

### SportAccord Convention, Belek, Turkey 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2014

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John Liljelund, secretary general

#### Report on present issues

##### 1. *Objective*

The IFF President and secretary general attended the yearly SportAccord Convention, now organised for the 12<sup>th</sup> time at the Susesi Resort, Belek. The SportAccord is the organisation representing all global sport, consisting of all Olympic Sports (ASOIF – summer and AOIWF – winter), Recognised Sports (ARISF), Other Sports (AIMS) and affiliated sport organisations like FISU etc. In connection to the Sport Organisations meetings there is a Convention organised. The report is clustered by themes.

##### 2. *Annual General Meetings of Sport Associations*

###### 2.1. *International World Games Association (IWGA) General Assembly*

- The meeting elected a new president after the 25 year IWGA President Mr. Ron Froehlich, had informed to step down. The Canoe IF President José Perurena (IOC member) was elected by a clear margin over Lifesavings Harald Vervaken.
- There was a lot of political games in relation to the elections.
- The discussions at the AGM was mostly about the elections and the need to enlarge the Council, now vice president Mr. Max Bishop (FAI), treasurer Luckas Hindler (Dance sports), members Tom Dielen (Archery) continued in the Council. New members are Anna Aharzova (Underwater sports) and flying disks Prof. Morooka. Mr. Liljelund was 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> out of 11 candidates.
- The new Council will apparently prepare the proposal for change of the Statutes for the next AGM, concerning this topic.
- The Council had elected the sports for the Wroclaw World Games and there IFF is on the program conditionally, if Netball does not fulfil the IWGA requirements
- There is a strong need to strengthen the role of the IOC recognised sports in the World Games and remove the Olympic ones.
- There were a total of three applicants, out of which only Kickboxin (WAKO) was accepted by the AGM. Both Modern Pentathlon and Wushu were not accepted.
- Bid for World Games 2021 ends in July 2014

###### 2.2. *Association of IOC Recognised International Sport Federations (ARISF) AGM*

- Mr. Kit McConnel, IOC Sports Director addressed the meeting stating that there is a need for a closer cooperation between IOC and ARISF. The IF's are to seek the IOC support in September and it will be paid out in October. All IF's are invited to submit their thoughts of the development of the Olympic Movement, by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- SportAccord President Marius Vizer informed that a % of the SportAccord Convention dividend will be paid to ARISF.
- The President Chiulli has staged a number of initiatives to enhance the visibility of ARISF and its members. New ARISF Brochure, IOC and SA Agreement
- Mr. Liljelund was re-elected as the ARISF Auditor for 2014.
- Flying disc and American Football were accepted as members, after the merger of softball and baseball in ARISF, the ARISF now consists of a total of 35 members recognized by the IOC.

###### 2.3. *International Master Games Association (IMGA) AGM*

- The IMGA is facing a tough time with sever issues with the organiser of the Sestier (ITA) Master Games 2013, who have not paid organisation fee to IMGA
- The Winter Master Games 2015 have been moved from Trieste, ITA to Quebec (CAN) due to financial issues. Floorball is not on the program anymore.
- The Pan-American Master Games are cancelled for 2015, after Vancouver informed that they can't host them.
- The Euro Master Games are 2015 in Nice and 2019 Finland is applying for them

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### 2.4. ASOIF/IOC EB Annual meeting

- The summer Olympic summer sports held their joint meeting with the IOC EB, to which all recognised summer sport were invited.
- The topics was the Vision 2020 and the need to modernise the Olympic Games.
- The IOC President Tomas Bach stated that there shall not be a new Wrestling case
- There are major issues with the preparations in for the Rio Olympics and the IF's were really concerned about this. The IOC formed a task force to solve this.

