



International  
Handball  
Federation

# XXXVIII Ordinary IHF Congress

*06.11.2021 - Basel SUI / by video conference*



## Present

### Physical attendance at Mövenpick Hotel Basel:

Dr Hassan MOUSTAFA (EGY)  
Joël DELPLANQUE (FRA)  
Mansourou AREMOU (BEN)  
Michael WIEDERER (AUT)  
Anna RAPP (SWE)  
Narcisa LECUSANU (ROU)  
Dr Frantisek TABORSKY (CZE)  
Per BERTELSEN (DEN)  
Dietrich SPÄTE (GER)  
Charles OMBOUMAHOU (CGO)  
Predrag BOSKOVIC (MNE)  
Ricardo BLAS (GUM)  
Marcel MANCILLA BRAVO (CHI)  
Amal KHALIFA (EGY)  
Patric STRUB (GER)

IHF President  
IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
IHF Vice-President Africa  
IHF Vice-President Europe  
IHF Treasurer  
IHF Executive Committee Member  
IHF Executive Committee Member  
IHF COC Chairman  
IHF CCM Chairman  
IHF Representative Africa  
IHF Representative Europe  
IHF Representative Oceania  
IHF Representative South and Central America  
IHF General Director  
IHF Competitions Director

### Virtual attendance (via Zoom):

Bader AL-THEYAB (KUW)  
Dr François GNAMIAN (CIV)  
Yoshihide WATANABE (JPN)  
Mario GARCIA DE LA TORRE (MEX)  
Jean BRIHAULT (FRA)

IHF Vice-President Asia  
IHF MC Chairman  
IHF Representative Asia  
IHF Representative North America and the Caribbean  
Chairman of IHF Working Group of Candidatures for  
IHF Positions  
Representative of Copartner Revision AG

Mathieu Jaus (SUI)

Representatives of Member Federations and Continental Confederations as per the enclosed attendance list

### MEETING TIME: 12:00-15:30

Notes: These minutes are kept as a record of decisions and contain only the most important speeches/statements.

The full proceedings of the Congress are recorded and can be reviewed in the Head Office in Basel. The recordings will be kept until the next Congress during which elections are held.



## Agenda

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  - 13.6. Election of the Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)
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- 13.9. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission for Development (CD)
- 13.10. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal and of the 10 members
- 13.11. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission and of the 10 members
- 13.12. Election of the Chairperson of the Ethics Commission and of the five members
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- 13.14. Confirmation of Vice-Presidents from the continents
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- 13.16. Confirmation of the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission (AC)
- 13.17. Confirmation of the supervisory body

#### **14. Motions to the Congress**

- 14.1. Motions from IHF President and from IHF Council regarding IHF Statutes

#### **15. Report on changes to the Rules and Regulations ratified by the Council**

- 15.1. Player Eligibility Code (III)
- 15.2. Regulations for Transfer between Federations (IV)
- 15.3. Regulations for IHF Competitions – Indoor Handball (V)
- 15.4. Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball (IXa)
- 15.5. Athlete Uniform Regulations (Appendix to Rules of the Game for Beach Handball (IXb))
- 15.6. Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball Six-a-Side (IXc)
- 15.7. Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball Four-a-Side (IXd)
- 15.8. Ball Regulations (XIIIa)
- 15.9. Anti-Doping Rules (XIV)
- 15.10. Regulations on Advertising (XVII)
- 15.11. Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines (XIX)
- 15.12. Financial Regulations (XXIV)
- 15.13. Competition Manual for IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championships (XXVIII)
- 15.14. Wheelchair Handball Classification Rules & Regulations Six-a-Side and Four-a-Side (XXIX)

#### **16. Confirmation of the IHF programme of activities**

#### **17. Setting membership fees and approval of the budget**

- 17.1. Request from SGP (membership fees)
- 17.2. Setting membership fees
- 17.3. Approval of the budget

#### **18. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress**

#### **19. Awarding of IHF President's Development Award and other Honours**

- 19.1. IHF President's Development Award – Handball developed countries
- 19.2. IHF President's Development Award – Emerging federations
- 19.3. Manfred Prause (posthumous)
- 19.4. Evgeny Trefilov
- 19.5. Prof. Dr Hosny Ahmed Abdelrahman

#### **20. Miscellaneous**

#### **21. Close of the Congress**





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## 1. Opening of the Congress

President Moustafa declared the International Handball Federation's XXXVIII Ordinary Congress open and welcomed all participants to the Congress held virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that the IHF has been continuously monitoring the development of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the related travel and entry restrictions affecting the organisation of a physical Congress meeting. He expressed his regret for not having been able to hold the Congress in Turkey and meet in person as initially planned, stressing, however, that the health and safety of all delegates, guests and representatives are of utmost importance for the IHF, which is why it was decided to organise the Congress virtually.

On behalf of the IHF, President Moustafa expressed his gratitude for the support and trust the handball family has shown during the last electoral period as well as his hope for a bright future for handball. He stressed the importance of the entire handball family standing together as one in these difficult times to promote their beloved sport, adding that handball can change lives, bring joy to millions of people and break down barriers. Referring to the development of the sport, President Moustafa stated that handball is not the same sport it was 75 years ago and that it has been constantly evolving and will continue to develop in the future, adding that the primary goal of the IHF was and will always be to take handball to the next level. This goal can be reached by continuing to work on transparency, further promoting women's handball, fighting against discrimination, and always looking for new impulses to ensure that handball continues to be an important economic, social, and political force in the future.

President Moustafa thanked the Continental Confederations, the National Federations, the staff at the IHF Head Office as well as all IHF partners for their efforts to promote handball worldwide and expressed his hopes for an even brighter future for handball.

President Moustafa asked the delegates and guests to rise for a minute's silence to honour the memory of the colleagues who passed away during the congressional term.

Nebosja Vujisic  
Ekaterina Koroleva  
Dušan Vrhovac  
André Amiel  
Toshiro Shimada  
Andy Mezey  
János Gróz  
Juan de Dios Román  
Gerhard Hofbauer

Oscar Pérez Guevara  
Zlatko Saračević  
Alfredo Quintana  
Sándor Andorka  
Yurij Gavrilov  
Nikola Danilovski  
Jacques Rogge  
Manfred Prause  
Juliya Nikolić

## 2. Roll call and determination of the number of votes

The General Director presented Edward Gardiner, an independent notary who participated in the Congress remotely and was joined by two voting technicians from Lumi, the electronic voting system provider based in UK. Edward Gardiner took the floor, explaining that the roll call was taken from those delegates who logged into the Lumi voting platform, specifying that currently 130 voting delegates and 66 non-voting delegates were present, announcing all National Federations currently attending with a voting delegate. The General Director referred to Article 13.3.4 of the IHF Statutes, stipulating that the Congress is declared to have achieved a quorum if more than 50% of the IHF Member Federations entitled to vote are present. In due consideration of the 209 IHF Member Federations and the 201 Member Federations entitled to vote, she concluded that the



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Congress has achieved a quorum, which was confirmed by the independent notary Edward Gardiner.

The attached attendance list provides more details of the Congress participants.

## 2.1. Motion from the IHF Council regarding voting right for non-active Member Federations

The General Director took the floor, referring to Article 13.3.5 of the IHF Statutes, which was approved by the IHF Ordinary Congress 2019 in Sweden and states that non-active Member Federations are not entitled to vote at the Congress. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on sports activities worldwide, the IHF Council, in its meeting held by video conference on 15 July 2021, unanimously decided to ask the IHF Congress to postpone the decision on depriving the non-active Member Federations of their voting right. The General Director specified that currently 12 Member Federations are considered non-active as defined in the Bye-law to Article 13.3.5 of the IHF Statutes. One of these 12 Member Federations (Guyana) participated in the present Congress.

The Lumi representatives and the notary took the floor to proceed with the voting process. They explained that a test vote will be conducted before the actual voting on this first question to ensure that all voting delegates know how to cast their votes on the voting platform.

