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Extraordinary Congress

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Elective Congress

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Attendance

The meeting opened at 9am and was presided over by Mr René ROCH, President of the F.I.E.

Took a seat at the tribune:

•Mr René ROCH (MH)	President
•Mr Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (MH)	Secretary General
•Ms Gunilla LINDBERG	IOC Vice-President
•Mr Guy DRUT	IOC Member
•Mr Peter JACOBS (MH)	Secretary-Treasurer
•Mr Arthur CRAMER (MH)	Vice-President
•Ms Ana PASCU (MH)	Vice-President
•Ms Nathalie RODRIGUEZ M.-H.	Administration and Finance Director
•Mr Ioan POP	International Technical Director

Members of the Executive Committee present:

- Mr Max GEUTER (GER, MH)
- Ms Rafaela GONZALEZ FERRER (CUB, MH)
- Mr Ali Youssef HUSAIN (KUW)
- Mr Victor SANCHEZ (ESP)
- Mr Wei WANG (CHN)

Members of Honour present:

- Mr Jean-Claude BLONDEAU (FRA, MH)
- Mr Samuel CHERIS (USA, MH)
- Mr Mario FAVIA (ITA, MH)
- Mr Edoardo MANGIAROTTI (ITA, MH)
- Ms Kate D'ORIOLO (FRA, MH)
- Mr Emmanuel RODOCANACHI (FRA, MH)
- Mr Cesare SALVADORI (ITA, MH)

Presidents of the Confederations present:

• Mr Alisher USMANOV (RUS)	President of the European Confederation
• Mr Abderrahmane LAMARI (ALG)	President of the African Confederation
• Mr Jorge CASTRO REA (MEX)	President of the Pan-American Confederation
• Ms Helen SMITH (AUS)	President of the Oceanian Confederation
• Mr Celso DAYRIT (PHI)	President of the Asian Confederation

Federations present or represented:

AFGHANISTAN	Mohammad Safi Deen Faroq Mozammil
SOUTH AFRICA	Gennady Tyshler
ALGERIA	Ferial Salhi Mustapha Berraf
GERMANY	Gordon Rapp Wilfried Wolfgarten Lutz Schirrmacher Claus Janka
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	Raymond Jessurun (non-voting) Marie France Dufour
<i>SAUDI ARABIA</i>	<i>Represented by René Roch</i>
ARGENTINA	Victor Sergio Groupierre Omar Vergara
ARMENIA	Grigoryan Armen Panosyan Hakob
ARUBA	Thomas Austin Edison
AUSTRALIA	Peter Andersen Peter Harmer
AUSTRIA	Ursula Hinterseer Richard Martin
AZERBAIJAN	Ramin Mammadov Yashar Mamedov
<i>BAHRAIN</i>	<i>Represented by Kuwait</i>
BANGLADESH	Islam Qamrul
BARBADOS	Robert Kiss
BELGIUM	Alexandre Walnier John Leten Piet Wauters
<i>BENIN</i>	<i>Represented by France</i>
<i>BELIZE</i>	<i>Represented by Mexico</i>
BELARUS	Alexandre Romankov Igor Krentik Henadz Kholiavsky
BOLIVIA	Alejandro Bleyer (non-voting)
<i>BOTSWANA</i>	<i>Represented by South Africa</i>
BRAZIL	Gerli Dos Santos
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	Hají Zainoren Hají Mohd Yusof
BULGARIA	Velitchka Hristeva Dimitar Stoyanov
BURKINA FASO	Djibril Zeba
CAMBODIA	Ang Sok
<i>CAMEROON</i>	<i>Represented by Egypt</i>
CANADA	Stephen Symons Manuel Belmonte Yann Bernard John Makela
CHILE	Sergio Vergara de la Guarda Rodrigo Moreno Castro
CHINA	Daoming Ji Xiangyang Yuan
CYPRUS	Yiannis Hadjarapis Iraklis Emmanouilidis

COLOMBIA	Jorge Pinto
CONGO	Kembe Sorel-Arthur
KOREA	Guk Hyeon Kim
	Kwang Kee Lee
	Chang Gon Kim
	Jae Sung Shim
COSTA RICA	Luis Alberto Cruz
COTE D'IVOIRE	Mekrokro Dosso
	Yao Kouadio
CROATIA	Zeljko Kvesic
	Ivo-Goran Munivrana
CUBA	Julio Cesar Gonzalez Tirador
DENMARK	Joergen Kjoeller
	Jens Norman Joergensen
EGYPT	Mohamed El Motawakel
	Osama Riad
EL SALVADOR	David Munguia Payes
ECUADOR	Pedro Manzano Torres
SPAIN	Marco A. Rioja Perez
	Antonio Garcia Hernandez
	Fernando Diaz
	Jose Luis Alvarez
ESTONIA	Tonis Kaasik
UNITED STATES	Kalle Weeks
	Sunil Sabharwal
	Donald Alperstein
	Derek Cotton
	Daniel Dechaine
FINLAND	Kimmo Pentikainen
	Marja-Liisa Someroja
FRANCE	Frédéric Pietruszka
	Jean-Pierre Kessler
	Catherine Defoligny
	Erick de Conninck
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	Aleksandar Anastasov
GABON	<i>Represented by Algeria</i>
GEORGIA	Moris Sakhvadze
	Yuri Osipov
GREAT BRITAIN	Keith Smith
	Steve Higginson
	Clare Halsted
	Janet Huggins
	Allan Jay
	Hillary Philbin
	Edward Bourne
GREECE	Emmanuel Katsiadakis
GUATEMALA	Juan Carlos Bardales C.
	Carlos Francisco Gonzalez R.
GUINEA	Soriba Sylla
NETHERLANDS	Wiebe Mokken
	Bert Van De Flier
	George Ruijsch Van Dugteren
HONDURAS	Marco Antonio Izaguirre
HONG KONG	<i>Represented by China</i>
HUNGARY	Andras Fuleky
	Attila Szalay-Berzeviczy
	Jeno Kamuti

VIRGIN ISLANDS	Krisztian Kulcsar
INDIA	Joyce Bolanos (non-voting)
INDONESIA	Arun Kumar Vij
	Suratman Tono
IRAN	Tanjung Aslizar
	Ghilamhossein Asgari
	Alireza Poursalmani
	Sarkis Assadourian
	Alimohammad Azizi
	Davood Reza Shafaat
IRAQ	Adel F Ali
IRELAND	Tom Rafter
	Nuala Mc Garrity
ICELAND	Gudjon Ingi Gestsson
	Nicolay Mateev
	Sophie Dumas-Johannesson
ISRAEL	Dr. Shklar Vladimir
ITALY	Giorgio Scarso
	Giuseppe Cafiero
	Maria Magherita Alciati
	Nicolai Gianandrea
	Marco Siesto
	Antonio Fiore
	Lioniero Del Maschio
JAPAN	Atsushi Harinishi
	Kazushige Hirano
	Reiko Nakata
JORDAN	Khaled Atiyat
KAZAKHSTAN	Oleg Peskov
	Khamitzhan Yunusbaev
KUWAIT	Shaker Sanasiri
	Wail Ali Hussain
	Nahedh El-Murde
KYRGYZSTAN	Osmonjan Kasymov
	Valeriy Karyakin
LATVIA	Erika Aze
	Klinta Aze
LEBANON	Kraytem Ezzat
LITHUANIA	Jogela Rimantas Povilas
LUXEMBOURG	Armand Lemal
	Pascal Tesch
MACAO	Fat Meng Lam
	Ho Tomé
MALAYSIA	Abu Hassan Rusni
	Ahmad Farik Ainaa
MALI	Boubacar Diouf
MALTA	Juan Formosa
	Alex Micallef
	Tatiana Sorokina
MOROCCO	Noureddine Daho
	Abdelillah Zaji
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MEXICO	Vitaly Logvin
MOLDOVA	Ion Bolfa
MONACO	Georges Prat
MONGOLIA	Jugder Otgontsagaan
	Batchuluun Narmandakh
<i>MYANMAR</i>	<i>Represented by Singapore</i>

