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2015

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SWITZERLAND

14TH MARCH

Minutes of the 2015 IFSC Plenary Assembly
MINUTES

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Meeting date and time: 14/03/15
08:45-17:00

Meeting venue: Trafo Baden, Switzerland

Participants: IFSC Executive Board
IFSC National Federations
IFSC Staff

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## IFSC Plenary Assembly

### 2015

**Baden, SUI**

14th March

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GREETINGS OF THE AUTHORITIES

Introductory speech by the Gerry Müller, Mayor of Baden and Françoise Jaquet, SAC President.

1- CALL TO ORDER

Members present or represented: ...42
Of which with voting rights: 41
Quorum for amendments: 29
Majority: 21
Special majority: 27

The following Federations (Full Members) will not be allowed to vote due to liabilities prior to 31 December 2014:

- Argentina - FASA
- Chile - FEACH
- Cyprus - CMCF
- Israel - IOSC
- Macedonia - MSCF
- Serbia - USCFS

The scrutineers are appointed: Lluis Giner (FEDME) and Vincent Caussé (FFME).

2- MINUTES PLENARY ASSEMBLY 2014 PARIS

FPME asked to correct the name of Alfredo Velazquez - AV in the PA 2014 minutes.
3. MEMBERSHIP

Report by DG.

a. New Members

- Estonia

Estonia (ECA - Estonian Climbing Association) asked to become Continental Member. Their application was previously evaluated and approved by ECSC. ECA proved to be highly motivated to join the IFSC.

b. Membership Review

- Andorra

Due to financial constraints, Andorra (FAM) cannot afford Associate Member fees. The IFSC EB and ECSC support Andorra to become a Continental Member.
Cameroon

The former Member (ASME) was dissolved and a new Federation was created. Their membership is currently under review until they provide the required supporting documents.

Colombia

Colombia (FCED) asked to move from Continental to Associate Membership.

Luxembourg

Luxembourg (FLERA) asked to move from Full to Associate Membership.

Macedonia

Macedonia (MSCF) has requested several changes. It is not clear if they want to move to Continental or Associate Member.

The EB asks to delay the decision on MSCF membership until their request is clarified. No objection from the PA.

Peru

Report on the current situation after the PA 2014 decision to seek advice to the Peruvian NOC. On its meeting with the IFSC last April 2014, the NOC declared there is no recognised NF for sport climbing in Peru. In absence of a recognised NF, the NOC will provisionally act as governing body and representative.

There being no recognised NF for Peru, the EB asks to annul any membership of IFSC for all Peruvian organizations including Federación Peruana de Andinismo y Deportes de Invierno « FEPADI », and Asociación Peruana de Escalada Deportiva « APED ».

VOTE TO MOVE ANDORRA - FAM TO IFSC CONTINENTAL MEMBER

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VOTE TO MOVE COLOMBIA - FCED TO IFSC ASSOCIATE MEMBER

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VOTE TO MOVE LUXEMBOURG TO IFSC ASSOCIATE MEMBER

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EMF, previously Observer Member, asked to withdraw IFSC Membership.

The EB would like to propose a review of Article 6 of the Statutes. The review, including a redefinition of the membership level and elimination of the Associate membership, will be presented to the IFSC PA 2016.

c - Enforcement Art.11

The following Federations have liabilities prior to 31 December 2014 and will not be entitled to participate into IFSC competitions until they make the payment or provide a payment plan:

- Algeria
- Argentina - FASA
- Belarus - BAF
- Bolivia - FEBSA
- Bosnia-Herzegovina - PSBIH
- Cameroon - ASME
- Chile - FEACH
- Colombia - FCED
- Costa Rica - FECODEM
- Cyprus - CMCF
- El Salvador - FSME
- Honduras - FEHDME
- Israel - IOSC
Jordan - JFSC
Macedonia - MSCF
Mongolia - MCMAC
Philippines - SCAPI
Serbia - USCFS
Uzbekistan - FMCU

4 - STATE OF THE ART

a - President’s report on the activity
Report by MMS.

b - 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games
MMS presents the Youth Olympic Games teaser produced by Nanjing YOG OC
MMS reports on the experience at Nanjing YOG 2014. From May to August the Organizers built up the whole infrastructure. Following the decision of the IOC Executive Board, Sport climbing was included in the Sports Lab program and had the chance to alternate demonstration and exhibition for the whole duration of the event. Around 2400 kids (figures are certified because in order to climb a registration was required) were initiated to sport climbing in 10 days.
For the first time, the IFSC was invited to an IOC official event in an official position. IOC representatives had the chance to see what the sport is. The IOC President came to visit the venue.
MMS thanks the CMA for the commitment in the organization of the sport climbing event, as well as all the people in the IFSC team involved in the YOG (sponsors, Athletes, Belayers, route-setters, staff and the IFSC SG).