Following the successful test voting, the Lumi representatives and the notary opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on allowing the non-active Member Federations to vote during the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that delegates from nine NFs entitled to vote have joined the present meeting since the roll call:

Total possible votes:	139
Valid votes:	103
Abstentions (including blank votes):	36

Yes:	65	(63.11%)
No:	38	(36.89%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has not reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus not been approved by the Congress.

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### Decision

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**The motion from the IHF Council regarding the voting right for non-active Member Federations has not reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus not been approved by the Congress. Consequently, the non-active Member Federations will not be entitled to vote during the present Congress.**



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## 3. Suspension / Forfeit of membership

### 3.1. Suspension of Eng. Hisham Nasr

President Moustafa gave the floor to CCM Chairman Mr Dietrich Späte, who was at the same time Competition Management Chairman at the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship in Egypt, to present the case related to the suspension of Eng. Hisham Nasr, who violated the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan during the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship, to the Congress.

CCM Chairman Mr Dietrich Späte explained that the Egypt 2021 COVID-19-Related Regulations as well as the legal procedures with regard to the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan (including but not limited to the scope of application and sanctions) were approved by the IHF Council on 4 December 2020 and communicated to all National Federations participating in the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship. The National Federations were urged several times by the IHF to comply with all obligations set out in the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan at all times throughout their stay to ensure the organisation of the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship in a healthy and safe environment for all parties involved.

The reports from the Competition Management Chairman and the IHF Representative as well as the decision of the Disciplinary Commission related to the case of Egyptian Handball Federation President Eng. Hisham Nasr, who repeatedly and seriously violated the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan during the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship, were discussed by the IHF Executive Committee in its meeting held by video conference on 19 February 2021. The mentioned reports and the corresponding Disciplinary Commission decision state that Eng. Hisham Nasr switched several times between the bubble and non-bubble zones in the arena and had external contact with persons not staying in the bubble, taking into consideration that he was accommodated in one of the bubble hotels. Egyptian Handball Federation President Eng. Hisham Nasr was asked if he would still like to be part of the bubble or if he would rather prefer to stay outside the bubble. He confirmed that he would like to stay inside the bubble.

On 13 January 2021, Eng. Hisham Nasr switched between the bubble and non-bubble zones by being part of the VIP tribune during the opening ceremony.

On 15 January 2021, Eng. Hisham Nasr met with Cape Verde embassy representatives and switched between the bubble and non-bubble zones during the match HUN-CPV according to the report from IHF Representative Dr Frantisek Taborsky (CZE), who is also part of the IHF Executive Committee.

On 17 January 2021, IHF Competition Management Chairman Mr Dietrich Späte (GER) sent an official communication to Eng. Hisham Nasr to inform him about his violations of the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan as mentioned above. Furthermore, Eng. Hisham Nasr received guests not staying within the bubble, such as representatives of the Parliament, and showed them around the bubble zones. IHF asked him for an explanation on the mentioned violations.

On 18 January 2021, Eng. Hisham Nasr sent a letter to IHF, confirming that he and all LOC members respect the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan. He also stated that in case he met any person not staying in the bubble, an antigen test had been carried out by the person concerned, the result of which was negative.

On 19 January 2021, IHF Competition Management Chairman Mr Dietrich Späte reported on another serious violation of the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan committed by Eng. Hisham Nasr despite an earlier warning (official IHF communication on his violations of the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan). During the match MKD-CHI on 18 January, Eng. Hisham Nasr went down from the VIP area (not included in the bubble zone) and walked through the field of play to be seated in the bubble zone. This behaviour was shown for a long



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time in front of running TV cameras. All IHF delegates observed this incident as a violation of the existing rules. Together with the LOC responsible for the arena, Eng. Hisham Nasr was referred back to the VIP stand. His behaviour, which is considered as a violation to the World Championship regulations in this difficult time of the COVID-19 pandemic, was witnessed by many other stakeholders, including but not limited to the IHF referees, IHF Officials and the IHF Representative of the match concerned. In general, various IHF stakeholders observed Eng. Hisham Nasr's behaviour several times.

Based on the report from the Competition Management Chairman, the Disciplinary Commission imposed entry restrictions on Eng. Hisham Nasr on 19 January 2021. These restrictions concerned entrance into red zones (bubble zones) of the sports halls where the matches of the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship were played, as well as into red zones of the hotels where the participants of the World Championship concerned were accommodated.

The matter was presented to the IHF Executive Committee in its meeting held by video conference on 19 February 2021. Taking into consideration his serious and repeated violations of the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan during the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship, the Executive Committee proposed to the IHF Council to suspend Egyptian Handball Federation President Eng. Hisham Nasr from all handball activities with immediate effect until the next IHF Congress according to Article 14.3.27 of the IHF Statutes, which states the following:

*The Council shall be entitled to suspend any stakeholders that seriously and repeatedly violate their obligations as members with immediate effect until the next Congress. The Council shall give the opportunity to the members concerned to present their arguments and give them the benefit of the doubt until the members present their defence to the Council, after which the Council may revoke the decision and lift the suspension.*

In its meeting held by video conference on 19 February 2021, the IHF Council took into consideration the serious and repeated violations of the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan committed by Eng. Hisham Nasr, which could have jeopardised the organisation of the World Championship, taking into account the huge investment made by the Egyptian government in implementing the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan, aiming to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and safeguard the health and life of all stakeholders involved in the World Championship. Key figures of the Egyptian government exerted outstanding efforts to make this event the best World Championship it can be in such unprecedented times.

The IHF Council also considered the irresponsible behaviour of the President of the Egyptian Handball Federation, which delivered a message of non-compliance with the set Regulations to all stakeholders who took part in the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship in Egypt.

Due to serious and repeated violations of the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan during the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship by Egyptian Handball Federation President Eng. Hisham Nasr, who should have been a role model to be followed, the IHF Council (excluding IHF President Dr Moustafa, who always abstains from voting at all IHF Council and Executive Committee decisions) unanimously decided on 19 February 2021 to suspend Eng. Hisham Nasr from all handball activities with immediate effect until the next IHF Congress according to the proposal of the IHF Executive Committee and in compliance with Article 14.3.27 of the IHF Statutes.

Eng. Hisham Nasr submitted his arguments in this matter on 8 March 2021, which were then presented to the IHF Council. The Council considered his input and confirmed the above-mentioned decision on 14 March 2021 (by email communication).





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The General Director informed the Congress that Eng. Hisham Nasr is involved in another pending case related to the conduct of the former Egyptian Handball Federation Board of Directors during the federation's board elections for the term of office 2017-2020 held on 18 November 2017.

Under the IHF Statutes, the suspension (from all handball activities until the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress) as imposed on Eng. Hisham Nasr by the IHF Council according to Article 14.3.27 of the IHF Statutes is to be confirmed by the IHF Congress. Article 8.5.3, point 2, of the IHF Statutes mentions that a confirmation is subject to a two-third majority of votes cast. The General Director gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary to proceed with the voting process.

The Lumi representatives and the notary opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary):

*Do you agree on confirming the suspension of Eng. Hisham Nasr, who violated the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan during the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship, from all handball activities until the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress as imposed by the IHF Council?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that delegates from three NFs entitled to vote have joined the present meeting since the last voting:

Total possible votes:	142
Valid votes:	111
Abstentions (including blank votes):	31

Yes:	97	(87.39%)
No:	14	(12.61%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached a two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

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## Decision

**The Congress, by a two-third majority of votes cast, confirmed the suspension of Eng. Hisham Nasr, who violated the COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan during the 2021 IHF Men's World Championship, from all handball activities until the 2021 Ordinary IHF Congress (6 November 2021) as imposed by the IHF Council on 19 February 2021 and reconfirmed by the IHF Council on 14 March 2021 according to Article 14.3.27 of the IHF Statutes.**

## 4. Election of two examiners of the minutes

The General Director referred to Article 13.3.8 of the IHF Statutes, according to which Congress minutes confirmed by the President and the examiners of the minutes shall be handed to Council members, Member Federations and Continental Confederations no later than two months after the Congress.

