in the days prior to the EB meeting by **Ms. Moira Lassen, Chair of the IWF Women's Commission, and Ms. Karoliina Lundahl (FIN), Member of the Commission. IWF Vice President, Mr. José Quinones** was also present in his NOC capacity.

Ms. Lassen reported in a presentation on the great success of the Forum and the IWF's contributions. She concluded by pointing out that an Action Plan had been approved for the IFs to implement in practice. [\(Annex 2, 3 and 3B\)](#)

The IWF Women's Commission Report (Annex 3) notes Chair Lassen's three important initiatives in the coming year in order to achieve IOC's Agenda 2020 recommendations:

1. Implementation of a new female weight category from seven to eight in order to promote gender equality
2. Implementation of a mandatory female Vice President position with the constitutional electoral process
3. Engage the Executive Board to register in the United Nations #HEFORSHE campaign.

9. Agenda 2020 update

The various subjects of the Olympic Agenda 2020 with a relation to the IWF were dealt with by **Mr. Ádámfi** in a combined presentation. [\(Annex 4\)](#) ASOIF General Assembly is expected to approve the Principles on Good Governance in April, yet the IWF was being pro-active in addressing the issues.

Mr. Baumgartner emphasized that communication was very important and in the future the IWF may be challenged for good governance in its Member Federations.

Mr. Ádámfi confirmed that recently the IWF had significantly improved its communication on multiple platforms, however, due to the disturbing news and situations in other IFs/sports the whole of the "sports industry" was being judged negatively.

An idea to include good governance and communication in the curriculum of the future Education Seminars was warmly welcomed for implementation.

7. IWF Development Program

Summary of applications for 2016 – approval of the proposal of the DEC by the EB

Mr. Quinones, Chairman of DEC presented the Commission's summary of applications and the proposal for the allocation of development funds. [\(Annex 5\)](#)

The DEC's proposal for the allocation of 2016 Development Program funds was unanimously approved.

8. Rio 2016 Olympic Qualification

8.1 Status after the 2014 and 2015 Qualification World Championships

8.2 The 5 Continental Qualification Events in 2016 and related information

Mr. Ádámfi made a joint presentation on both points highlighting the important factors in the Continental Qualification Events and Qualification Grand Prix/World Cups. [\(Annex 6\)](#) Updated status information would be available on the IWF website.

6. Report of the IWF Marketing Commission

Mr. Tussupbekov, Chairman of the MC gave an introduction and pointed out that in order to realize the high goals set, the establishment of new Marketing Department has been decided within the IWF Secretariat – to be financed by the MC. As Project Leader, **Ms. Mihaela Ungar** was appointed.

A presentation followed by **Ms. Ungar** and the Head of Advisory Services of the **Ernst & Young Company, Romania**.

Communication and Marketing Director Ms. Rozgonyi reported on the meeting of the Marketing Commission held in Budapest with the aim of defining strategic objectives.

Ms. Ungar presented a SWOT Analysis (**Annex 7**), as well as a PPT urging the EB to decide about the type of business relationship to enter into with the company she represents. In conclusion, she recommended partnering with a professional Media and Sports Agency.

After discussion it was agreed that the IWF would move forward to enter into partnership with one company. **Dr. Aján** thanked **Mr. Tussupbekov** and his colleagues.

Mr. Tussupbekov, appreciating the sincere discussions, thanked for entrusting them with the task to find together a strong partner for the IWF. As evidence of understanding the responsibility involved, he submitted data on his company. Ernst and Young would join in as a neutral partner as consultant. Finally, he promised transparency with all decisions to be taken by the Executive Board.

13.4 Consultation and info on the procedure and ongoing cases in Anti-Doping

Dr. Aján confirmed that once ongoing cases will be closed, communication will follow regarding eventual Olympic quota withdrawals. **Mr. Ádámfi** added that until that time unfortunately the qualification status would not be final, either.

EB members were further asked to spread the information about *Meldonium* which WADA had put on the list of Prohibited Substances as of 1 January 2016. The IWF had already issued warnings since last October.

Dr. Aján called the EB's attention to the special anti-doping rules and testing arrangements regarding the upcoming Olympic Games in Brazil.

Dr. Baumgartner called for a stricter rule regarding the recuperation of medals for reallocation from disqualified athletes. **Mr. Ádámfi** explained that as a first step in the search for a solution in this complicated issue extra sets of medals were being produced by event organisers for an eventual redistribution.

5. Administrative issues of IWF EB's participation in Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Dr. Aján and **Ms. Németh-Móra** provided practical information on the accreditation process and the EB Members' participation in the Games.

12. 2016 IWF Junior World Championships, Tbilisi

A technical visit by the IWF delegation was due at the end of March. An IWF Executive Board meeting will take place on 22-23 June 2016. **Dr. Aján** set out the timeline for the preparation of the next edition of the IWF Constitution and By-Laws. As regards the Electoral Congress in 2017, scheduled for the last week in May, **the President** sought and received the EB's authorization to negotiate with the candidate countries to find the best location and the best terms for the Congress.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting in Houston

The Minutes of the meeting held in Houston were unanimously approved.

13.2 IWF Events

Mr. Ádámfi called attention to the conditions to be met in connection with IWF Events (timely communication, Regulation, correct results, etc.), with special regard to various Games with weightlifting on their program, and asked officials involved to comply with the requirements.

13.3 2018 Youth Olympic Games Qualification System

In his presentation, **Mr. Ádámfi** outlined the Qualification System elaborated for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires, now waiting for approval by the IOC. **(Annex 8 A-B) The Executive Board unanimously approved the System on behalf of the IWF.**

13.5 Crossfit

Mr. Coffa shared his concerns regarding the spreading of crossfit – at places to the detriment of weightlifting organisations and called for preventive actions.

Mr. Baumgartner indicated that e.g. in Germany weightlifting was profiting from the crossfit movement.

13.6 Medical issues

Dr. Irani redistributed the IOC Guidelines on transgender athletes and forwarded its warning regarding the Zika virus.

13.7 Athletes' Commission

Mr Dimas, Chairman of the Athletes' Commission reported on the progress of preparations for a meeting of the Commission in Athens, probably in September.

13.8 PanAmerican Games

Mr. Quinones was seeking IWF involvement and cooperation regarding the upcoming Pan-American Games and gave an update on the preparations.

As the conclusion of the meeting, the IWF's short movies were played which received appreciation from the EB.

*A.Németh-Móra
June 2016*