NAMIBIA	Michael A. Dieterich
NICARAGUA	William Barberena Genet
<i>NIGER</i>	<i>Represented by Tunisia</i>
NIGERIA	Donald Odeleye Abidemi
NORWAY	Bjorn Faye
<i>NEW ZEALAND</i>	<i>Represented by Australia</i>
UZBEKISTAN	Sabirjan Ruziev
PALESTINE	Daoud Almitwally
PANAMA	Anibal Illueca Herrando
	Pastor Garcia
	Ezquiel Rodríguez Rey
PARAGUAY	Pedro Cornet
PERU	Peggy Baldwin Cahuas
PHILIPPINES	Celso Dayrit
POLAND	Adam Lisewski
	Ryszard Szczepanski
	Jacek Bierkowski
PUERTO RICO	Gregorio Lima
PORTUGAL	Frederico J. Colaco Valarinho
	José J. Azevedo Valarinho
	José E. Correia Dos Santos
	Miguel H. Cardoso Pinto
QATAR	Ali Al-Maadeed Abdulla
	Suwaid Sohar Khalid
	Feriani Zied
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Junior Antonio Arias Noboa
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CZECH REPUBLIC	Frantisek Janda
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SWITZERLAND	Janine Lamon
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TAJIKISTAN	Abdutakhmon Turai
TAIPEI	Monica Ho
<i>THAILAND</i>	<i>Represented by Taipei</i>
TUNISIA	Lofti Ammar
	Salah Ferjani

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Serguey Mischenko
Maxim Paramonov**

**URUGUAY
VENEZUELA
VIETNAM
YEMEN**

**Vadim Gutsayt
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Manuel Rondon (non-voting)
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Extraordinary Congress Agenda

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2. Roll call of national federations attending
3. Validation of the proxies
4. Ratification of the new federations
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Elective Congress Agenda

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7. Honours Commission
8. Miscellaneous issues

1. President's speech

René Roch (MH): Gunilla LINDBERG, Vice-president of the International Olympic Committee

Guy DRUT, Member of the IOC

Mustafa BERRAF, President of the Algerian National Olympic Committee

Members of the Honour,

Presidents,

Dear Friends,

It is a great honour for our sport to welcome Gunilla Lindberg and Guy Drut among us.

Their presence here shows all the interest the International Olympic Committee takes in these elections.

The election campaign is over, as I have already mentioned, and we are here to vote freely as all the precautions have been taken to avoid the problems which arose four years ago.

The voting will be by secret ballot as it is the only democratic way to elect a person, whomever that person may be.

In order to keep the voting secret, we kindly ask you to put any cameras including mobile phones down when you are handed your ballot paper.

You can of course immediately pick them up again after fulfilling your voting duty.

A speech seems to me to be superfluous so I am handing the floor over to Nathalie Rodriguez, our Administration and Finance Director who will conduct this Congress.

2. Validation of federations attending

Nathalie Rodriguez: Ladies and Gentlemen, hello, we are now going to move on to the agenda. Item number two: roll call of the federations attending. I am going to call out the countries and I ask you please to raise your hand very clearly as the light is in my eyes and it might be difficult for me to see you.

Afghanistan? Thank you. Algeria? Argentina, thank you. Armenia, Aruba, is Aruba here? Aruba is not here? Australia, Austria? When you raise your hand, could you please say yes? Bangladesh? Yes, I have seen Azerbaijan. Bangladesh? Is Bangladesh here? Barbados? Belgium, Belarus, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria. Is Brunei here? Brunei? Is Brunei here? Is Brunei here? Yes he was, but now he is not! Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Congo, Chile, Chile? Is Chile here? China, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo? Is the Democratic Republic of Congo here? Colombia? Is Colombia here? Costa Rica? Costa Rica? Is Costa Rica here? Brunei? Ok. Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic. Ah, Bangladesh is here. Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt? El Salvador, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Great Britain, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Iran, Ireland, Iraq, Iraq? Is Iraq here? Iceland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Kuwait. Is Colombia here? Yes. Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Lithuania? Luxembourg, Macao, Macao? Is Macao here? Macao is not here. Morocco. Is Macao here? Ok. Morocco, Malaysia, Moldova, Mexico, Mongolia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mali, Malta, Malta? Ok. Monaco, Mauritania, Namibia, Nicaragua, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, South Africa, Russia, Senegal, Singapore, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Switzerland? Is Switzerland here? Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Togo, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Arab Emirates? Thank you. Ukraine, Uruguay, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, Yemen? Is Yemen here? The Netherlands Antilles, Bolivia, Bolivia? The Virgin Islands, Venezuela. Is Venezuela here? Has Aruba arrived? Congo, sorry, the Democratic Republic of Congo? Is the Democratic Republic of Congo not here? Costa Rica? Is Costa Rica here? Is Switzerland here? Switzerland? Costa Rica is still not here. Costa Rica? Is Yemen here? Yemen?

3. Validation of proxies

Ok, we will now move on to validation of the proxies.

Benin is giving a proxy to France, does France accept?

Belize is giving a proxy to Mexico, does Mexico accept?

Botswana is giving a proxy to South Africa, does South Africa accept?

Bahrain is giving a proxy to Kuwait. Kuwait accepts.

Cameroon is giving a proxy to Egypt, does Egypt accept?

Gabon is giving a proxy to Algeria, does Algeria accept?

Hong Kong is giving a proxy to China, does China accept?

Saudi Arabia is giving a proxy to René Roch, does René Roch accept?

Mauritania is giving a proxy to Morocco, does Morocco accept?

Myanmar is giving a proxy to Singapore, does Singapore accept?

Niger is giving a proxy to Tunisia, does Tunisia accept?

New Zealand is giving a proxy to Australia, does Australia accept?

Australia?

San Marino is giving a proxy to Italy. Thank you.

Slovakia is giving a proxy to the Czech Republic, does the Czech Republic accept? The Czech Republic? Mr Janda?

Syria is giving a proxy to Jordan. Thank you.

Thailand is giving a proxy to Taipei. Does Taipei accept?

Has Switzerland arrived? Is Yemen here?

Aruba, I have it. Yes.

We therefore have right now, unless other countries arrive, 109 countries present and 16 countries represented, giving us a total of 125 federations present or represented. The other countries announced that are not here may still arrive.

We are therefore going to move on to item four on the agenda, the ratification of the new federations.

4. Ratification of new federations

Nathalie Rodriguez: This year the Executive Committee provisionally affiliated Côte d'Ivoire, Syria and Sri Lanka, and you were informed of this via information or urgent letters. During the most recent consultation and the Executive Committee meeting yesterday, yes...Mr Janda, you accept the Czech Republic's proxy. Very well.

Ioan Pop: Yemen has arrived.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yemen has arrived. We therefore have 110 countries present and 16 countries represented, giving us a total of 126 countries present or represented. So, this week, the Executive Committee provisionally affiliated the following countries: Togo, who is here. Gabon, Cameroon, Benin and Belize. With these federations, the FIE has 134 national member federations. Do you agree to ratify these new federations? Raise your hand please if you agree. Do you agree to ratify these new federations? Is anyone against it? Ok, so we unanimously agree with the final affiliation of these national federations.

Applause

Have any national federations not been called out? Is Switzerland still not here?

Among the federations that I called out and who are present, some of them paid their financial obligations after the deadline. You know that since the 2007 Congress the FIE Statutes state that to vote or to be represented at the Congress the national federations must have paid their financial obligations one month before the opening day of the Congress. As the Congress is taking place on 6 December, this means that the national federations needed to have paid by 5 November 2008. A certain number of these federations paid after the date fixed by the Statutes. This was the case for the Netherlands Antilles, Bolivia, the Virgin Islands and Venezuela. Therefore, in accordance with the Statutes, these federations are not allowed to vote at the Congress. Sir? Do you wish to say something, Mr Van de Flier? Yes.

Bert Van de Flier (NED): Bert Van de Flier, Netherlands. Of course when it comes to the Netherlands Antilles, I would like to say something about it. You are right. According to the rules, they are too late. But this is my 26th Congress that I am here with you at the FIE, we never ever applied that rule. In Atlanta we did not apply it when somebody (the Iles Vierges) came after lunch and paid on the spot. We have also always applied the rule "you pay, you are there". I know the rules are different, but we were also lenient because we are a group of

friends; we are also talking about good sportsmanship and being a little bit fair. There are people who came more than ten thousand kilometres to be here, and I do not know why they did not pay on time and we may individually talk about each of them because you understand that some of them may have even paid, maybe on time, but that would be an individual story for each country. Let's talk about a general principal. I would like to ask the Congress, like we always do, to say "everybody who has paid at this moment and is here should be in". Thank you.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: Mr Van de Flier, I am sorry to tell you that if you read the 2007 Congress Report you will see in the attendance list a certain number of countries that were present and were not allowed to vote. It is there in black and white in the 2007 Congress Report. Colombia was affected. They were present, but were not allowed to vote as they were not up-to-date with their payments. And we applied this rule during the previous Congresses. No, no, several times.