She proposed that the Congress elects Bernd Rabenseifner (AUT, for the German version of the minutes) and Philippe Bana (FRA, for the French version of the minutes) as examiners of the minutes.

She gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates



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entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as examiners of the minutes:*

*Bernd Rabenseifner (for the German version)*

*Philippe Bana (for the French version)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that another delegate from one NF entitled to vote has joined the present meeting since the last voting:

Total possible votes:	143
Valid votes:	125
Abstentions (including blank votes):	18

Yes:	125	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

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**The Congress unanimously elected Bernd Rabenseifner (AUT, for the German version of the minutes) and Philippe Bana (FRA, for the French version of the minutes) as examiners of the minutes.**

## 5. Election of the election officer and the tellers (not applicable)

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

## 6. Determination of the orderly convocation of Congress

The General Director noted the following thereto:

1. The International Handball Federation's XXXVII Ordinary Congress, which was held in Gothenburg (SWE) on 3 July 2019, unanimously decided to authorise the IHF Council to award the 2021 XXXVIII Ordinary IHF Congress.
2. In its meeting in Cairo (EGY) on 27/28 February 2020, the IHF Council approved the awarding of the XXXVIII Ordinary IHF Congress to the Turkish Handball Federation.
3. The date of the Congress was announced in a circular dated 3 February 2021 according to Article 13.1.4 of the IHF Statutes.
4. The XXXVIII Ordinary IHF Congress was officially convened in a letter dated 6 July 2021 according to Article 13.1.5 of the IHF Statutes.
5. The agenda was sent out to the Congress delegates by the Head Office before 25 September 2021 according to Article 13.1.6 of the IHF Statutes.
6. The working documents of the Congress were submitted to the Congress delegates by the Head Office before 6 October 2021 according to Article 13.1.7 of the IHF Statutes. The working documents included, among others, the report from the last period and the complete strategic plan for IHF in the next period (as





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per Article 15.3, points 1.2 and 1.3 of the IHF Statutes) as well as the budget, annual accounts, and auditors' reports (as per Article 18, points 3 and 4 of the IHF Statutes).

The above-mentioned dates all comply with the dates prescribed by the IHF Statutes. The XXXVIII Ordinary IHF Congress has thus been convened in accordance with the Statutes.

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## Decision

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**The Congress affirmatively took note of the report regarding the convocation of the 2021 XXXVIII Ordinary IHF Congress.**

## 7. Adoption of the minutes of the preceding Congress

### 7.1. Extraordinary IHF Congress in Gothenburg, SWE on 3 July 2019

### 7.2. XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress in Gothenburg, SWE on 3 July 2019

President Moustafa explained that the minutes of the Extraordinary IHF Congress held in Gothenburg, Sweden on 3 July 2019 as well as of the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress held in Gothenburg, Sweden on 3 July 2019 were examined by Markus Plazer (AUT, for the German version of the minutes) and Patrick Garcia (BEL, for the French version of the minutes). The minutes were forwarded to the Council members, Member Federations and Continental Confederations on 3 September 2019 complying with Article 13.3.8 of the IHF Statutes.

No objection was raised. The Member Federations had likewise submitted no requests for amendments until then.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on adopting the minutes of the Extraordinary IHF Congress and XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress held in Gothenburg, SWE on 3 July 2019?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that delegates from three NFs entitled to vote have joined the present meeting since the last voting:

Total possible votes:	146
Valid votes:	132
Abstentions (including blank votes):	14

Yes:	132	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.



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## Decision

**The minutes of the Extraordinary IHF Congress held in Gothenburg, Sweden on 3 July 2019 as well as of the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress held in Gothenburg, Sweden on 3 July 2019 were unanimously adopted.**

## 8. President's report

President Moustafa gave the floor to the General Director who announced to the Congress that a 25-minute film will be presented, showing the great achievements of the IHF in the last two-and-a-half years.

The film outlined the different projects the IHF has launched or maintained in order to further develop handball worldwide, such as the IHF Trophy, the IHF Emerging Nations Championship, the Handball at School programme with its goal to reach 50 million children worldwide in the next years, the New Markets' Project currently being organised in Great Britain, China and USA, the Former Players' Project and Olympic Solidarity. Since the 2017 Congress, the IHF has been very active with regards to the development of handball all over the world and hundreds of NFs and teams in all six continents have benefitted from the IHF development projects.

The film also revealed information on the successful IHF Virtual Academy, launched in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as on the IHF partners and sponsors, especially the new IHF main sponsors Sportfive and hummel, the development and promotion of women's handball, the new anti-doping related agreement with the International Testing Agency (ITA) and the three modifications of the Rules of the Game that have been tested and approved since the last Congress. Furthermore, the film outlined topics such as global membership (currently 209 Member Federations) and the IHF finances that continue to be stable and healthy despite the COVID-19 pandemic, which allows the IHF to further invest into development programmes.

The film also illustrated the important development in the field of wheelchair handball and beach handball, showing highlights of the 2018 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships in Russia, the beach handball tournaments at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires and at the first edition of the ANOC World Beach Games in 2019, which was highly successful, resulting in the inclusion of beach handball as a core sport at the 2023 and 2025 editions. In addition, beach handball will be a demonstration sport at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The film also showed highlights of the 2018 Women's Junior & Youth World Championships in Hungary and Poland respectively, the 2019 Women's Super Globe in PR of China, the 2017 & 2019 Women's World Championships in Germany and Japan, respectively, the 2019 Men's World Championship in Denmark and Germany with its record-smashing spectator figures, and the 2021 Men's World Championship in Egypt which was unlike any other, including a video message of IOC President Dr Thomas Bach congratulating the IHF on the successful organisation of the tournament despite the difficult circumstances. The film ended with footage of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Qualification Tournaments, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games that were postponed to July 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IHF which is being celebrated in 2021.

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## Decision

**The Congress took note of the comprehensive report provided by the President and unanimously approved the President's report.**



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## 9. Financial and auditors' report

President Moustafa informed that the financial reports of the years 2019 and 2020 had been audited and confirmed by the external auditing company Copartner Revision AG as well as by the internal IHF auditors. All corresponding documents had been submitted to the Congress in writing within the deadline stipulated in Article 18.4 of the IHF Statutes.

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Mathieu Jaus, representative of the external IHF auditor Copartner Revision AG, who presented more details on the auditors' reports of 2019 and 2020, including the good health of the IHF's financial assets which have increased remarkably over the years. Mr Jaus showed a presentation, illustrating the healthy and stable financial situation of the IHF even though many tournaments had to be cancelled or took place without spectators due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He added that the television and broadcasting rights were the IHF's main source of income, congratulating the IHF management on their successful negotiation of the rights, taking into account that, despite the pandemic, there was no discount on the rights but only a rescheduling of the payments.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on approving the financial and auditors' reports for the years 2019 and 2020?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that delegates from four NFs entitled to vote have joined the present meeting since the last voting:

Total possible votes:	150
Valid votes:	132
Abstentions (including blank votes):	18

Yes:	132	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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### Decision

**The 2019 and 2020 financial and auditors' reports were unanimously approved by the Congress.**

## 10. Membership admissions (not applicable)

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

## 11. Discharge

While treating this agenda item, IHF Honorary Member Mr Jörgen Holmqvist chaired the Congress. Following the external auditor's recommendation, he requested discharge of the President and of the entire Council from the Congress delegates.



