

### European Olympic Committee 44<sup>th</sup> EOC General Assembly in Prague, Czech Republic November 19-22, 2015

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**Report on  
present issues**

**1. General**

The IFF President was invited, through the Czech Olympic Committee, as an International Federation President as guest to attend the 44<sup>th</sup> European Olympic Committee General Assembly, organised in Prague on November 19-22. IFF vice President was there in his capacity as NOC vice President, as a host and organiser of the EOC Session.

**2. November 20<sup>th</sup> Opening day of the Session, and November 21<sup>st</sup> second day of the EOC session**

It was an ordinary AGM, and vital topics of the days to mention were:

1. Mr. Thomas Bach mentioned in his opening speech that WADA/IOC are to look on reforms within the Anti- Doping to further be able to monitor and do check- ups on doping, recently emerging from what has happened within IAAF and the Testing Laboratory in Moscow. Furthermore it was stressed by the IOC President needs of swift reforms within NOC and IF in regards to good governance.
2. Mr. Patrick Hickey, the President of the EOC, mentioned in his speech that it is too early due to what has happened in Russia to set the next edition of the 2019 European Games, however one could get it that it will be decided later to organise the European Games 2019 in Russia in the cities of Sochi and Kazan, once the situation has been resolved.
3. Mr. Pere Miro from the IOC, being the IOC Olympic Solidarity Director, had an interesting presentation on how IOC work with seminars and supports weaker developing countries through the NOC's huge funding, Millions USD are being distributed through the Solidarity Funds. Apparently we also as IF have a standing invitation to the IOC in this aspect. Might be useful invite Mr. Pere Miro to attend the EFT matches April 22-24, 2016 in Lausanne.
4. Mrs. Gunilla Lindberg, addressed from the ANOC, as secretary general of ANOC, stating that there are now 206 NOC, with recently elected Kosovo and South Sudan as new members. Also that ANOC is moving from Swiss law when it comes to auditing to the more world-wide accepted IFDS standards.
5. EOC seems to be in good financial standings, and distributes amongst other in last year (2014) totally well over 4 Million USD (approximately 80 000 USD each NOC) in subsidies, besides covering costs for participants in Euro Games and EOC Sessions et al.

## Report on present issues

### **3. Meeting with Mr. Patrick Hickey the EOC President**

Meet with Mr. Hickey. We informed about the present status of Floorball world-wide and our IOC recognition from July 2011, and thanked President Hickey in his capacity as IOC member and IOC EB member. Mr. Hickey conveyed clearly that he, from Ireland, was not that updated on our Sport, but we showcased it, and informed about our provisional member, the Irish Floorball Association, and about activities such as SO seminars et al in Ireland.

We asked about possible inclusion, and advice on both EYOF (European Youth Olympic Festival), and European Games.

Next EYOF are Winter 2017 in Turkey (Erzurum), and Summer 2017 in Hungary (Gyor). The possibilities are quite small to be included for Floorball. Mr. Hickey responded frankly speaking, stating that it is limited to 9 sports (Olympic), which are Athletics, Basketball, Cycling, Artistic Gymnastics, Handball, Judo, Swimming, Tennis and Volleyball. And many waiting for inclusion.

2019 Winter is organised in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and 2019 Summer in Minsk in Belarus.

The 2021 Candidates are very interesting still since it is in big Floorball countries, in 2021 Summer EYOF in Kosice in Slovakia, and 2021 Winter in Vuokatti in Finland.

Next edition of the 2019 EURO GAMES will be in Russia in the two cities of Sochi and Kazan. Here it is a better possibility for those sports who are strong in the organising country. Most likely Mr. Hickey said it will be officially announced that Russia is the organiser, in the Executive Meeting held in coming March 2016, and Mr. Hickey advised us to already now start lobby and look into through our Russian contacts possible inclusion from Russian NOC side.

On the question, like the IOC, if there are possibilities such as sports initiation program, at EURO GAMES, there are not, at not least yet. So overall conclusion is to go through Russian Floorball and Russian NOC.

In the recently in Baku, in Azerbaijan organised first ever EURO Games, were included outside the Olympic Sports, both Karate, Beach soccer and Basketball 3x3 all non-Olympic.

