

Summary of Presidium Activities for 2012

Since this month marks the one-year anniversary of the current Presidium, we wish to present a summary of our activities and major decisions taken during the past year. Complete copies are available on the Documents page of the IVV website, which will be considered official. Any future correction of accidental errors or omissions in this summary will be noted in red.

A. December 17, 2011

Presidium meeting, Altötting Germany (Colantonio, Fawcett, Claude, Motz)

1. Following a review of the recent Olympiad in Antalya, Turkey, it was decided that the Presidium would participate more often and earlier in the organization of Olympiads;
2. The motion to revise the method of country compensation discussed at the Congress of Delegates in Turkey, was referred to Uwe Kneibert and IVV-Europa for resolution;
3. With regard to the IVV Event Book, it was decided to review its publication, or whether the Continental Associations would publish their own. Advertising rates were set.
4. An organizational chart for the IVV was to be created by the Vice-President and distributed to all national organizations and the Continental Associations;
5. The specific areas of responsibility of the Continental Associations were assigned;
6. In order to better promote Volkssport internationally, the IVV must have and will request the necessary information from its members;
7. All IVV communications will be completely revised in order to improve communication with and among members;
8. The IVV office may respond to requests for support from the Continental Associations if time exists;
9. It was decided to discuss the specific roles of the Executive and United Presidiums, the Continental Associations at the Asianpiade in Suncheon, South Korea;
10. A specific list of responsibilities for each Presidium member and a schedule of meetings for 2012 were determined.

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B. February 10, 2012

Meeting between IVV and TAFISA (IVV - Colantonio, Claude; TAFISA - Baumann)

1. It was decided that the IVV would apply for membership in the TAFISA 'Global Alliance'.
2. The IVV will encourage members to also participate in the annual TAFISA World Walking Day and TAFISA will introduce the IVV Europiade in its own newsletter.
3. The IVV will prepare documents to introduce itself to TAFISA members, asking for cooperation with the IVV.

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C. March 24, 2012

Meeting between IVV delegation & IVV-Europe Presidium (IVV-Europe - Kneibert, Guidi, Plöner, P./G.Kintziger; IVV - Colantonio, Claude)

1. IVV-Europe explained how it wished to organize and give credit for events;
2. Publicity and promotion of the first Europiade were discussed and arrangements for the second Europiade were announced;
3. The method of country compensation for record books sold will be discussed among the European countries at an informal meeting in 2013 and a proposal made to the IVV Congress in 2014.

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4. It was announced that Claude and Kneibert would meet with the IML on 25 April to discuss the current cooperation agreement.
5. The tasks of the Continental Associations will have to be clearly delineated.
6. The fate of the IVV Event Book would be decided at the Congress in China. It will be published in 2013.
7. TAFISA will publicize larger IVV events.

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D. April 25, 2012

Meeting between IML and IVV (IVV- Claude, Kneibert; IML - Hendriks)

1. Terms of agreement discussed between the two parties included:
 - a. Announcements and publicity concerning IML Awards and IVV stamps;
 - b. Reciprocal agreement on requesting IML Awards and IVV stamps;
 - c. Entry fees for exclusively IML and IVV events;
 - d. Organization of common events;
 - e. Conditions for granting IVV stamps and IML Awards;
 - f. Terms of future cooperation between the IVV and IML, possibly including a common award system.
2. The items above were to be referred to the respective Boards for appraisal and revision.

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E. May 26, 2012

United Presidium meeting in Suncheon, South Korea (Colantonio, Fawcett, Kneibert, Motz, Miyashita, Claude)

1. The IVV organization chart revised by G. Fawcett was accepted.
2. A financial report was made, noting a deficit in 2011 of € 23,043.98 and a decrease in revenues of € 7,000.
3. The changes to all forms of IVV publications were discussed: the IVV News bulletin, the World Report, the Website, reader surveys, a Facebook page, an IVV flyer. The possibility of revenue from advertising on the IVV website was discussed following one expression of interest.
4. The United Presidium is responsible for coordination of large 2 or 3 day events emphasizing cultural and continental differences.
5. Specific Awards for the two Continental Associations were agreed upon.
6. Financing the start up costs of the Continental Associations was discussed and a 5-year loan of € 5,000 offered. Eventual reimbursement may be waived. A similar offer will be made to the organizers of IVV-Americas.
7. The United Presidium decided to meet once per year.
8. At the 2013 Olympiad, there will be one common finish point, but 3 possible different start points.
9. A review of all elements of organization of the Congress in China was made with Jin Qiao of the CVA.
10. Uwe Kneibert was nominated to lead the Congress.
11. Various travel and accommodation costs for attendees at the Congress were agreed upon.
12. The report of the meeting between the IVV and the IML was accepted.