VOTE TO ENFORCE ARTICLE 11

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c - The 2020 Olympic Agenda recommendations approval and the future of the IFSC Olympic Dream

MMS met the IOC President in Lausanne in late November, right before the release of the Recommendations.

The IOC Extraordinary Session unanimously approved the Agenda 2020 Recommendations.

MMS stresses the importance of Recommendation nr 10: move from a sport-based to an event-based programme.

Following the publication of the Recommendations, MMS organised a meeting with JMA in Japan to analyse different scenarios for Tokyo 2020.

On his second meeting in Japan, MMS also met JOC President. The IOC is expected to release the Rules of conduct for the 2020 (new) bid in June. Youth appeal, popularity in the host country, and the costs are the three key aspects to be evaluated.

5 - CONTINENTAL COUNCILS

a - Pan-America

Report by AV.


The Peruvian NOC expressed their interest in welcoming sport climbing to the 2019 Pan-American Games in Peru, but at least 20 Members from Pan-America are required for the inclusion in the event.

Presentation of the 2015 Pan-American Calendar.

a - Europe

Report by Damien You on behalf of WW.

The ECSC will work closer to the IFSC Sport Department to rethink the calendar.

In 2014 the ECSC Secretary General was elected (Anton Delsman - NKBV).

The ECSC EB will be restructured to reduce the regional members and improve efficiency of the system.
Presentation of the 2015 European Calendar. The 2015 ECH (Lead, Speed) will take place during the IFSC WC in Chamonix WC (two registration lists and two rankings).

b - Asia

Report by AS.

The 2014 Asian Championships took place Indonesia last October 2014. 13 National Federations competed.

Speed climbing was included in the program of the Asia Beach Games, organized by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and run last November in Thailand. The speed event consisted in WR speed individual and classical speed team. The event helped increase the visibility of sport climbing in Asia.

Presentation of the 2015 Asian Calendar.

IFSC was invited to attend the UAAA meeting in Japan and show what sport climbing is.

The 2014 Continental Officials training took place in Haiyang (CHN) on the occasion of the IFSC WC.

AS announces that sport climbing (all three disciplines) will be part of the Asian Games 2018 (Jakarta, Indonesia) for the first time. Presentation by Ricardo Tarore (FPTI).

MMS welcomes this news as one of the best news ever for the sport and stresses the importance of the connections work of the NFs with their NOCs.

Li Guowei (CMA) reports on the CMA project in Tanzania. CMA is working to donate a climbing wall to the University in Tanzania, although this project is currently facing some delays..

c - Oceania

MMS says that OCSC is facing some internal changes and restructuring. James Maguire announced his resignation as OCSC President few weeks before the PA. The Oceania Federations are working to find a new President as soon as circumstances allow it. At the moment there is no representative from the Oceania Council.

7 - FINANCES

a - 2014 Financial Reports and Audit

Report by PHP.
The IFSC closed the financial year with an even balance thanks to a strict control of the finances, sometimes involving restriction of the expenses.

Presentation of the 2014 financial reports (Profit&Loss and Balance).

The cash flow is not linear throughout the year: after April the availability of cash flow decreases due to the operating expenses. In order to face the problem, PHP invites all NFs to pay the IFSC invoices in due time.

Audit report by Andrea Barabino.

b - Fee system 2015

In the proposed fee system, the Continental Membership Annual Fee is under review for 2016 on and will be presented to the PA 2016 with the review of Article 6.

The only change in the 2015 fee system is the Registration fee for the WYCH (25 €/Athlete).

c - 2015 Budget

Presentation of the 2015 provisional budget.

The budget is lower than in 2014, being 2015 the year in between two WCHs (odd year).

d - Golden Members and NF support

PHP thanks the top 10 contributors and the Golden Members.

The Golden Members are awarded:

- Austria: Österreichischer Wettkletterverband (OWK) - President Eugen Burtscher;
China: Chinese Mountaineering Association (CMA) - President Li Zhixin;
France: Fédération Française de la Montagne et de l’Escalade (FFME) - President Pierre You;
Italy: Federazione Arrampicata Sportiva Italiana (FASI) - President Ariano Amici; and
Spain (starting from 2015): Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada (FEDME) – President Joan Garrigós Toro.

PHP concludes the financial report explaining that today the IFSC budget is linked to the number of events. PHP encourages all NFs to pay on time and organize events.

8. MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING

Report by AF.

b. 2014 Report

The main priorities are:

- Regular online communication
- Live streaming of all IFSC events
- Increase TV exposure
- Constant media relations

Report on 2014 main figures and results.

c. 2015 Climbing Season

- Webcasting/Broadcasting

In 2015 the webcasting service will focus on the Athletes.

The broadcasting strategy, as a continuation of 2014, will involve a Market by Market approach (not fixed price, but adapted to the country).