### **4. Meeting with Iceland National Olympic and Sports Association of Iceland**

Meet with the President Mr. Larks Blöndal, vice President Mrs. Helga Steinunn Gudmundsdottir, and secretary general, Mrs. Liney Rut Halldorsdottir. IFF informed about Floorball status internationally, and asked about Floorball on Iceland, knowing it is a committee still under the Iceland NOC. Mrs. Liney informed that Floorball is still a committee, and it works fine, however she did not say it is growing, but stated since Iceland “are full of Handball venues” prospects for Floorball is good. IFF is to take up contacts with Floorball Iceland and ask for their plans, and liaison with how to move on with full affiliation to Iceland NOC. Also ask how the Norwegian Floorball Association are working with Iceland in the framework of the EOTO.

### **5. Meeting with Mr. Antonio Espinos, World Karate Federation President**

Meet with Mr. Espinos, WKF President, and Mr. Stjepan Celan, secretary general Europe Karate, and President Karate Croatia. Mr. Espinos, was asking about what happened in Lausanne at the Extraordinary AGM of the Sport Accord. We both elaborated on the facts that it might be a difficult issue to have the statutes changed for a merger intended by the Council supported by the IOC; with a 2/3 majority of the present votes. It was also highlighted the “new entity” of possibly a new Sportaccord with four bodies out of which the Winter and Summer IF will have as proposed a majority of votes proposed, even enough to change future statutes.

## 6. Meeting with Mr. Andrzej Krasnicki, Polish NOC President

Meet with Mr. Krasnicki, he was well aware of Polish Floorball and knew about plans for 2017 Wroclaw TWG. IFF informed about the test event in September 2016 at the Polish Floorball Open. Mr. Krasnicki is also President for the Handball Federation. Good to invite him to the test event at Polish Open so he and the Polish NOC are even more familiar with our sport. Mr. Krasnicki was very straightforward informing that in Poland the NOC get no money at all from Polish state, the NOC needs to rely totally on marketing/sponsor income.

## 7. Meeting with Mr. Jörg Schild, President of Swiss Olympics

Meet with President Schild, and exchanged views on Floorball, informing the Swiss NOC President on the EFT Tournament to be organised by SUHV in Lausanne in April 22-24, 2016, in the Olympic Capital. Mr Schild definitely showed interested to attend.

## 8. Meeting with Norwegian NOC Mr. Inge Andersen, secretary general

Meet with Norway NOC SG Inge Andersen on the YOG in Lillehammer Norway organised in February 12-21, and he invited IFF to attend.

### Upcoming meetings and issues

- To speak with The Irish Floorball Association on status of recognition and developments and maybe possible invitation to Mr. Hickey to attend an Irish Floorball event
- To inform Russian Floorball Federation on the status of the 2019 European Games in Sochi and Kazan and evaluated through Russian NOC possibilities of Floorball entering
- Mr. Pere Miro, IOC Olympic Solidarity Director, invitation to attend the EFT in Lausanne April 22-24, 2016?
- To do follow up on Iceland on the status with our Floorball Association, and process to stay as a Committee under the NOC of Iceland, and ask Norway on actions on EOTO with Iceland, if not already known by IFF?
- Inform and discuss with Polish Floorball about plans for Polish Floorball Open in 2017 and possibly invite Polish NOC, in particular the President Mr. Krasnicki.
- To speak to SUHV, and co-ordinate invitations from Swiss Olympics (as well as IOC) to attend the EFT in Lausanne on April 22-24, in particular the Swiss NOC President Jörg Schild
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### Issues that need to be discussed or decided upon or taken action upon

- To approach 2021 EYOF candidates Kosice summer EYOF in Slovakia, and 2021 Vuokatti winter EYOF in Finland?
- To approach respectively EYOF 2019 in winter Sarajevo and 2019 summer in Minsk?
- 2019 Euro Games strategy, how to approach to be able to join in program?
- Strategy for IFF members (NSA) to join in their NOC & Sports Confederation? Process needs speeding up!

### New ideas, etc...

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