

# CONGRESS 2008

## ATHENS (GRE) – March 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

Welcome speech by the Greek Softball Federation

### I. Roll Call

Affiliated Federations represented by Accredited Delegates with Credentials:

AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, SPAIN, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY, GREECE, ISRAEL, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, POLAND, RUSSIA, SLOVENIA, SAN MARINO, SERBIA, SWITZERLAND, SLOVAKIA, SWEDEN.

Affiliated Federations excused:

HUNGARY: due to postponement of the Congress from the original date, Hungary cannot send any delegate.

Affiliated Federations absent:

ARMENIA, DENMARK, FINLAND, GEORGIA, GUERNSEY, IRELAND, JERSEY, MOLDOVA, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, UKRAINE, BELARUS (Provisional)

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

There are 34 Federations affiliated, 21 Federations with the right of vote, 21 Federations duly represented, the Congress is quorate.

The Congress respects one minute of silence in memory of Merle BUTLER.

### II. Approval of the Minutes of 2007 Congress

Intervention GREAT BRITAIN, BELGIUM.

The Minutes of 2007 Congress are approved by unanimity

### III. Admission of new Federations

None.

### IV. Suspension or exclusion of Federations

None.

### V. Approval of the activities report 2007

No particular comments

### VI. Approval of the financial report 2007

Intervention of FRANCE: deposit for umpire guarantee not returned

The financial report is approved by unanimity

### VII. Approval of the budget 2008

Intervention of BELGIUM: didn't receive the budget 2008

The budget 2008 is approved by unanimity

## VIII. Appointment of the Auditor

Mr. Michael RENGLI is appointed Auditor

## IX. Membership fees and special contributions

The new membership fees (flat fees) are approved by 13 votes in favour, 1 against, 7 abstentions

## X. Approval of activities to be carried out

No particular remarks

## XI. Amendments to the Statutes

MOTION 1 CZECH REP. (English language only at the General Congress): Intervention FRANCE.  
Adopted by 11 in favour, 6 against, 3 abstentions, 1 did not vote. .

AMENDMENT 1 ISRAEL (Amendment of art. 4.1.2 - Statutes): adopted by unanimity.

AMENDMENT 2 ISRAEL (Amendment of art. 4.1.2.1 - Statutes): adopted by unanimity.

AMENDMENT 3 ISRAEL (Rename art. 4.5.3 as 4.5.5., insert new art. 4.5.3 and add art. 4.1.7 – Statutes:  
replaced by the Motion 2 of the Executive Council.

AMENDMENT 4 ISRAEL (Add of art. 4.6.1.2 – Statutes): adopted by unanimity.

AMENDMENT 5 ISRAEL (Rename art. 1.6.7 as 1.6.8 and insert new art. 1.6.7 – Statutes): adopted by unanimity.

MOTION 1 Executive Council (Change art. 2.2.2.3, 2.3.2 and Financial Appendix chapter I - Statutes - flat fees) :adopted.by 13 in favor 1 against, 7 abstentions

MOTION 2 Executive Council (Insert new art. 4.5.4 and new 4.1.8 - Statutes): Intervention GREAT BRITAIN and FRANCE. Motion rejected by 19 votes against, 0 in favour, 2 abstentions.

## XII. Motions and other matters

### XII. 1 – MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

MOTION 2) CZECH REP (Change art. 14.07.01 – C.R.): This motion was faced already during the Technical/Competitions Tournaments Commissions, therefore a decision will be taken by the Executive Council.

MOTION 3) CZECH REP (New art. 04.05 – C.R.): This motion was faced already during the Technical/Competitions Commissions, therefore a decision will be taken by the Executive Council.

MOTION 4) CZECH REP (Use of Equipment Standards): This motion was faced already during the Technical/Competitions Commissions, therefore a decision will be taken by the Executive Council.

MOTION 1) DENMARK (Esf bats): This motion was faced already during the Technical/Competitions Commissions, therefore a decision will be taken by the Executive Council.

MOTION 2) DENMARK (Men European Cup – change format): This motion was faced already during the Technical/Competitions Commissions, therefore a decision will be taken by the Executive Council.

MOTION 1) ISRAEL (Election of Regional Vice President of the ISF): postponed

MOTION 2) ISRAEL (establishment of an ESF Task Force): Intervention FRANCE, motion is addressed during the Congress "Back Softball" session.

## **XII. 2 – HALL OF FAME**

None

## **XIII. Appointment of Organizers of Competitions**

### **Calendar of 2008 Events:**

The Cup Women A - ECWA is allotted to Prague (CZE), Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.

The Cup Women B - ECWB is allotted to Prague (CZE), Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.

The Cup Winners Cup Women A – ECWCWA is allotted to Bollate (ITA), Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.

The Cup Winners Cup Women B – ECWCWB is allotted to Dupnica (BUL), Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, subject to inspection.

The Cup Men – ECM is allotted to Anvers (BEL), Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

The Cup Winners Cup Men – ECWCM is allotted to Havlickuv Brod (CZE), Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

The Cup Coed Slowpitch – ECCS is allotted to Dupnica (BUL), date to be announced

The Championship Elite Women - EChEW is allotted to NETHERLANDS, May 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced.

The Championship U22 Women – EChU22W is allotted to Turin (ITA), July 27<sup>th</sup>-Aug 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Championship Juniors Girls – EChJG is allotted to Deggendorf (GER), Aug 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

The Championship Minime Girls – EChMG is allotted to Brgek (POL), Aug 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Championship Men – EChM is allotted to Copenhagen (DEN), date to be announced

The Championship Coed Slowpitch – EChCS is allotted to Southampton (GBR), July 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. ???

### **Calendar of 2009 Events:**

The Championship Women A – EChWA is allotted to Valencia (ESP), July - date to be announced

The Championship Women B - EChWB is allotted to Hoboken (BEL), July 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.

The Championship Cadets Girls – EChCG is allotted to San Sebastian (ESP), first week of July

Nominations remain open for the organization of: Championship Junior Boys 2009,

## **New Item – ISF Constitutional Changes Issue**

No particular comments

## **New Item – Back Softball Session**

Presentation/intervention of Dale McMann



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Le Secrétaire Général

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Intervention of FRANCE  
Intervention of Andrew Loechner  
Intervention of Bob Milosavljevic

**XIV. Election to the Executive Council**

Eddy Van Straelen is elected as new Treasurer by acclamation.

**XV. Place of 2009 Congress**

The next Congress is allotted to Lausanne, SWITZERLAND by acclamation.  
It will take place on Febr. 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**XVI. Various**

Intervention of FRANCE about request of ISF to separate Softball Federations from other sports.

Intervention of BELGIUM : the two ISF task force persons should be voted by the Congress and not nominated.

Intervention of the NETHERLANDS: the postponing of the Congress caused big problems to the Members. NED asks to the EC to take care that in the future the date will be respected and ask to fix a deadline in case an organizer forfeiting. Answer of Mike Jennings.

Closing of the Congress

Notes taken by Francesca FABRETTO, Assistant Secretary General

**Mike JENNINGS**  
President

**Patrice BIENFAIT**  
Secretary General