Bert Van de Flier (NED): When I was in Doha, I had a proxy from the Netherlands Antilles. I will do this in English. When I was in Doha, I had a proxy of the Dutch Antilles. When they gave it to me, I said "Did you pay?" "Oh, not yet". I said "Well, I will pay". So I paid by bank, but I know I was too late. When I said to Ms Rodriguez "I think that I am late, is this proxy ok?" the answer was "yes, it is not a problem, you paid", so...

Applause

Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR): Peter Jacobs, Secretary Treasurer. I think we should just for the sake of information clarify one thing. The statutes do not just say that those federations which are not up-to-date with their payments, their financial obligations to the FIE, one month before the opening day of the Congress, may not vote. It also says, "may not be represented". It also says "without an exception being...how would you translate it?" *dûment motivée et acceptée par le Comité Exécutive*...in other words, the Executive Committee does have the right to make an exception for a federation if it accepts that there is a good and justified reason and it accepts that reason, and the Executive Committee considered this matter yesterday and decided that that was not the case. So, just to clarify things, it is not very simple. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Please say your name and your country when you take the microphone.

Raymond Jessurun (AHO): Raymond Jessurun, Antilles Néerlandaises. I would like to ask the Congress the following and to consider the following argument. I understood that the Executive Committee decided yesterday that they did not want to grant us the right to vote according to an article in the statutes. When we read the article in the statutes, we can have some argument about the interpretation of it. The intention of the Netherlands Antilles was to pay one month before the day that the Congress starts. Today is the 6th. One month before this is the 6th of November. The deposit of the Netherlands Antilles was made the 6th of November. Usually a month term, internationally, is 30 days. If we count from the 6th towards the 5th, which was yesterday, when the meeting was, that was 30 days. One day before the Congress starts. Today, I am in the Congress, according to the same article, it was stated that I could not even represent, be representing my federation. But I am being granted the right to be present, I am accredited and the only thing that is denied is the right to vote. We are here to deal with matters, we want to express our opinion, not only voice our opinion, so I would like the Congress to reconsider the decision that the Executive Committee took yesterday.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I would like to make clear that all the national federations received the first invoice for the 2007-2008 annual fees in August 2007. In August 2007. And these invoices clearly stated that the payments were due by 15 March 2008 at the latest. After 15 March 2008, all the national federations who had not paid these annual fees, either for the current year or previous years, were sent three reminders from the accounting department of the FIE between 15 March 2008 and 30 September 2008. Three reminders. And the payments were due before 15 March 2008. Yes, sir?
Just before you start, I have heard that Switzerland has arrived? Is this correct? Thank you.

Junior Arias Noboa (DOM): Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Junior Arias Noboa, President of the Dominican Fencing Federation. We would like to inform you of an action in very bad taste against our country. Our country was forbidden to vote in the beginning as it was thought that we had not paid. And yet, I brought the document which proves that we transferred the money on time. We have practically travelled across the world and are here by our own means. This news truly took us by surprise and caused us psychological harm because, for us, the FIE must be a protecting body which facilitates tasks, and this is why we are using this to make a complaint in front of you. It was only this morning, around 3 am, that we were granted the right to vote. This put us in a worrying situation as we are a very poor country. We travelled all the way here and found ourselves in this situation. We know that there are other countries who did not pay on time and that are not able to vote, especially the countries which participated in the first Congress. I hope that this will be taken into consideration as well as our complaint about this situation, which is very uncomfortable and embarrassing for us. Thank you very much.

Applause

René Roch (MH, FRA): Ladies and Gentlemen, as Nathalie, our Director, has just related, there were three reminders, the reminders were sent a long time ago, and we have followed the Statutes of the International Federation. If we do not respect the Statutes today, if we take decisions that are contrary to the Statutes - and imagine if the number of votes are very close - the other candidate could appeal to the court of arbitration of sport and say: "The International Federation did not observe strictly the Statutes of the federation." So that is the risk we run. The Executive Committee did not take sides yesterday, they simply said: "We are applying the Statutes". If we do not want to apply them, and it is not possible as the Executive Committee is the guardian of the Statutes. So, if you want to disregard the Statutes, I do not mind, but in that case we will vote on it, by secret ballot, and we must be aware that if we do not respect the Statutes and if the Congress believes that we do not have to apply the statutes in our federation - I will propose it if you wish - but do not tell us that it is our fault. It will be your fault. The Dominican Republic, I totally agree with the Dominican Republic, it is a shame that they paid and that we did not have proof of this. And in any case, we have also complained to the Dominican Republic, they never answered our letters. Sometimes, you must deign answering letters from the International Federation. I think that it is simply a question of politeness. So listen, it is as you wish, either we have a secret ballot voting to find out if we agree to infringe the statutes or we do not vote on this matter. I propose even to vote for this by a show of hands. Do we have a secret ballot vote to say "we do not apply the statutes of the federation" or do we apply them and that is that?
Do you agree? So we are voting to say whether we agree not to apply the statutes. Who are those who are... Well obviously in this particular case and not in every situation as there would no longer be any point in having any statutes. We would then only shake hands, and that would be it. I therefore think...so we are voting to know whether we apply the statutes or not. I propose we vote. And we can even raise then... with a showing of hands, why not, to know.
Come here, come here, come here...
Well, it is obvious that it is strange to say "ladies and gentlemen, we have statutes, we must apply them, but we are not doing it because we changed our mind". So, do we apply the statutes or do we not apply the statutes? I would like us to vote.

René Roch (MH, FRA): one moment...

Alejandro Bleyer (BOL): I would like to say something. I think that the Executive Committee cannot be above the Congress. Monsieur Roch, the Congress is above the Executive Committee and the Assembly. And if the Executive Committee took an incorrect decision because we made the payment on 6 November and there are 30 days between then and 6 December, and we are allowed to vote, and if the Executive Committee made a mistake, this Congress has the power to reverse this decision and we are all part of this Congress. The Executive Committee is not omnipotent. Mr President, it is the Congress which is at the head of the International Federation, and not the Executive Committee. That is why there are all the Presidents of the national federations and I think that we should reconsider the decision and see whether we have or do not have the right to vote as we have explained. We paid the fees 30 days before. And I repeat: the Congress can resolve the situation as the Executive Committee is not above the Congress, but the opposite. Thank you.

Applause

Arthur Cramer (MH, BRA): Hello ladies and gentlemen, hello my friends. First of all, I would like to address my friend Alex Bleyer. Dear friend, the Executive Committee has not made a mistake. The Executive Committee decided in accordance with the statutes, meaning that if a country has a constitution, if an International Federation has statutes, we must follow the Constitution, we must apply the Statutes. We have absolutely applied the Statutes. We must apply the Statutes. However, I defended your position for several years. The money that you received from the FIE for a Maîtres d'Armes course, 12,500 dollars, were not spent to pay for this course. We forgave you and even defended you. Why? Because the Statutes gave us the possibility to. In this situation, I cannot accept it, as a member of the Executive Committee, that we have made a mistake. The Statutes provide for this type of situation, as would the Constitution of a country. Or else it is a revolution! If a country or an International Federation does not respect the rules in the statutes, then we must chuck it all out and it will be chaos. I am even against the vote that Mr René Roch has proposed, we cannot vote on a departure from the Statutes here. No, to change the Statutes, we must have a Congress that proposes the changes to the Statutes. That is clear. Thank you very much.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: Mr Bleyer, the date by which the annual payments must be made is set by the Statutes. The Statutes say that the National Federations must have fulfilled their financial obligations one month before the opening day of the Congress. It is very precise.

René Roch (MH, FRA): Ladies and gentlemen, I regret, there is no possible discussion on the matter. Either we apply the Statutes or we do not apply the Statutes. The problem is there, that is all. As you say that the Congress is the sovereign authority, we ask the Congress if we must apply the statutes, yes or no. Those who are in favour of applying the Statutes, i.e. for what we have just decided, raise their hand and say yes. There, we will count the votes. Who is for applying the Statutes?

