

IOC Congress report October 3-5, 2009, in Copenhagen

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Report on present issues

1. Aim of the meeting

The International Floorball Federation got as a recognized IF an invitation to attend the 13th historic IOC Congress in Copenhagen organized on October 3-5, 2009, integrated with the IOC Session. Since 1894 this was only the 13th Congress. The last Congress was in 1994 in Paris.

The invitation was for the IF President, but however IFF ExCo asked for further possibilities, and was asking for Renato as well as John, and we were given one more seat for IF Secretary general, but due to personal reasons John could not attend.

Compared to the Sportaccord, also at the IOC Congress did the 205 NOC participate, and all IOC Members.

2. Objectives for the IOC Congress

- The theme for the Congress was “The Olympic Movement in Society”.
 - The overall objective was to discuss the main directions that the Olympic Movement could take in coming years.
 - The Congress was organized in five different sections:
 1. the Athletes
 2. the Olympic Games
 3. the structure of the Olympic movement
 4. Olympism and Youth
 5. the Digital revolution
 - The outcome of the IOC Congress was the document “The Olympic Movement in Society” (enclosed) with a mission statement as well as with fundamental principles defined in the five different themes, a total of 66.
 - All stakeholders were to be asked by the IOC to give its considerations on the recommendations of the IOC Congress.
- 3. Conclusions**
- My overall conclusion was that in the future the focus shall be more on the Athletes and the Youth, and hence the IOC will take actions to meet with these needs, and Floorball meets today very well with these ideas as well as with many of the recommendations given by the Congress to the IOC and its Executive Board, and to the IOC Session.
 - The Danish FA (DaFU) made a good job, and had Floorball demonstrated at the City Main Square on Thursday where people and passing by IOC delegates could try out Floorball, was given flyers and balls in different colours. On Saturday as well, in the actual conference centre, the Bella Centre where the IOC Congress, was organized, Floorball was also demonstrated during the entire day, and delegates, even the royal Crown Prince himself, tried out! Many delegates passed by and I could also bring some and show actual Floorball which was very good. Very few sports actually take these initiatives which of course are good for us.

Upcoming meetings and issues

- IF Sports Forum in Lausanne organized by Sportaccord on November 16-18, 2009, do the follow up.

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

- IFF will review the recommendations of the IOC Congress, and consider to give feedback on it
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New ideas, etc...