

SportAccord Convention, Lausanne, Switzerland 17.-22.4.2015

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Report on present issues

1. *SportAccord Convention*

After the turmoil in Sochi last year the role and future of the SportAccord and the SportAccord Convention has been somewhat unclear and therefore for example both Sochi and Dubai declined to organise the Event. The SportAccord Convention is a separate organisation and only partly controlled by SportAccord, the other stakeholders are ASOIF and AOIWF. The discussion of a merger between the SA and the SA Convention will continue also after this Event.

The Convention was finally organised by Lausanne and was a little smaller than the one in Sochi, with 1.720 delegates representing 780 organisations and companies. Over 100 International Sport Federations took part and there was participants from 78 nationalities. During the Convention there was organised also the LawAccord, CityAccord and a number of Panels and workshops.

2. *SportAccord AGM*

The main two questions for the SportAccord AGM was the proposal to change the statutes of SportAccord, prepared by the council and the Election of a new president for SportAccord, as the FIS President Gian-Franco Kasper had acted as the interim president after Vizer resigned last year. President Kasper started the AGM with apologising to the IOC of what had happened in Sochi. It was clear that the main objective is to find peace and stability in SportAccord.

The new statutes were adopted after a motion had been turned down to have equal number of seats for the four IF organisations in the SA Council. Now the SA President can only be elected for one four year period.

FIBA secretary general Patrick Baumann was elected with 55 votes against Underwater sports president Anna Arzhanova with 25 votes.

3. *ARISF AGM*

The ARISF President Chiulli stressed that the role of ARISF has grew stronger, as ARISF now have been given the task to analyse the applications of the AIMS and other organisations seeking IOC recognition.

ASOIF President Ricci Bitti greeted the AGM and commented that the competition calendar is very crowded, so there are not room for more competitions. It was apparent that the relationship between Chiulli and Ricci Bitti, is not very good.

IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell gave a short debrief of the present IOC work related to the recognition process and specifically stressed the need for enhancing the principles of Good Governance.

Chiulli stressed in his presidential report that the relations with the IOC are excellent and ARISF is working actively, this was however contested and the role and strategy of the ARISF and the flow of information to the membership was criticised by Lifesaving, Karate and Floorball. As a result of this Liljelund was summoned to the ARISF Council to discuss the next steps of ARISF. The council defended themselves that the ARISF membership has very different ambitions and objectives and there are no financial resources to act. ARISF doesn't have any employed staff and only a limited amount of IF's are actively answering the .

Liljelund continues as the financial examiner of ARISF for 2016.

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4. *ARISF – IOC workshop*

President Chiulli started the 2nd IOC-ARISF workshop, by concluding that the Tokyo Additional Event process is a result of the ARISF activities, which created some comments within the membership.

Mr. Kit McConnell stressed the need to have a high level of engagement of the IF's in the fields of Good Governance, work against doping and the fight against irregular betting. He also stressed that the first joint meeting of the IOC leadership and the ARISF council was held the day before, on the initiative of President Bach. and give it s recommendation

The IOC has now included all the IF organisations in the process for IOC recognition and there are now 18 AIMS IF's seeking recognition and 9 other IF's which doesn't belong anywhere. ARISF shall analyse the application files by the 7th of July

The IOC Athletes Programme and the Athlete hub was presented and all ARISF athletes can use this one stop service. Also the IOC Athletes Learning gateway was presented shortly.

It was also informed that the sports approved as Additional Events for the Rio Olympics will become associate members of the ASOIF until the Tokyo games, but stay ARISF members.

Ms. Paquerette Girard Zappelli: The IOC will conduct a survey of the activities and expenditure the IF's are using for the Anti-Doping work. In addition the IOC is asking the IF's to self-access if their rules are in-line with the IOC and the IF's were asked to use the IOC package in the field of Integrity.

IF's can apply for IOC patronage for their Events and apply for the IOC Presidents Trophy for the winner.

The IOC Olympic Channel was presented by the Olympic Broadcasting Director and the IF's will be contacted after Rio.

5. *IOC Sports Department/Ms. Jenny Mann*

In the discussion with the Sports Department, Ms. Mann thanked IFF for handing in the Status Report and IFF made a short recap of the development. Ms. Mann gave a short update of the situation concerning Events and the situation in ARISF was shortly discussed. It was agreed that IFF should send the Urban Floorball Concept paper to Ms. Mann.

6. *IWGA AGM*

The IWGA agenda run without any major issues and the IWGA President Jose Peruena refereed to the MoU signed between IOC and IWGA, which ties the World Games closer to the Olympics.

