

XXXV ORDINARY CONGRESS
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION

7 November 2015

Sochi / RUS



MINUTES



PROGRAMME

Accommodation / Meetings.

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Wednesday, 4 November 2015

All day Arrival of IHF Executive Committee members

Thursday, 5 November 2015

All day Arrival of IHF Council members
18:00 IHF Executive Committee meeting (Room: M4)

Friday, 6 November 2015

All day Arrival of Congress delegates
09:00 - 14:00 IHF Council meeting (Room: Golden Hall)
(12:00 - 14:00) Awarding of IHF Senior World Championships
17:00 Ordinary Congress of Asian Handball Federation (Room: Silver Hall)
19:00 Meeting of Pan-American Team Handball Federation (Room: K2 047)
20:00 Meeting of African Handball Confederation (Room: Golden Hall)
20:00 Meeting of European Handball Federation (Room: Silver Hall)
20:00 Meeting of Oceania Continent Handball Federation (Room: M6)

Saturday, 7 November 2015

Morning Breakfast (Restaurant Grenadine)



10:00 - 11:30	Ordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 13:30	Ordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch (Restaurant Grenadine)
14:30 - 16:30	Ordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 - 19:00	Ordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
20:00	Dinner (Restaurant Grenadine)

Sunday, 8 November 2015

Morning	Breakfast (Restaurant Grenadine)
10:00 - 11:30	Extraordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
11:30 - 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 - 13:30	Extraordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch (Restaurant Grenadine)
14:30 - 16:30	Extraordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
16:30 - 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 - 18:00	Extraordinary Congress Session (Room: Premier Hall)
18:00	Closing banquet (Radisson Blu Paradise Resort & Spa Sochi)

Monday, 9 November 2015

All day	Departure
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A G E N D A

1. Opening of the Congress
2. Roll call and determination of the number of votes
3. Member's suspension
4. Election of two examiners of the minutes
5. Election of the election officer and the tellers
6. Determination of the orderly convocation of Congress
7. Adoption of the minutes of the preceding Congress
8. President's report
 - 8.1 Presentation of IHF Education Centre
 - 8.2 Signing of contract between IHF and SUS regarding the IHF Academy at Shanghai University of Sport
 - 8.3 Presentation of Molten
 - 8.4 Presentation of Emerging Nations Tournament in KOS
 - 8.5 Presentation of snow handball
 - 8.6 Presentation of FRA 2017
9. Financial and auditors' report
10. Membership admissions
 - 10.1 Applications for full IHF membership
11. Discharge
12. Motions to the Congress (no motions to the Ordinary Congress were submitted within the deadline)
13. Report on changes to the Rules and Regulations ratified by the Council
 - 13.1 Player Eligibility Code (III)



- 13.2 Regulations for Transfer between Federations (IV)
- 13.3 Regulations for IHF Competitions (V)
- 13.4 Rules of the Game for Beach Handball (IX b)
- 13.5 Anti-Doping Regulations (XIV)
- 13.6 Financial Regulations (XXIV)
- 13.7 Rules of the Game (IX a)

- 14. Confirmation of the IHF programme of activities

- 15. Setting membership fees and approval of the budget

- 16. Awarding of events which are not subject to a Council decision
 - 16.1 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2018
 - 16.2 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2018
 - 16.3 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in 2019
 - 16.4 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in 2019

- 17. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress

- 18. Awarding of the Hans Baumann Trophy and Honours

- 19. Miscellaneous
 - 19.1 Oceania continental representative

- 20. Close of the Congress

Comments

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 on tape and can be listened to in the Head Office in Basle. The tapes will be kept until the next Congress during which elections are held.

The decisions and resolutions in these minutes are indented and printed in bold.



1. OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

President Moustafa declared the International Handball Federation's XXXV Ordinary Congress open and welcomed all those present.

President Moustafa welcomed the delegates, honorary IHF members and guests as well as representatives of the partners and sponsors. He also welcomed the Deputy Minister of Sport of the Russian Federation, Mr Pavel Kolobkov, the Mayor of Sochi, Mr Anatoly Pakhomov, as well as the President of the Handball Federation of Russia, Mr Sergey Shishkarev.

President Moustafa pointed out that the 2013 Ordinary IHF Congress awarded the 2015 IHF Congress to Hungary. Nevertheless, due to visa issues of the host country, the IHF Council decided, according to Article 13.3.21 of the IHF Statutes, to change the host and consequently the date of the Congress and eventually awarded the IHF Congress to the Handball Federation of Russia.

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.

Paul Tiedemann (GER)

Hans Georg Herzog (ROU)

Michel Moelle (CGO)

Arnošt Klimčík (CZE)

Vasily Petrovich Ilyin (RUS)

István Varga (HUN)

Jules Moudime (CMR)

Safiétou Diatta (SEN)

Lindsay Pennycook (IRL)

Mora Windt-Martini (ROU)

Karl Heinrich Buchberger (GER)

Taoufik Khouaja (TUN)

Željko Đurđić (SRB)

Karl Erik Bøhn (NOR)

Gheorghe Licu (ROU)

Miguel Ángel Cascallana Guerra (ESP)

President Moustafa congratulated the new elected and the re-elected Presidents of the IHF Member Federations since the 2013 Ordinary IHF Congress.

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER OF VOTES

President Moustafa asked the Congress participants to start with the roll call and determination of the number of votes before dealing with the agenda item "member's suspension", which was approved by the Congress.