Nathalie Rodriguez: Those who are for applying the Statutes, please raise your hand with the green slip. For applying the Statutes.

Can you please raise your hands? Raise your hands high, we are finding it difficult to count you.

There are therefore sixty-six votes in favour of applying the Statutes.

Those who are against applying the statutes raise their hands with a red slip. Against applying the statutes. Please raise your hands.

Forty are in favour of not applying the Statutes. Who abstains from voting? Those who abstain, please raise your hand with the white slip. Six abstentions.

The Congress therefore decides to apply the Statutes.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: Therefore, the Netherlands Antilles, Bolivia, the Virgin Islands and Venezuela are not allowed to vote at the Congress.
The discussion is over. We are moving on to the next item.
The next item regards the proposals made by the Executive Committee in order to modify the Statues.

5. Voting on the Executive Committee proposals to modify the statutes

Nathalie Rodriguez: So you know that the Executive Committee convened this Extraordinary Congress just before the elections in order to modify the FIE statutes, in particular the number of members elected to the Executive Committee so that the Confederation Presidents may become ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. You have received a document in your folders with the statutes modification proposals, which have been studied by the Legal Commission, Mr Sam Chervis, who has stated that he sees no objection to these proposals. So the purpose of these proposals about the Executive Committee and electing the members of the Executive Committee is to increase the number of elected Executive Committee members from 11 to 15, and regarding the Confederation Presidents, to give them the title of ex-officio members of the Executive Committee and therefore the right to vote at the Executive Committee meetings. To date, we have not received any remarks or comments regarding these proposals. Does anyone wish to say something on the subject? No one wants to say anything. Very well. We will therefore move on to voting on the first proposal. So, for the Executive Committee members to go from 11 to 15. Who is in favour of this proposal? Please raise your hand with the green slip if you are in favour of the proposal to increase the number of Executive Committee members from 11 to 15.

Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR): Please keep your hands up clearly so that they can be accurately counted. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, 104 federations are in favour of the proposal. Who is against the proposal? Who is against it? One? Who abstains from voting? Nobody. The proposal is therefore accepted.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: The second proposal concerns the Presidents of the Confederations becoming ex-officio members of the Executive Committee with full rights of the Executive Committee and therefore the right to vote. To make this easier, we are going to ask you who is against the proposal relating to the Confederations. Who is against it? Please raise your hands if you are against it. Does anyone abstain from voting? The proposal is therefore accepted unanimously.

The Extraordinary Congress is therefore over, we can now move on to the Elective Congress.

ELECTIVE CONGRESS



1. Confirmation of attendances and proxies validated during the Extraordinary Congress

Nathalie Rodriguez: Have any federations arrived since earlier? Is Yemen here? Has the Democratic Republic of Congo arrived? It is not here? It is absent. We have 111 countries present and 16 countries represented, which brings the total up to 127 federations present or represented for the Elective Congress. We will now move on to approving the 2007 Congress Report.

2. Approval of the minutes of the 2007 Congress

Nathalie Rodriguez: No comment has reached us to date. Do you agree to approve it? Is anyone against it? Does anyone abstain from voting? So the 2007 Congress Report is approved unanimously.

Very well, we will now move on to the next item which is electing the President.

3. Election of the President

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are going to proceed in the following manner: I am going to call the federations four by four as we have 4 booths. You will come forward and we will hand you the ballot papers. You will then go to the booth, where you will carefully fill out your ballot paper, fold it and then you will come and put it in the ballot boxes which are there. Then you will return to your seats.

May I remind you that electronic devices and cameras are forbidden in the booths. Please leave them at your seat.

The scrutineers appointed for these elections are: Mr Sam Chervis, Ms Janine Lamon, Mr Frantisek Janda, Ms Luan Luan Loo, Mr Steve Symons and Mr Lotfi Ammar. Please come forward to the tribune.

I would also like to remind you that the passageways and the zone at the bottom must remain clear.

Only the countries called to vote can come here and then they must go back to their seats.

Excuse me? So regarding the ballot paper, you put a cross - and it is written on the ballot paper - you need to put a cross next to the name of the candidate you wish to elect.

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina and Armenia. Aruba and Australia. I said Aruba and Australia. May I remind you that to vote - as I have told you and as I stated on the ballot papers - you put a cross next to the name of the person you would like to elect.

Austria, Azerbaijan. Please, ladies and gentlemen, sit down, we are in the middle of a voting process. Please sit down and leave the passageways clear. Please, please, please leave the passageways clear and sit down, please.

René Roch (MH, FRA): Everyone has to sit down including Mr Logvin. Mr Logvin, please return to your seat. Thank you. As I have said, the campaign is over, go sit down.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Bangladesh and Barbados. Belgium, and France who is voting for Benin. Mexico who is voting for Belize. Belarus, and South Africa who is voting for Botswana. Brazil, and Kuwait who is voting for Bahrain. If you have a proxy, you will come twice. Ok? Brunei and Bulgaria. Burkina and Cambodia. Canada and Congo, Chile and China. Côte d'Ivoire, and Egypt who is voting for Cameroon. Colombia and Costa Rica. Egypt is voting for Cameroon. Could someone go and get him please, I think he must be outside of the room. Croatia and Cuba. Cyprus and the Czech Republic. Denmark and the Dominican Republic. Ecuador and Egypt. Egypt? El Salvador and Spain. Estonia and Finland. France, and Algeria who is voting for Gabon. Great Britain and Georgia. Germany and Greece. Guatemala and Guinea. China who is voting for Hong Kong, and Honduras. Hungary and Indonesia. India and Iran. Ireland and Iraq. Iceland and Israel. Italy and Jordan. Japan and Kazakhstan. Kyrgyzstan, Korea. René Roch for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait. Latvia and Lebanon. Lithuania and Luxembourg, Macao and Morocco, Malaysia and Moldova, Mexico and Mongolia. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mali and Malta, Monaco. Malta? Ah, Malta is here. Morocco is voting for Mauritania and Singapore is voting for Myanmar. Namibia and Nicaragua. The Netherlands and Nigeria. Niger and Norway. Yes, sorry, Tunisia is voting for Niger, and Norway. Australia is voting for New Zealand, and Panama. Paraguay and Peru. Philippines and Palestine. Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar. Romania, South Africa, Russia, Senegal, Singapore, Sierra Leone. Slovenia, and Italy who is voting for San Marino. Serbia and Sri Lanka. Switzerland, and the Czech Republic who is voting for Slovakia. Sweden, and Jordan who is voting for Syria, Taipei who is voting for Thailand, Tajikistan. Turkmenistan, Togo. Taipei and Tunisia. Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. Ukraine, Uruguay. USA, Uzbekistan. Vietnam and Yemen.

an independent sport, with good rating and sponsorship interest for everybody in the world. This is my target and this is my program and I want to perform this program together with you, together with the new Executive Committee and of course together with every Confederation, which from today finally begin to be real members of the Executive Committee of our international federation. Thank you very much to everybody.

Applause

Alisher Usmanov (RUS): I approach Mr Roch to help me to arrange everything, like the first steps, because I have absolutely no experience in bureaucracy, especially in sport bureaucracy and I really need his help and I want to propose to nominate Mr Roch as honourable President of our Federation.

Applause

And I remember his negative feeling about my absence, and I approach him to be not only honourable President, but if he finds any good function in the executive activity of our Federation, I welcome to him and I approach him about this. Thank you very much to everybody.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Very well, we are now taking a fifteen-minute coffee break.

4. Election of the Executive Committee members

Nathalie Rodriguez: We are going to call the same scrutineers as earlier. Mrs Lamon. We are still missing Luan Luan Loo, please. Let's start.

