



Short Report IVV CONGRESS OF DELEGATES

Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

November 25/26, 2016

1. Opening and Welcome

IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio welcomed the Honorary Guests and Delegates and thanked Ayrton Violento and the Brazil Association and Vice-President Graham Fawcett for the perfect organization of the Congress in Rio de Janeiro.

2. Minute's silence for deceased

The IVV President asked the Delegates to stand and hold a minute's silence for deceased IVV members of the IVV family.

3. Election of electoral committee and examination board

Raymond Claude informed the Delegates that an electoral committee must be made of at least 3 persons.

5. Establishment of the Delegates present and quorum

As agreed by all Delegates, item 5 of the agenda was brought forward as the Congress was not quorate and had to be interrupted for 30 minutes according to the IVV Statutes. Afterwards, it was continued with the same agenda. During that time further greetings were made.

4. Further greetings

Ayrton Violento: The past President of Anda Brazil was pleased to welcome the big IVV family in Brazil and welcomed them. He promised to support his successor and new IVV President of Brazil Rafael Freitag and the new IVV-Americas President Flávio Ferreira. He expressed his wish that the Congress be successful.

Rafael Freitag: "His heart is as big as Brazil" said the new President of Anda Brazil. He was pleased to welcome the IVV Congress of Delegates in Brazil. In spite of economic problems, Brazil is No. 1 in nature and hospitality, and was able to welcome cordially.

Flávio Ferreira: He welcomed all participants and hoped to be able to popularize the IVV in the entire region as soon as possible.

Dolores Grenier: As representative of the IML President, she thanked for the invitation and pointed to the successful cooperation between the IML and IVV. The walking organizations were still to work closer together, reasoned Ms Grenier.

Horst Volkmer: The IVV Honorary President has observed the development of the IVV since 1968. Meanwhile, more than 50 member countries are registered; recently there was a decline of participants. He remembered the first contact with Brazil in 1990 by Martin Hett, the IVV President of France at that time.

6. Approval of the meeting minutes of Hamburg

The meeting minutes of Hamburg were approved by the Delegates unanimously.

7. Reports

a) President's report

In Antalya, the new elected IVV Presidium received the order to further develop the IVV which has happened and will still happen, according to IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio. During the last meeting in Hamburg further steps were introduced and the importance of the Congress of Delegates was pointed out. He thanked all colleagues in the Presidium and IVV Head Office who had supported the projects of the previous 5 years.

Communications through the website and gaining the youth were the aims that had been fulfilled partly but cost a lot of work and time. Also, the cooperation with the Presidents of the Continental Confederations was very productive.

The last IVV Olympiads in Antalya, Val Gardena and Chengdu were very successful and can be seen as an improvement of the communication between the countries. He was looking forward to the next Olympiad in Koblenz and hoped for a huge number of participants.

The Europiades and Asiapiades were developed by the Continental Confederations with a positive result, more so in Europe than in Asia. The IVV Americas has had some problems. The President thanked Curt Myron who transferred his office to Flávio Ferreira who has a lot of competent experience in tourism.

He also complimented the cooperation with the IML. The new IML/IVV Cup was admired by both organizations.

Again, the IVV President pointed out the importance of participation in IVV events, especially the Congresses of Delegates even if some associations decreased and had problems with growth and finances. Maximal cooperation is important, websites are to be supported and as much information as possible is to be published to all interested parties. Everyone is to work for the growth and try to assure success. Only then will we look back to a successful 50 years history in two years where everyone will play an important role.

b) Vice President's report

The reconstructing of the IVV by creating the Continental Confederations and the revision of the statutes were his motivation to run for the election of the IVV Presidium, said Graham Fawcett, IVV Vice President. Designing newsletters, reviewing the Website and publishing an Online Database were his most important tasks. The database he has created has been finished for a year and to publish and extend it will be his priority during his next mandate, if financially possible. With this commitment, his skills and energy he will try to make the IVV even more successful in the next period of office.

c) Treasurer's report

IVV Treasurer Walter Motz read the Treasurer's reports for the fiscal years 2014 and 2015 and explained the items. The cash reports 2014 and 2015 as well as the auditors' reports are enclosed.

d) Secretary's report

Secretary Raymond Claude reported about the different meetings of the IVV Presidium in Chengdu, Winterthur, Kitzbühel, Koblenz, Munich and Rio de Janeiro. All meeting minutes were published on the IVV Website.

e) Report of IVV-Asia representative of United Presidium

Motohiro Kawauchi from Japan apologized for IVV Asia President Mitsumasa Miyashita who was involved to prepare a training centre.