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He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Please vote on discharging the IHF Council.*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that another delegate from one NF entitled to vote has joined the present meeting since the last voting:

Total possible votes:	151
Valid votes:	124
Abstentions (including blank votes):	27

Yes:	118	(95.16%)
No:	6	(4.84%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

**The Congress gave discharge to the President and the entire Council.**

## 12. Treatment of election-related Statutes motions submitted to the Congress (not applicable)

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

## 13. Elections and confirmations

President Moustafa informed that according to Article 14.3.6 of the IHF Statutes, the IHF Council shall appoint an independent electoral working group which shall ensure the compliance of the candidates' applications with the conditions stipulated in the Statutes. The working group shall inform the Council and report to the Congress on its decisions. Therefore, the IHF Council decided on 15 July 2021 to appoint the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions composed of Mr Jean Brihault (former IHF Council Member and chairperson of Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions in 2013 and 2017) as chairperson and Mr Jörgen Holmqvist (IHF Honorary Member) and Mr Francisco V. Blázquez García (President of Royal Spanish Handball Federation) as members.

Mr Jean Brihault took the floor, stating that, prior to the first meeting of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions that took place by video conference on 30 August 2021, the IHF Head Office provided the working group with the list of candidates as well as the complete application files, the date of submission of the application and a technical analysis of the files. He went on to explain that, based on the aforementioned documents, the working group produced a report consisting of individual comments on the candidates and global recommendations for future electoral Congresses. He added that the candidates not fulfilling all criteria were officially informed of their situation by the IHF Head Office. He concluded that the final report of the working group was presented to the IHF Council in its meeting on 20 September 2021, stressing that the final list of candidates presented to the Congress is in full conformity with the conclusions of the Working Group of



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Candidatures for IHF Positions.

President Moustafa thanked Jean Brihault for his excellent work and asked him to chair the Congress during the elections.

## 13.1. Election of the IHF President

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Dr Hassan Moustafa (EGY) is the only candidate standing for the position of IHF President, adding that he is standing for re-election.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as IHF President (unopposed)?*

*Dr Hassan Moustafa*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 151

Valid votes: 136

Abstentions (including blank votes): 15

Yes: 135 (99.26%)

No: 1 (0.74%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Dr Hassan Moustafa IHF President for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Dr Moustafa.

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## Decision

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**The Congress elected Dr Hassan Moustafa (EGY) as IHF President for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

## 13.2. Election of the IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Joël Delplanque (FRA) and Mr Andreas Michelmann (GER) are standing for the position of IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, specifying that Mr Delplanque is standing for re-election, while Mr Michelmann is a first-time candidate.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Please vote for the position of IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President.*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that another delegate from





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one NF entitled to vote has joined the present meeting since the last voting:

Total possible votes:	152	
Valid votes:	136	
Abstentions (including blank votes):	16	
Joël Delplanque (FRA):	106	(77.94%)
Andreas Michelmann (GER):	30	(22.06%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved by Mr Joël Delplanque.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Joël Delplanque IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Delplanque.

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## Decision

**The Congress elected Joël Delplanque (FRA) as IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

### 13.3. Election of the Treasurer

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mrs Anna Rapp (SWE) is the only candidate standing for the position of IHF Treasurer, adding that she is standing for re-election.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as IHF Treasurer (unopposed):  
Anna Rapp (SWE)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	152	
Valid votes:	136	
Abstentions (including blank votes):	16	
Yes:	136	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mrs Anna Rapp IHF Treasurer for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mrs Rapp.

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## Decision

**The Congress unanimously elected Anna Rapp (SWE) as IHF Treasurer for the following four-year term**





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## 13.4. Election of two members to the Executive Committee

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that five candidates are standing for the two positions of IHF Executive Committee Member, specifying that Mrs Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU) and Dr Frantisek Taborsky (CZE) are standing for re-election, while Mr Stephen Neilson (GBR), Mr Tjark De Lange (NED) and Mr Asaduzzaman Kohinoor (BAN) are first-time candidates.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that the election with five candidates for two positions shall be carried out as a joint election and the candidates are elected in the order of the number of votes obtained as per Article 13.5.6 of the IHF Statutes:

*Please vote for the position of IHF Executive Committee Member (please choose two candidates).*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	152	
Valid votes:	131	
Abstentions (including blank votes):	21	
Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU):	106	(80.92%)
Dr Frantisek Taborsky (CZE):	99	(75.57%)
Stephen Neilson (GBR):	31	(23.66%)
Tjark De Lange (NED):	22	(16.79%)
Asaduzzaman Kohinoor (BAN):	4	(3.05%)

The notary confirmed that the two candidates who obtained the highest number of votes have been elected IHF Executive Committee Members.

Mr Brihault declared Mrs Narcisa Lecusanu and Dr Frantisek Taborsky IHF Executive Committee Members for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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### Decision

**The Congress elected Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU) and Dr Frantisek Taborsky (CZE) as IHF Executive Committee Members for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

## 13.5. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC)

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Per Bertelsen (DEN) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC), adding that he is standing for re-election.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:



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*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Commission of Organising and Competition (COC, unopposed):*

*Per Bertelsen (DEN)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	152
Valid votes:	134
Abstentions (including blank votes):	18

Yes:	132	(98.51%)
No:	2	(1.49%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Per Bertelsen Chairperson of the IHF Commission of Organising and Competition for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Bertelsen.

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## Decision

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**The Congress elected Per Bertelsen (DEN) as Chairperson of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC) for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

### **13.6. Election of the Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)**

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Per Morten Sødal (NOR) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC).

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC, unopposed):*

*Per Morten Sødal (NOR)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	152
Valid votes:	135
Abstentions (including blank votes):	17

Yes:	135	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.



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Mr Brihault declared Mr Per Morten Sødal Chairperson of the IHF Playing Rules and Referees Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Sødal.

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## Decision

**The Congress unanimously elected Per Morten Sødal (NOR) as Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC) for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

### 13.7. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Dietrich Späte (GER) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM), adding that he is standing for re-election.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM, unopposed): Dietrich Späte (GER)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	152
Valid votes:	138
Abstentions (including blank votes):	14

Yes:	138	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Dietrich Späte Chairperson of the IHF Commission of Coaching and Methods for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Späte.

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## Decision

**The Congress unanimously elected Dietrich Späte (GER) as Chairperson of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM) for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

### 13.8. Election of the Chairperson of the Medical Commission (MC)

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that no candidate fulfilling the requirements is standing for the position of Chairperson of the Medical Commission (MC), proposing to authorise the IHF Council to appoint an Acting Chairperson of the IHF Medical Commission until 2023.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an



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absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on authorising the IHF Council to appoint an Acting Chairperson of the IHF Medical Commission (MC) until 2023?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that another delegate from one NF entitled to vote has joined the present meeting since the last voting:

Total possible votes:	153
Valid votes:	134
Abstentions (including blank votes):	19

Yes:	133	(99.25%)
No:	1	(0.75%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

**The Congress agreed on authorising the IHF Council to appoint an Acting Chairperson of the IHF Medical Commission (MC) until 2023.**

### 13.9. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission for Development (CD)

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Tomislav Grahovac (CRO) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Commission for Development (CD).

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Commission for Development (CD, unopposed):  
Tomislav Grahovac (CRO)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	153
Valid votes:	135
Abstentions (including blank votes):	18

Yes:	135	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Tomislav Grahovac Chairperson of the IHF Commission for Development for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Grahovac.



## Decision

The Congress unanimously elected Tomislav Grahovac (CRO) as Chairperson of the Commission for Development for the following four-year term 2021-2025.

### 13.10. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal and of the 10 members

#### Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Zoran Radojicic (MNE) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal (unopposed):  
Zoran Radojicic (MNE)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	153
Valid votes:	133
Abstentions (including blank votes):	20

Yes:	133	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Zoran Radojicic Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Radojicic.