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina and Armenia. So please note - excuse me for not saying it earlier - you are now voting for 15 persons for the Executive Committee. It is stated on your ballot papers. 15 persons maximum and you put a cross next to the names of the persons you wish to elect. Aruba. Australia and Austria ? Aruba? Azerbaijan. Is Aruba not here? Bangladesh. So I repeat that you need to put a cross next to the names of the persons you wish to elect. Obviously, the names of the Confederation Presidents who were candidates have been removed from your ballot papers. Barbados. Belgium. France who is voting for Benin. Mexico for Belize. Belarus, South Africa for Botswana. Brazil, and Kuwait who is voting for Bahrain. Brunei. Bulgaria. Burkina Faso. Cambodia. Canada. Congo, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt voting for Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba and Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Spain and Estonia, Finland. France. Algeria voting for Gabon, and Great Britain. Georgia. Germany. Greece. Guatemala and Guinea, China voting for Hong Kong. Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Iran, Ireland, Iraq, Iceland, Israel and Italy, Jordan, Japan and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, and René Roch for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Latvia. Lebanon. Lithuania. Luxembourg. Macao. Morocco. Malaysia. Moldova. Mexico. Mongolia. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Mali. Malta. Monaco. Morocco for Mauritania, and Singapore for Myanmar. Namibia, Nicaragua and the Netherlands. Nigeria. Tunisia for Niger. Norway. Australia for New Zealand. And Paraguay. And Peru, Philippines, Philippines? Palestine. Poland. Portugal. Poland? Panama. Sorry Mr Illueca. Puerto Rico, Qatar and Romania, South Africa and Russia. Senegal and Singapore. Senegal? Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Italy for San Marino. Serbia, Sri Lanka. Switzerland. The Czech Republic for Slovakia, and Sweden. Jordan for Syria. Taipei for Thailand. Taipei? Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Togo, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates and Ukraine. Uruguay. USA. Uzbekistan and Vietnam. Yemen. Have all the countries been called? Have all the countries been called? Yemen? Very well, all the countries have been called so the voting is over.

I would like to announce that the Honours Commission is going to hold a meeting in this room at 2.30 pm. The Honours Commission, according to the measures in the statutes is made up of the members of the Bureau of the FIE, the Members of Honour of the FIE and, lastly, of four National federation presidents who will be Mr Pietruszka, Mr Rapp, Mr Rioja Perez and Mr Wang Wei. So at 2.30 pm in this room, the Honours Commission. As the voting is over, you can now go and have lunch while the scrutineers, unfortunately for them, are going to have to count the ballot papers.

LUNCH BREAK

René Roch (MH, FRA): Ladies and gentlemen, dear friends. Yesterday the Executive Committee had a meeting. There was a secret ballot voting on the names of the persons they wanted to present to the Honours Commission as the Members of Honour. The Executive Committee therefore decided to nominate Mr Celso Dayrit from the Philippines as Member of Honour for his activity within the Asian Fencing Confederation.

Applause

René Roch (MH, FRA): The Executive Committee also decided to nominate as Member of Honour, Mrs Kate d'Oriola, who was a member of the Rules Commission and whom we have known for many years now. She has also been nominated in memory of Christian d'Oriola.

Applause

René Roch (MH, FRA): We also nominated Mr Ali Youssef as Member of Honour. He has been a Member of the Executive Committee for many years and a Commission Member.

Applause

René Roch (MH, FRA): We also nominated Anibal Illueca as Member of Honour for his activity for many years within the Pan-American Confederation.

Applause

René Roch (MH, FRA): We also nominated Mr Lamari for his activity in the African Confederation...

Applause

René Roch (MH, FRA): And Ms Helen Smith for her activity in Oceania and particularly in the Commonwealth.

Applause

René Roch (MH, FRA): So these are the Members of Honour whom the Executive Committee nominated yesterday and who were accepted today by the Honours Commission.

I now pass the floor over to Nathalie for the voting results.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So. The following persons have been elected: 1st, Victor Sanchez (Spain); 2nd, Wang Wie (China); 3rd, Giorgio Scarso (Italy); 4th, Ana Pascu (Romania); 5th, Nadira Ferial Salhi (Algeria); 6th, Frédéric Pietruszka (France), joint 7th place, Max Geuter (Germany) and Ali Youssef Husain (Kuwait); 9th, Sunil Sabharwal (USA); 10th, Peter Jacobs (Great Britain); 11th, Emmanuel Katsiadakis (Greece); 12th, Guk Hyeon Kim (Korea); 13th, Omar Alejandro Vergara, (Argentina); 14th, Maxim Paramonov (Ukraine); 15th, Velitchka Hristeva (Bulgaria).

I would like to make clear that as enough women were elected, no men were removed to make it possible to have three women in the Executive Committee.

So we now move on to electing the commission members.

5. Election of the Commission Members

Nathalie Rodriguez: To save some time, we have added two more booths in order to be able to call the countries six by six as you have seven ballot papers to fill out. So we suggest you fold each slip and put it in the ballot box as you will not be able to put all seven folded voting slips in together at the same time.

So, as I was saying, we are going to call the countries six by six to save a bit of time. Then, to count the votes, we are going to need two scrutineers per Commission, equally to save some time. So in addition to the persons who were appointed and who are here, I would like to ask the following persons to present themselves there to count the votes when the voting is over: Steve Higginson, Ali Poursalman, Ferial Salhi, Julio Cesar Gonzalez Tirador, Mohammed El-Motawakel, Monica Ho, Jean-Pierre Kessler and Omar Vergara. We will call you once the voting is over. You can take your time to vote.

I am calling six countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba and Australia.

I am going to take advantage of this moment to tell you now that the Congress photo will be taken during the coffee break. We will therefore go in front of the hotel's main entrance and stay there, there is a Christmas tree, and the photo will therefore be taken just in front of the hotel entrance during the coffee break.

Austria, Azerbaijan.

Jochen Farber: Bonjour à tous, welcome ladies and gentlemen. I will take a little bit of your time while we are doing the voting to try to entertain you. Carl Borack did a short clip of the best moments of Beijing and I would like to make that visible for you. Enjoy the best moments of the Beijing Olympic Games.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Bangladesh

Jochen Farber: Edited by Carl Borack and yesterday we had already another film done by the son of Jean-Marie Safra and I think later we will screen that to you as well. Those were the official pictures taken by BOB, by the Beijing Olympic Broadcasting, and the son of Jean-Marie Safra he did pictures on his own, we'll see that later. If you want, I would like to show you a little bit of what I believe was a big success during the Beijing Games and we will see now a short presentation on what we had at this Olympics in Beijing. Fantastic photos done by Serge Timacheff. We had nine days, 212 athletes and 1.8 billion viewers in about nine countries we were doing a research. It means we had more viewers, but we did not do a worldwide research. We just did the main countries and people were really happy about the result at those Olympic Games. The production hours compared to previous Olympic Games: in Sydney, we had about twenty hours of production, which was made available for the World. In Athens, we had the same twenty for the finals but we increased already by having the green piste with three cameras and we showed a lit bit of prelims. And, in Beijing, we had again the twenty hours for the finals but you see how much more we did on the prelims. We did a total of more than 150 hours of broadcasting production to the World. That never has happened before, and if you see, that was the lay-out in Sydney; we had the four pistes in a different venue, plus, we have the final piste in another venue. The cameras they were only on the finals, so only when the last four athletes were there, we could actually only film those last four athletes and mainly only those four countries were taking the pictures. Now this was in Athens where we added another three cameras on the prelims area on the green piste and that added a little bit more of coverage. And now we had to find the solution for Beijing and that was actually merging the two venues into one, being able to use the production material which was in place for all the four pistes and, we did then the same cameras used later for the final piste. That was made it possible to actually have more broadcast time. And if you see in other countries, those ones we made the research, in China the grey one is the figures from Athens, they did in Athens ten hours and from the Beijing Games thirteen hours. In the USA, it was a little bit less with four hours in Athens and three hours from the Beijing Games, but that is only TV coverage while NBC did a huge

amount of coverage this year on the internet, on the web and the mobile and that is not in that research. In France, they increased from thirty to thirty-two hours, in Germany from five to nineteen, in Russia from six to eighteen hours, in Italy, the record holder, to forty-nine hours from seven in Athens. This shows you just a little bit how much this change of going from two venues into one, that strategic move helped us getting actually much more visibility on that sport. Now the viewing figures of Beijing, you'll see it here, Russia at about 20 million accumulated, USA reached about 50 million accumulated, in Germany we reached 145 million accumulated, in France 219.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Barbados

Jochen Farber: In Italy, 399. No, it is ok, you can continue Nathalie!
And in China, what do you think? I mean, you see the chart is high enough.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Belgium

Jochen Farber: More than one billion viewers who watched not just the Olympic gold medal of China, but the whole of fencing. So all this shows you that we had excellent sport performances.