### 2.5. SportAccord AGM

- President Vizer stated that the cooperation with IOC EB and Staff is very good
- A lot of changes has been made in the last 12 months. New Beach Games in cooperation with ANOC (Association of NOC's), new concept of Urban Games will be launched for 2016/2017. A Coaching Academy has been founded in Hungary and an Athletes Academy has been opened in Spain.
- Vizer stressed that the bigger sports are to help the smaller to develop and we need to work together.
- IOC President Thomas Bach addressed the meeting and said that the door is open to discuss with the IOC on the open questions. The ARISF and IWGA status must be strengthen and all sport must try to contribute to a better society.
- SportAccord will run at least one Game each year

#### Evaluation:

IFF has moved our positions forward in the International Sports Community and we are included and well accepted in the ARISF Family. A number of good connections also to the ASOIF sports.

## 3. Multi-Sport Games

### 3.1. Wroclaw World Games 2017/CEO Joachim Gossow

- The IWGA Council under President Froehlich had decided that Floorball does not have an own place on the program for Wroclaw 2017
- Wroclaw organises the World Games from the 03.08. – 13.08.2017
- There needs to be a balanced program, not exceeding the 3700 athlete barrier. The total number of athletes was over 5400 after the applications. The Council has prepared the program based on the evaluation of the Cali World Games program.
- Lacrosse has replaced Rugby and only Bodybuilding is dropped from the program.
- Wroclaw invitational sports: American Football, Speedway, Indoor Rowing, Taekwondo and Kickboxing? – yet to be confirmed
- However Floorball has a chance to appear with Men in Wroclaw, if Netball can't provide the best athletes to the World Games.
- Netball has been given a dead-line until the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2014, to in writing confirm their participation or not. IFF will be informed directly

### 3.2. SportAccord Urban Games/Sports Director Lisa Allan & Director David Nivelle

- SportAccord will start the Urban Games in 2016/2017, with 17 sports.
- All sports that have shown interest towards the Games, will be included
- Floorball is in with either a 3x3 or 4x4 + goalie version. We can have a total of 100 athletes.
- The final decision will be made in the end of the year of the Host City and the program.
- IFF needs to start looking for an ambassador for the Urban Games.

### 3.3. FISU Universiade/Director General Eric Saintrond

- The FISU Council has decided the criteria's for the Universiade. In order to be able to participate the IF needs to have participated five consecutive times in the WUC and been an optional sport in at least three Universiades. This means that IFF could be on the program of the Universiade earliest by 2025!
- The way to become optional is to lobby with the organiser, but it will be hard since there can be only three optional sports. The Universiade of 2017 and 2019 are closed.
- IFF to be active with the lobby towards the Applicants of the 2012 Universiade, both Summer and Winter.
- An intermediate solution would be to join the European University Sport Association Games (Croatia 2016, Portugal 2018)
- IFF to apply to participate in the 2016 FISU Forum in Monterpieller in France

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### 3.4. *SEA Games 2015/SEA Games Council member Ms. Beng Choo Low*

- The SEA Games Council will take the official decision about the program in the end of April. The fact that Floorball is on the program has upset some countries
- IFF needs to secure that there are at least four teams taking part in the SEA Games
- The Floorball federations need to be in contact already this summer with their respective NOC, to secure the participation
- IFF to seek contact with Ms. Chow Loo and Mr. Chris Chan after the decision has been made.
- IFF to arrange a meeting with the participating countries in connection to the WUC in Singapore in June to explain the importance of the right procedure in the different countries.

#### Evaluation:

IFF has secured the participation of at least one Global Multi-Sport Game before 2020, namely the SportAccord Urban Games. In addition the IWGA has accepted us as fulfilling the requirements for participation in the World Games.

The road to the Universiade seems to be very long and hard – FISU doesn't have any possibilities to support our aims – a thorough analysis needs to be made.

The IFF Member Associations need to comply with the SEA Games Rules, in order to secure the participation in the 2015 SEA Games.