The Managing Director explained to the Congress attendees how to use the voting system to determine the number of votes. Due to the malfunction of the voting system, the IHF staff member called the National Federations. All affiliated Member Federations were called and the result was as follows:

Number of full members present (number of voters): 134

Number of associated members present: 4

Number of regional members present: 3

Number of votes: 134

Simple majority: 68

Two-thirds majority: 90

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

3. MEMBER'S SUSPENSION

a) Mr Stanislas Mucic (BIH):

Following a Bosnian Handball Premier League game on 27 May 2011, the former Vice President of the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr Stanislas Mucic, assaulted and punched the director of the Bosnian National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO), Mr Branko Markic. The assault prevented the Doping Control Officer from conducting his mission, a serious violation of Article 2.5 of the WADA Code.

In terms of criminal proceedings, Mr Mucic was found guilty and given a six-month suspended sentence.

The IHF Council, which discussed this issue during its meeting in Zagreb, Croatia on 8 July 2014, unanimously decided to exclude Mr Stanislas Mucic (BIH) from any handball activities worldwide with immediate effect until the next Congress in accordance with Article 13.3.25 of the IHF Statutes. Consequently, Mr Stanislas Mucic lost his membership rights, and other members may not maintain sporting contact with him according to Article 7.4.6 of the IHF Statutes.



As per Article 7.4.7 of the IHF Statutes, the suspension shall be confirmed at the XXXV Ordinary IHF Congress in Russia. President Moustafa asked the IHF Congress participants to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 131

No: 1

Abstain: 2

Decision. With one vote against and two abstentions, the Congress excluded Mr Stanislas Mucic (BIH) from any handball activities worldwide with immediate effect. The Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be notified by official letter to pass this information to Mr Mucic.

b) Kuwait Handball Association (KHA).

The IHF Council decided, after exhausting all possible remedies, to suspend the Kuwait Handball Association (KHA) with immediate effect as a result of failing to organize an electoral General Assembly to legitimate the governing body of the federation. Over the last eight years the IHF has undertaken major efforts to adapt the Statutes of the KHA to be in compliance with the IHF Statutes and the IOC Olympic Charter and organize an electoral General Assembly to elect the KHA Board of Directors.

The current KHA Board of Directors whose term of office was terminated already in 2012 has lost its legitimate status. The non-recognized KHA Board of Directors did not succeed to organize the General Assembly to approve the Statutes and the subsequent GA to organize the elections.

Therefore the IHF Council, upon authorization of the Kuwait Olympic Committee and Asian Handball Federation, appointed an Interim Committee to carry out the convocation of the two General Assemblies in question. The former President of the KHA did not comply with the IHF Council decision by not handing over the federation to the KHA Interim Committee until he gets the permission from the Kuwaiti government (this has been announced by Mr Abu Marzouq in a TV interview and press releases), which is considered a violation of Article 7.3a of the IHF Statutes. In addition the Public Authority for Youth and Sports in Kuwait did not react to the IHF request for intervention to resolve the currently illegitimate status of the KHA by the given deadline.

Therefore the IHF Council decided on 11 September 2015 as follows:



1. Suspending the Kuwait Handball Association with immediate effect.
2. The suspension will include all handball activities on national and international level.
3. The suspension will include all people involved in the handball activities in Kuwait (players, coaches, referees, officials, and clubs).
4. The KHA shall not maintain sporting contact with the IHF Member Federations.
5. All IHF Member Federations will be informed accordingly.

President Moustafa explained that according to Article 13.3.25 of the IHF Statutes, which authorizes the IHF Council to suspend members until the next Congress, the IHF Council took the decision against the KHA, failing to comply with the decisions passed by the IHF Council. According to the same article of the IHF Statutes in conjunction with Article 7.4.7, the IHF Congress will have the final decision on such matters by a two-third majority of votes cast. President Moustafa asked the IHF Congress participants to vote on the confirmation of the aforementioned IHF Council decision dated 11 September 2015.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 131

No: 1

Abstain: 2

Decision. With one vote against and two abstentions, the Congress suspended Kuwait Handball Association with immediate effect. The suspension includes all handball activities on national and international level as well as all people involved in handball activities in Kuwait (players, coaches, referees, officials, and clubs). The KHA shall not maintain any sporting contact with IHF Member Federations. The KHA, IOC, KOC, AHF and IHF Member Federations shall be informed accordingly.

c) Mr Naser Abu Marzouq – Former President of Kuwait Handball Association and IHF Council Member.

After the IHF Council decision related to the creation of the KHA Interim Committee was issued and communicated to KHA on 31 July 2015, Mr Naser Abu Marzouq's reaction was acknowledged through several press and interview statements dated 3 and 12 August 2015 (for example he stated that he is with the government and will not hand over the federation to the KHA Interim Committee), which is considered as violation of the autonomy provisions of the IHF Statutes (Article 7.2, point 4, Articles 8.1, 8.5 and 8.6) and the IOC Olympic Charter (Articles 2.5, 25, 27.6 and *Fundamental Principles of Olympism*,



point 5). In addition, failing to comply with the IHF Council decision is considered another violation of Article 7.3a of the IHF Statutes, apart from his criticism against the IHF Council decision by considering the decision as “bullying”.