Nathalie Rodriguez: France for Benin

Jochen Farber: For those results here, we are already above the results what we had all over the world in Athens. So you can estimate that if we would have done a research in all the countries before what we did in Athens, we would have really reached a new new new record. But the other part is that we had only one venue for the direct elimination at the finals and we could use the best in the production logistics by bringing all this together. And, we did a lighting design and a look at the venue that created emotions and I think a lot of members of the IOC and a lot of the guests who came to our venue, they enjoyed being at the fencing venue because it was really a fantastic venue for the athletes. They could enjoy competing there. The delivery of the images: every single athlete to every country who wanted to show it and a lot of countries did it, and I hope than some at you who were not in the research still confirm that you have seen fencing in your country because your athletes were performing and were seen on your television. Now, we are heading towards Antalya, Paris, we still don't know yet, and to London and I hope that you will go with us this way, that we build up on this what we've done on Beijing, that we'll do more coverage than we did on the prelims as well, the people like it, the TV stations like it, and we liked it very much this year, therefore we say merci, thank you, gracias , and, specifically, xie xie Beijing.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: Mexico for Belize, Belarus, South Africa for Botswana, Brazil, Kuwait for Bahrain, and Brunei. Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Congo and Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt for Cameroon, Colombia and Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Egypt, El Salvador, Spain, Estonia, are Ecuador and El Salvador here? Is Ecuador here? Ah, Ecuador is here. Finland. France.

For the dinner tonight, I would like to remind you that an invitation card is mandatory. The federations who have not yet picked up their invitation card or have not paid for their gala dinner are kindly asked to do so at the entrance of the room.

I would also like to tell you now that we will leave for the gala dinner this evening at 8.30 pm and not at 8 pm as initially announced. At 8.30 pm. Algeria is voting for Gabon. Great Britain, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Greece? Mr Katsiadakis? Guatemala, Guinea, China for Hong Kong, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, India and Iran. Ireland. I have not yet called Italy. I said Ireland. Iraq, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea.

Ladies and gentlemen, for tomorrow morning, the Commission meetings were normally scheduled to start as of 9 am, but as the Executive Committee meeting has been moved, the Commission meetings will start at 10 am. So the first commission meeting, the refereeing commission meeting, which was supposed to start at 9 am will now start at 10am. Therefore all the commission meetings will start an hour later. The Executive Committee will start at 9.30 am. The Commission meetings will be as of 10 am, one after the other, as originally planned.

René Roch for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Latvia.

May I remind you that the Congress photo will be taken during the coffee break and I will ask you then to follow Mr Jochen Farber, who will lead you to in front of the hotel where the photo will be taken. Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg. I am also going to use this time to also give you the names of the rooms for the meetings tomorrow. The Executive Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the room Cendrars, here in the Conference Centre. And the Commissions will meet as of 10 am and will all be held one after the other in the room Miller, which is also in the Conference Centre.

Macao. Morocco, Malaysia, Moldova, Mexico, Mexico. Is Mexico not here? Mexico is not here? So, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Morocco for Mauritania, Singapore for Myanmar, Singapore for Myanmar? Morocco for Mauritania? Namibia. Mongolia, Nicaragua, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Nigeria? Is Nigeria not here? So we move on to Tunisia for Niger. Norway. Norway. Australia for New Zealand, Panama and Paraguay, Peru. Peru? The Philippines, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, South Africa, Russia, Senegal, Singapore and Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Italy who is voting for San Marino, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, the Czech Republic for Slovakia, Sweden, and Jordan who is voting for Syria. Sweden? Sweden please, Taipei for Thailand. Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Togo, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey, and Lebanon for the United Arab Emirates, who had to leave. Ukraine, Is Ukraine not here? So the USA. Wait, we have not got to Yemen yet. I said Lebanon for the United Arab Emirates, they had to leave. Uruguay, ok, Uruguay. Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. Yemen. Have all the countries been called out? Yes? Therefore the voting is over. Are there any ballot papers left please? Nigeria has just arrived. I therefore now call the following persons who were appointed earlier: Steve Higginson, Ali Poursalmani, Salhi Ferial, Marco Rioja Perez, Julio Cesar Gonzalez Tirador, Mohammed El Motawakel, Monica Ho, Jean-Pierre Kessler, Omar Vergara, and obviously the persons who were there during the Commission elections. Jochen? Is Jochen Farber here? Jochen, I think it is now time to ask everyone to go for the Congress photo. Ladies and gentlemen, please follow Jochen Farber for the Congress photo.

Jochen Farber: Ladies and Gentlemen, Serge Timacheff will take the official photo, of the Congress and we will like to go with you to the main entrance of the Le Méridien Hotel. Please follow us to the main entrance of the Meridien Hotel to take the official photo of this 2008 Congress now. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I am already going to announce the results of the voting, which we now have. So, Medical, the following persons were elected... We are waiting a bit for the scrutineers. Is Mr Paramonov here please?

The good news is that we now have the results for the 6 Commissions, but the bad news is that there is a Commission for which there is an equal vote for the 10th place and we are going to have to have another vote. So, for the results of the Refereeing Commission: 1st, Mohammed El-Motawakel (Egypt); 2nd, Marco Siesto (Italy); 3rd, Chang Gon Kim (Korea); 4th, Claus Janka (Germany); 5th, Wael Hussain Aya (Kuwait); 6th, Keith Smith (Great Britain); 7th, Ilgar Mamedov (Russia); 8th, Salah Ferjani (Tunisia); 9th, Derek Cotton (USA) and 10th, Reiko Nakata (Japan). As there were not two women for the Refereeing Commission, only one was elected.

We now move on to the Discipline Commission: 1st, Monica Ho (Taipei); 2nd, Jose Valarinho, (Portugal); 3rd, Ali Reza Poursalman (Iran); 4th, Allan Jay (Great Britain); 5th, Roxana

Barladeanu (Romania); 6th, Brigitte Saint-Bonnet (France); 7th, Ziad Feriani (Tunisia); 8th, Oleg Peskov (Kazakhstan); 9th, Jaana Pihkala (Finland); 10th, Marco Izaguirre Rodriguez, (Honduras).

We now move on to the Legal Commission: 1st, Per Palmstroem (Sweden); 2nd, Marco Rioja Perez (Spain); 3rd, Samuel Chervis (USA); 4th, Jean-Pierre Kessler (France); 5th, Victor Africa, (Philippines); tied 6th place, Ildiko Mincza-Nebald (Hungary) and Sergio Vergara de la Guarda (Chile); 8th tied, Yann Bernard (Canada) and Maria Alciati (Italy); 10th, Gordon Rapp (Germany).

Medical Commission: 1st, Catherine Defoligny (France); 2nd, Clare Halsted (Great Britain); 3rd, Jenö Kamuti (Hungary); 4th, Wilfried Wolfgarten (Germany); tied 5th, Davood Shafaat (Iran) and Antonio Fiore (Italy); 7th, Richard Szczepanski (Poland); 8th, Maha Mourad (Egypt); tied 9th, Peter Harmer (Australia) and George Van Dugteren (the Netherlands).

We now move on to the Promotion Commission: 1st, Frantisek Janda (the Czech Republic); 2nd, Victor Sergio Grouppierre (Argentina); 3rd, Kimmo Pentikainen (Finland); tied 4th, Cécile Faye (Senegal) and Erika Aze (Latvia); tied 6th, Nahedh E-Murde (Kuwait), Nicolay Ivanov Mateev (Iceland) and Sabirjan Ruziev (Uzbekistan); 9th, Gholamhossein Asgari (Iran); 10th, John Makela (Canada).

The Rules Commission: 1st, Krisztian Kulczar (Hungary); 2nd, Manuel Belmonte (Canada); 3rd, Giuseppe Cafiero (Italy); tied 4th, Stephen Higginson (Great Britain) and Pierre Thullberg, (Sweden); 6th, Jae Sung Shim (Korea); 7th, Sarkis Assadourian (Iran); 8th, Lutz Schirmacher (Germany); the two women elected are Laura Gabriela Carlescu-Badea, (Romania) and Janine Lamon (Switzerland).

So, we are now going to have to vote again for the SEMI Commission as we have two persons who are tied. Please, can someone bring me the ballot papers for the SEMI? The ballot papers for the SEMI?