Production of 26-minute highlights.
Media accreditation will be implemented: online registration on the IFSC website and elaboration of a Code of Conduct.

Communications/Branding

MMS unveils the new IFSC logo. There is a general applause.

Event Graphic Identity.

Marketing

Sponsorship: the IFSC will soon sign a new agreement for the apparel category.

Marie-Anne Midy (FFME) asks if the new logo will appear on events, AF confirms.

8 - SPORT DEPARTMENT

Introduction by HK.

HK thanks AF for the good collaboration between Sport and Communication Departments.

Report by JM.

a - 2014 activities

2014 has been a challenging year with an intense calendar: two World Championships, a World Youth Championships, and the Youth Olympic Games. The DAV and FEDME collaborated closely for the two WCHs.

Report on the WYCH 2014. Maria Izquierdo (ACC) says that one of the reasons for the low attendance to the WYCH may be the dates, the event took place in school time. Heiko Wilhelm and Michael Schöpf (ÖWK) add that it will be the same for the WYCH 2016. JM explains that the IFSC must rely on the EOs to find places and dates for the events; local agreements are not always easy. The goal is having as many attending NFs as possible. MMS adds that many other sports are doing the same. Li Guowei (CMA) reports that the event is scheduled in November to guarantee the best weather conditions to the Athletes (summer in Guangzhou is very hot and humid), however it can be scheduled earlier.

Overall team ranking 2014 awarding: 1) France (FFME); 2) Russia (CFR); and 3) Japan (JMA).

b - 2015 plans, Calendar

Presentation of the 2015 Calendar.
Multi-year agreement for WC.

The European Championships (Lead and Speed) will take place during Chamonix WC, with two different registration lists and two podiums.

The SD worked on the renewed Officials list that now includes active officials only.

The provisional nominations will be confirmed after the Officials Seminar (March 21st, Munich).

c - New rules for 2015 season

V1 of the 2015 Rules is available on the IFSC website. The main changes involve:

- Implementation of whereabouts;
- Attendance to ceremony;
- Athletes’ uniform (pant rule suspended)
- World Cup Quota

d - 2015 World Youth Championships

The WYCH schedule is to be readjusted (boulder climbing time).

NFs will be asked to make a pre-registration securing a team quota to better organize the WYCH.

e - Election of the 2016 World Youth Championships

Presentation of WYCH 2016 by Ding Xianghua (CMA).

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VOTE TO APPROVE THE CANDIDATURE OF GUANGZHOU (CHN) TO HOST THE WYCH 2016

In favor 39  Against 0  Abstained 0  APPROVED
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Reino Horak (SKF) asks if it is possible to have the WYCH indoor, but Li Guowei (CMA) answers that the existing facility is outdoor, therefore it is not possible.

Michael Schöpf (ÖWK) asks if seven days are enough for the whole event. JM confirms that the infrastructures in Guangzhou will allow it. SMC says that from the Athletes standpoint seven days is a reasonable amount of time.

MMS suggests postponing the discussion on the WYCH dates after lunch break.

The motion by ÖWK regarding the WYCH rotation was withdrawn.
ÖWK and ACC are currently discussing on where to host the WYCH 2017 (Innsbruck, Austria or Central Saanich, Canada).

f - 2017 World Games, Wroclaw (POL)

Presentation of the venue.
The WG 2021 will take place in Birmingham, USA.
MMS stresses the importance of the WG events: NFs must collaborate with their NOCs.

g - University World Championships 2016, Shanghai (CHN)
The University WCHs will follow the IFSC WCH format. The selection criteria are established and managed by the University national associations.

h - Motion from ÖWK
ÖWK presented two different motions for the combined discipline:

- "IFSC shall develop a new format for the combined discipline at IFSC WCH, so that there is a new discipline instead of only adding up the points of the results of lead, speed and bouldering"; and

- "Introduction of the same prize money regulations for the combined discipline at IFSC WCH beginning with the 2016 IFSC WCH in Paris".

The EB recommends to approve both motions and asks the FFME if it is possible to provide the prize money for the top 3 Athletes in the combined discipline for the 2016 WCH. Austria already confirmed the prize money for 2018 WCH.
Joachim Driessen (NKBV) claims that the IFSC Rules should be more audience oriented.