- According to Article 11, point 7b of the IHF Statutes, which authorizes the IHF Council to take decisions, the IHF Council decided on 11 September 2015 to:
 - Suspend Mr Naser Abu Marzouq with immediate effect,
 - Authorize the IHF Executive Committee to conduct the interrogation of Mr Naser Abu Marzouq,
 - Invite Mr Naser Abu Marzouq to a hearing to present his arguments.
1. On 15 September 2015, IHF informed Mr Naser Abu Marzouq by letter about the IHF Council decision, stating that the hearing shall take place at the IHF Head Office on 21 September 2015 at 11:00 o'clock and asking for his confirmation of availability by 18 September 2015. The IHF letter was also sent to Mr Naser Abu Marzouq by registered post.
 2. On 17 September 2015, Mr Naser Abu Marzouq informed the IHF by email that he will not be able to come to Basel on 21 September 2015 due to special and family circumstances. He asked to postpone the interrogation to 31 October 2015.
 3. On 18 September 2015, IHF informed Mr Naser Abu Marzouq by email that the IHF understands his reasons for not being able to come to Basel and that the IHF will send him an IHF representative to conduct the interrogation in Kuwait on 28 September 2015, taking into consideration that the Muslim holy feast will end on 26 September 2015.
 4. On 22 September 2015, IHF informed Mr Moosa Khamis Al Bulushi, Secretary General of Oman Handball Federation, by letter that the IHF Executive Committee authorized him to conduct the interrogation of Mr Naser Abu Marzouq in Kuwait on Tuesday, 29 September 2015 and to report to the IHF accordingly. The hearing shall be held in Arabic language.
- ✚ IHF informed Mr Naser Abu Marzouq by email that the IHF Executive Committee delegated Mr Moosa Khamis Al Bulushi to conduct the interrogation, on behalf of the IHF, in Kuwait on 29 September 2015, and that the hearing will be held in Arabic language to facilitate his mission.



5. On 23 September 2015, Mr Naser Abu Marzouq addressed a letter to the IHF President, claiming that he is the legal President of KHA and that the IHF should not address him as former President of KHA. The IHF President replied by official letter dated 25 September 2015 that the IHF Council decided to appoint a Kuwait Handball Association Interim Committee, according to Article 11, point 7b of the IHF Statutes, to carry out the work the non-recognized Board of Directors of KHA failed to accomplish. Mr Naser Abu Marzouq's position as President of KHA was terminated by means of the IHF Council decision, which was communicated to KHA on 31 July 2015. Therefore, the IHF addresses him with his current status within the IHF.

6. On 24 September 2015, Mr Naser Abu Marzouq addressed a letter to the IHF Managing Director, stating that he insists to face the IHF Council members regarding the interrogation.
 - The IHF Managing Director replied by official letter dated 25 September 2015 that the interrogation is scheduled to be convened by Mr Moosa Khamis Al Bulushi at the headquarters of KHA on 29 September 2015 at 18:00 complying with the IHF Council decision dated 11 September 2015 according to Article 11, point 7b of the IHF Statutes, and that the interrogation will include the following:
 - Mr Naser Abu Marzouq's criticism against the IHF Council decision of warning dated 13 May 2015 regarding the appointment of a KHA Interim Committee by considering the IHF decision as "bullying"
 - Mr Naser Abu Marzouq's position on the implementation of the KHA Interim Committee duties by refusing to hand over the federation to the KHA Interim Committee. His failure to comply with the IHF Council decision is a violation of Article 7.3a of the IHF Statutes.
 - Mr Naser Abu Marzouq's support to the government by stating for example that he is with the government and will not hand over the federation to the KHA Interim Committee, which is considered as violation of the autonomy provisions of the IHF Statutes (Article 7.2, point 4, Articles 8.1, 8.5 and 8.6) and the IOC Olympic Charter (Articles 2.5, 25, 27.6 and *Fundamental Principles of Olympism*, point 5).
 - Mr Naser Abu Marzouq's violation of the IHF Statutes provisions on which he agreed when he was KHA President as well as IHF Council Member.

The IHF Managing Director added that the interrogation shall not be considered as conviction, but as opportunity to present his arguments regarding this issue.

7. On 28 September 2015, IHF informed Mr Moosa Khamis Al Bulushi by email that the interrogation of Mr Naser Abu Marzouq is scheduled to take place at the headquarters



of Kuwait Handball Association on 29 September 2015 at 18:00. IHF sent him a copy of the IHF letter dated 25 September 2015, which was sent to the former President of Kuwait Handball Association, Mr Naser Abu Marzouq, in this regard as well as the questions for the hearing (in Arabic language).

✚ Mr Naser Abu Marzouq informed the IHF by email that it is impossible to hold the interrogation before the IHF Council meeting.

8. On 29 September 2015, Mr Moosa Khamis Al Bulushi travelled to Kuwait to conduct the interrogation of Mr Naser Abu Marzouq, on behalf of the IHF Executive Committee, at the headquarters of KHA on 29 September 2015 at 18:00. According to Mr Al Bulushi's report, Mr Naser Abu Marzouq failed to attend the meeting.

9. On 2 October 2015, IHF sent a new invitation for the hearing to Mr Naser Abu Marzouq to be held at the IHF Head Office in Basel on 12 October 2015 at 11:00 o'clock. Mr Naser Abu Marzouq answered on 5 October, asking for the IHF Statutes articles on which the IHF Council decision was based and stressing that the hearing should be in the presence of the IHF Council members. After IHF replied to his questions, he informed IHF on 6 October that his availability will be based on knowing the names of the hearing panel members. After IHF sent him the composition of the hearing panel (IHF lawyer and interpreter), he informed IHF on 7 October about his non-availability to come to Basel for the hearing due to his special family circumstances during the month of October.

President Moustafa added once more that according to Article 13.3.25 of the IHF Statutes, which authorizes the IHF Council to suspend members until the next Congress, the IHF Council took the decision against Mr Naser Abu Marzouq, failing to comply with the decisions passed by the IHF Council. According to the same article of the IHF Statutes in conjunction with Article 7.4.7, the IHF Congress will have the final decision on such matters by a two-third majority of votes cast. President Moustafa asked the IHF Congress participants to vote on the confirmation of the aforementioned IHF Council decision dated 11 September 2015.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 134

No: 0

Abstain: 0



Decision. The Congress unanimously suspended Mr Naser Abu Marzouq, former President of Kuwait Handball Association and IHF Council Member, with immediate effect from his position as IHF Council Member. Mr Naser Abu Marzouq will be notified of the IHF Congress decision through the Interim Committee formed by the IHF Council.