Ok, let's begin. Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia. I repeat Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, then, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados and Belgium. Belgium? Barbados, Bangladesh, Azerbaijan and Austria. France is voting for Benin, Mexico is voting for Belize, Belarus, South Africa for Botswana, Brazil, Kuwait who is voting for Bahrain, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Congo, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt who is voting for Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, and Algeria for Gabon, Great Britain, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, China for Hong Kong, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Iran, Ireland, Iraq, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, René Roch for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao, Morocco, Malaysia, Moldova, Mexico, Mongolia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Morocco for Mauritania, Singapore for Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Netherlands, Nigeria, Tunisia for Niger, Norway, Australia for New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, South Africa, Russia, Senegal and Singapore, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Italy for San Marino, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, the Czech Republic for Slovakia, Sweden, Jordan for Syria, Taipei for Thailand, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Togo, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey, Lebanon for the United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Yemen.

So, while everyone is here, I repeat that we are leaving the hotel lobby at 8.30 pm to go to the gala dinner. As the venue for the gala dinner is 20 meters away, we are going there on foot. I would also like to remind you that the Executive Committee meeting will be held tomorrow at 9.30 am in the room Cendrars, here in the Conference Centre on the ground floor. The Commissions will be held from 10 am onwards, the first meeting being the Refereeing Commission at 10am, also in the Conference Center, in the room Miller. And

finally, when you leave the room, please put your headsets back on the tables outside of the room.

We are now going to move on to the results of the SEMI:

Tied 1st, Jacek Bierkowski (Poland) and Jose Eduardo Dos Santos (Portugal); 3rd, Gianandrea Nicolai (Italy); 4th Semen Rikhtman (Russia); 5th Janet Huggins (Great Britain); 6th Maria Wilda Eberl Lopez (Chile); tied 7th, Atsushi Harinishi (Japan) and Ali Mohammad Azizi (Iran); 9th, Gamil Elzeftawi (Egypt); and finally 10th, after the second round, Daniel De Chaîne (USA).

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: May we remind you that tomorrow, during the Commission meetings, you must elect the President of your Commission. The persons interested must give their candidature tomorrow morning. We now move on to the last part of the Congress which concerns the world championship candidates.

6. World Championship Candidatures

Nathalie Rodriguez: We do not have any candidates for the Junior World Championships 2010. For the Open World Championships 2011, Budapest (Hungary), Varna (Bulgaria), Catagna (Italy) and Tianjin (China) are candidates.

René Roch (MH, FRA): Ladies and gentlemen, I think this Elective Congress, this excellent Elective Congress, has come to an end. We can meet up again next door later, in the “Petit Journal” room. Thank you and have an excellent evening.

Nathalie Rodriguez: As to me, I would like to thank the interpreters who had their work cut out for them today and worked a bit later than planned. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

AND

ELECTIVE CONGRESS

OF 6 DECEMBER 2008

IN PARIS (FRA)

I. EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

127 federations were present or represented.

The Extraordinary Congress called by the Executive Committee approved the following statutes modifications:

1.1 STATUTES MODIFICATIONS

2.3 ZONAL CONFEDERATIONS

*In order that a confederation be recognized by the FIE, it is necessary that their statutes provide that the President of the FIE is an ex-officio member of their executive committee. **As such, he has the right to vote.***

*5.2.4 In addition, the President **in office** of each of the five geographic zones **is an ex-officio member with full rights of the Executive Committee of the FIE. As such, he has the right to vote.** The five zones are the following: Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.*

*4.1.1 The President of the F.I.E., the **15** other **elected** members of the Executive Committee and the members of the commissions (other than the Special Rules for World Championships and Olympic Games Commission and the Athletes Commission) are elected by the Elective Congress. They are eligible for re-election at the end of their term of office.*

*4.3.3 For the election to the Executive Committee the **15** members who have obtained the most votes are elected, provided they are of different nationalities.*

*4.3.4 **As about 20% of the elected members must be women,** if the **15** members who have obtained the most votes do not include **3** women, the Executive Committee will consist of the first **12** members elected and the **3** women candidates for the Executive Committee who have obtained the greatest number of votes.*

*If one or several of the women selected is of the same nationality as one of the first **12** men elected, she (or they) will be stood down in favour of the next woman of a nationality not already represented.*

*If no woman has offered herself as candidate, or if the woman or women identified in accordance with the above process are of the same nationality as the **12** men of different nationalities with the greatest number of votes, the **15** men of different nationalities with the greatest number of votes are elected.*

1.2 NEW NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS

The Congress ratified the provisional affiliations of the following Federations which had been approved by the Executive Committee: Belize, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Syrian Arab Republic, Sri Lanka and Togo.

The FIE has 134 national member federations.

II. ELECTIVE CONGRESS

2.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2007 CONGRESS

The 2007 Congress report was unanimously approved.

2.2 ELECTIONS

a) Presidency:

Mr Alisher Usmanov (RUS) was elected President of the FIE with 66 votes to 61 for Mr René Roch (FRA, MH).

After he was elected, Mr Alisher Usmanov proposed to nominate Mr René Roch (FRA, MH) as President of Honour of the FIE. This was approved by acclamation. He asked René Roch to help him in the near future as he is not very familiar with sports administration. Mr Alisher Usmanov also proposed to Mr René Roch to not only be the President of Honour - if there is a function within the executive activities that would interest him, Alisher Usmanov welcomes him and approaches him.

b) 15 persons were elected to the Executive Committee:

RANK	VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
1	81	SANCHEZ Victor, ESP	M
2	75	WANG WEI, CHN	M
3	71	SCARSO Giorgio, ITA	M
4	68	PASCU Ana, ROU	F
5	64	SALHI Feriel Nadira, ALG	F
6	63	PIETRUSZKA Frédéric, FRA	M
7	60	GEUTER Max, GER	M
7	60	HUSSAIN Ali, KUW	M
9	59	SABHARWAL Sunil, USA	M
10	53	JACOBS Peter, GBR	M
11	51	KATSIADAKIS Emmanuel, GRE	M
12	50	KIM Guk Hyeon, KOR	M
13	48	VERGARA Omar Alejandro, ARG	M
14	46	HRISTEVA Velitchka, BUL	F
15	45	PARAMONOV Maxim, UKR	M

The following candidates were not elected:

VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
42	PALMSTRÖM Per, SWE	M
38	GONZALEZ FERRER Rafaela, CUB	F

35	BALDWIN Peggy, PER	F
32	ATTYE Fares, SEN	M
30	CRAMER Arthur, BRA	M
25	DUVAN Ahmet, TUR	M
19	IZAGUIRRE RODRIGUEZ Marco Antonio, HON	M
15	SOMEROJA Marja-Liisa Tuulikki, FIN	F

c) Were elected as members of the commissions:

REFEREEING

RANK	VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
1	68	EL MOTAWAKEL Mohamed, EGY	M
2	66	SIESTO Marco, ITA	M
3	59	KIM Chang Gon, KOR	M
4	55	JANKA Claus, GER	M
5	54	HUSAIN Weal, KUW	M
6	52	SMITH Keith, GBR	M
7	51	MAMEDOV Ilgar, RUS	M
7	51	FERJANI Salah, TUN	M
9	50	COTTON Derek, USA	M
10	37	NAKATA Reiko, JPN	F

The following candidates were not elected:

VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
45	GUTZAIT Vadym, UKR	M
43	SAKHVADZE Moris, GEO	M
34	DIAZ FARFAN Angel Gregorio, MEX	M
32	FAYE Bjorn, NOR	M
30	ALVAREZ GIL DE TEJADA Jose Luis, ESP	M
27	FLOREA Marius, ROU	M
25	KASZUBOWSKI Adam, POL	M
22	ROMMERU Jean-Pierre, FRA	M
21	VELASCO Luis Fernando, COL	M
17	JORGENSEN J. Normann, DEN	M
13	BRIGOLA Peter, AUT	M
9	CARDOSO PINTO MACHADO Miguel H, POR	M

DISCIPLINARY

RANK	VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
1	69	HO Monica, TPE	F
2	68	VALARINHO Jose, POR	M

3	65	POURSALMANI Alireza, IRI	M
4	62	JAY Allan, GBR	M
5	59	BARLADEANU Roxana Mariana, ROU	F
6	53	SAINT BONNET Brigitte, FRA	F
7	50	FERIANI Ziad, TUN	M
8	46	PESKOV Oleg, KAZ	M
9	45	PIHKALA Jaana, FIN	F
10	44	IZAGUIRRE RODRIGUEZ Marco Antonio, HON	M