The new statutes were adopted after a series of votes, which means that the IWGA will not approve new members at this stage, as there are not space on the program. All applications were moved to the 2017 AGM. Bodybuilding proposed that all IWGA members should be on the World Games program and that the AGM would choose the Event cities, both proposals were clearly declined.

Wroclaw informed that the WKK Arena will be ready in May 2016 and the sport equipment agreements are being signed. There are four test-events in 2017: orienteering, jiu-jitsu, archery and floorball. The next Competition Manager meeting will be held in Wroclaw from the 25th to 28th of August, with application by the 15.5.

7. *IMGA AGM/Meeting with Jens V. Holm*

The process for the European 2019 Master Games is still open and there are still time for the bidding until August 2016. Floorball is still an interesting sport to have and we will continue the discussions for the EMG 2019 in the Autumn.

The IMGA AGM expelled Chess and Sledgedogsports as members and approved Flying Disc.

To become full member of IMGA, IFF needs to have at least 500 participants in three events and host own Master Events

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8. *Wroclaw World Games 2017*

IFF meet with the new vice Chair Adam Roczek and Miss Edyta Musiol, coordinator, and Sports Department Mr Grzegorz Pyzalka to discuss the practical arrangements. IFF will bring the WFC set-up for the Event, with Flooring, Rink and Goals and Balls. It is possible to organise an adjacent floorball event in the city during the Floorball tournament, this have to be coordinated with Mr. Chomniki. Also the reservation of tickets was discussed, but the LOC will return with more information in a later stage. The LOC will connect to the marketing department asking what type of marketing activities IFF can run before and during the Event in the City public space. We asked for the TWG mascot for the WFC. The official TV schedule is not ready, but IFF can stream matches to the IFF YouTube and produce the matches that are not for the TWG channel for TV.

9. *World Games 2021 Birmingham*

Birmingham has identified four sports that they will activate in the schools in the city. these are Tug of War, Korfbal, Lacrosse and Floorball. IFF will coordinate this with the USFbA and North Texas Floorball and support the project with some 150-200 sticks and 600-800 balls. The project will start in beginning of 2017. IFF will have a meeting with USFbA during the U19 WFC on this topic. Also a Clinique of some sort in Birmingham was discussed.

10. *Sport Singapore*

Sport Singapore asked for a meeting, represented by deputy CEO Mr. Chiang Hock Woon, and miss Lim San San, senior manager industry development, to discuss the development of Floorball in Singapore. Sport Singapore feels that the SFA is not developing fast enough and is looking to re-organise it. The Sport Singapore plan is to replace the organisation and will then apply for a change of membership. IFF informed that this needs to take place before the CB meeting in August, in order to be able to secure the Singapore participation in the WFC in Riga and the membership change has to be confirmed by the IFF General Assembly.

11. *Special Olympics/Jon-Paul St. Germain, Mariusz Dementko and Lee Todd*

The SOI is still very happy with the cooperation between the IF and the SOI. SOI has run development cinques on all continents: Uruguay, Lebanon, South Africa, Singapore and in Riga during the WFC. The seminar in Riga will be held form 8.-11.12 and there will be the 13 countries participating in SO World Games in Graz in 2017, which have not received education so far. IFF is to give some educational support to the seminar and supply with some starting sets for the countries 10 x 20 sticks and 10 x 30 balls. The participants will be invited for the WFC matches. SOI would like IFF to collect used sticks, but IFF informed that it would be easier if SOI would speak to a country directly. It was also discussed that the Cooperation agreement should be updated in 2017.

12. *Olympic Council of Malaysia/ Ms. Beng Choo Low*

The National Association must hand in an application for the sport exhibition before the 10.5., including information for venue, facilities, cost setting number of teams and the support from the IFF and the National Association. The Events for the SEA Games will be finalised in May.

There is a very small possibility for becoming a medal sport, but possibilities for a exhibition sport.

Need to discuss with Malaysian Association, which has now handed in the application for OCM membership.

13. *Canton du Vaud/City of Lausanne*

IFF met with the Canton du Vaud to hear about the possibilities for 2018 and forward.

As IFF needs to register the organisation at the Register du Commerce, in order to have a registration and VAT number in Switzerland. This is needed to secure a cheap TV production, as this is increasing in value.

There is a possibility to open a satellite office with 1+2 employees in 2018 or later.

14. *BroadReach Media(Steven Morris)*

Three channels have already bought the WFC2015 high-lights program and they are FoxSport South-East Europe 9 territories, Dubai Sport 23 territories, EurosportAsia 30+ territories.