4. ELECTION OF TWO EXAMINERS OF THE MINUTES

President Moustafa referred to Article 12.3.14 of the IHF Statutes, according to which the IHF salaried Secretary General shall be responsible for keeping Congress minutes. 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.

He proposed that the Congress elects Mark Schober (GER, for the German version of the minutes) and Philippe Bana (FRA, for the French version of the minutes) as examiners of minutes.

Decision. The Congress unanimously elected Mark Schober (GER, 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

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the election process shall be by using the voting cards (green – red – yellow) due to the fact that the voting system provided by the organizer was not working.

President Moustafa also proposed to elect one election officer and four tellers to supervise and confirm the election process.

Election officer:

Mr Stefan Albrechtson (SWE)

Tellers:

Mr Muhammad Shafiq (PAK) – Asia

Mrs Ruth Saunders (RSA) – Africa



Ms Leonor Mallozzi (POR) – Europe
Mr Ghassan Mamo Kapase (VEN) – Pan-America

Decision. The Congress unanimously elected Stefan Albrechtson (SWE) as election officer. In addition the Congress unanimously elected the following colleagues as tellers.

Asia. Mr Muhammad Shafiq (PAK)
Africa. Mrs Ruth Saunders (RSA)
Europe. Ms Leonor Mallozzi (POR)
Pan-America. Mr Ghassan Mamo Kapase (VEN)

6. DETERMINATION OF THE ORDERLY CONVOCATION OF CONGRESS

The Managing Director took the floor and noted the following thereto:

1. The International Handball Federation's XXXIV Ordinary Congress, which was held in Doha (QAT) from 26 to 27 October 2013, decided to award the 2015 Ordinary IHF Congress to Hungary.
2. The date of the Congress was announced in a circular dated 5 September 2014 according to Article 12.1.5 of the IHF Statutes.
3. The XXXV Ordinary IHF Congress was officially convened in a letter dated 5 February 2015 according to Article 12.1.4 of the IHF Statutes.
4. Further details as well as the agenda and other Congress papers were sent out to the Congress delegates by the Head Office on 24 April 2015 according to Article 12.1.6 of the IHF Statutes.
5. On 30 April 2015, the IHF Council decided, according to Article 13.3.21 of the IHF Statutes, to change the host and consequently the date of the XXXV Ordinary IHF Congress, which had been scheduled to be held in Budapest, Hungary on 5 June 2015, due to visa issues of the host country. The Congress delegates were informed accordingly by official letter dated 30 April 2015.
6. On 28 May 2015, the IHF Council decided, according to Article 13.3.21 of the IHF Statutes, to award the XXXV Ordinary IHF Congress to the Handball Federation of Russia and to hold the XXXV Ordinary IHF Congress in Sochi, Russia on 7 November 2015. The Congress delegates were informed accordingly by official letter dated 29 May 2015.
7. The Congress delegates were informed that the change only refers to the place and the date of the Congress. The Congress programme as well as the agenda and working documents for the XXXV Ordinary IHF Congress, which had already been



communicated to them by email and by post according to the initial deadlines, remain unchanged.

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

Decision. The Congress affirmatively took note of the report regarding the convocation of the IHF XXXV Ordinary Congress 2015.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING CONGRESS

26/27 October 2013, Doha (QAT)

President Moustafa explained that the minutes of the 2013 Congress were examined by Ulrich Rubeli (SUI) and Philippe Bana (FRA). The 2013 IHF Congress minutes were forwarded to the Council members, Member Federations and Continental Confederations on 10 January 2014 complying with Article 12.3.14 of the IHF Statutes.

No objection was raised within four weeks as stipulated in Article 12.3.14 of the IHF Statutes. The Member Federations had likewise submitted no requests for amendments until then.

Decision. The present version of the minutes of the 2013 IHF Congress was unanimously adopted.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Moustafa announced to the Congress that a 60-minutes film (title: "2 years of development") will be presented to the participants, showing the achievements of the IHF in the course of the last two years.

President Moustafa pointed out that over the last two years the IHF tried hard not only to maintain the success achieved but to further develop handball. The IHF during the last two years has been working on the implementation of the programme, which had been presented to the Congress in 2013, and some of the projects have already been carried out. He added that he travelled to more than 40 countries over the last two years - to attend events and to know the level of handball in order to get an idea of how to develop handball in the respective countries.



Since the 2013 IHF Congress, nine IHF major events have been held, which had to be prepared and organized. Before the senior events the IHF covers the travel of the teams, compensates the clubs and pays the qualification bonus to the National Federations in addition to the prize money. In addition, all referees were educated in a course and instructed in daily meetings during the event. Moreover, the referees were followed up by the IHF over the course of the year and had to report their activities to the PRC.

The IHF produced guidelines for the IHF nominees, which are updated after each event. The document contains the job description of each nominee before, during and after the World Championship. After the IHF World Championships, the IHF collects the feedback from all parties involved to evaluate the entire process, which is analyzed and submitted to the IHF Council to decide on the ideas and proposals which might help to increase the attractiveness of handball. President Moustafa referred to the innovations in the field of media and technology, stating that different ideas have been implemented since the IHF Forum for the Future of Handball in 2014.

In addition, President Moustafa confirmed to the Congress participants that the IHF sustained the cooperation with its main sponsors and brought new sponsors aboard during the World Championships, which contributed to the increase in the IHF income. The IHF signed a very successful cooperation agreement with beIN Sports, and the first fruitful step was the 2015 Men's World Championship which was a piece of art in the field of broadcasting, and the production was beyond Olympic standard. Further the IHF maintained the excellent relation with international organizations such as IOC, ASOIF, ANOC and regional continental organizations.

