

# MEETING MINUTES IVV CONGRESS OF DELEGATES

OYC Hotel in ZHAOQING China, October 20/21, 2012

**1<sup>st</sup> day: October 20, 2012, 9am – 12.30 pm**

## **1. Opening and Welcome:**

IVV President Giuseppe Colantonio welcomed the Guests of Honour and Delegates and thanked Jin Qiao and the Chinese association for the perfect organization of the Congress in Zhaoqing. This Congress was important for the IVV, as decisions would be made which are important for the following years of the IVV: Motions for an amendment of the Statutes, reelections of IVV Boards, election of the venue of the IVV Olympiad 2015, admission of IVV Americas.

Giuseppe Colantonio wished the Delegates a successful work during the Congress and a pleasant stay in Zhaoqing.

## **2. Minute's silence for deceased:**

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

After the minute's silence, Giuseppe Colantonio passed the conduct of the IVV Congress to Graham Fawcett. Graham Fawcett asked Uwe Kneibert for his statement to the agenda. Uwe Kneibert asked the Delegates to agree to change the agenda and to advance item 5 of the agenda to item 3. The Delegates accepted this suggestion unanimously.

## **3. Establishment of the Delegates present and quorum:**

Uwe Kneibert informed the Delegates, that according to § 8 paragraph 5 of the IVV Statutes the Congress of Delegates was quorate when at least one more than half of the declared Delegates were present. 106 Delegates from 27 countries were invited, the Congress was quorate if 54 Delegates were present. According to the Statutes members of the United Presidium were not added. Furthermore, it didn't depend on the total amount of the Delegates' votes.

Unfortunately, only 31 Delegates were present and the quorum of 54 Delegates was not reached. According to the Statutes §8 paragraph 5 sentence 2 the Congress had to be

interrupted by half an hour. After this break the Congress started again with the same agenda and was quorate in any case.

The Congress was interrupted by 30 minutes and then continued with the same agenda.

During the break an engineer working in China introduced the establishment of Green Ways in China.

#### **4. Further greetings:**

Guo Feng Mayor of Zhaoqing: Guo Feng welcomed all Delegates to his city. It was a great honour for his city to host the IVV Congress and the third « Walking Forum » and to organize the first “International IVV Walking Trek Festival” in China.

Horst Volkmer IVV Honorary President: Horst Volkmer pointed out the importance of the IVV sport for our society and its aims. He pointed out the role of granting the IVV stamp which is a great motivation for the walkers. The CVA developed very positively over the past years, the proof of which is the perfect organization of the IVV Congress. Finally, he wished the Delegates great success with their work at the Congress of Delegates and thanked the organizers.

#### **5. Election of electoral committee and examination board**

Uwe Kneibert informed the Delegates that for item 12 of the agenda “Election of IVV Boards” according § 7 par. 1 of the Rules of Order an electoral committee of at least 3 people had to be built. The following persons were suggested by the Presidium:

Michael Mallmann (Germany), Paul Sandt (Luxembourg), Jin Qiao (China)

The Delegates elected the suggested persons unanimously, Michael Mallmann was the chairman.

For agenda item 14 Election of location of the next IVV Olympiad 2015 the following electoral committee was suggested by the Presidium:

Uwe Kneibert (Germany), Guy Börsenberger (France), Georges Kintziger (Luxembourg)

The Delegates elected the suggested persons unanimously, Uwe Kneibert was the chairman.

#### **6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of Antalya**

The Österreichische Volkssportverband (ÖVV) had asked for an amendment of the last two paragraphs in item 11. The amendment was made by Presidium decision on December 17, 2011 and sent to all member countries in written form. The Meeting Minutes of Antalya were accepted unanimously.

#### **7. Reports**

a) President's report:

The Delegates and the Presidium were pulling in the same direction, on different levels, to develop the history and development of our important international association IVV to foster good health, well-being, social contacts and friendship.

The Congress of Delegates had an important role of the IVV development and history:

- To find the right way forward for the IVV in the past and future;
- To present the work of the Presidium and define future plans and aims;
- To discuss different ideas and opinions and find a common solution;
- The Congress of Delegates is the spot where everybody should feel well among friends.

For these reasons it was disappointing and incomprehensible that so many National Associations, for whatever reasons, didn't participate the Congress. They should be reminded that the Congress of Delegates is an important IVV event also in the interest of the National Associations.