#### 10 members of the Arbitration Tribunal

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that seven candidates are standing for the ten positions of member of the Arbitration Tribunal, specifying that Mr Abdulla Al-Hayyan (KUW), Mrs Agata Dziarnowska (POL), Mrs Matea Horvat (CRO), Mr Pedro Mourao (POR), and Mr Juan María Pérez Ortiz (ESP) are standing for re-election, while Mr Maxim Gulevich (RUS) and Mr Juan Pablo Montes Mery (CHI) are first-time candidates. Taking into account that only seven candidates are standing for the ten positions of member of the Arbitration Tribunal, Jean Brihault proposed to the Congress to authorise the IHF Council to fill the three vacant positions.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Members of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal:  
Abdulla Al-Hayyan (KUW)  
Agata Dziarnowska (POL)  
Matea Horvat (CRO)*



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*Pedro Mourao (POR)*

*Juan María Pérez Ortiz (ESP)*

*Maxim Gulevich (RUS)*

*Juan Pablo Montes Mery (CHI)*

*and on authorising the IHF Council to fill the three vacant positions?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	153
Valid votes:	128
Abstentions (including blank votes):	25

Yes:	128	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Abdulla Al-Hayyan, Mrs Agata Dziarnowska, Mrs Matea Horvat, Mr Pedro Mourao, Mr Juan María Pérez Ortiz, Mr Maxim Gulevich and Mr Juan Pablo Montes Mery members of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

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**The Congress unanimously elected Zoran Radojicic (MNE) as Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

**The Congress unanimously elected Abdulla Al-Hayyan (KUW), Agata Dziarnowska (POL), Matea Horvat (CRO), Pedro Mourao (POR), Juan María Pérez Ortiz (ESP), Maxim Gulevich (RUS) and Juan Pablo Montes Mery (CHI) as IHF Arbitration Tribunal Members for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

**The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to fill the three vacant places of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal.**

### **13.11. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission and of the 10 members**

#### Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Lovro Badzim (CRO) is the only candidate standing for the position of Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Commission (unopposed):*

*Lovro Badzim (CRO)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	153
Valid votes:	133





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Abstentions (including blank votes): 20

Yes: 133 (100.00%)  
No: 0 (0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Lovro Badzim Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Badzim.

## 10 members of the Arbitration Commission

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that six candidates are standing for the ten positions of member of the Arbitration Commission, specifying that Mr Mouadh Ben Zaied (TUN), Mr Nurul Fazal Bulbul (BAN), Mr Miguel Fernandes (POR) and Mr Filip Miloshevski (MKD) are standing for re-election, while Ms Elena Borrás Alcaraz (ESP) and Ms Elizabeth Ling Yang (HKG) are first-time candidates. Taking into account that only six candidates are standing for the ten positions of member of the Arbitration Commission, Jean Brihault proposed to the Congress to authorise the IHF Council to fill the four vacant positions.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Members of the IHF Arbitration Commission:*

*Mouadh Ben Zaied (TUN)*

*Nurul Fazal Bulbul (BAN)*

*Miguel Fernandes (POR)*

*Filip Miloshevski (MKD)*

*Elena Borrás Alcaraz (ESP)*

*Elizabeth Ling Yang (HKG)*

*and on authorising the IHF Council to fill the four vacant positions?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 153  
Valid votes: 138  
Abstentions (including blank votes): 15

Yes: 138 (100.00%)  
No: 0 (0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Mouadh Ben Zaied, Mr Nurul Fazal Bulbul, Mr Miguel Fernandes, Mr Filip Miloshevski, Ms Elena Borrás Alcaraz and Ms Elizabeth Ling Yang members of the IHF Arbitration Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

**The Congress unanimously elected Lovro Badzim (CRO) as Chairperson of the IHF Arbitration Commission for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**



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The Congress unanimously elected Mouadh Ben Zaied (TUN), Nurul Fazal Bulbul (BAN), Miguel Fernandes (POR), Filip Miloshevski (MKD), Elena Borrás Alcaraz (ESP) and Elizabeth Ling Yang (HKG) as IHF Arbitration Commission Members for the following four-year term 2021-2025.

The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to fill the four vacant places of the IHF Arbitration Commission.

## 13.12. Election of the Chairperson of the Ethics Commission and of the five members

### Chairperson of the Ethics Commission

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that according to the decision of the IHF Council dated 20 September 2021, Mr Hussein Moustafa Fathy (EGY) is proposed as Chairperson of the Ethics Commission as per Article 6.2 of the IHF Legal Provisions, adding that Mr Hussein Moustafa Fathy is standing for re-election.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as Chairperson of the IHF Ethics Commission (unopposed):  
Hussein Moustafa Fathy (EGY)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that another delegate from one NF entitled to vote has joined the present meeting since the last voting:

Total possible votes:	154
Valid votes:	133
Abstentions (including blank votes):	21

Yes:	132	(99.25%)
No:	1	(0.75%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Hussein Moustafa Fathy Chairperson of the IHF Ethics Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Fathy.

### 5 members of the Ethics Commission

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that, according to the decision of the IHF Council dated 20 September 2021, the following five candidates are proposed as members of the Ethics Commission as per Article 6.2 of the IHF Legal Provisions:

- Mr Amatékoé Kangni (TOG) – *standing for re-election*
- Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez (MEX) – *standing for re-election*
- Mr David Barrufet Bofill (ESP) – *first-time candidate*
- Mr José Costa (POR) – *first-time candidate*
- Mr Roman Lebedenko (RUS) – *first-time candidate*

Jean Brihault gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:



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*Do you agree on electing as Members of the IHF Ethics Commission:*

*Amatékoé Kangni (TOG)*

*Jorge Pulido Vazquez (MEX)*

*David Barrufet Bofill (ESP)*

*José Costa (POR)*

*Roman Lebedenko (RUS)*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 154

Valid votes: 130

Abstentions (including blank votes): 24

Yes: 130 (100.00%)

No: 0 (0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Amatékoé Kangni, Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez, Mr David Barrufet Bofill, Mr José Costa and Mr Roman Lebedenko members of the IHF Ethics Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

**The Congress elected Hussein Moustafa Fathy (EGY) as Chairperson of the IHF Ethics Commission for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

**The Congress unanimously elected Amatékoé Kangni (TOG), Jorge Pulido Vazquez (MEX), David Barrufet Bofill (ESP), José Costa (POR) and Roman Lebedenko (RUS) as IHF Ethics Commission Members for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**

### 13.13. Election of two internal IHF auditors and one substitute auditor

Jean Brihault informed the Congress that Mr Ulisses Pereira (POR) is the only candidate standing for the positions of two internal IHF auditors and one substitute auditor, specifying that Mr Ulisses Pereira is standing for re-election. Taking into account that there is only one candidate, Jean Brihault proposed to authorise the IHF Council to appoint a second IHF auditor and a substitute auditor.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on electing as internal IHF auditor (unopposed):*

*Ulisses Pereira (POR)*

*and on authorising the IHF Council to appoint a second IHF auditor and a substitute auditor?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 154



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Valid votes: 133

Abstentions (including blank votes): 21

Yes: 133 (100.00%)

No: 0 (0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

Mr Brihault declared Mr Ulisses Pereira internal IHF auditor for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Pereira.

