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OF THE 63RD ORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION ICESTOCKSPORT
HELD IN WINKLARN, AUSTRIA ON 25 FEBRUARY 2018

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In attendance

In addition to the delegates specified under agenda item 3, the following Member Federations are in attendance: IFI Executive Board President Manfred Schäfer (MS), Andrea Spiess, Vice-President for Women's Affairs (AS), Karl Rosenberger, Vice-President for Sport (KR), Emil Reumer, Vice-President for Finance (ER), Dr. Victor M. García-Barrios, Vice-President for Special Tasks (VG).

In addition, the following people are in attendance: Honorary Member of the Executive Board Anton Sorger, Honorary Member of the Executive Board Sepp Hölzl, Max Moritz, Head of the Technical Office, Dr. Eberhardt Anke, Chairman of the IFI Anti-Doping Commission, Eileen Flügel (interpreter for English) and Irina Tsishuk (interpreter for Russian).

Apologies were received for being unable to attend from Peter Longo, Vice-President for International Affairs (PL), Helmuth Waldthaler, Chairman of the Sports Court.

Agenda item 1: Opening by the President or his deputy

President Manfred Schäfer opens the 63rd Ordinary Congress of the International Federation Icestocksport (IFI) at 10.04 hrs., welcomes all present and wishes the Congress every success.

MS particularly welcomes the Congress's special guests: Gernot Lechner (Mayor of Winklarn), Wolfgang Binder (President of the Austrian National Federation), Alfred Weichinger (Head of the Organising Committee), Honorary Members of the Executive Board Anton Sorger and Sepp Hölzl, and IFI's consultants for the Olympic movement Volker Bernardi (author of our application to the IOC) and Christian Wassmer (IFI consultant). Edelbert List (Honorary President of the IFI), Peter Longo (IFI Vice-President) and Helmuth Waldthaler (Chairman of the Sports Court) apologised for being unable to attend. MS particularly regretted the absence of Vice-President Peter Longo, especially since he is standing for re-election; MS would very much welcome his re-election.

Wolfgang Binder, President of the Austrian National Federation, also welcomes all present and wishes the Congress every success.

The following IFI distinctions were unanimously approved and the badges of honour presented.

- Alfred Ahamer (AUT) - Bronze Badge of Honour. He is not present, so Wolfgang Binder receives the award on his behalf.
- Christian Rimsl GER - Bronze Badge of Honour.
- Helmut Waldthaler ITA - Silver Badge of Honour - not present (Mr. Prast receives the award on his behalf)

A minute's silence is held to commemorate those colleagues and friends who have passed away since the last Congress.

Agenda item 2: Establishing that the Congress has been called correctly

President Manfred Schäfer (MS) confirms that the IFI Office dispatched the invitations to the Congress together with the agenda to all Member Federations in good time (on 6 November 2017), and thus correctly in accordance with the Statutes. The following people were also invited to attend: the Honorary President, the members of the Executive Board, the Chairpersons of the Sports and Appeal Courts, the auditors, and the interpreters Eileen Flügel and Irina Tsishuk.

He asks if there are any objections to the way in which the Congress was called; none are raised.

MS thus declares that the 63rd Ordinary Congress of the IFI has a quorum under Article 10.6. of the Statutes.

Agenda item 3: Establishing the presence of the representatives entitled to vote and any powers of attorney

Victor García (VG), Vice-President for Special Tasks, establishes that 23 Member Federations with a total of 23 voting rights are present. He reads out the names of the Member Federations present and the voting cards are distributed at the same time. VG announces that 16 votes constitute a two-thirds majority and 12 votes constitute a simple majority.

LIST OF DELEGATES on 25 February 2018 in Winklarn (AUT):

Nation	Participant 1	Participant 2	Participant 3	Voting rights	Total present number
Australia	Manfred Stoeghofer	Barry O'Donnell	Michael Pusrwald	1	3
Austria	Wolfgang Binder	Otto Kügerl	Baldur Brandt	1	3
Belarus	Irina Tsishuk	Udo Reichenecker		1	2
Brazil	Sergio Böhm	Milton Bressler	Samuel Böhm	1	3
Canada	Jennifer Mayrl	Ronny Horvath	Heinrich Glasl	1	3
Colombia	Juan Antonio Martinez J.	Neyda E. Bernal S.	Cecilia M. Martinez-Bohar	1	3