IVV-Asia has currently three member countries and one direct member. The 3rd Asiapiade took place on 12/13 November 2016 in Taipei. It was a good event with beautiful walks. The day before, the

Congress of Delegates had taken place. The next Asiapiade takes place in Jogjacarta/Indonesia. The new club Ginseng of Vladivostok/Russia, founded in 2015, applied for an IVV Asia membership.

f) Report of IVV-Europe representative of United Presidium

Georges Kintziger, representing IVV Europe President Uwe Kneibert, reported on IVV Europe's activities.

IVV Europe offers two different cup programs: „Der Europawanderer“ and „Europa wandert“.

In cooperation with IVV-France a new homepage of the IVV Europe is being created; it is planned to be online during the next year.

The IVV-Europe Year Book has been offered since 2015, it has already been published for 2017.

There was a brainstorming in Kitzbühel, another one is planned during the IVV Olympiad in Koblenz.

The company Röser from Saarland plans to create about 20 new Permanent Trails in Mallorca in cooperation with hotels and local organizers. Contacts were made with the association of the European Volkssportgemeinschaft.

g) Auditors' report

Michel Courtier informed that the auditors Brian Tilbury and Michel Courtier had met in Edington (England) on June 30, 2015 and in Großenlüder/Germany on August 30, 2016 according to the IVV Statutes and Rules of Order and had audited the finances for 2014 and 2015. No irregularities had been found and thanks were expressed to the Treasurer for his responsible work.

Michel Courtier asked the Delegates to approve the Treasurer and the Executive Presidium for 2014 and 2015.

8. Discussion of the reports

Emil Dannemark/IVV-Belgium wanted to make some remarks, but no criticism.

After having spoken of enthusiasm, this cannot be determined at the Congress of Delegates. It was sad that only 12 countries were present.

As for the cash report, it should be sent to all Delegates in a detailed form.

Romain Buschmann/IVV-Luxembourg asked for more numerical data to find out about the positive or negative development of the different countries.

9. Approval

According to § 4 par. 4 of the Rules of Finances and Dues, the Auditor asks for the approval of the Presidium. Michel Courtier – Auditor present – asked for approval.

Vote: Including the abstention of the Presidium the United Presidium was approved for 2014 and 2015.

10. Motions for the amendments of the rules

a) Amendment of Statutes § 8 par. 5, sentence 1, „Congress of Delegates“

„§8 par 5, sentence 1 – Congress of Delegates“ is to be amended:

Following the correct convocation notice of the Congress of Delegates, the Congress is quorate when at least **one Delegate of one-third of the national members** or **one Delegate more than one-third of the declared number of Delegates** are present.

IVV-Belgium indicated that we must not capitulate and send the wrong signal. The Statutes should not be amended, but the associations had to be motivated to attend the Congresses.

At the request of the IVV Presidium, the decision will be postponed and a survey of the associations was suggested. The suggestion was accepted unanimously by the Delegates.

b) Application for an Olympiad

This suggestion is to simplify the order „Application for an Olympiad“.

Vote: The suggestion was accepted unanimously by the Delegates.

11. Other motions

a) DVV Motion to change the IVV Guidelines – Cycling events

At cycling events and permanent cycling trails, the minimum distance is to be decreased from 20 km to 10 km to offer a possibility to participate for elderly people, families and children.

Vote: The motion was accepted unanimously by the Delegates.

b) DVV Motion to supplement § 5 of the IVV Statutes

The Deutsche Volkssportverband e.V. (DVV) applied to be allowed to use the name IVV-Deutschland and IVV-Germany as subheading. Included is the use of the IVV logo with the name IVV-Deutschland and IVV-Germany.

This right applies after acceptance to all national member associations relating to their national language and both languages of the association, German and English.

