

SportAccord Convention, St. Petersburg, Russia 27th – 31st of May 2013

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Report on present issues

1. *Objective*

The IFF President and secretary general attended the yearly SportAccord Convention, now organised for the 11th time at the Lenexpo, St.Petersburg. the SportAccord is the organisation representing global sport, consisting of all Olympic Sports (ASOIF – summer and AOIWF – winter), Recognised Sports (ARISF), Other Sports and affiliated sport organisations like FISU etc.
The report is made in the time of their occurency.

2. *International World Games Association (IWGA) General Assembly*

- IFF had handed in an application for membership to the IWGA after discussions with IWGA President Mr. Ron Freulich.
- There were a total of four applicants, out of which Muaythai, Lacross and Floorball was granted membership. The Kickboxing associations application was turned down by the general assembly.
- IFF made a presentation to the IWGA GA based on which the GA then voted.
- All IWGA member federations will have to re-apply for inclusion on the World games program after the TWG in Cali 2013.
- The processes for sports selection will be built on the following criterias:
 - o detailed evaluation of all sports
 - o popularity of the sport in the organising country/region
 - o opinion of other TWG stakeholders, WADA, IOC, TV etc.

3. *Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations GA*

- Mr. Dubi, IOC Sports Director addressed the meeting stating that some of the IOC Presidential candidates have spoken about including disciplines instead of sports to the Olympic Program.
- For the 2020 Olympic Games the selection process for the Short list is still open, but according to plans the IOC EB will make a decision in May 2015.
- Dubi urged all ARISF members to contact IOC for Athletes services and materials
- The GA elected Mr. Raffaele Chiulli (President of International Powerboating Federation) as new ARISF president after a very strong campaign, which might have some effect for IFF in the future.
- The ARISF Council was changed and the Italian Fraccari (President of the International Baseball Federation) was elected as new secretary general.

4. *Meeting with National Floorball Federation of Russia(NFFR)*

- We met with the President Mr. Maksim Chernov and secretary general Konstantin Zhukovsky.
 - The NFFR has got the accreditation from the Ministry of Sports for two years until May 2015. In order to prolong it the NFFR needs to have the sport registered in over half of the Russian provinces (43/86).
 - Today there are around 18-20 provinces of which 9 are registered.
 - The cooperation between the NFFR and the other applicant for the accreditation the RFF had not really started, but there has been progress after the meeting.
 - It was agreed that NFFR will hand in an application for membership before the IFF CB meeting in August, including a plan for cooperation with all Floorball groups, how to sort out the existing Russian claims and how the National Team will be organised.
 - Mr. Chernov told that he will try to find a way to include all into the NFFR and IFF stressed the importance to work together and try to build the sport in Russia.
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Report on present issues cont.

5. *Meeting with IOC Sports Department (Mr. Christian Wassmer & Ms. Coralie McConnell, IF Relations at IOC Sports Department)*

- Mr. Wassmer went through the IOC Short List process for 2020, explaining that with a new president a lot of things can change.
- The basic principle is that the decision of sports shall be taken seven years in advance
- The assumption is that a new process will be determined still during 2013, after the Presidential elections in September.
- The IOC Sport Department stressed that the Short List process can be expensive and difficult for the sports and that it might change sport if accepted on the program.
- Everything is still open in connection to the Youth Olympic Games.
- For the IOC Short List the participation at Lahti World Games is not enough as such, but having received a decision for some multi-sport games will be positive.
- Tennis complains that Floorball steals younger players.
- The biggest problem for Floorball is the Universality and the narrow number of top countries.

Conclusion:

- We need to focus on to develop the Universality in all fields – number of countries, quality, competition participation and results.
- We need to work with Match fixing, Athletes entourage, Good Governance, Attractiveness for TV

6. *Meetings with SportAccord for Urban Games IF's*

- SportAccord runs three multi-sport games, Combat Games, Mind Games and Beach Games. Now they are planning to include a new type of multi-sport games, namely the Urban Games.
- SportAccord has chosen a partner to run the City bid and execute the games – La Gardere Unlimited.
- The idea is that the city would be the field of play and the Host City cover the costs for organising.
- Presently the idea is to include urban moving, board sports, Art sports, Cycle sports, Rope sports and Ball/Racket sports – there will be a consultation phase during the rest of 2013 on an individual base with each interested member association.
- Target is set to have the format for the games ready by end of summer 2013, Host City elected by Q2/2014 and the launch the Urban Games in Q3/2015.

7. *Meeting with FISU, Mr. Paolo Ferreira, WUC director*

- The time table for registration to the WUC was discussed and the need to secure participation to the event.
- It was agreed that FISU will promote the event to their members and IFF to ours.
- It was also discussed that some inquires for a charted plan should be made after summer.

8. *Meeting with the Ludovic Hubler, Peace & Sport*

- Peace & Sport will publish a guide for how to build sport materials for use in places where there are none existing.
- For Floorball there are references to sticks made out of bamboo and metal wire and goals made out of plastic piping.
- Each sport shall have their own short introduction sheet in the manual, therefore IFF needs to send some basic drills and game formats to Mr. Hubler.
- Discussions still ongoing with respect to a Floorball solidarity project in cooperation with Peace & Sport

9. *SportAccord General Assembly*

- The main question for the SportAccord General Assembly was the presidential election. Again the marshal sports had driven their candidate Judo president Mr. Vizer forcefully forward.
- He was elected with 52 votes against Rugby President Mr. Lapasset who got 38.
- It is difficult to say what implications the change of management will have on IFF, but Vizer has been talking about regional offices, a lot of committees, united world championships for all members.

10. *Other business*

In addition we discussed with a lot of persons like:

- Mr. Chris Chan, Singapore NOC secretary general (and council member of the SEA Games)
- Mrs. Beng Choo Low , Malaysian NOC vice president (SEA Games)
- Mr. Tommy Viking, IFAF President, development in the middle east
- Sheikh Ahmad Al Fahad al Sabah, ANOC President, and President Olympic Council of Asia on Floorball development in Asia and Asian Games.
- Mr. Jean-Laurent Bourquin IFF IOC Short List application
- Mr. Ilya Zluntiskyn, St. Petersburg Floorball Federation President.
- Attila Adamfi, competition director International Weightlifting

Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- Contact Hanna Burns at IOC to ask about Athletes programmes
- Make a promotion of the 2014 WUC in Singapore.
- Check possibilities for chartered flight to Singapore
- Send Mr. Hubler basic game drills
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New ideas, etc...

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