The Presidium, elected in Antalya, had done a good job so far and the President thanked them for their effort. As one of the main aims was the development of the Continental Confederations, it could be concluded that this was successful. The first Asiapiade was held in Suncheon (South Korea) and the first Europiade in Echternach/Irrel (Luxembourg/Germany) with great success and many participants. The President thanked the organizers for their effort in the interest of the Continental Confederations and the IVV. There was also a motion to found IVV-Americas during the Congress to accept them as a new member. The IVV would be stronger by the foundation of three Continental Confederations in order to be able to work better on an international level.

Giuseppe Colantonio, IVV President, wished the Delegates a successful Congress.

#### b) Vice President's report

Over the past 12 months, IVV communications have been completely revised and updated. A new World Report has been published twice, with a third number to follow before the end of the year. IVV News has been reformatted and published twice, again with a third issue to follow before mid-November. The IVV web site has been completely reorganized and modernized. Development and the updating of the web site will continue, with one major function yet to be added, a Discussion Forum. I am also responsible for the quality of all IVV communications, and will contribute to the quality control of all IVV documents in English. I wish to thank Tanja Müller for her assistance and hard work, and Rudolf Esterer for his previous work on the IVV web site.

#### c) Treasurer's report

The annual financial statement 2011 shows a deficit of 23,043.98 €, that arose from accruals for record books not yet redeemed for Europe Cup, World Cup etc. In 2010 we had a profit of 6.176,81 €. The sum of unpaid invoices has been reduced. Some member countries have received the information of unpaid invoices which can be paid in cash after the Congress.

The budget was done in revenues and expenditures of 135,800 € each.

Total sums on 31st December, 2011: Revenues 105,864.30 € and expenditures 102,296.07 €

#### d) Secretary's report

The Secretary named the most important tasks and future plans of the IVV Presidium and mentioned the foundation of the Continental Confederations. This had been and was one of the most important tasks of the former and current Presidium. There were several advantages and future tasks:

- The IVV could and had to get involved more internationally and supported the promotion, therefore the Website was renewed and modernized and a new World Report was created;
- The cultural and historical values of a Continent would be better respected without breaking IVV rules;
- New organization models and award systems would be created

Accordingly, the IVV was reorganized and the United Presidium was formed with the task of coordinating, controlling and exchanging information. Some IVV tasks would be given to the Continental Confederations or be divided. Therefore it was important that the current IVV Presidium determined rules of cooperation together with the Continental Confederations.

In the future the IVV Presidium will have to set a higher value on IVV Promotion in close cooperation with the Continental Confederations, National Associations and Single Member Clubs, the latter having to be more integrated in the IVV's activities. The IVV Presidium will have to support contacts with international sports authorities and political bodies.

#### e) Report of IVV-Asia representative of United Presidium:

The representative of IVV Asia, Mitsumasa Miyashita, was not able to attend the IVV Congress. A CD had been handed in by him previously, and was presented by Uwe Kneibert.

#### f) Report of IVV-Europe representative of United Presidium:

16 member countries have joined the IVV – Europe since its foundation.

The aim was to gain all European countries.

- France announced its admission for 2013
- Estonia and Finland have to be contacted to discuss an admission
- In the opinion of the IVV-Europa Presidium, the status of the membership of Greece and Iceland is doubtful.

The first Europiade took place from September 7-9, 2012 in the German-Luxembourg border area of Echternach and Irrel with the help of the National Associations FLMP, DVV and IVV – Europe.

6,249 start cards were sold to the participants which was a great success for the first organization of that kind of event. 24 nations took place. The most participants came from Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. The participants walked, cycled and swam 87,754.3 km, more than twice around the world.

The second Europiade will take place from June 20 – 22, 2014 in Marostica/Italy and Naturns/South Tyrol. This event will be held every 2 years by turns with the Olympiad and is to be organized by 2 cross-border countries.

The new Cup „Der Europawanderer“ was launched by IVV-Europe at the 1st Europiade and was a great success. 152 walkers bought the record book for 15 Euros. For a successful participation 10 events have to be visited as follows:

2 Europiade participations

8 participations in 8 different IVV-Europe member countries, including

4 events and 4 permanent trails

A newsletter will be emailed regularly to the members and IVV-Europe plans to take over the homepage established for the Europiade. Single Member Clubs should be more involved in IVV Europe activities and it is planned to invite them to the next IVV-Europe Congress 2013 in Hungary.

g) Auditors' report:

Michel Courtier reported that the Auditors Brian Tilbury and Michel Courtier met with Walter Motz in Ammerschwihr (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.