On the legal level, the IHF complies with its Statutes and follows up on its Member Federations to protect their autonomy. On the financial side, the IHF deals with financial transactions transparently, as proved by the detailed auditing included in the official IHF Congress documents. All IHF contracts are signed after a tender process and the approval of the Council. Since 2000 President Moustafa has changed the financial system from one offer to a tender process, which helps not only to increase the income of the IHF but also ensures transparency.

President Moustafa informed the Congress participants that new Member Federations shall be admitted during the present Congress. Nevertheless, the main goal of the IHF is not only to admit new federations to globalize our sport, but to guarantee that all Member Federations are active and practise the sport on different levels and in different projects prepared according to their classification within the IHF.



Another important project which was implemented after the 2013 IHF Congress is the New Markets' project. The IHF has been working in new markets such as China, USA, Great Britain, India and Japan. President Moustafa added that the IHF will sign, during the present Congress, a cooperation agreement with Shanghai University of Sport to launch the IHF Academy in Shanghai.

Another milestone is the organization of a very successful Beach Handball Exhibition in Lausanne in July 2015 to showcase the sport to the IOC President as a step forward to the inclusion of beach handball in the Olympic Agenda 2020 and the integration of beach handball into the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.

President Moustafa conveyed his gratitude to the IHF Congress delegates, to the staff of the IHF Head Office, to the interpreters and special thanks to his colleagues in the Council for their support and cooperation.

President Moustafa expressed his readiness to answer the questions of the delegates after the film.

Decision. The Congress applauded to the comprehensive report provided by the President and unanimously approved the President's report.

8.1 Presentation of IHF Education Centre

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Boushra Stafanous, project manager of the company Link Development, who presented the IHF Education Centre, a service platform for the worldwide education of important target groups, which shall serve the IHF Member Federations. The goal of the Education Centre is to make standardized education available across the world, provide opportunities for international knowledge transfer and ensure best practice in all nations, considering that different levels of education (basic, advanced, top level) will be made available. Modern learning tools shall be used, including online seminars, live streaming, interaction with the lecturers and e-learning. In addition, he presented the different sections of the Education Centre (coaches, referees, players, teachers, delegates, beach handball, IHF coaches' library, online seminars/e-learning) as well as the proposed design of the platform.

Decision. The Congress took note of the IHF Education Centre presentation made by the representative of Link Development.



8.2 Signing of contract between IHF and SUS regarding the IHF Academy at Shanghai University of Sport

Referring to the IHF New Markets' project and the IHF ambition to develop handball in China, President Moustafa reported that the IHF and Shanghai University of Sport agreed on the establishment of the IHF Academy at Shanghai University of Sport. He welcomed the representatives of Shanghai University of Sport and asked Prof. Wang Xingfang, Vice-President of SUS, to come to the stage to sign the corresponding contract. The IHF Academy at SUS shall be launched in February 2016. President Moustafa added that he will travel to Beijing at the beginning of 2016 to sign a similar agreement with Beijing Sports University.

Decision. The Congress took note of the signing of the contract between IHF and SUS regarding the IHF Academy at Shanghai University of Sport.

8.3 Presentation of Molten

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Kiyofumi Tamiaki, President and CEO of IHF partner Molten Corporation, who thanked the IHF President for the invitation to the Congress. He provided some brief information about Molten as well as about the development of the new ball, which does not require the use of glue, according to President Moustafa's request, which is considered as a new revolution of the handball sport. He distributed several prototypes of the new ball to the Congress participants to be returned to him afterwards, adding that the ball is still under development. President Moustafa conveyed his thanks to Mr Tamiaki for the efforts of Molten in developing the new ball.

Decision. The Congress took note of the Molten presentation made by Mr Tamiaki.

8.4 Presentation of Emerging Nations Tournament in KOS

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Eugen Saraçini, President of Kosovo Handball Federation, to provide further details, in addition to the information presented in the President's report, about the 1st IHF Emerging Nations Tournament held in Kosovo from 20 to 26 June 2015. In total 16 men's teams from all five continents took part in the first international tournament organized in Kosovo. The 48 matches played on seven days were attended by more than 40,000 spectators and broadcast by two large TV channels covering almost the entire world. He outlined the plans of the Kosovo Handball Federation, in collaboration with the Minister of Sport, to establish handball academies/schools in various



cities in Kosovo. He thanked the IHF, and in particular Dr Moustafa, for giving Kosovo Handball Federation the opportunity to host this event.

Decision. The Congress took note of the Emerging Nations Tournament presentation made by Mr Saraçini.

8.5 Presentation of snow handball

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Mario Moccia, President of Pan-American Team Handball Federation and Argentinean Handball Federation, who introduced snow handball to the Congress participants, a new version of handball which has been invented in Argentina. He reported that the 1st Snow Handball Pan-American Championship was organized in Ushuaia (ARG) in 2015 with three participating teams (Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay), adding that Uruguay won the competition. He expressed his wish to further promote snow handball, both in Pan-America and worldwide, by organizing competitions of this discipline every year.

Decision. The Congress took note of the snow handball presentation made by Mr Moccia.

8.6 Presentation of FRA 2017

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Edouard Donnelly, CEO of the Organizing Committee of the 2017 IHF Men's World Championship in France, who presented an overview of the preparations for the event concerned which shall be held from 11 to 29 January 2017. He started his presentation, stating that quality (offering the highest possible standards), entertainment and development/legacy are the main goals in the organization of the event.

He provided information about the eight host cities (Albertville, Brest, Lille Métropole, Metz, Montpellier, Nantes, Paris, Rouen) and their respective arenas as well as about the new ticketing system (one match = one session; sales in three phases: packages to handball family followed by packages to general public, and afterwards single tickets). For example, 'follow your team' packages will be offered allowing fans to attend all matches of their respective team and have their money reimbursed if their team is eliminated. He reported that the promotion of the event has already started on three social media platforms and the official website. In addition, starting from April 2016 a roadshow shall take place in 24 cities (16 non-host cities in addition to the eight host cities) to promote the championship and spread the handball spirit across the country. The official draw event will take place on 23 June 2016.