## 4. *Bi-lateral meetings*

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

- Mr. Wassmer explained the process for the continuation of the IOC Short List process. All is still unclear, but the discussions have indicated that the process will be simplified due to the feedback of the IF's on the 2020 Short List.
- President Bach has flagged for a possibility to include disciplines instead of sports, maybe already for 2020. Also the program of the Youth Olympic Game might change. Now in Nanning Sports Climbing and Roller Sports are in.
- The process for the inclusion of new Sports is run by the IOC Program Commission in relation to the Vision 2020 process.
- The new system will be decided in December in the extra IOC session in Monaco. This system might be very different.
- It is only the IOC Session that can change the Criteria for new sports. The IOC EB can change some single item!
- The IOC support to ARISF members application will be sent in May over intranet
- IFF to have a meeting with Kit McConnell in Q3

#### Conclusion:

- We need to prepare for the present requirements in the Short List, focus to develop the Universality in all fields – number of countries, quality, competition participation and results.
- The next possibility real possibility for us will be the YOG in 2022, where we need to be very active towards the IOC Sports Department

### 4.2. *Meeting with SportAccord President Marius Vizer*

- Mr. Vizer received us in his personal office during the SportAccord to discuss the general topics and the cooperation between IFF and SportAccord.
- SportAccord believes in the United World Championships project, but due to the increasing number of Games, the idea is now to organise a Championship Games, with over 80 sports and 7000 – 8000 athletes.
- The Olympic sports are needed to generate the money and the visibility for the Event. The Championship Games would be a consolidation of all the SportAccord Games.
- Mr. Vizer want to strengthen the position of the ARISF federations, but it has to be done in cooperation with the IOC. It is important not to build a gap between the Olympic sports and the ARISF/AIMS.
- SportAccord will start a post Event Evaluation to see the effect of the different sports in the SportAccord Games.
- Mr. Vizer hopes that IFF will support the decisions taken by the SportAccord.
- IFF asked if Mr. Vizer would have the possibility to visit the WFC in Gothenburg

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#### **4.3. Meeting with FISU, Mr. Eric Saintrond, CEO and Paulo Ferreira, WUC director**

- FISU has proposed to continue the Collaboration Convention between IFF and FISU for 2014 – 2017. The content was discussed in the meeting.
- FISU hopes that IFF will continue supporting the WUC and that they are placed well in the sports calendar.
- FISU proposes that IFF should cooperate with the FISU Continental organisations
- The possibility of using the WUC as a ranking event for the nations which has not yet participated in the IFF Events.
- Some small amendments was made to the proposal.
- The issue concerning the system for using of IFF referees in the WUC has still to be discussed in context to the daily allowances.
- The possibility for IFF to participate in the FISU Forum in France was discussed.

#### **4.4. Meeting with Court of Arbitration in Sports/Secretary General Mr. Mathieu Reeb and Jean-Laurent Bourquin (AdviSports)**

- Mr. Reeb has put together a list of CAS judges that he will ask if they are interested to be members in the IFF Ethics Commission.
- The idea is to have 2-3 CAS judges, 1-2 IOC memberws and 1 IFF representative in the IFF Ethics Commission.
- Mr. Reeb will contact these persons and then inform us that we can contact them.

#### **4.5. Meeting with World Flying Disc Federation/President Robert Rauch and Executive Director Volker Bernardi**

- WFDF asked for the meeting to discuss the way IFF has worked with FISU and the WUC. This was discussed in detail.
- Also the possibility to submit a joint proposal to the IOC Vision 2020 process was discussed. The preparation was left to Mr. Bernardi and Mr. Liljelund
- It was agreed that WFDF and IFF would exchange information in relation to the IOC and other Multi-sport games.

#### **4.6. Meeting with International Hockey Federation (FIH)/President Mr. Leandro Negre and Secretary general Mr. Kelly Fairweather**

- FIH wanted to discuss the situation with a number of other “hockey” sports entering the International Community and how we see this in IFF.
- FIH is not letting the name hockey go and is for example not approving the ISBHF application for SportAccord.
- FIH also want to know if there would be interest from IFF to discuss possibilities for some kind of cooperation in the future.