The following candidates were not elected:

VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
43	MARTINEZ AVALOS Carmen del Mar, MEX	F
40	JI Daoming, CHN	M
38	MOUNIR Aymen, EGY	M
25	CAMPICHE Antoine, SUI	M
13	CORNET RODAS Pedro Leovigildo, PAR	M

LEGAL

RANK	VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
1	67	PALMSTRÖM Per, SWE	M
2	65	RIOJA PEREZ Marco, ESP	M
3	61	CHERIS Samuel, USA	M
4	56	KESSLER Jean-Pierre, FRA	M
5	49	AFRICA Victor, PHI	M
6	48	MINCZA-NEBALD Ildiko, HUN	F
6	48	VERGARA DE LA GUARDA Sergio Alejandro, CHI	M
8	39	ALCIATI Maria Margherita, ITA	F
8	39	BERNARD Yann, CAN	M
10	38	RAPP Gordon, GER	M

The following candidates were not elected:

VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
36	IONESCU Anca Ioana Ileana, ROU	F
34	DIOUF Boubacar, MLI	M
31	ROBBANA Noureddine, TUN	M
29	BOURNE Edward Owen, GBR	M
26	EL-BAKRY Medhat, EGY	M
23	AKYILMAZ Bahtiyar, TUR	M
21	CARRARD Olivier, SUI	M
21	LAUNNE Ari-Pekka, FIN	M

MEDICAL

RANK	VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
1	67	DEFOLIGNY Catherine, FRA	F
2	64	HALSTED Clare, GBR	F
3	63	KAMUTI Jenő, HUN	M
4	59	WOLFGARTEN Wilfried, GER	M
5	58	FIORE Antonio, ITA	M
5	58	SHAFIAT Davood Reza, IRI	M
7	55	SZCZEPANSKI Ryszard, POL	M
8	47	MOURAD Maha, EGY	F
9	43	HARMER Peter, AUS	M
9	43	RUIJSCH VAN DUGTEREN George, NED	M

The following candidates were not elected:

VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
41	RODRIGUEZ REY Ezequiel, PAN	M
33	MLAYAH Youssef, TUN	M
30	BATURALP Ayse Fida, TUR	F
26	MURGU Andreia Ileana, ROU	F

PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

RANK	VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
1	62	JANDA Frantisek, CZE	M
2	60	GROUPIERRE Victor Sergio, ARG	M
3	45	PENTIKAINEN Kimmo, FIN	M
4	43	AZE Erika, LAT	F
4	43	FAYE Cecile, SEN	F
6	42	EL-MURDE Nahedh, KUW	M
6	42	MATEEV Nikolay Ivanov, ISL	M
6	42	RUZIEV Sabirjan, UZB	M
9	39	ASGARI Gholamhossein, IRI	M
10	37	MAKELA John, CAN	M

The following candidates were not elected:

VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
35	BESBES Ali, TUN	M
34	BLEYER REYES Alejandro, BOL	M

33	RIAD Osama Mustafa, EGY	M
33	ZIDARU Octavian Petru, ROU	M
32	ZAJI Abdelillah, MAR	M
29	LETEN Jean, BEL	M
28	PHILBIN Hilary, GBR	F
18	KONTOS Dimitrios, GRE	M
17	BILGIN Muminhan, TUR	M
17	MOREJON LLANES Rigoberto, CUB	M
14	GOGELIA Archil, GEO	M
10	KEMBE Sorel-Arthur, CGO	M

RULES

RANK	VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
1	63	KULCSAR Krisztian, HUN	M
2	60	BELMONTE Manuel, CAN	M
3	59	CAFIERO Giuseppe, ITA	M
4	57	HIGGINSON Stephen, GBR	M
4	57	THULLBERG Pierre, SWE	M
6	50	SHIM Jae Sung, KOR	M
7	49	ASSADOURIAN Sarkis, IRI	M
8	45	SCHIRRMACHER Lutz, GER	M
9	31	LAMON Janine, SUI	F
10	30	CARLESCU-BADEA Laura-Gabriela, ROU	F

The following candidates were not elected:

VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
39	EL ARABY Tamer, EGY	M
36	GONZALEZ TIRADOR Julio Cesar, CUB	M
35	ALPERSTEIN Donald, USA	M
35	GENET BARBERENA William, NCA	M
34	YUAN Xiangyang, CHN	M
32	HIRANO Kazushige, JPN	M
31	DAHO Noureddine, MAR	M
26	PICOT Patrick, FRA	M
23	CRAMER Arthur, BRA	M
18	OZDEMIR Ilhami, TUR	M
14	DRYLA Wojciech, POL	M

SEMI

RANK	VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
1	69	BIERKOWSKI Jacek, POL	M
1	69	DIAS S. C. DOS SANTOS Jose Eduardo, POR	M
3	58	NICOLAI Gianandrea, ITA	M
4	56	RIKHTMAN Semen, RUS	M
5	54	HUGGINS Janet, GBR	F
6	50	EBERL LOPEZ Maria Wilda, CHI	F
7	49	AZIZI Alimohammad, IRI	M
7	49	HARINISHI Atsushi, JPN	M
9	45	ELZEFTAWI Gamil, EGY	M
10	41	DECHAINE Daniel, USA	M

There was a second round of voting for 10th place between Mr Daniel Dechaine (USA) and Mr Gudjon Gestsson (ISL). Mr Dechaine was elected to the Commission with 69 votes to 33 for Mr Gestsson.

The following candidates were not elected:

VOTES	LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, NATIONALITY	M / F
41	GESTSSON Gudjon Ingi, ISL	M
39	CERVANTES SALDAÑA Ma. de los Angeles, MEX	F
31	DIAZ PEREIRA Jose Fernando, ESP	M
28	DE CONINCK Eric, FRA	M
22	KALENDER Mustafa, TUR	M
21	MIHAI Christian, ROU	M
18	MOREJON VIZCAINO José Miguel, CUB	M
17	WAUTERS Piet, BEL	M
15	MARTIN Richard, AUT	M
12	SHABANSKI Filip, BUL	M

2.3 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following candidates for the World Championships were announced:

- 2010 Junior Championships: no candidates
- 2011 Senior World Championships: Budapest (HUN), Varna (BUL), Catania (ITA) and Tianjin (CHN).

2.4 NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF HONOUR

On the proposal by the Executive Committee and after approval by the Honours Commission, the Congress nominated the following persons as Members of Honour:

- Mr Celso Dayrit (PHI)
- Ms Kate D'Oriola (FRA)
- Mr Ali Youssef Hussain (KUW)
- Mr Anibal Illueca (PAN)
- Mr Abderrahmane Lamari (ALG)
- Ms Helen Smith (AUS)

Though René Roch proposed Mr Jenö Kamuti, he did not obtain enough votes from the Executive Committee (3/10).

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONS

1. Vice-President of Honour

During the Executive Committee meeting of 5 December 2008 in Paris, and on proposal by Mr René Roch, the Executive Committee unanimously nominated Mr M. Al-Thani Saoud Bin Abdulrahman (QAT) as Vice-President of Honour.

2. Executive Committee Representatives within the FIE Commissions

During its meeting of 7 December 2008 in Paris (FRA), the new Executive Committee nominated the following representatives for the FIE Commissions:

- **Refereeing:** Mr Maxim Paramonov (UKR)
- **Disciplinary:** Mr Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA)
- **Legal:** Mr Omar Vergara (ARG)
- **Medical:** Ms Ana Pascu (ROU)
- **PP:** Ms Velitchka Hristeva (BUL)
- **Rules:** Ms Ferial Salhi (ALG)
- **SEMI:** Mr Wang Wei (CHN)

3. Presidents of the Commissions

The new commissions' meetings on 7 December 2008 in Paris (FRA) led to the following persons being elected as Commission Presidents:

Refereeing:	Mr Mohamed El Motawakel (EGY)
Disciplinary:	Ms Monica Ho (TPE)
Legal:	Mr Marco Antonio Rioja Perez (ESP)
Medical:	Mr Wilfried Wolfgarten (GER)
Promotion and Publicity:	Mr Frantisek Janda (CZE)
Rules:	Mr Lutz Schirmmacher (GER)
SEMI:	Mr Jose Edoardo Dos Santos (POR)