Lunch Break

9 - ATHLETES’ COMMISSION

a - Activities and projects
MMS announces a new representative for the Athletes Commission: Domen Skofic (SLO).
Report by SMC.
The last AC Elections took place during 2014 WCHs (Munich and Gijon).
The main projects for the 2015 season include:

- Standardise WC discipline by season;
- FOP for Athletes: media out of isolation during certain times;
- Overall Format for WC and WCHs (implementation in 2016)

10 - PARACLIMBING

a - Activities and projects

Report by JM on behalf of Andy Coltart.
The 2014 Paraclimbing Calendar included 4 cups and a WCH.
In Gijon some categories counted as a master to comply with the participants’ quota rule.
Presentation of the 2015 Calendar.
Heiko Wilhelm (ÖWK) says that ÖWK would like to organize a workshop for Paraclimbing route-setting because it is very hard for EOs to set rules for Paraclimbing. He asks for the IFSC support in the Rules definition.
MMS says that it is still difficult to find EOs for Paraclimbing events, and participation is very low. NFs should reflect on how much they want to invest in Paraclimbing to redefine priorities. If this trend and lack of support at the national level persists, then the IFSC might consider to run the WCH every two years and no other events, also to avoid expectations among the paraclimbing community.

11 - ANTI-DOPING AND ATHLETE’S HEALTH

a - Anti-doping 2014 activities

Report by JM on behalf of Paolo Orione.
Presentation of the 2014 AD statistics.
SportAccord provides some anti-doping services to EOs. All NFs and EOs interested are invited to contact the SD.

b - Adoption of the World Anti-doping Code 2015 and the IFSC Anti-doping Rules 2015

Report on the key changes in the WADA code.

| VOTE TO RATIFY THE IFSC ANTI-DOPING RULES |
| In favor | 38 | Against | 0 | Abstained | 0 | APPROVED |

Proposal 1: limitation of international Boulder performance numbers for Youth B (age 14 + 15). The proposed limitation is for Cups only (participation to WYCHs and Continental Championships would be allowed). The reason for the proposal is the high incidence of epiphyseal fractures in age group 13-15. Other sports, including baseball, have a similar problem.

MMS says that the EB has no specific recommendation on this point, the decision shall be made by the PA.

Maria Izquierdo (ACC) claims that taking only cups off will not change the situation. If participation to WCH is still allowed, Athletes would train anyway to be in the WCH and may have the same risk.

Pete Torcicollo (USAC) asks if the other half of injuries occurred in the other two disciplines. Burtscher answers that 50% of injuries occur in competitions, and 50% in training sessions.

Heiko Wilhelm (ÖWK) suggests writing some guidelines for route-setting for Youth B category, paying particular attention to the kind oh holds used.

Burtscher says that if Youth B Athletes have access to all events, they will not have breaks in-between training sessions. However, SMC says that reducing the number of allowed competitions does not change the time dedicated to training. He would rather recommend using only some kinds of holds for Youth B competitions, for example bigger holds instead of small holds to reduce risk of injuries.

MMS finally recommends introducing some route-setting, hold shape and whatever else is considered useful guidelines for this age group. Doing so,
we’ll be able to get a much better result, rather than simply exclude an age category from some events. Burtscher agrees with this solution. This point will be discussed in the next RS seminar.

Proposal 2: magnesite (chalk). The Medical Commission will investigate the effects of magnesite in climbing gyms and will report to the EB.

12 - DISCIPLINARY AND APPEAL COMMISSIONS

a - Activities and projects

Report by Ian Alderson.

No disciplinary case in 2014.

MMS thanks Ian Alderson for his work and his collaboration with the Anti-doping commission. The EB evaluated two new members for the Appeals Commission: Dr. Weinan Hu (BEL) and Alain Renaud (FRA).

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The EB also informs of the creation of two new Commissions:

- Youth Commission
- Ethic Commission

Speech by John Ellison (IFSC Honorary Member and CAC founder) and presentation of CAC video shot at the recent IFSC Camp in Central Saanich (CAN).

MMS says that some NFs would support to include gender equality in the Statutes. The EB will draft a proposal to amend the Statutes and present it to the IFSC PA 2016, searching advice at the IOC and SportAccord on how to proceed.

Pete Torcicollo (USA) says that the IFSC should establish a time slot to place the WYCHs. The EB think that candidatures should be considered case by case.
Maria Izquierdo (CAN) adds that it is difficult for NFs arranging their national calendars when they do not know when WYCHs will take place.

The 2016 PA will elect the 2020 WCH.

13 - PLENARY ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

a - 2016 and 2017 PA Meeting location proposals and decision

Two cities applied to host the PA 2016: Québec City (CAN) and Teheran (IRI).

Presentation and video of Québec City by Marc Magny (Quebec City) and Maria Izquierdo (ACC).

Presentation and video of Teheran by Mohammad Fahimi (IRI MF). Fahimi reports on the main reasons for the candidature: discovery of a new culture; gate to East Asia countries; invitation made not only by local Authorities and NF, but most of all by the large climbing community of Iran. Sport Climbing was the first sport in Iran where men and women competed at the same time in public.

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14 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CONCLUSION

MMS concludes the PA thanking the city of Baden and SAC for the hospitality and especially Leo Condrau for the excellent organization of the PA.

END OF THE MEETING