



European Softball Federation *Fédération Européenne Softball*

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CONGRESS 2012 MELLIEHA (MAL) – February 4th 2012

President van Overbeek opens the XXXVII General Congress and introduces the President of the Malta Baseball & Softball Association, Mario De Bono who gives his welcome speech.

The floor is given to the major of Mellieha, Robert Cutajar for his welcome speech.

I. Roll Call

Affiliated Federations represented by Accredited Delegates with Credentials:

AUSTRIA, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, SPAIN, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, MALTA, NETHERLANDS, RUSSIA, SLOVENIA, SAN MARINO, SERBIA, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, TURKEY, UKRAINE.

Affiliated Federations absent:

ARMENIA, BELGIUM, FINLAND, GEORGIA, GREECE, GUERNSEY, HUNGARY, JERSEY, MOLDOVA, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA.

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

There are 36 Federations affiliated, 22 Federations duly represented, 22 Federations with the right of vote; the Congress has reached the quorum.

II. Approval of the Minutes of 2011 Congress

The Congress unanimously approves the Minutes of 2011 Congress.

III. Admission of new Federations

Secretary General Fabretto introduces delegate Diana Pupininkiene from Lithuania Baseball Softball Association and Chrisis Prentzas and Angelos Mylonas from Cyprus Amateur Softball Federation. Secretary General Fabretto informs the Congress that the two federations are willing to start the affiliation's procedure to become member of the ESF.

IV. Suspension or exclusion of Federations

President van Overbeek brings attention to the motion of the Executive Council to expel the Portugal Baseball and Softball Federation based on article 3.7.1 of the ESF Statutes.

The Congress votes to pass the motion with the following vote: 18 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstention.

V. Approval of the activities report 2011

The Congress unanimously approves the activities report 2011.

VI. Approval of the financial report 2011

The Congress approves the financial reports 2011: 20 in favor, 2 abstentions.

VII. Approval of the budget 2011

The Congress approves the budget 2011: 20 in favor, 2 abstentions.

VIII. Appointment of the Auditor

Treasurer van Straelen brings attention to the proposal of appointment of Mark De Permentier as Auditor. The Congress unanimously approves the appointment of Mark De Permentier.



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IX. Membership fees and special contributions

Unchanged.

X. Approval of activities to be carried out

Intervention of the ISF President, Don Porter.

XI. Amendments to the Statutes

None.

XII. Motions and other Matters

XII. 1 – MOTIONS for amendments to regulations proposed by Affiliated Federations.

Vice President for Technical & Competitions Waage brings attention to the amendments to the regulations as approved the day before by the Competitions and Technical Commission. The report is attached and forms integral part of this Congress Minutes.

XII. 2 – MOTIONS for amendments to regulations proposed by the Executive Council.

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XII. 3 – MATTERS BY CONGRESS COMMITTEES

No intervention related to the Marketing Committee. The report is attached and forms integral part of this Congress Minutes.

First Vice President Sanna reports what was discussed during the Development Committee. The report is attached and forms integral part of this Congress Minutes.

XII. 4 – HALL OF FAME

None.

XIII. Appointment of Organizers of Competitions

Vice President for Technical & Competitions Waage goes through the calendar of 2012 and 2013 events.

Calendar of 2012 Events:

Championship U22 Girls: it is allotted to Havlickuv Brod (CZE), July 9th-14th.

Championship Junior Girls: VP for Technical & Competitions Waage informs that the organizer from Hoboken (BEL) withdrawn. There are three possible new candidates. The decision about the location will be taken as soon as possible by the Executive Council after evaluating the situation.

Cup Women A – ECWA: it is allotted to Enschede (NED), Aug. 20th-25th.

Cup Winners Cup Women A – ECWCWA: it is allotted to Nuoro (ITA), Aug. 20th-25th.

Cup Women B – ECWB: it is allotted to Ostrava (CZE), Aug. 20th-25th.

Cup Winners Cup Women B – ECWCWB: it is allotted to Trieste (ITA), Aug. 20th-25th.

Super Cup Men – ESCM: it is allotted to Prague (CZE), Aug. 27th-Sept.1st.

Cup Coed Slowpitch – ECCS: it is allotted to Paradubice (CZE), Jul.31st-Aug.4th.



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Calendar of 2013 Events:

Championship Women – EchW: it is allotted to Prague (CZE). Date to be reconfirmed, after the request of Israel delegate to move the competition to another date, because the Maccabiah games are scheduled at the same time.

Championship Cadet Girls – EChCG: it is allotted to Ostrava (CZE), Aug. 5th-10th.

Championship Junior Boys – EChJB : it is allotted to Stenløse (DEN), Jul.8th-13th.

Championship Coed Slowpitch – EChCS: it is allotted to Paradubice (CZE), Jul. 15/16th-20th. Starting date to be reconfirmed after knowing the number of entries.

Official Draw of Teams for Championships:

Championship Under 22 – EChU22:

Groups after the draw:

A1 - CZE	B1 – RUS
A2 - FRA	B2 – POL
A3 - UKR	B3 – SVK
A4 – BUL	B4 – GRE

Championship Men – EChM:

Groups after the draw:

A1 – DEN	B1 – CZE
A2 – NED	B2 – GBR
A3 – ISR	B3 – BEL
A4 – CRO	B4 – SVK

Championship Junior Girls – EChJG:

Groups after the draw:

A1 – RUS	B1 – ITA	C1 – CZE	D1 - GER
A2 – NED	B2 – FRA	C2 – GBR	D2 – ESP
A3 – BEL	B3 – CRO	C3 – ISR	D3 – AUT
A4 – LTU	B4 – DEN	C4 – GRE	D4 – UKR

XIV. Election to the Executive Council

None.

XV. Place of 2012 Congress

President van Overbeek informs that there are two candidates willing to organize the 2012 Congress: Austria and Russia. Both candidates withdraw.

The location of the next Congress remains open.



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XVI. Various

With reference to item IV. of the agenda, “Suspension or exclusion of Federations”, President van Overbeek takes the floor and submit to the Congress the motion from the Executive Council to expel the affiliated federations from Armenia, Georgia and Moldova from being a member of the ESF, under the article 3.7.1 of the Statutes. The Congress unanimously votes to pass the motion.

Armenia is excluded from being a member of the ESF. Votes: 18 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstention.

Georgia is excluded from being a member of the ESF. Votes: 19 in favor, 2 against, 1 abstention.

Moldova is excluded from being a member of the ESF. Votes: 16 in favor, 4 against, 2 abstentions.

President van Overbeek gives the floor to Israel delegate who suggests to establish a provision of automatic exclusion for those members who do not accomplish with the regulations.

President van Overbeek thanks all delegates and closes the Congress.

André VAN OVERBEEK
President

Francesca FABRETTO
Secretary General