For the WFC2016 IFF will need to find a professional commentator who can maybe make the commentary on a pre-set number of pre-selected games, The signal needs to be clean in accordance with the given instructions and there needs to be one interview per team in the selected matches. These should be downloaded to an FTP.

15 Sportcal/Mr. Mike Lafflin

IFF discussed the possibility of running a study on the affect of the Florball World Championships in 2016 – 2020 within the framework of the Global Sport Index for the Men and Women WFC's, as IFF needs hard evidence for Cities, increased visibility for the WFC, Raise the Awareness of our Events, Attract sponsors and improve Event management.

The proposal will be brought to the June IFF CB meeting for decision and be discussed at the CCMNG meeting.

16 Advisport/Mr. Jean-Laurent Bourquin

In the meeting the working list for 2016 was discussed and it looks like this:

- Preparation of an IFF guidelines on Irregular Betting
- Next steps in the process for entering the IOC Sports Initiation Programmes
- IFF Strategy for Multi-Sport Events.
- Action plan for activities needed in the political lobbying
- Action plan how to utilise the Wroclaw World Games
- Finding a solution in the VAT question.

17 EFT 2017 Switzerland

The EFT Switzerland round was played in connection to the SportAccord, so the IFF ExCo had decided to invite top IOC, and other sport officials to the event. IFF had promoted the event in the SportAccord Convention Daily newspaper and mobile app to get SAC participants to join the event. The SUHV had greatly helped in the preparations and was able to serve a remarkable event in Lausanne on Friday the 23rd. There was in total over 10 IFF guests participating and they were all very positive to the sport.

IOC:	Mr. Timo Lumme, IOC Marketing Director, Ms. Jenny Mann IOC Head of Winter and Recognised sports
IMGA:	Mr. Jens V. Holm, CEO
IWGA:	Ms. Chantal Boehi, General manager
FISU:	Mr. Oleg Matysing, President and Mr. Eric Saintrond, Director general
Special Olympics:	Mr. Jon-Paul St. Germain, Sports director

18. SportAccord .sport Policy Advisory Board

The SportAccord .sport TLD is still contested by the two commercial companies Dounts and Famous Four Medai. Both are in the independent review panel hearings by ICANN and if they don't prevail, SportAccord might be able to make the agreement with ICANN by the end of the year to launch .sport. The only risk is that if the .sport, would go to a private auction, the winner can continue running the .sport, but the losers get to share the revenue from the auction. The .ski has been taken into use by FIS for the ski industry, but still not by the FIS. For FIBA .basketball has not been activated as the registry company has not been able to start the sales of the .basketball. The third sport related TLD .rugby, is also in a review panel stage as .sport.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- Apply for IOC patronage for the WFC2016 and the IOC Presidents Trophy
- Follow-up the question to the IOC NOC Department concerning Hong Kong and G r e e n l a n d
- Prepare for the IOC Anti-Doping cost questionnaire with Merita
- Contact the IOC IOC Ethics Department and ask about the Integrity package
- Contact the Olympic Channel John Palfrey to discuss CC and WFC
- Send the Urban Floorball Concept paper to Ms. Mann
- Discuss possibility of organising a adjacent floorball event in Wroclaw, during the TWG 2 0 1 7 w i t h P F F
- Continue the discussions with TWG LOC on accommodation, ticket, VIP, marketing and a s k f o r t h e m a s c o t t o R i g a .
- IFF to organise a meeting with USFbA to discuss the way forward concerning the TWG 2 0 2 1 - j s a
- IFF to reserve floorball materials for the TWG2021 Birmingham activation campaign
- Ask TWG LOC to come and present for the CC10 meeting in Wroclaw..
- IFF to seek contact with the organiser of the EMG LOC, after the IMGA Board has decided it
- Organise ten start-up sets for Special Olympics to Latvia WFC.
- Ask Arena Center of the possibility to have used sticks collected for Special Olympics.
- Write to Malaysia Floorball and discuss the application process for the SEA Games Exhibition tournament.
- To provide the IFF information to Ms. Anna Hellman/ThinkSport with IFF materials
- Ask for an English speaking commentator for the WFC2016 high-lights program

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

New ideas, etc...

- Discuss with Arena Center if it would be possible to arrange a campaign to collect used sticks for Special Olympics.
- Arrange a competition between the Polish Clubs which Club will bring most spectators to the World Games and this will be awarded with a Floorball rink from IFF
- Use the WFC to promote Wroclaw in ads etc.