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CONGRESS 2014

PRAGUE (CZECH) – February 16th 2014

Andre Van Overbeek opens the Congress

I. Roll Call

Affiliated Federations represented by Accredited Delegates with Credentials:
AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, HUNGARY,
SPAIN, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY, ISRAEL, ITALY, MALTA, LITHUANIA,
NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, ROMANIA, SLOVENIA, SAN MARINO, SERBIA,
SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, TURKEY, UKRAINE.

Affiliated Federations absent:

FINLAND, GUERNSEY, JERSEY, IRELAND, GREECE, SLOVAKIA, RUSSIA

Each present Federation has provided a proof of payment of its Membership Fees.

There are 33 Federations affiliated, 26 Federations duly represented, 26 Federations with the right of vote, the Congress is quorate. (ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IS 16)

*ISF President Dale McMann addresses the Congress

II. Approval of the Minutes of 2013 Congress

The Minutes of 2013 Congress is approved by unanimity

III. Admission of new Federations

No New Admissions requested

IV. Suspension or exclusion of Federations

None.

V. Approval of the activities report 2013

The activities report is approved by unanimity

VI. Approval of the financial report 2013

The financial report is approved by unanimity

VII. Approval of the budget 2014

The budget 2013 is approved by majority vote

VIII. Appointment of the Auditor

On the proposal of the Treasurer, Mr. Mark de Permentier is re-appointed as Auditor by unanimity.



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IX. Membership fees and special contributions

No discussion

X. Approval of activities to be carried out

XI. Amendments to the Statutes

None

XII. Motions and other Matters

XII. 1 – MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS proposed by Affiliated Federations

None

XII. 2 – MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS proposed by the Executive Council

None

XII. 3 – MATTERS BY CONGRESS COMMITTEES

Notification of proposed Motions passed at the Competitions Committee meeting

- Personal Awards

XII. 4 – HALL OF FAME

None

XIII. Appointment of Organizers of Competitions

XIII. 1 Calendar of 2014 Events:

Calendar of 2014 Events:

The Championship Junior Women – EChJW is allotted to Rosmalen (NED), Jul. 21st -26th.

The Championship U22 Women – EChU22 is allotted to Dupnitsa (BUL), Jul. 7th-12th.

The Championship Men – EChM is allotted to Havlíčkův Brod, Pardubice (CZE), Jul. 14th-19th.

The Championship Super Cup Coed Slowpitch – EChSCCS is allotted to Mladé Buky (CZE), Jul. 29th – Aug 2nd

The Cup Women - ECW is allotted to Dupnitsa (BUL) Sept. 1st -6th



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The Cup Winners Cup Women – ECWCW is allotted to ASD Porpetto (ITA), Sept 1st-6th

The Super Cup Men – ESCM is allotted to Amstelveen (NED), Aug. 25th -30th.

The Cup Premiere Women - EPCW is allotted to Unione Fermana (ITA) Sept. 1st -6th

The European M.Romeo Youth Trophy is allotted to Collecchio, Parma (ITA) Aug. 12th-16th

2015 Events

The Championship Women – EChW is allotted to Rosmalen (NED), Jul. 20th – 25

The Championship Junior Men – EChJM is allotted to Most (CZE), Jun.29th – Jul. 4th

The Championship Cadet Girls – EChCG is allotted to Nuoro (ITA), Jun. 22nd – 27th.

The Championship Coed Slowpitch – EChCS is allotted to Dupnitsa (BUL), Jul. 28th – Aug 1st

XIV. Election to the Executive Council

No Elections

XV. Place of 2015 Congress

The location of the next Congress is open for the EC to decide including considering the possibility again of a Joint Congress with CEB

XVI. Various

None

Closing of the Congress

André VAN OVERBEEK
President

Ami Baran
Secretary General

Technical & Competitions Commission at ESF Congress, February 14th, 2014

VPs: G Waage & G Tobbyack

Secretary: M Jennings

RollCall at 13:15. 15 Federations present.

G Waage Comments to Technical and Competition report 2013:

All Reports circulated before meeting. No comments received back from Federations.

Changes of Competition regulation 2014:

Motion 1 from GBR, to revert to ISF procedure for allocating Championship teams to 1st Round-Robin Pools: Comments from BEL, DEN, IRE, ISR, GBR, UKR. Vote 5 For, 7 Against, 1 Abstain. Motion Failed.

Motions 2,3,4 & 5 from Scorekeeping Commission re Personal Awards and Scorekeeping Statistics: comments from G Waage: all accepted by Federations. DEN advocates more judgement to be used in awards as present stats-based Regulations have lead to anomalies.

G Waage agrees and outlines proposal to go to EC for Competition Regulations: Chair TC with SiC and EC to decide personal awards, from Page Teams only, based on statistics but with flexibility in the case of close percentage differences between pitchers / batters with very different activity levels. Suggestion well received.

New structure CR / TR 2014 – introduction:

G Waage outlines reason for documentation changes to CR Regulations for Competitors and TR Regulations for Organisers.

G Tobbyack outlines process for drafting and approval of re-organised documents, and thanks the Competitions Commission and TC members who contributed to the successful effort. M Jennings reminds Federations of the Schedules of Deadlines relevant to Team Organisers, for all 2014 Cups and Championships, and the Summary of Requirements for Host Organisers: all available for reference on the website.

Review competition situation 2014 / 2015:

Allocation ESCM, ESCCS, EChCW and EChJM: agreed as per latest published Calendar.

EChJW 2014 – trial flip coin for all games was proposed by Competitions Commission. After debate it was agreed that first Round Robin scheduling should seek to balance Home / Visitor games for all teams. Thereafter the ‘senior’ (for example 1st from Pool A vs 2nd from Pool B) team should have Home precedence, but in the case of two ‘equal’ teams from first RR (for example, 1st from Pool A plays 1st from Pool C), then a coin Flip should be made, as soon as possible after the pairing is known.

World Games 2017 in Wroclaw and hosting ESF competitions. Situation outlined by G Waage re the ESF intention to fully support the Games technically, and to allocate ESF 2015 Women's Cup and 2016 EChJW to Wroclaw in preparation and proving of facilities prior to 2017. ESF will monitor performance of the venue during the ESF events.

New competitions:

Super Cup Junior Women 2015. Agreed after debate that this competition should be instituted in an 'Open' format in the years between U19W Championships.

European Masters Games 2015 (Oct 1st through 10th, Nice, FRA) to be followed by ESF Masters Cup(s) in 2016 and beyond. G Waage outlined initiative of instituting ESF Masters' events, potentially in all disciplines if demand sufficient. Proposal well received.

Various:

Discussion on 'Stepping Out' Rule (new to ISF Rulebook 2014). This will be discussed and clarified for all ESF Umpires attending the planned Blue Convention in Rome, March 2014. Bob Stanton, ISF UiC, will be present.

Bulgaria offer help to any Federation present requiring information about facilities etc. at the venues where they will host this year. Similar Anton Kops for Rosmalen.

M Jennings reminds Federations present who intend to enter 2014 ESCCS that they should consider whether they need to qualify a Slowpitch umpire to ESF standard in anticipation of their obligation to provide one official for each team they send on a 2014 ESF event. GBR are hosting an ESF qualifying SP Course on 7th through 11th May, location near London.

G Waage thanks all for their participation and closes the meeting.