Czech Republic	Vaclav Partl	Miroslav Hruz	Josef Cech	1	3
Finland	Maritta Niutanen Salminen	Pia Aglassinger	Mika Hyvönen	1	3
France	Christophe Chabaud			1	1
Germany	Christian Lindner	Karin Schmidt	Christian Rimsl	1	3
Guatemala	J. Luis G. Cordero	Maria Kazianka		1	2
India	Irfan Aziz Butta			1	1
Italy	Walter Prast	Johann Mulser	Franz Albrecht	1	3
Kenya	Timothy Ngugi	Sebastian Okech	Sabina Awour	1	3
Lithuania	Zaliekas Vygantas	Zilvinas Eidukaitis		1	2
Luxembourg	Norbert Conter			1	1
Namibia	Detlef Pfeifer	Johannes Stone		1	2
Paraguay	Anneluise Micossi	Yvonne Insfran		1	1
Poland	Roman Kaczmarek	Tadeusz Godziatkowski	Ryszard Sobczak	1	3
Russia	Pavel Trigubov			1	1
Slovenia	Mojca Mahajnc	Bogomir Pihleric	Petra Geratic	1	2
Switzerland	Ueli Mumenthaler	Pierre Morel	Harald Koller	1	3
Ukraine	Volodymyr V. Polozheshnyi	Oleksandr V. Polozheshnyi		1	2
		Total number of voting rights		23	55
				12	
				16	

Agenda item 4: Acceptance of new Member Federations

Complete applications have been received from new countries requesting membership of the International Federation. MS requests the approval of these new membership applications.

- IRAN is unanimously accepted as a new member.
- GABON is unanimously accepted as a new member.
- CHINA is unanimously accepted as a new member. Marko Asanovic, the delegate for China, is present and is warmly welcomed; he accepts the membership certificate in person.
- SPAIN is unanimously accepted as a new member.

Since China is officially taking part in the Congress with one delegate, the voting rights for this Congress change as follows:

- Participants: 24 nations
- Simple majority: 13
- 2/3 majority: 16

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Austria	Wolfgang Binder	Otto Kügerl	Baldur Brandt	1	3
Belarus	Irina Tsishuk	Udo Reichenecker		1	2
Brazil	Sergio Böhm	Milton Bressler	Samuel Böhm	1	3
Canada	Jennifer Mayrl	Ronny Horvath	Heinrich Glasl	1	3
China	Marko Asanovic			1	1

Colombia	Juan Antonio Martinez J.	Neyda E. Bernal S.	Cecilia M. Martinez-Bohar	1	3
Czech Republic	Vaclav Partl	Miroslav Hruz	Josef Cech	1	3
Finland	Maritta Niutanen Salminen	Pia Aglassinger	Mika Hyvönen	1	3
France	Christophe Chabaud			1	1
Germany	Christian Lindner	Karin Schmidt	Christian Rimsl	1	3
Guatemala	J. Luis G. Cordero	Maria Kazianka		1	2
India	Irfan Aziz Butta			1	1
Italy	Walter Prast	Johann Mulser	Franz Albrecht	1	3
Kenya	Timothy Ngugi	Sebastian Okech	Sabina Awour	1	3
Lithuania	Zaliekas Vygantas	Zilvinas Eidukaitis		1	2
Luxembourg	Norbert Conter			1	1
Namibia	Detlef Pfeifer	Johannes Stone		1	2
Paraguay	Anneluise Micossi	Yvonne Insfran		1	1
Poland	Roman Kaczmarek	Tadeusz Godziatkowski	Ryszard Sobczak	1	3
Russia	Pavel Trigubov			1	
Slovenia	Mojca Mahajnc	Bogomir Pihleric	Petra Geratic	1	2
Switzerland	Ueli Mumenthaler	Pierre Morel	Harald Koller	1	3
Ukraine	Volodymyr V. Polozheshnyi	Oleksandr V. Polozheshnyi		1	2
		Total number of voting rights		24	56
		Simple majority		13	
		2/3 majority		16	

Agenda item 5: Approval of the minutes of the last Congress

MS says that the minutes of the 62nd IFI Congress were sent to all the National Federations on time and that no objections have been received. The minutes of the 62nd IFI Congress are therefore approved.

Agenda item 6: Activity reports

6a) by the President or his deputy

MS states that his report as IFI President is available in writing. When he asks whether there are any comments or suggestions on his report, there are no requests to speak.

6b) by the Vice-President for Sport

Karl Rosenberger (KR), Vice-President for Sport, states that his report is available in writing and requests comments or questions. No questions are asked by anyone present.