The President of French Handball Federation, Mr Joel Delplanque, added that the target of the Organizing Committee, according to the IHF President's recommendation, will be to have 1,000,000 spectators visiting the venues.

Decision. The Congress took note of the FRA 2017 presentation made by Mr Donnelly.

9. FINANCIAL AND AUDITORS' REPORT

President Moustafa gave the floor to the IHF Treasurer who presented the financial reports of the years 2013 and 2014 as well as the auditors' reports of 2013 and 2014 to the Congress. The financial reports 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 12.1.6 of the IHF Statutes.

In consideration of the positive figures and the increased income, the Treasurer announced that more investments into different IHF projects are planned. He expressed his gratitude to the President, the Executive Committee and the Council for their work since the last Congress and thanked the delegates for their trust during the last two years. President Moustafa asked the Congress participants to vote on the 2013 and 2014 financial reports. The Congress unanimously approved the 2013 and 2014 financial reports.

Decision. The 2013 and 2014 financial reports were unanimously approved by the Congress.

10. MEMBERSHIP ADMISSIONS

10.1 Applications for full IHF membership

President Moustafa reported that seven national handball federations had applied for full IHF membership. Six of them fulfilled all requirements according to Article 7.2 of the IHF Statutes and have been granted provisional full membership by the IHF Council.

President Moustafa pointed out that one federation (Equatorial Guinea) has not yet submitted all necessary documents. The Council granted provisional full membership to Equatorial Guinea Handball Association and proposed that the Congress should grant full membership



to the federation concerned provided that the documents which are still missing will be submitted to the IHF.

He stated that two of the seven federations (Kosovo and South Sudan) were granted associated membership by the IHF Congress before (KOS in 2007, SSD in 2013). The National Olympic Committees of both Kosovo and South Sudan have in the meantime been recognized officially as full members of the IOC. Hence, the requirements for full IHF membership according to the IHF Statutes are fulfilled.

President Moustafa asked the IHF Congress participants to cast their votes on each federation individually.

For Kosovo, the result of the voting was:

Yes: 132

No: 2

Abstain: 0

For South Sudan, American Samoa, Equatorial Guinea, Nauru, Palau and Tonga, the result of the voting was:

Yes: 134

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Decision. Upon the Council's proposal the Congress unanimously decided to admit the following six handball federations as full members of the IHF.

South Sudan (SSD)

American Samoa (ASA)

Equatorial Guinea (GEQ) – *provided that the documents which are still missing will be submitted to the IHF*

Nauru (NRU)

Palau (PLW)

Tonga (TGA)

With two votes against, the Congress decided to admit Kosovo (KOS) as full member of the IHF.



Representatives of all handball federations, except for Equatorial Guinea and Palau, were present. President Moustafa asked them to come to the stage and awarded them a certificate of recognition.

After admission of the new named federations the International Handball Federation henceforth has 204 members (198 full members, two associated members, four regional members). As representatives of five new handball federations entitled to vote were present and representatives of another two Member Federations arrived after the beginning of the Congress, 141 Member Federations in total were entitled to vote.

Number of full members present (number of voters): 141

Number of associated members present: 2

Number of regional members present: 3

Number of votes: 141

Simple majority: 72

Two-thirds majority: 94

11. DISCHARGE

While treating this agenda item the President of Austrian Handball Federation, Mr Gerhard Hofbauer, chaired the Congress. He requested discharge of the President and of the entire Council from the Congress.

Decision. The Congress unanimously gave discharge to the President and the entire Council.

12. MOTIONS TO THE CONGRESS (no motions to the Ordinary Congress were submitted within the deadline)

Mr Hofbauer informed the Congress that no motions had been submitted to the Congress within the stipulated deadline.

13. REPORT ON CHANGES TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS RATIFIED BY THE COUNCIL



- 13.1 Player Eligibility Code (III)
- 13.2 Regulations for Transfer between Federations (IV)
- 13.3 Regulations for IHF Competitions (V)
- 13.4 Rules of the Game for Beach Handball (IX b)
- 13.5 Anti-Doping Regulations (XIV)
- 13.6 Financial Regulations (XXIV)
- 13.7 Rules of the Game (IX a)

President Moustafa informed the Congress participants about the changes and amendments of the IHF Regulations, which had been ratified by the IHF Council since the 2013 Ordinary IHF Congress. The changes and amendments approved by the IHF Council were officially communicated to the IHF Member Federations as well as the Continental Confederations, and the updated versions of the IHF Regulations were published on the IHF website.

In addition, the IHF Council decided to apply the new changes of the IHF Rules of the Game, which were reported to the IHF Congress in the President's report by the PRC Chairman.

All changes and amendments were included in the official IHF Congress documents handed over to the IHF Congress participants.

President Moustafa asked the participants for any comments or questions. As there was no request for the floor, the changes and amendments were notified.

Decision. The Congress was informed about the changes and amendments of the IHF Regulations ratified by the IHF Council since the 2013 Ordinary IHF Congress.

14. CONFIRMATION OF THE IHF PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

President Moustafa informed the IHF Congress participants that the IHF is working on the implementation of the IHF four-year programme of activities which has been submitted to and approved by the 2013 Ordinary IHF Congress. As he explained in the first two-year activity report some of the projects on the programme have already been carried out while the others will be considered until the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress.

Decision. The Congress reconfirmed the IHF programme of activities until the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress.