#### **4.7. ARISF/WADA Anti-Doping Session**

- IFF had been asked to present how we work with AD Education of Athletes, by Frederick Donze WADA IF Liaison. This is due to the very successful Say NO! To Doping campaign run by Merita Bruun.
- The session discussed the implementation of the WADA Code from an IF perspective and how to make it as cost effective as possible.
- The WADA has launched a new eLearning tool for Athletes – Alpha
- WADA’s Tim Ricketts used the preparation of IFF’s Technical Document for Risk Assessment as an example and said it was well prepared.
- SportAccord Doping Free Unit has launched a tool for athletes to check if the medicine is allowed in competition and also out of competition - GUARD.

#### **4.8. SportAccord Policy Advisory Board**

- The PAB held its meeting during SportAccord to discuss the present situation in the .sport project. The objections against .sport have not succeeded and there is only a final obstacle left.
  - The Registration Policy and the Name selection policy were accepted and the project will most probably be ready to be launched in November 2014 at the IF Forum.
  - The IF’s have been reserved the right for their generic TLD’s, in our case it will be iff.sport and floorball.sport.
  - The process for the name reservation will probably be started by April/May 2014.
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5. *Other business* In addition we discussed with a lot of persons like:
- Mr. Rinaldo Orlandi, Ju-Jitsu Emeritus President/IWGA Council member (IWGA Elections and Wroclaw program)
  - Mr. Luckas Hindler, Dance Sport secretary general/IWGA Treasurer (IWGA elections)
  - Mr. José Peruena, ICF President/IWGA President (IWGA Elections, IWGA development, Wroclaw and Spanish federation NOC affiliation)
  - Mr. Harald Vervacken, Lifesaving secretary general/ARISF Council member (IWGA and Wroclaw)
  - Mr. Raffaele Chiulli, ARISF President (Cooperation with ARISF)
  - Mr. Marco Maria Scholaris, Sportsclimbing President (ARISF and IWGA)
  - Mr. N.Ramachandran, Indian NOC President/WSF President (InFF Affiliation)
  - Mr. Jean-Laurent Bourquin AdvSport (IOC Short List project)
  - Mr. Bo Nyman, IBF Secretary general (AD Education and Event organisation)
  - Mr. Tom Dielen, Archery secretary general (Event Management Tool)
  - Mr. Steve McQuaid, Olympic Torch Relay (Event Management Tool)
  - Mr. Nick Mecham, SportsPro (PR campaign for Floorball in 2015)
  - Mr. Andrew Gettig, Connor Sports (Outdoor/Sports flooring for North America)
  - Mr. Salva Ramirez, JTA Design (Web page planning and design)
  - Mr. James Smith, TVRighthster (Web streaming and VOD monetisation)
  - Mr. Friedhelm Lange, Repucom (TV Effect measurement for WFC)

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

- IFF to check with IWGA/Gossow about the Netball answer on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May (JL)
- IFF to start looking for a good ambassador for the Urban Games (ExCo)
- IFF apply for participation in the FISU Forum 2016 (JL)
- IFF to investigate the possibility to participate in the EUSA Games in 2016 or 2018
- IFF to seek contact with Ms. Chow Loo and Mr. Chris Chan after the decision has been made. (TE/JL)
- IFF to arrange a meeting with the participating countries in connection to the WUC in Singapore in June (TE/JL)
- IFF to have a meeting with Kit McConnell in Q3, ask for meeting in May (JL)
- IFF to answer the IOC ARISF support questionnaire on the IOC extra net in May (JL)
- Invite Mr. Vizer and Director General Mr. Vlad Marinescu for the WFC in May (JL)
- IFF to investigate the possibility to use the multi-sport events and WUC as ranking events for IFF , for the countries not yet participated in IFF Events (RACC)
- IFF to write to FISU about the referee daily allowances during WUC (JL)
- IFF to agree upon the signing of the Collaboration Convention with FISU (JL)
- IFF to contact the candidate for the IFF Ethics Commission and prepare the proposal for the CB (TE)
- IFF to contact FIH/Fairweather in May (JL)

## New ideas, etc...

- Discuss the possibility to stream the U19 WFC in Poland on the World Games TV with Hagen Bosdorf