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## Decision

**The Congress unanimously elected Ulisses Pereira (POR) as internal IHF auditor and unanimously agreed on authorising the IHF Council to appoint a second IHF auditor and a substitute auditor.**

### 13.14. Confirmation of Vice-Presidents from the continents

President Moustafa announced the confirmation of the Vice-Presidents from the continents. He informed that the African Handball Confederation and European Handball Federation nominated the following candidates as continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF:

Africa: Mr Mansourou Aremou (BEN)

Europe: Mr Michael Wiederer (AUT)

Due to the fact that the electoral congress of the Asian Handball Federation was held on 5 November 2021, which is after the deadline for nominating continental representatives in the Council according to Article 14.2.5 of the IHF Statutes, the confirmation of the IHF Vice-President Asia did not take place.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on confirming as Vice-Presidents from the continents:*

*Mansourou Aremou (BEN) - Africa*

*Michael Wiederer (AUT) – Europe*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 154

Valid votes: 134

Abstentions (including blank votes): 20

Yes: 134 (100.00%)

No: 0 (0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

President Moustafa declared Mansourou Aremou (Africa) and Michael Wiederer (Europe) continental Vice-



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Presidents of the IHF for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

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**The Congress unanimously confirmed the following persons as continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF for the following four-year term 2021-2025:**

**Africa: Mansourou Aremou (BEN)**

**Europe: Michael Wiederer (AUT)**

### 13.15. Confirmation of the Council members from the continents

President Moustafa announced the confirmation of the Council members from the continents. He informed that the African Handball Confederation, European Handball Federation, North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation, Oceania Continent Handball Federation and South and Central America Handball Confederation nominated the following candidates as continental representatives in the IHF Council:

Africa: Mr Charles Omboumahou (CGO)

Europe: Mr Predrag Boskovic (MNE)

North America and the Caribbean: Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX)

Oceania: Mr Ricardo Blas (GUM)

South and Central America: Mr Marcel Mancilla Bravo (CHI)

Due to the fact that the electoral congress of the Asian Handball Federation was held on 5 November 2021, which is after the deadline for nominating continental representatives in the Council according to Article 14.2.5 of the IHF Statutes, the confirmation of the IHF Representative Asia did not take place.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on confirming as Council members from the continents:*

*Charles Omboumahou (CGO) - Africa*

*Predrag Boskovic (MNE) - Europe*

*Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX) - North America and the Caribbean*

*Ricardo Blas (GUM) - Oceania*

*Marcel Mancilla Bravo (CHI) - South and Central America*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes: 154

Valid votes: 136

Abstentions (including blank votes): 18

Yes: 136 (100.00%)

No: 0 (0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

President Moustafa declared Charles Omboumahou (Africa), Predrag Boskovic (Europe), Mario Garcia de la





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Torre (North America and the Caribbean), Ricardo Blas (Oceania) and Marcel Mancilla Bravo (South and Central America) continental representatives in the IHF Council for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

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## Decision

**The Congress unanimously confirmed the following persons as continental representatives in the IHF Council for the following four-year term 2021-2025:**

**Africa: Charles Omboumahou (CGO)**

**Europe: Predrag Boskovic (MNE)**

**North America and the Caribbean: Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX)**

**Oceania: Ricardo Blas (GUM)**

**South and Central America: Marcel Mancilla Bravo (CHI)**

### 13.16. Confirmation of the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission (AC)

President Moustafa informed the Congress about the current status of the IHF Athletes' Commission (AC):

On 4 June 2021, the IHF sent a communication to all IHF Member Federations, informing them that the current mandate of the IHF Athletes' Commission which was elected at Rio 2016 ends with the Olympic Games being held in Tokyo from 23 July 2021 to 8 August 2021. Therefore, an election was taking place on the fringes of the mentioned event in order to renew the composition of the commission for the 2021-2024 period. The Member Federations were asked to submit corresponding candidatures by 30 June 2021.

As the IHF Executive Committee shall check the candidates' eligibility to stand for election according to Article 3.1.a of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the IHF Executive Committee studied the submitted candidatures and confirmed on 13 July 2021 that eight candidates fulfil the criteria stipulated in Article 4.2.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission and are thus eligible to stand for election. General information on the candidates was published on the IHF website on 14 July 2021.

On 23 July 2021, the IHF sent a communication to all teams participating in the Tokyo 2020 Men's and Women's Olympic Handball Tournaments, informing them about the voting process, which was conducted electronically from 26 July to 28 July 2021. As per Article 4.4.2 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the election result shall be confirmed by the IHF Council.

Out of the 360 athletes (15 athletes per participating team) entitled to vote, only 41 athletes cast their vote during the stipulated timeframe. Consequently, the quorum (181 votes) was not achieved as per Articles 13.3.4 and 13.5.4 of the IHF Statutes.

The IHF exerted its utmost efforts to encourage all participating athletes to vote, considering that the information on the online voting procedure was passed on to the team leaders during the Technical Meeting on 23 July 2021, and was afterwards sent to the teams by email followed by several reminders. Additionally, the IHF approached the teams directly on site, inviting their athletes to cast their vote online.

President Moustafa stated that the entire matter related to the election of the members of the IHF Athletes' Commission is being thoroughly studied in consultation with the IHF legal bodies. He added that the IHF Council, in its meeting held by video conference on 20 September 2021, discussed this matter and unanimously decided to appoint an IHF Interim Athletes' Commission until the voting process has been repeated and the corresponding election result has been confirmed by the IHF Council. The Interim Athletes'





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Commission shall be composed as follows:

Chairperson:

- Ms Karolina Kudlacz-Gloc (POL)

Members:

- Mr Aleh Astrashapkin (BLR)
- Mr Marco Oneto (CHI)
- Mr Vincent Gerard (FRA)
- Mr Johannes Bitter (GER)
- Mr Gergely Harsanyi (HUN)
- Ms Crina Pinteau (ROU)

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## Decision

**The Congress took note of the information provided regarding the IHF Athletes' Commission.**

### 13.17. Confirmation of the supervisory body

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the current supervisory body of the IHF, Copartner Revision AG, has applied for the same position again.

He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that an absolute majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on confirming as IHF supervisory body (unopposed):  
Copartner Revision AG*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	154
Valid votes:	130
Abstentions (including blank votes):	24

Yes:	130	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required absolute majority of votes cast has been achieved.

President Moustafa declared Copartner Revision AG IHF supervisory body for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to the company.

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## Decision

**The Congress unanimously confirmed Copartner Revision AG as IHF supervisory body for the following four-year term 2021-2025.**



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## 14. Motions to the Congress

### 14.1. Motions from IHF President and from IHF Council regarding IHF Statutes

President Moustafa gave the floor to IHF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Joël Delplanque to present the following motions from the IHF President dated 6 August 2021 and from the IHF Council dated 27 February 2020 regarding the IHF Statutes. According to Article 13.5.7 of the IHF Statutes, changes to the Statutes require a two-third majority of valid votes cast.

Motion No. 1 (presented by Joël Delplanque)

#### **Article 12 – Bodies**

It is proposed to add a new point:

**9. Any IHF body may hold meetings and take decisions via teleconference, videoconference, or any other appropriate electronic means.**

*Justification:*

*Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, all IHF bodies have been forced to organise their meetings virtually due to severe travel and entry restrictions. The present motion aims to provide a legal framework for any future cases of force majeure, resulting in the impossibility for any IHF body (Congress, Council, Executive Committee, Commissions, etc.) to organise a physical meeting.*

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 1 from IHF President and from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to virtual meetings)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	154
Valid votes:	133
Abstentions (including blank votes):	21

Yes:	130	(97.74%)
No:	3	(2.26%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

Motion No. 2 (presented by Joël Delplanque)

#### **Article 3 – Purpose and Objectives**

2. It shall ensure

2.5. the organisation and execution of all IHF competitions (Olympic Games, World Championships, qualifications, Intercontinental Cup, Super Globe, ~~beach handball competitions~~) and the related tasks (regulations, lists of duties), with exclusive responsibility for media work, marketing, and sponsorship.

#### **Article 19.1 – International Events – Rights**

1. The IHF is the original owner of all the rights emanating from competitions (World Championships and



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Olympic Handball Tournaments including all relevant qualifications, World Cup, Intercontinental Cup, Super Globe, ~~beach handball competitions~~, e-sports) and other events (Congresses, symposia, courses) coming under its respective authority, without any restrictions as to content, time, place, and law.

*Justification:*

- The term "World Championships" refers to IHF World Championships of all age categories, genders, and variations. Therefore, World Championships of beach handball (and wheelchair handball) are included and do not need to be listed separately. Furthermore, it is not necessary to list any additional competitions in the future.