6c) by the Vice-President for Finance

Emil Reumer (ER), Vice-President for Finance, explains the annual accounts for 2016 and 2017. There are no further questions on the annual accounts.

6d) by auditors with a motion to approve the actions of the Vice-President for Finance

The IFI auditors have carried out all the audits for 2016 and 2017. All the supporting documents and the IFI's bookkeeping are clear and complete. All the balance sheets correspond to the supporting documents. The funds have

been handled prudently and all the auditors' questions have been answered. The auditors' suggestions and recommendations were also accepted. Approval of the actions of the Vice-President for Finance is requested.

The Congress gives its approval unanimously, without any dissenting votes.

6e) by the Members' representatives

MS states that the Nations' reports made under the terms of the IFI Statutes are available in writing and asks whether the delegates have anything else to report. There are no other points to be mentioned.

Agenda item 7: Discussion on activity reports

When asked by MS for statements on the activity reports, there are no requests to speak. There are also no questions to the Executive Board. At this point, MS announces that he will stand as a candidate for President again at this Congress, but for various reasons wishes to step down after two years.

Agenda item 8: Amendments to the Statutes

The amendments to the Statutes in Annex 1 (concerning item 15.1.9 and item 15.2) are unanimously approved (without any dissenting votes or abstentions).

Agenda item 9: Formation of an election committee

For the elections, an Election Committee is proposed as follows:

- Christian Rimsl (Chairman)
- Manfred Stöghofer (co-member)
- Otto Kügerl (co-member)

This composition is accepted without any dissenting votes.

Christian Rimsl requests that a short break be taken for the preparation of agenda items 10 and 11.

BREAK 10:55h to 11:05h

Agenda item 10: Approval of the actions of the Executive Board

Christian Rimsl addresses the attending delegates and requests their approval of the actions of the Executive Board. There is unanimous approval of the actions of the Vice-President for Finance and the Executive Board.

Agenda item 11: By-elections Executive Board, Technical Committee, Federation Courts (including deputies), one auditor

The results of the by-elections are given below:

IFI President

The current President is Manfred Schäfer (GER). Manfred Schäfer stands for election, with the announced proviso that he wishes to stand down after 2 years.

Manfred Schäfer is re-elected unanimously (without any dissenting votes or abstentions). Manfred Schäfer accepts the election.

Vice-President for International Affairs

Peter Longo (ITA), the current Vice-President, stands for re-election but is absent for health reasons. He is presented by Walter Prast (ITA).

Baldur Brandt (AUT) also stands for election and presents himself.

Baldur Brandt is elected by 13:11 votes. Baldur Brandt accepts the election.

Vice-President for Finance

Emil Reumer (SUI) stands for election, with the proviso that he wishes to stand down after 2 years.

Emil Reumer is re-elected unanimously (without any dissenting votes or abstentions) and he accepts the election.

Vice-President for Special Tasks

Victor M. García-Barrios (GUA) stands for election.

Victor García is re-elected unanimously (without any dissenting votes or abstentions) and he accepts the election.

Vice-President for Sport

Karl Rosenberger (AUT) stands for election, with the proviso that he wishes to stand down after 2 years.

Karl Rosenberger is re-elected unanimously (without any dissenting votes or abstentions) and he accepts the election.

Vice-President for Women's Affairs

Andrea Spiess (SUI) and Mojca Mahajnc (SLO) stand for election.

Andrea Spiess is elected by 15:9 votes. She accepts the election.

Vice-President for Legal Affairs and Olympic Relations

Volker Bernardi (GER) stands for election.

Volker Bernardi is elected unanimously (without any dissenting votes or abstentions) and he accepts the election.

Members of the Technical Committee

7 Members are to be elected. The following people stand for election: Pierre Morel (SUI), Udo Reichenecker (BLR), Pia Aglassinger (FIN), Sonja Mulser (ITA), Matjaz Kocjan (SLO), Christian Lindner (GER), Heinrich Glasl (CAN) and Klaus Pflieger (AUT).

The newly-elected Members of the Technical Committee are:

- Pierre Morel (SUI)
- Udo Reichenecker (BLR)
- Pia Aglassinger (FIN)
- Sonja Mulser (ITA)
- Matjaz Kocjan (SLO)
- Christian Lindner (GER)
- Klaus Pflieger (AUT)

All the candidates elected accept the election.

Members of the Sports Court

Chairman

Franz Kerber (GER) stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election.

Co-member

Hannes Manfredi (AUT) stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election.

Co-member

Johann Mulser (ITA) stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election.