## **8. Discussion of the reports**

Emil Dannemark from the Belgian Association expressed regrets and thought it awkward that so many countries didn't participate the Congress, and that it was necessary to find the reason. One reason could be that the Associations have decided to stay on a Continental level and abandoned the IVV internationally. He pointed out the good work done by the IVV on communications, and suggested establishing a link on the IVV Website to the Websites of the National Associations. He thanked the CVA for their great work.

Raymond Claude from the IVV Presidium conceded the absence of so many countries to Emil Dannemark and suggested adding to the IVV Statutes the imposing of a fee upon countries that didn't attend the Congress without important reason.

## **9. Approval**

According to § 4 par. 4 of the Rules of Finances and Dues one Auditor was to ask for the approval of the Presidium. Michel Courtier – present Auditor – conducted the approval.

With 52 Yes–votes and 5 abstentions (Presidium members) the United Presidium was approved for 2011.

## **10. Motions for the amendments of the rules a) Statutes b) Rules of Finances and Dues**

Uwe Kneibert informed the Delegates that the IVV Congress of Delegates took place every 2 years according to the amendment of the Statutes. According to the current Statutes the Congress of Delegates is to pass the yearly budget amongst other things. This could hardly be done as the Congress takes place only every 2 years. The budget would have to be done 2 years in advance. It would not be possible to react to positive or negative developments.

For this reason, slight changes had been done in §§ 1 – 4 of the Rules of Finances and Dues which were to be accepted by the Congress. According to it, future budgets were to be approved by the Executive Presidium. The auditing stayed the same and didn't change. In the Statutes the task of the Congress of Delegates in § 8 paragraph 9 c) "Voting on the Budget" was to be deleted without replacement.

As these were the only changes in the Statutes and the deletion of only four words would be disproportionate to an amendment at the register court – which causes costs – Uwe Kneibert suggested that the Congress abstains from approving the budget because of the change of the Rules of Finances and Dues and the official amendment of the Statutes would be postponed until further amendments of the Statutes. Pros and Cons were discussed.

**Vote:** 31 votes accepted Uwe Kneibert's suggestion for the Rules of Finances and Dues and 16 rejected. Therefore, the change of the Rules of Finances and Dues was approved.

## **11. Other motions**

A motion for the foundation and admission of the IVV-Americas Continental Confederation was presented on July 27, 2012. IVV members Canada and Brazil wanted to found the Continental Confederation, the USA wanted to wait for their Congress in 2013 and discuss an admission there.

Statutes were presented and reviewed. The area of responsibility would be the Americas, the Caribbean and South Pacific.

According to § 1 paragraph 7 a Continental Confederation can be founded if at least 3 IVV National Associations exist on that Continent. This was the case.

**Vote:** The foundation and admission of the IVV-Americas Continental Confederation was accepted unanimously.

## **12. Election of IVV Boards**

The reelections of the IVV Boards were conducted by Michael Mallmann (Germany) as Chairman and Paul Sandt (Luxembourg)

- a) IVV Disciplinary Board: unanimously, with one abstention, voted for Emil Dannemark (Belgium) Chairman, Benoit Pinsonneault (Canada) and René Kieser (Switzerland)
- b) IVV Arbitration Board: decided unanimously, with two abstentions: Uwe Kneibert (Germany) Chairman, Guy Borsenberger (France), Georges Kintziger (Luxembourg).
- c) IVV Auditors: secret vote, elected were: Michel Courtier (France) 52 votes, Brian Tilbury (England) 46 votes, Konrad Teni (Austria) 3 votes and therefore not elected as auditor. Konrad Teni would be substitute Auditor.

### **13. Election of location of the next Congress of Delegates in 2014**

After a short presentation of the DVV about Hamburg as the next venue for the Congress of Delegates, all Delegates accepted Hamburg for the next Congress venue from September 18 – 21, 2014.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Day: October 21, 2012, 9 am – 11 am**

### **14. Election of location of the next IVV Olympiad 2015**

Three applications from Member Countries for the IVV Olympiad 2015 were presented to the IVV Presidium. These were:

- Brazil, Rio de Janeiro from August 20 – 23, 2015
- China, Chengdu from September 24 – 27, 2015
- Austria, Tauplitz/Bad Mitterndorf from 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.

### **15. Honours**

Giuseppe Colantonio and Graham Fawcett gave the Silver Award to Ethel Hansen (Canada) and the Bronze Award to Alberto Guidi (Italy).

### **16. Miscellaneous**

There was no further input from the Delegates.

### **17. Closing of Congress of Delegates**

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



Raymond Claude  
IVV Secretary



Giuseppe Colantonio  
IVV President



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