This right applies after acceptance to all legal partitions of the national member association if they are classified with the national member association as a legal body. Example: IVV-Bayern/IVV-Bavaria etc. The right does not apply after acceptance to IVV direct members. The right does not apply after acceptance to member clubs or organizations within the national member association.

Michael Mallmann pointed out the importance of the byname to be recognized in the whole world. The comment that direct members are not allowed to use this byname was justified by the fact that these clubs do not represent a whole country. On the other hand, it could motivate the one or other direct member.

At the vote it was indicated that a change could be requested in two years.

Vote: The motion was accepted unanimously by the Delegates.

12. Election of IVV Presidium and Boards

a) Election of IVV President:

Giuseppe Colantonio was elected unanimously as IVV President.

b) Election of IVV Vice-President:

Graham Fawcett was elected unanimously as IVV Vice-President

c) Election of IVV Treasurer:

Walter Motz was elected unanimously as IVV Treasurer.

d) Election of IVV Secretary:

Raymond Claude was elected unanimously as IVV Secretary.

e) Election of IVV Disciplinary Board

Emil Dannemark was elected unanimously as chairman of the IVV Disciplinary Board.
Assessors: Romain Buschmann (Luxembourg) – Curt Myron (USA)
Reserve Assessor: Benoit Pinsonneault (Canada)

f) Election of IVV Arbitration Board

Uwe Kneibert was elected unanimously as chairman of the IVV-Arbitration Board.
Assessors: Georges Kintziger (Luxembourg) - Werner Friedrich (Czech Republic) –
Reserve Assessor: Guy Borsenberger (France).

g) Election of IVV Audit Committee

Michel Courtier (France) and Brian Tilbury (England) were elected as Auditors.
Reserve Auditor: Konrad Teni (Austria)

13. Election of location of the next IVV Congress of Delegates in 2018

After the IVV-Italy FIASP presented a film and a Powerpoint presentation, the Delegates elected them unanimously to host the next Congress of Delegates in Sicily in May 2018.

14. Election of location of the next IVV Olympiad 2019

One nomination of IVV-France FFSP had been received by the IVV Presidium to host the IVV Olympiad in Aix-en-Provence (France) in 2019. After presenting a film and a Powerpoint presentation with explanations, the Delegates accept unanimously to hold the IVV Olympiad 2019 in Aix-en-Provence. Date: October 2019.

15. Acceptance of new National members (Australia, Romania)

a) Aussiewalk IVV Incorporated

Diana Marshall, new President of IVV-Australia Ausiewalk IVV Incorporated introduced the new organization.

Vote: The Delegates accepted the admission of the Australian association unanimously.

b) Eurotrainer Association

Romania had handed in a written application to be accepted as IVV member association but were not able to attend the Congress in Brazil.

The application and their statutes had been checked and found in order.

Vote: Romania was accepted as new national IVV member with 15 abstentions.

16. Honours

No official honours were requested. IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio gave some presents to the organizers of the Congress.

17. Miscellaneous

IVV-China CVA gave a short review of their events and aims and underlined the importance of the IVV in China.

Also IVV-Americas introduced themselves briefly. The Continental Confederation with IVV-Canada and IVV-Brazil with 8 affiliated clubs hope to be joined by Australia.

IVV-Asia remarked that they consisted currently of 3 associations.

IVV-Belgium explained that clubs in Belgium are bound to belong to an association called SportAccord to receive state aid. The possibility of becoming a member will be checked.

IVV-Germany DVV had handed in a request for the future handling of the IVV award. Medium and long-term reforms to digitize are indispensable and should be started as soon as possible. After a long discussion about advantages and disadvantages and if using a chip or personal technology (smartphone etc.) and as of the impossibility to find a solution during the Congress, the IVV Presidium suggested to build a working group.

IVV-Luxembourg introduced their planned major event in 2018. On August 31 in the frame of the 50th IVV anniversary, a 24-hours-walk will be organized in the capital. All IVV member organizations are invited cordially.

18. Closing of Congress of Delegates

IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio and the new Presidium thanked for the contribution of the member countries at this good Congress and for the trust in the new team. He promised to carry on working for the needs of the IVV.

He especially thanked IVV-Brazil for the nice welcome, the fun and the perfect organization of the IVV Congress of Delegates.

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