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F. October 18, 2012

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Executive Presidium Meeting, Zhaoqing China (IVV - Colantonio, Fawcett, Motz, Claude; CVA - Jin Qiao, translator; Kneibert)

1. President Colantonio expressed a welcome to all and his thanks to the CVA for organizing the Congress. He also expressed his regret and concern that so few IVV members were present, as there seemed not to be enough for an official quorum at the Congress.
2. Agreement was made with the CVA on a program of visits to IVV member countries by Chinese students to learn more about the IVV, its member countries, their Associations and clubs. Costs for these visits are to be borne entirely by the CVA and its sponsors.
3. A procedure for dealing with the lack of quorum at the Congress was determined.
4. A review of costs for the new IVV website was made. Initial and ongoing costs are much lower than expected previously. A Discussion Forum, open to all, will be added in the New Year (February), following input on possible content through an online survey.
5. Attendance reports on the recent Asianpiade and Europiade were made.
6. A document outlining the principles of cooperation between the IVV and the new Continental Associations was reviewed and approved. The IVV Executive Assistant may help the Continental Associations if and when available time allows. The document will be posted on the IVV web site.
7. The cooperation between the Swiss Association and the EVG was discussed and will be reviewed during the 2013 Olympiad in Wolkenstein, Südtirol (Val Gardena, South Tyrol).
8. "Finances" will be an agenda item for each Presidium meeting. A contract for a loan of 5,000 € between the IVV and IVV-Asia was signed. This is to defray startup and ongoing operational costs incurred by each new Continental Association. The loan may be forgiven after a five-year period.
9. Walter Motz, Treasurer, submitted three reports on finances for 2011 and 2012.

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G. October 20 - 21, 2012

Congress of Delegates, Zhaoqing China
(October 20)

1. After a welcome by IVV President Colantonio and a minute's silence for departed Volkssporters, means to deal with the lack of official quorum were described and approved by those present. After a delay of 30 minutes for presentations and reports, the Congress began.
2. Greetings were conveyed by the Mayor of Zhaoqing who welcomed all present to the Congress, the third CVA 'Walking Forum', and the first 'International IVV Walking Trek Festival'. IVV Honourary President Volkmer also spoke of the importance of the IVV and its Awards system. He congratulated and thanked the organizers of the Congress.
3. The Electoral Committee and Examination Board were set. Members of the Electoral Committee were Mallmann (Chairman - Germany), Sandt (Luxembourg), and Qiao (China). Members of the Committee to run the election of the next Olympiad in 2015 were Kneibert (Chairman - Germany), Börsenberger (France), and G. Kintziger (Luxembourg).
4. Following a single amendment proposed by the Austrian Federation, the minutes of the Congress Minutes in Antalya Turkey were approved unanimously.
5. Reports:
 - (a) President Colanotnio - explained the role and importance of the IVV Congress of Delegates, followed by his deep disappointment that so few members were present in

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Zhaoqing. He reviewed recent successes at the recent Asianpiade and Europiade, plus the establishment of the Continental Associations.

(b) Vice-President Fawcett - reviewed recent changes to all forms of IVV communications: the web site, the World Report, IVV news, and presentation brochure. The website will continue to evolve over time and include a Discussion Forum to be added in February.

(c) Treasurer Motz - reviewed the financial statement for 2011, showing a deficit of 23,043.98 €, due principally to the value of unredeemed Cup books and unpaid member dues. A detailed list of income and expenses was presented.

(d) Secretary Claude - explained the evolving tasks and responsibilities of the IVV and the Continental Associations.

(e) IVV- Asia - President Miyashita was not present, but had submitted an electronic report, presented by Uwe Kneibert.

(f) IVV- Europe - Uwe Kneibert reviewed current membership and gave a report on the success of the first Europiade. Dates have been set for the second Europiade, to take place in Maristoca (Italy) and Naturns (South Tyrol) June 20-24 2014. Single member countries in Europe will be invited to the IVV-Europe Congress in Hungary.

(g) Auditor - Michel Courtier reported that the Auditors Brian Tilbury and Michel Courtier met with Walter Motz in Ammerschwihl (France) and reviewed the IVV finances. No irregularities were found, and thanks was expressed to the Treasurer for his diligent work. Michel Courtier asked the Delegates to approve the Treasurer and the Executive Presidium for 2011.