Substitute co-member

Matthias Winkler (GER) stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election.

Substitute co-member

Manfred Stöghofer stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election.

Members of the Court of Appeal

Chairman

Ulrich Jaeniche (GER) stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election (power of attorney has been submitted).

Co-member

Ueli Mumenthaler (ITA) stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election.

Co-member

Carlo Molitor (LUX) stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election (power of attorney has been submitted).

Substitute co-member

Christian Rimsl (GER) stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election.

Substitute co-member

Walter Prast (ITA) stands for election.

He is elected unanimously and accepts the election.

Auditors

N.B. The term of office of Manuela Hallhuber (GER) continues for another two years.

By-election of one auditor

Miran Strnad (SLO) and Günther Niederkofler (ITA) stand for election.

Günther Niederkofler is elected by 17:7 votes and accepts the election (power of attorney has been submitted).

The floor is given to MS. MS expresses his thanks to everyone for their trust and welcomes both the old and newly-elected members of the Executive Board, Committees and Courts and the auditors. Above all, he expresses his thanks to all those stepping down from office, in particular Peter Longo and Helmuth Waldthaler.

MS expresses his special thanks to the interpreters Eileen Flügel (English) and Irina Tsishuk (Russian).

Agenda item 12: Budget proposals for 2018 and 2019

Emil Reumer (ER), Vice-President for Finance, explains the budget proposals for 2018 and 2019, which have been made available in writing. He takes a stand on and explains all the income and expenditure items. He also points out that the attempt was made to keep the proposals as realistic as possible.

MS puts the budget proposal for 2018 to the vote. It is unanimously approved.

MS puts the budget proposal for 2019 to the vote. It is unanimously approved.

Agenda item 13: Vote on motions by the Executive Board, Members and Committees

N.B. All the motions have been submitted in writing.

- Motion 18 (AUT), Annex 13:
 - The Austrian representative explains the motion. MS suggests a limit: EUR 200 per participating team (with a maximum of two teams per nation); the total number of participants is 20 (twenty).
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 19 (AUT), Annex 13:
 - MS: The Congress has no right to take the Nations' cash.
 - Motion withdrawn.
- Motion 20 (AUT), Annex 14:
 - KR explains.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 21 (AUT), Annex 17:
 - AUT takes a stand and explains the contents of the motion. Suggestion by MS: to make an aspect of the distance competition a focal point of every Referees' Seminar. Comment by KR: Special on-site introductions are organised by the Vice-President of Sport before each competition.
 - The motion is withdrawn.

Agenda item 14: Amendments to the legal bases and competition provisions

N.B. The motions have been submitted in writing.

- Motion 22 (IFI), Annex 11:
 - Volker Bernardi takes the floor to confirm the reasoning concerning the subject of gender equality.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 23 (IFI), Annex 14:
 - KR explains the motion on “extra time in the case of a draw”.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 24 (IFI), Annex 14:
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 25 (IFI), Annex 14:
 - MS expresses his reservation that this would make the documents confusing. Volker Bernardi confirms that this would make the whole text more difficult to read and says that there are no legal requirements concerning this issue as regards the German language.
 - The motion is unanimously rejected.
- Motion 26 (IFI), Annex 14:
 - KR and MS suggest that the motion be extended by the addition “Men and Women”.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.

BREAK from 12.45 hrs. to 14:00 hrs.

- Motion 27 (IFI), Annex 15:
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 28 (IFI), Annex 15:
 - The motion is withdrawn.
 - MS suggests that the subject be postponed to the editorial conference on the new rule book.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 29 (IFI), Annex 15:
 - Christian Rimschl (GER) asks whether Juniors are included (i.e. does this apply to players from the age of 19?)
 - MS suggests that the motion be corrected as follows:
 - These sliding soles may not be used in the youth categories 16 and 19.
 - The use of the sliding sole shall apply from 1 April 2018.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 30 (GER), Annex 16:
 - Christian Rimschl explains the situation. MS suggests that this subject be postponed and dealt with by the Executive Committee. This proposal is unanimously approved.
 - The motion is withdrawn.
- Motion 31 (GER), Annex 16:
 - MS gives a more precise explanation of the motion:
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 32 (GER), Annex 16:
 - Correction
 - 2020 European Championship.
 - 2022 World Championship
 - 2024 European Championship.
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 - KEN: It is difficult to come to World Championships every 4 years.
 - COL: It is counterproductive since it has a negative effect on motivation. 4 years are too long and this approach makes youth work more difficult, for example, an inexperienced 17-year-old would come to an U19 championship and would still be inexperienced the next time he took part in an U23 championship.
 - AUT: The mode of play should be kept, but the “mode of implementation” should be shorter since there are championships that can be implemented successfully in three days.
 - CAN: We are supposed to travel thousands of kilometres to play for a few days. No, that is not pleasant.