- In view of the IHF's plans to establish an e-sports initiative by developing a top handball video game in the near future, "e-sports" need to be included in the Statutes in order to ensure the protection of the related intellectual property rights.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a two-third majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on motion no. 2 from IHF President and from IHF Council regarding the IHF Statutes (related to IHF competitions and e-sports)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	154
Valid votes:	132
Abstentions (including blank votes):	22

Yes:	130	(98.48%)
No:	2	(1.52%)

The notary confirmed that the present motion has reached the required two-third majority of votes cast and has thus been approved by the Congress.

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## Decision

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**The Congress approved motions no. 1 and no. 2 regarding the IHF Statutes.**

According to Article 13.6.6 of the IHF Statutes, the Congress resolutions will come into force three months after the decision of the Congress, i.e. on 6 February 2022.

## 15. Report on changes to the Rules and Regulations ratified by the Council

The General Director took the floor, reporting on the changes to the Rules and Regulations ratified by the Council, pointing out that all related information had been submitted to the Congress in writing.

### 15.1. Player Eligibility Code (III)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Gothenburg (SWE) on 1 July 2019, as well as by the IHF Council by e-mail communication on 24 September 2019, 21 November 2019 and 12 November



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2020. The revised version of the Player Eligibility Code was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.2. Regulations for Transfer between Federations (IV)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meetings in Gothenburg (SWE) on 1 July 2019 and in Cairo (EGY) on 27 February 2020. The revised version of the Regulations for Transfer between Federations was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.3. Regulations for IHF Competitions – Indoor Handball (V)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meetings in Gothenburg (SWE) on 1 July 2019 and in Cairo (EGY) on 27 February 2020, as well as by the IHF Council by e-mail communication on 28 August 2020 and the Council Meeting held by video conference on 9 December 2020. The revised version of the Regulations for IHF Competitions was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.4. Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball (IXa)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meetings held by video conference on 19 February 2021 (addition of the new resin-free handball to the Rules of the Game) and on 20 September 2021 (passive play; goalkeeper's head being hit by the ball; new throw-off area). The amended Rules of the Game for Indoor Handball will be published by 1 March 2022 and come into force on 1 July 2022.

## 15.5. Athlete Uniform Regulations (Appendix to Rules of the Game for Beach Handball (IXb))

Amendments to the Athlete Uniform Regulations (Appendix to Rules of the Game for Beach Handball) were approved by the IHF Council by email communication on 3 October 2021, taking into consideration that the amendments (related to the uniform for female beach handball athletes) will come into force on 1 January 2022.

The revised version of the Athlete Uniform Regulations (Appendix to Rules of the Game for Beach Handball) was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.6. Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball Six-a-Side (IXc)

The Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball Six-a-Side elaborated by the IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group were approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Cairo (EGY) on 27 February 2020. Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting held by video conference on 19 February 2021.

The revised version of the Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball Six-a-Side was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.7. Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball Four-a-Side (IXd)

The Rules of the Game for Wheelchair Handball Four-a-Side elaborated by the IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group were approved by the IHF Council Meeting held by video conference on 19 February 2021 and were uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.8. Ball Regulations (XIIIa)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Gothenburg (SWE) on 1 July 2019 as well as by the IHF Council by e-mail communication on 11 March 2020 and the Council Meeting held by video conference on 9 December 2020. The revised version of the Ball Regulations was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).



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## 15.9. Anti-Doping Rules (XIV)

New IHF Anti-Doping Rules (previously referred to as "IHF Anti-Doping Regulations") have been elaborated in line with the new 2021 World Anti-Doping Code. The new Anti-Doping Rules have been reviewed thoroughly and confirmed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code Compliance Team as well as the International Testing Agency (ITA). The related amendments were approved by the IHF Council by email communication on 30 October 2020 as well as on 12 November 2020. The new Anti-Doping Rules were uploaded to the IHF website and came into effect on 1 January 2021.

## 15.10. Regulations on Advertising (XVII)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council by e-mail communication on 2 December 2020. The revised version of the Regulations on Advertising was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.11. Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines (XIX)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting held by video conference on 9 December 2020. The revised version of the Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.12. Financial Regulations (XXIV)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council by e-mail communication on 2 December 2020 and the Council Meeting held by video conference on 29 April 2020. The revised version of the Financial Regulations was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.13. Competition Manual for IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championships (XXVIII)

The Competition Manual for IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championships elaborated by the IHF Wheelchair Handball Working Group was approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Cairo (EGY) on 27 February 2020. Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting held by video conference on 19 February 2021. The revised version of the Competition Manual for IHF Wheelchair Handball World Championships was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

## 15.14. Wheelchair Handball Classification Rules & Regulations Six-a-Side and Four-a-Side (XXIX)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting held by video conference on 15 July 2021. The revised version of the Wheelchair Handball Classification Rules & Regulations Six-a-Side and Four-a-Side was uploaded to the [IHF website](#).

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### Decision

**The Congress took note of the report on the changes to the IHF Regulations, which had been ratified by the Council.**





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## 16. Confirmation of the IHF programme of activities

President Moustafa gave the floor to the General Director who announced that, for the first time, a film was going to be shown to present the programme of activities the IHF is proposing for the electoral period 2021-2025, adding that the related documents had been submitted to the Congress in writing prior to the meeting according to Article 15.3, point 1.3 of the IHF Statutes.

The film started with an overview of all the activities that have already been or will be implemented as part of the IHF Development Programme 2021-2025, including, but not limited to the increase of diversity, National Federation Management, social media assistance for the NFs, a talent discovery programme, the "Reach the next level" programme, the IHF Four-year Plan, Handball at School, the IHF Trophy, the IHF New Markets' Project, the Former Players' Project, and many more. It continued to reveal the Game and Rule Development plans, including aspects such as delegate performance, video proof, technical innovations and of course changes to the IHF Rules of the Game, specifying that the IHF is working on simplifying the rules and introducing more objective decision-making criteria as well as a common line for all regarding rule interpretation. Activities concerning the professionalisation of IHF events were also mentioned, as well as the development of wheelchair handball and climate change and sustainability. The film also showed the IHF activities in terms of digital media, including the IHF Education Centre, the IHF Virtual Academy and the IHF Rule Books. It ended with footage of a speech of World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus concerning the COVID-19 pandemic that hit the world at the beginning of 2020 and made the entire world come to a standstill. The film also delivered the important message that the IHF is continuing to monitor the global COVID-19 situation and to support those Member Federations that are still suffering from the consequences of the pandemic.

President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to confirm the programme of activities and gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on confirming the IHF programme of activities for the period 2021-2025?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results, stating that another delegate from one NF entitled to vote has joined the present meeting since the last voting:

Total possible votes:	155
Valid votes:	117
Abstentions (including blank votes):	38

Yes:	116	(99.15%)
No:	1	(0.85%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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### Decision

**The Congress confirmed the IHF programme of activities for the period 2021-2025.**



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## 17. Setting membership fees and approval of the budget

### 17.1. Request from SGP (membership fees)

President Moustafa gave the floor to IHF Treasurer Anna Rapp who referred to the two official emails the IHF received from Singapore Handball Federation on 22 January 2019 and 5 March 2020. According to the decision of the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress related to the IHF membership fees, Singapore Handball Federation was classified in category B with an annual fee of CHF 2,000. Due to their status as developing handball nation with limited grants being provided by the government, the federation appealed to the IHF to be re-allocated from IHF membership fee category B to category C (annual fee of CHF 150) in order to continue contributing to IHF and striving together with their partnering federations in Southeast Asia to develop handball further.

In its meeting held by video conference on 19 February 2021, the IHF Executive Committee discussed the aforementioned request from Singapore Handball Federation and proposed to the IHF Congress to approve the re-allocation of Singapore Handball Federation from IHF membership fee category B (annual fee of CHF 2,000) to category C (annual fee of CHF 150).

