

IFF President Report from the 129th IOC Session and Rio de Janeiro Brazil XXXI Olympic Games August 2016

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Report on present issues

1. General

The IFF President was invited, by the IOC, to attend the IOC Session and the Rio de Janeiro Brazil Olympic Games.

2. August 1st to 4th the 129th IOC session

Already at the Opening Ceremony on August 1st, of the IOC Session it was clear by the speech by President Bach that the Session would comprise a lot of the Agenda 2020, concerning good governance and transparency, and doping in general and the situation in Russia. Key topics were also the five sports in a “package” proposed by the Tokyo 2020 LOC to be included as new sports on the medal tally.

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

1. There was at hand (enclosed if requested) a status report on the sports that were decided to be included in the 2020 Tokyo OG, that is Baseball/Softball, Karate, Sports Climbing, Surfing, Skateboarding. An interesting status report that we need to evaluate in order to learn how to increase our coming chances on OG Program.
2. There was at hand (enclosed if requested) a presentation on the Olympic Channel, presented by Timo Lumme, IOC Director Media/TV, that is a very interesting project that we need to monitor and as initiated already by IFF SG join in soonest possible.
3. Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires 2018 (October 1-12, 2018) <https://www.olympic.org/buenos-aires-2018> headed by Frank Fredericks (Track and field, IOC member from Namibia) Chair of the co-ordination committee, elaborated of the necessity to “vitalize” the Olympic movement and hence add new sports to the program. Sports Climbing President stated as well as showing there sports, at Nanjing 2014 YOG, was a deal breaker for the inclusion in the 2020 OG in Tokyo. Our street Floorball concept would fit in well.
4. It is more and clearer that our Floorball associations need soonest speed up the affiliation to the NOC. For example, NOC are the ones that sign and decide upon participation in a lot of multisport events, such as SEA Games, Asia Games etc. It is also through these connections the process of developing our sport on both a national and international level can be enhanced.

3. Meeting with Mr. Erick Thohir, President Indonesian NOC

Meet with Mr. Erick Thohir, NOC President (a FIBA executive member) in office since January 2016, and Mr. Harry Warganegara Harun, NOC member (Cycling) and responsible for the Sport Development Commission.

Indonesian Floorball Association (IFA) is a member of the Sports Confederation (KONI), but yet not a member of the NOC (KOI). The requirements for NOC membership are already met by IFA, Floorball in Indonesia are in 12 of 34 states.

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IFA must however apply soonest for KOI affiliation (next AGM of KOI in January 2017), Professor Toho should be in contact with Mr Gatot soonest. It is the membership (the other sports) of KOI who decides.

Concerning the Asian Games in Jakarta August/September 2018, Floorball has, on its own expense, a possibility to join in as sports lab/demonstration. Also here IFA must soonest be in contact with KOI.

4. IWGA the TWG in Wroclaw 20-30 July, 2017

Mr Perurena President, and Mr Gossow are very pleased with how things are progressing with Floorball on the TWG Program in Wroclaw next year. In particular with our strategy to think long-term, and our laid down plan for bringing added value to the TWG. Gossow even elaborated on the fact that Floorball could be a best practice having a CC 10 meeting a year ahead and to discuss actions on the roadmap to Wroclaw 2017, and inevitably to Alabama 2021.

There is a NOC as “Chef de mission” meeting organized in Wroclaw on October 17-19. Gossow anticipated roughly that around maximum 20 NOC will act as heads of delegations.

5. IMGA and Euro Masters 2019

<https://www.imga.ch/>

CEO Jens V Holm stated that there are four bids to host 2019 Euro Masters Games. Kyrenia, Northern Cyprus is now one of four candidates that could host the European Masters Games in 2019. Other candidates include Tampere, Finland, Pesaro and Torino in Italy. Important is that regardless of which city will be awarded the Euro Masters in 2019, it is already a fact that in the host city contract Floorball will be included. IFF need to monitor closely the challenges if arranged in city which is not so developed in Floorball. CEO Holm stated that it will be decided first weeks in September 2016.

6. Meeting with Beng Choo Low on SEA Games 2017 in Kuala Lumpur August

Mrs. Beng Choo said Floorball is not on the SEA Games in KL in 2017. But there is still a possibility that Floorball along with those sports not on the medal tally might be organised in a so called “Sports Festival” during the actual games. This will be own these sports own expense. It of course has to be co-ordinated between MAS and IFF.

7. Meetings held with SEA Games countries NOC on roadmap to SEA Games 19 and 21 and 23

SEA Games in 2019 will be organised in the Philippines, in 2021 in Vietnam, and in 2023 in Cambodia.

Meet with the POC NOC President Jose Cojuangco, the treasurer (Chef de mission) Julian Camacho and secretary general Steve Hontiveros. Conclusion is that Floorball is on the medal tally again, but the PHI must have stronger teams than last time in Singapore, otherwise it will backlash internally PHI POC.

Meet with Vietnam NOC President Mr. Tuan Anh Hoang, and secretary general Mr. Manh VAN Tran. Vietnam has yet no Floorball but were well aware of Floorball since Mr. Tran is a SEAGFC member, and was introduced to Floorball through POC Mr. Hontiveros.

Meet with Cambodia NOC secretary general, and SEAGFC member, and LOC of SEA Games in 2023, Mr. Vath Chamroeun, and Cambodia has no Floorball and was not aware of Floorball as such. Needs activation.

Meet with Mr. Zuraimi Abdul Sani, secretary general of NOC Brunei Darussalam, and SEAGFC member. Floorball has groups in Brunei, since part of Borneo, and surrounded by MAS of Sabah and Sarawak. Needs co-ordination through MAS Floorball.

8. *Meeting with FISU President Oleg Matytsin on WUC “new format”*

Mr. Matytsin was very pleased with the collaboration between IFF and FISU, and Floorball is well seen in the FISU family. The FISU President restated that FISU will soonest go from countries and national teams to University teams on the WUC Program.

Upcoming meetings and issues

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

- Tokyo 2020, status report on the five sports included on the OG Program, evaluate Floorball chances, and hence which conclusions to draw?
- Buenos Aires YOG, sports lab? October 1-12, 2018, check up and evaluate?
- Affiliation in general by Floorball NSA to respective NOC!
- Affiliation in particular by the six NSA that are eligible to take part in the TWG 2017 in Wroclaw?
- Euro Master Games in 2019, which city? Action plan needed for activation for and roadmap to 2019?
- SEA Games 2017 Sports Festival, co-ordination between MAS Floorball and IFF and NOC in MAS
- Asian Games in 2018 in Jakarta, IFA must affiliate and be activated with NOC Indonesia soonest (January 17 deadline must be member)
- PHI NOC/Floorball needs assistance having strong teams at SEA Games in 2019

New ideas, etc...

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