- AUT: The idea is that there is a major championship every 2 years.
- GER: For young players, there should be a major championship every year. The motion should only apply to adult events. Another main reason is that it is currently very difficult to find (and finance) implementers.
- MS: Many teams are here because the IFI awards a not insignificant grant. The two main arguments are thus the problem of finding an implementer and the financial problem.
- LUX: It was decided in Munich that either a European Championship or a World Championship should take place every 4 years.
- COL: The fact is that it is very difficult to find sponsors. If the World Championship is to take place every 4 years, it will be even more difficult to find sponsors because there will be a lack of continuity.
- KEN: In KEN the government has given grants. That is why 15 Kenyan participants are now here. It would be very disadvantageous to change the interval.
- SUI: The idea is good and would improve the financial situation in SUI. The motion is welcomed.
- NAM: Has the World Championship 2020 in Cologne been finalised? MS announces that that is the plan, but nothing has been finalised.
- POL: We are satisfied with the current situation. We do not have enough money, but we have to learn to deal with new situations.
- Vote: The motion is rejected by a majority of 13:3.
- Motion 33 (AUT), Annex 17:
 - AUT explains the situation. What happened at the last event must not happen again.
 - MS suggests that the motion be postponed and dealt with at the next meeting of the Technical Committee. A distance has to be specified so that it can be said quickly after what distance the stock has to touch the ground.
 - The proposal is unanimously approved.
- Motion 34 (AUT), Annex 17:
 - The motion is withdrawn.
- Motion 35 (AUT), Annex 17:
 - AUT explains that this has already been tested in AUT. The basic idea is that the will to win should be rewarded more highly, which in turn increases the motivation to play and leaves less room for manipulation. This rule would also reward the courage to take risks.
 - Toni Sorger: This subject was discussed in the Technical Committee years ago. The difference is simply too great. Over a whole competition, the effect is counterproductive. This three-point rule does not take us forward.
 - GER: Agrees with Mr. Sorger. This rule does not take us forward. The aim should be to have more stocks in the game.
 - MS: The Executive Board sees no need for this new rule.
 - The motion is rejected by a majority (1:23 votes).
- Motion 36 (ITA), Annex 18:
 - The subject of the motion is postponed to the Technical Committee (editorial meeting).
- Motion 37 (ITA), Annex 19:
 - Clarification: This does not concern the placement match for third and fourth places.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Motion 38 (ITA), Annex 19:
 - The motion is approved by majority vote (with 2 votes against).

Agenda item 15: Allocation of IFI events

Men's and Women's European Championship 2019

BLR withdraws its application for the Men's and Women's European Championship 2019.

LIT applies to host the European Championship 2019 (in Kaunas).

Vote on LIT's proposal: the proposal is unanimously approved.

LIT: it is planned that the European Championship should take place at the beginning of March.

Situation in Cologne (next World Championship)

GER: There is a problem with the distance run. Thus, unfortunately, this event has not yet been arranged.

MS: Cologne remains an interesting possibility. But until it is clear that we can have a Like Ice solution along a length of 120-130 meters (in front of the city hall), it will be difficult to implement.

Since too many dates in the schedule have not yet been filled, MS calls on all the Nations to apply to implement competitions.

America Cup 2019

PAR announces that it would like to apply (event planned for July 2019).

PAR's application is unanimously approved.

Africa Cup 2019

KEN announces its application (for 24/25 August 2019).

KEN's application is unanimously approved.

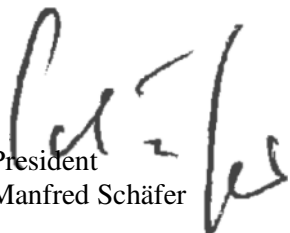
Agenda item 16: Any other business

CAN: Can the America Cup be organised as an "open" event?

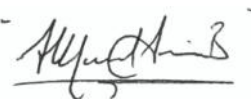
MS: Unfortunately, this does not fit in with the present concept of this event.

Since there are no further comments, MS closes the Congress at 15:25 hrs. with a friendly bye-bye and "Auf Wiedersehen".

Winklarn, AUT, 25 February 2018



President
Manfred Schäfer



Vice-President for Special Tasks
Victor M. García-Barrios