15. SETTING MEMBERSHIP FEES AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET



President Moustafa gave the floor to the IHF Treasurer who informed the Congress that according to the decision of the IHF Council, the IHF will not charge any membership fees for 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The Treasurer then presented the proposal of the budget for the years 2016 and 2017 to the Congress, reporting on the total incomes and total expenses of both years. He explained that the amounts of the profit expected for 2016 and 2017 differ due to the organization of the Men's and Women's World Championships in 2017. The Treasurer outlined the provisions assigned for the IHF projects serving the Member Federations as well as the compensations of the senior events. He also presented the expected income according to the contracts concluded with sponsors and partners.

Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the decision of the IHF Council, according to which the IHF will not charge any membership fees for 2015, 2016 and 2017. In addition, the Congress unanimously approved the present versions of the 2016 and 2017 budget.

16. AWARDING OF EVENTS WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A COUNCIL DECISION

President Moustafa gave the floor to the IHF COC Chairman to conduct point 16 on the Congress agenda related to the awarding of the events which are not subject to a Council decision. Before the awarding of events, the COC Chairman explained in brief the voting procedure.

16.1 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2018

- ✓ Poland
- ✓ Slovakia

The COC Chairman explained to the Congress that Poland and Slovakia applied for the organization of the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2018. As Slovakia withdrew their application during the Congress, the COC Chairman asked Poland to present their bid. The Polish representative informed the Congress participants about the four potential venues (Wrocław Centennial Arena (capacity: 6,500), Zielona Góra Arena (capacity: 5,000), Lubin Sports and Entertainment Hall (capacity: 3,700) and Głogów Sports and Entertainment Hall (capacity: 2,100)). The daily participation fee will be CHF 125 per person. The COC Chairman asked the Congress to vote on awarding the Women's Youth (U18)



World Championship 2018 to Poland. After the Congress confirmed this decision by raising the voting cards, President Moustafa congratulated the delegation from Poland and awarded them a certificate. He wished the Polish federation good luck with the organization of the event.

Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship 2018 to Poland.

16.2 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2018

- ✓ Hungary
- ✓ Poland

The COC Chairman reported to the Congress that Hungary and Poland applied for the organization of the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2018. As Poland withdrew their bid during the Congress, the COC Chairman asked Hungary to make their presentation. The Hungarian representative informed the Congress participants about the three host cities (Győr, Tatabánya and Budaörs) as well as the corresponding arenas (Győri Audi Arena, Tatabánya Handball Hall (scheduled to open in spring 2017) and Budaörs Handball Hall) and accommodation facilities. The proposed daily participation fee amounted to CHF 140 per person, but President Moustafa asked to reduce the fee to CHF 125 per person, which was confirmed by the Hungarian representative. As President Moustafa asked about the visa procedure, HUN confirmed the Hungarian government's support in this regard and guaranteed that no visa issues will occur for the World Championship. A corresponding letter of guarantee from the Hungarian government, confirming that all participants of the WCh will receive Hungarian entry visas, shall be sent to the IHF within one month. As one Congress delegate reported about experiences made during the 2013 Men's Youth WCh in Hungary, when taxes were imposed on additional costs, the Hungarian representative promised that clear information about the costs and any additional costs will be communicated to the participating teams of the event. The COC Chairman asked the Congress to vote on awarding the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship 2018 to Hungary. After the Congress confirmed this decision by raising the voting cards, President Moustafa congratulated the delegation from Hungary and awarded them a certificate. He wished the Hungarian federation good luck with the organization of the event.

Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship 2018 to Hungary on condition that no visa issues will occur. A corresponding letter of guarantee from the Hungarian



government, confirming that all participants of the WCh will receive Hungarian entry visas, shall be sent to the IHF within one month.

16.3 Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in 2019

- ✓ Croatia
- ✓ Macedonia

The COC Chairman reported to the Congress that Croatia and Macedonia applied for the organization of the Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in 2019. As Croatia withdrew their bid during the Congress, the COC Chairman asked Macedonia to make their presentation. The Macedonian representative informed the Congress participants about the three arenas in the host city of Skopje (SC Jane Sandanski elite multifunctional arena (capacity: 6,500), SC Boris Trajkovski elite multifunctional arena (capacity: 6,000) and SRC Kale Handball Arena (capacity: 2,500)) and the accommodation facilities. The daily participation fee will be CHF 125 per person. MKD also ensured that no participant will face visa problems. As the Chinese Congress delegate reported about experiences made during the 2014 Women's Youth WCh in Macedonia, when the Chinese federation did not receive any refund of the accommodation fee although the Chinese team left three days before the final, President Moustafa confirmed that this issue will be studied by the IHF. The COC Chairman asked the Congress to vote on awarding the Men's Youth (U19) World Championship 2019 to Macedonia. After the Congress confirmed this decision by raising the voting cards, President Moustafa congratulated the delegation from Macedonia and awarded them a certificate. He wished the Macedonian federation good luck with the organization of the event.

Decision: The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Men's Youth (U19) World Championship 2019 to Macedonia.

16.4 Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in 2019

- ✓ Spain
- ✓ Macedonia

The COC Chairman explained to the Congress that Spain and Macedonia applied for the organization of the Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in 2019. As Macedonia withdrew their application during the Congress, the COC Chairman asked Spain to present their bid. The Spanish representative informed the Congress participants about the two host cities (León and Oviedo) as well as the corresponding arenas (Palacio de los Deportes de León (capacity: 5,200) and Palacio de los Deportes de Oviedo (capacity: 3,800)) and



accommodation facilities. The daily participation fee will be EUR 130 per person. The COC Chairman asked the Congress to vote on awarding the Men's Junior (U21) World Championship 2019 to Spain. After the Congress confirmed this decision by raising the voting cards, President Moustafa congratulated the delegation from Spain and awarded them a certificate. He wished the Spanish federation good luck with the organization of the event.

Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in 2019 to Spain.