6. Discussion of reports - Emil Dannemark from the FBMP expressed regrets about the lack of attendance at the Congress. Secretary Claude responded with a suggestion that there be fines for those who do not attend without important reason.

7. Approval - the Presidium was approved with 52 votes and 5 abstentions (Presidium). The United Presidium was approved for 2011.

8. Motions to amend the Statutes and Rules of Finance and Dues - since the Congress of Delegates now takes place only every second year, and the current Statutes require an annual approval of the budget, future budgets will be approved by the Executive Presidium, but Audits will continue to be done annually. Due to the legal cost of amending the Statutes, it was decided to postpone the official amendment of the Statutes until further amendments are received. After discussion, a vote was held and the motion passed 31- 16.

9. Other motions - a motion to create the Continental Association for the Americas, IVV-Americas, was approved. Canada and Brazil are the founding countries, while the American Association waits for approval at their Biennial Convention in May. Unanimous approval was given to the motion.

10. Election of IVV Boards - the elections were chaired by Michael Mallmann (Chairman - Germany) and Paul Sandt (Luxembourg). The following were elected:

(a) Disciplinary Board: Emil Dannemark (Chairman - Belgium), Benoît Pinsonneault (Canada), René Kieser (Switzerland)

(b) Arbitration Board - Uwe Kneibert (Chairman - Germany), Guy Börsenberger (France), George Kintziger (Luxembourg)

(c) Auditors - elected were Michel Courtier (France) and Brian Tilbury (England); Konrad Teni will be substitute Auditor.

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11. Election of location of the next Congress of Delegates in 2014 - Hamburg was approved unanimously. Dates will be from September 18-21, 2014.

(October 21)

12. Election of the next Olympiad 2015 - Applications were received from:

- (a) Brazil, Rio de Janeiro - August 20-23, 2015
- (b) China, Chengdu - September 24-27, 2015
- (c) Austria, Tauplitz/Bad Mittendorf - September 17-19, 2015

When presenting the applicants, the Presidium explained the following: Brazil didn't fulfill the formal requirements for an application according to § 1 par. 3 of the current Olympiad Rules. Brazil had only been IVV member since 2008 and therefore was not entitled to apply for the Olympiad, as an applicant had to be member for 5 years. The Presidium apologized to the Brazilian Association for the late announcement. The reason was that Brazil applied for the first time in 2006, but was only accepted in 2008.

The President of the Brazilian Association Ayrton Violento made a statement in which he regretted that this was only announced during the Congress as Brazil had done great preparation work. He withdrew the application for 2015.

Emil Dannemark (Belgium) pointed out that Brazil made great preparation work and that the Presidium had not checked well in advance. There must be a legitimate preliminary check of the candidacies and the countries have to be informed in advance.

The written application of Austria from January 15, 2012 was read. There was no presentation as there were no Delegates present.

After that the Chinese association (CVA) presented its application with the city of Chengdu.

Before the election the IVV Presidium pointed out that if - according to § 1 item 4 of the current Olympiad Rules - there are two comparable applications, the country which had not yet organized an IVV Olympiad would have to receive priority. Austria had already organized an Olympiad in Seefeld. China, not yet.

The Delegates accepted unanimously to follow Rule § 1 item 4 of the Olympiad Rules. Therefore, China had priority as applicant.

Vote on the application presented by China: The Delegates voted unanimously for China, with Chengdu as venue, for the IVV Olympiad in 2015.

13. Honours - President Colantonio presented the IVV Bronze Award to Alberto Guidi of Italy and Vice-President Fawcett presented the Silver Award to Ethel Hansen of Canada.

14. Miscellaneous - there was no further input from the Delegates

15. Closing of the Congress

Jin Qiao thanked the Delegates for the work rendered and welcomed them to the Olympiad 2015 in Chengdu.

Graham Fawcett, leader of the Congress, also thanked the Delegates for their good work and handed over to Giuseppe Colantonio for his closing speech.

Giuseppe Colantonio thanked the Delegates and pointed out that important decisions were made for the future of the IVV. The next Congress of Delegates would be in Hamburg in 2014 and the Olympiad in Chengdu in 2015. The IVV President thanked the Associations for their responsibility in the interest of the IVV. Finally he wished the Delegates a good

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journey home and said he was looking forward to meeting everyone again in 2014 in Hamburg.