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on approving the re-allocation of Singapore Handball Federation from IHF membership fee category B (annual fee of CHF 2,000) to category C (annual fee of CHF 150)?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	155
Valid votes:	120
Abstentions (including blank votes):	35

Yes:	105	(87.50%)
No:	15	(12.50%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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### Decision

**The Congress approved the re-allocation of Singapore Handball Federation from IHF membership category B (annual fee of CHF 2,000) to category C (annual fee of CHF 150).**

### 17.2. Setting membership fees

The Treasurer took the floor, explaining that it is proposed to exempt Member Federations of category C (annual fee of CHF 150) from paying membership fees for the years 2022-2023.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:



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*Do you agree on exempting Member Federations of category C (annual fee of CHF 150) from paying membership fees for the years 2022-2023?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	155
Valid votes:	124
Abstentions (including blank votes):	31

Yes:	112	(90.32%)
No:	12	(9.68%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

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**The Congress agreed on exempting Member Federations of category C (annual fee of CHF 150) from paying membership fees for the years 2022-2023.**

### 17.3. Approval of the budget

The Treasurer presented the proposal of the budget for the years 2022 and 2023, outlining the total incomes and total expenses of the two years and noting that the composition of the proposed budget is very similar to the budgets of the previous years. She stated that the biggest source of income in 2022 and 2023 will be the TV rights, adding that the expected income will mostly be dedicated to be invested into the different IHF projects, which have been tailored to assist the National Federations and further develop handball worldwide, such as Development Aid, the IHF Trophy, and the New Markets' Project. She went on to explain that, as usual, the budget in even years differs from the budget in uneven years, due to the organisation of both Senior World Championships as well as the IHF Congress in uneven years, stressing that the IHF expects to make a profit in both years.

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on approving the budget for the years 2022 and 2023?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	155
Valid votes:	121
Abstentions (including blank votes):	34

Yes:	121	(100.00%)
No:	0	(0.00%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.



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## Decision

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The Congress unanimously approved the budget for the years 2022 and 2023.

### 18. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress

President Moustafa informed that the Polish Handball Federation applied to host the XXXIX Ordinary IHF Congress in 2023 and gave the floor to Mr Grzegorz Gutkowski, board member of Polish Handball Federation and Tournament Director of the 2023 IHF Men's World Championship co-hosted by Poland and Sweden.

Grzegorz Gutkowski thanked President Moustafa and congratulated him and all other candidates on their election. He stated that the Polish Handball Federation would like to host the IHF Congress in June 2023 in Katowice and showed a brief presentation revealing more detailed information and illustrating the benefits of organising the Congress in Katowice, including but not limited to the good travel connections from the airports in Katowice or Kraków (60 km). He pointed out that the proposed Congress hotels are the Mercure Katowice Centrum and the Novotel Katowice Centrum, which are close to the International Congress Centre (ICC), where the Congress meeting would be held. The congress centre, which is an ideal facility for large trade shows, fairs, exhibitions and music and sporting events, has several multifunctional halls (2,839 m<sup>2</sup>, 2,715 m<sup>2</sup> and 2,583 m<sup>2</sup>) and conference rooms with modern furnishing. He informed that the following accommodation fees are proposed by the Polish Handball Federation:

- For official delegation (up to three persons): 300 EUR in a single or double room per person and per night during the official Congress period
- For accompanying persons: 255 EUR in a single or double room per person and per night during the official Congress period

President Moustafa stressed the importance of carrying out an inspection of the Congress venue in order to ensure that all IHF requirements are met. He gave the floor to the Lumi representatives and the notary who opened the voting, asking the delegates entitled to vote to cast their vote on the following question (read out by the notary), considering that a simple majority of votes cast is required:

*Do you agree on awarding the XXXIX Ordinary IHF Congress in 2023 to Polish Handball Federation on condition that all IHF requirements are fulfilled, taking into consideration that a corresponding inspection is yet to be carried out by the IHF?*

After closing the voting, the notary announced the following voting results:

Total possible votes:	155
Valid votes:	124
Abstentions (including blank votes):	31

Yes:	123	(99.19%)
No:	1	(0.81%)

The notary confirmed that the required simple majority of votes cast has been achieved.

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## Decision

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The Congress agreed on awarding the XXXIX Ordinary IHF Congress in 2023 to Polish Handball



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Federation on condition that all IHF requirements are fulfilled, taking into consideration that a corresponding inspection is yet to be carried out by the IHF.

## 19. Awarding of IHF President's Development Award and other Honours

According to Article 2 of the IHF Regulations for Awards, the IHF President's Development Award is granted to two IHF Member Federations every two years at the Ordinary Congress of the IHF. It is awarded for particular services to the development and spread of handball in the Member Federations' own countries and/or throughout the world. The IHF President's Development Award is granted to two applicants on two levels:

1. Handball developed countries
2. Emerging federations

### 19.1. IHF President's Development Award – Handball developed countries

President Moustafa announced to the Congress that, according to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting by video conference on 20 September 2021, the Czech Handball Federation will receive the IHF President's Development Award in the category "Handball developed countries". He congratulated the representatives of the Czech Handball Federation, stating that the IHF will send them the corresponding certificate.

### 19.2. IHF President's Development Award – Emerging federations

President Moustafa announced to the Congress that, according to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting by video conference on 20 September 2021, the Colombian Handball Federation will receive the IHF President's Development Award in the category "Emerging federations". He congratulated the representatives of the Colombian Handball Federation, stating that the IHF will send them the corresponding certificate.

### 19.3. Manfred Prause (posthumous)

President Moustafa paid tribute to the late Manfred Prause who made a unique contribution to modern day handball across the world and leaves a great legacy. Manfred Prause was a handball player, coach, IHF referee as well as member and Chairman of the IHF Playing Rules and Referees Commission.

On behalf of the international handball family, President Moustafa conveyed his heartfelt appreciation for Mr Prause's year-long valuable contribution to the development of refereeing matters in handball worldwide, adding that the IHF will ensure that Mr Prause's legacy lives on forever. An official certificate of appreciation will be sent to his wife and daughter.

### 19.4. Evgeny Trefilov

President Moustafa honoured Evgeny Trefilov for his contribution to handball as successful coach of the Russian women's national team from 1999 to 2012 and 2013 to 2019 with which he won several gold, silver and bronze medals at Olympic Games, World Championships and European Championships.

On behalf of the international handball family, President Moustafa expressed his sincere appreciation for Mr Trefilov's year-long valuable contribution to the development of women's handball in Russia and worldwide. An official certificate of appreciation will be sent to him by post.





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## 19.5. Prof. Dr Hosny Ahmed Abdelrahman

President Moustafa also honoured Prof. Dr Hosny Ahmed Abdelrahman for his contribution in the fight against doping, conveying his sincere appreciation for his excellent work as Chairman of the IHF Anti-Doping Unit from 2011 to 2021 as well as his fifty-year-long experience in sports medicine, medical science, and anti-doping, praising his great commitment to doping-free handball. An official certificate of appreciation will be sent to him by post.

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### Decision

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**The Congress took note of the awarding of the 2021 IHF President's Development Awards to Czech Handball Federation and Colombian Handball Federation.**

**The Congress also took note of the Honours granted to Manfred Prause (posthumously), Evgeny Trefilov and Prof. Dr Hosny Ahmed Abdelrahman.**

## 20. Miscellaneous

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

## 21. Close of the Congress

President Moustafa thanked all Congress participants, the Council members, the interpreters, the electronic voting system provider Lumi, the independent notary Edward Gardiner and the staff of the IHF Head Office for their collaboration and their contribution to the success of the Congress organised in these special circumstances.

President Moustafa promised to continue working hard to the benefit of the Member Federations and asked the delegates for their collaboration in promoting handball in their countries. He reiterated his willingness to support the Member Federations and wished them good luck in their activities. He conveyed once again his wishes for continued good health and safety to all participants, highlighting that he is looking forward to meeting them in person at the XXXIX Ordinary IHF Congress in 2023.

President Moustafa declared the XXXVIII Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation officially closed.



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