17. SCHEDULING TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT CONGRESS

President Moustafa gave the floor to the 1st Vice-President to handle this point to avoid any conflict of interest. The 1st Vice-President took the floor informing the Congress participants that the IHF received bids from three National Federations for the organization of the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress 2017 which are: Australia, Egypt and Qatar. He pointed out that all deadlines defined by the IHF Head Office had been met by the bidders. Then he gave the floor to the representative of Australia to start his presentation.

AUS bid.

The President of Australian Handball Federation, Mr Alex Gavrilovic, presented his bidding conditions for organizing the 2017 IHF Congress according to the IHF standard bidding conditions and contract, including information about the accommodation, Congress meeting place, social activities, participation fee and estimated travel cost as follows:

Accommodation.

- Hotel in Sydney – Sheraton, Crowne Plaza or Hilton
- Sydney airport 10km, 20min from hotels, city
- Sydney sights, restaurants, shopping by foot

Participation fee.

- Delegates: AUD\$490 (€320) per person per night (single room), including all Congress costs, transfers, meals, banquet
- Accompanying persons: AUD\$150 (€70) per person per night (twin share), including all meals, transfers, sightseeing programme, banquet
- Other packages available for stay before or after the Congress

Estimated travel cost.

- Europe to Sydney: AUD\$1300-\$1600 (€850-€1000)



- Dubai to Sydney: AUD\$1600-\$2000 (€1000-€1300)
- Seoul to Sydney: AUD\$700-\$1000 (€450-€650)
- Rio de Janeiro to Sydney: AUD\$1600-\$2000 (€1000-€1300)

Visa.

The President of AUS confirmed that no problems will occur in terms of entering the country, stressing that during the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia hosted visitors from 190 countries without any problem.

EGY bid.

The President of Egyptian Handball Federation, Prof. Khaled Hammouda, presented his bidding conditions for organizing the 2017 IHF Congress according to the IHF standard bidding conditions and contract, including information about the accommodation, Congress meeting rooms, social activities and participation fee as follows:

Accommodation.

- Sheraton Sharm Hotel in Sharm El Sheikh (5-star hotel)
- The Congress shall be organized in the Congress Hall

Participation fee.

- Delegates: €250 per person per night
- Accompanying persons: €350 per person per night

Visa.

- Visa grant upon arrival at Egyptian borders

QAT bid.

The Secretary General of the Qatar Handball Association took the floor to inform the Congress participants about his federation's withdrawal from the bidding process for the 2017 Ordinary IHF Congress.

The 1st Vice-President asked the Congress participants to agree on using the voting system to cast their votes on this issue. The Congress participants unanimously approved using the electronic voting system. Due to the malfunction of the electronic voting system, President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to cast their votes by paper ballot. The election officer and the tellers were asked to start the voting procedure.

The result of the voting was:

AUS: 77

EGY: 61



Null votes: 2

Decision: The Congress approved the awarding of the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress 2017 to Australia.

18. AWARDING OF THE HANS BAUMANN TROPHY AND HONOURS

President Moustafa announced to the Congress that, according to the decision of the IHF Executive Committee, the Hans Baumann Trophy will not be awarded at the present Congress to give the opportunity to update the IHF Regulations for Awards due to the fact that the regulations concerned have not been updated since their creation.

Afterwards the Managing Director announced to the Congress that certificates of gratitude will be awarded to the organizers of the following IHF events held between 2013 and 2015:

- XXI Women's World Championship in 2013 – Serbia (SRB)
- VI Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships in 2014 – Brazil (BRA)
- XIX Women's Junior World Championship in 2014 – Croatia (CRO)
- V Women's Youth World Championship in 2014 – Macedonia (MKD)
- XXIV Men's World Championship in 2015 – Qatar (QAT)
- XX Men's Junior World Championship in 2015 – Brazil (BRA)
- VI Men's Youth World Championship in 2015 – Russia (RUS)
- Super Globe in 2014 and 2015 – Qatar (QAT)

The certificates were handed over by the President.

Decision: The Congress approved to postpone the awarding of the IHF Hans Baumann Trophy until the coming Congress in 2017 and took note of the awarding of certificates of gratitude to the organizers of IHF events between 2013 and 2015.

19. MISCELLANEOUS

19.1 Oceania continental representative

President Moustafa informed the IHF Congress participants about the current status of the continent of Oceania after the admission of four new National Federations from Oceania as full members. The Oceania Continent Handball Federation has now 16 full members, two



associated members and one regional member. According to Article 13.2.2 of the IHF Statutes, the OCHF has the right to be represented in the IHF Council. As per the nomination of the OCHF, President Moustafa announced OCHF President Mr Ricardo Blas as IHF Council Member (Oceania's Representative within the IHF Council).

Decision. The Congress unanimously confirmed Mr Ricardo Blas as Oceania's Representative within the IHF Council and congratulated him on his devotion to bring Oceania back to the IHF as continent being represented in the IHF Council.

20. CLOSE OF THE CONGRESS

President Moustafa thanked all Congress participants, the Council members, the interpreters and the staff of the Head Office for their collaboration and their contribution to the success of the Congress. He addressed special thanks to the President of the Russian Federation, Mr Vladimir Putin, for allowing exceptionally to grant the delegates from several IHF Member Federations a Russian entry visa upon arrival, which helped most of the IHF Member Federations to attend the Congress and contribute their input. In addition he conveyed his gratitude to the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr Dmitry Rogozin, and the President of the Handball Federation of Russia, Mr Sergey Shishkarev, and his collaborators who contributed to the excellent organization of the Congress.

President Moustafa addressed the IHF Congress participants to support him placing handball among the top team sports by devoting more time and efforts to the development of handball in their countries, which in turn will help developing handball globally. He added that he will never give up developing more ideas and projects which shall help the IHF Member Federations as well as our beloved sport to flourish further.

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



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