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## MEETING MINUTES

### IFSC PLENARY ASSEMBLY 2018, INNSBRUCK (AUT)

Approved by the IFSC Plenary Assembly in Tokyo, 16 March 2019.

Members present or represented:

	COUNTRY	FEDERATION	REPRESENTATIVE	ADVISOR(S)
1	Argentina	FASA	Martin Lascano Gonzalez	
2	Australia	SCA	Naomi Cleary	
3	Austria	KVÖ	Eugen Burtscher	Heiko Wilhelm; Michael Schöpf
4	Belgium	CMBEL	Tijl Smitz	Frederik Leys
5	Brazil	ABEE	Janine Cardoso ( <i>Continental Member</i> )	
6	Canada	CEC	Proxy – KVO	
7	China	CMA	Li Guowei	Ding Xianghua; Zhao Lei
8	Chinese Taipei	CTAA	Wei-Chi Huang	
9	Croatia	HPS	Proxy - PZS	
10	Cyprus	CMCF	Pavlos Georgiades	
11	Czech Republic	CHS	Jan Bloudek	
12	Denmark	DKF/DCA	Christian Nicolai Oerum-Petersen	Lotte Molsing
13	Ecuador	FEDAN	Proxy - FASA	
14	Finland	FCA	Nora Isomäki	
15	France	FFME	Pierre You	Vincent Causse; Damien You
16	Germany	DAV	Burgi Beste	
17	Great Britain	BMC	Colin Knowles	Zoe Spriggins
18	Greece	HFMCU	Dimitrios Georgoulis	Theodoros Tsavdaridis
19	Guatemala	FNAG	Meder Valdez ( <i>Associate Member</i> )	
20	Hong Kong	CHKMCU	Frederick Yu	Francis Lo; Shirman So

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21	Indonesia	FPTI	Jaka Hidayat	
22	Iran	IMSCF	Reza Zarei	Mahmoud Hashemi
23	Israel	ASCMIL	Sheli Friedman	Yuval Hamburg
24	Italy	FASI	Ariano Amici	Antonio Ungaro; Vincenzo Adinolfi
25	Japan	JMSCA	Kuniaki Yagihara	Yuji Hirayama; Yujiro Gohda
26	Kazakhstan	MSCFRK	Kazbek Valiyev	
27	Korea	KAF	Jin Sunkyo	
28	Latvija	LAA	Normunds Reinbergs ( <i>Associate Member</i> )	
29	Lithuania	LCSA	Margarita Smirnoviene ( <i>Associate Member</i> )	Vitalijus Vasiliauskas
30	Mongolia	MNCF	Zoljargal Banzragch	
31	Nepal	NMA	Deebas Bickram Shah	Shiva Bahadur Sapkota
32	Netherland	NKBV	Frits Cattenstaart	
33	New Zealand	CNZ	Proxy - SCA	
34	Norway	NCF	Reino Horak	
35	Pakistan	ACP	Proxy - CMA	
36	Panama	APAES	Rogelio Alvarado	
37	Poland	PZA	Marek Wierzbowski	
38	Portugal	FPME	Carlos Gomes	J. Basto
39	Russia	CFR	Dmitrii Bychkov	Evgenii Chernyshev
40	Rwanda	RSCF	Alfred Twahirwa ( <i>Continental Member</i> )	
41	Singapore	SMF	Proxy - JMSCA	
42	Slovakia	SMU JAMES	Juraj Michalka	
43	Slovenia	PZS	Jure Golob	
44	Spain	FEDME	Francisco Dura Sempere	Lluís Giner
45	Spain	FEEC	Joaquin Hernandez Martin ( <i>Observer Member</i> )	Meritxell Soler Val
46	Sweden	SKF	Andreas Enqvist	
47	Switzerland	SAC	Hanspeter Sigris	

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48	Thailand	SCAT	Somboon Uthavivan	
49	USA	USAC	Kynan Waggoner	Peter Torcicollo

IFSC Executive Board:

Name	Role
Marco Maria Sclaris (MMS)	IFSC President
Debra Gawrych (DG)	IFSC Secretary General
Kobinata Toru (KT)	IFSC VP Sport/Events
Pierre-Henri Paillason (PHP)	IFSC VP Finances and Treasurer
Li Zhixin (LZ)	IFSC VP Communication
Anthony Seah (AS)	IFSC Asian Council President
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Maria Izquierdo (MI)	IFSC Pan-American Council President
Romain Thevenot (RT)	IFSC Oceania Council President
Sean McColl (SMC)	IFSC Athlete Representative

IFSC Staff:

Name	Role
Alessandro Di Cato (AD)	IFSC Event Officer
Anne Fuynel (AF)	IFSC Marketing & Communications Director
Francesca Jengo (FJ)	IFSC Administration Director
Jérôme Meyer (JM)	IFSC Head of Olympic Coordination
Lorenzo Bertoldi (LB)	IFSC Communications Assistant
Silvia Verdolini (SV)	IFSC Sport Officer

Other attendees:

Name	Role
Alexander Piratinskiy	IFSC Honorary Member
Andrea Barabino	IFSC Auditor
Arik Kaplan	AYELET

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Daisuke Niwa	Hakuhodo
Denis Garnier	IFSC Partner – Luxov
Eric Surdej	IFSC Partner - Groupe Abeo/Entre-Prises
Francesco Fiorini	International School Sport Federation
Helmut Knabl	IFSC Honorary Member
Keiichi Nakano	Hakuhodo
Leslie Baxter	PA Facilitator
Maaïke Romijn	IFSC European Council - Secretary General
Paola Gigliotti	IFSC Honorary Member
Reindert Lenselink	IFSC Honorary Member
Steven Morris	Broadreach Media
Yuri Skurlatov	IFSC Honorary Member

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## PLENARY ASSEMBLY PRE-SESSION

Friday 16 March, 17.00-19.00

Austria Trend Hotel Congress, Innsbruck

### 1 - PARACLIMBING COMMISSION [REF.SLIDES 6-24]

#### a - Paraclimbing Working Group report

M. Romijn, Secretary General of the IFSC European Council, presents the report on the paraclimbing Working Group.

#### b - Paraclimbing Commission activities and projects

JM presents the Paraclimbing Commission report on behalf of S. Gnechhi:

- 2017 events: a sufficient number of events is needed in order to have a fair amount of competitions for the Athletes. In 2017 one event was cancelled.
- Paraclimbing Rules: the Paraclimbing Commission is involved in the input for the rules. The main efforts made in 2017 were made in the direction of merging of the categories, which was not fully satisfactory. The large number of categories remains a problem logistically.
- Medical examinations. IFSC Rules need to be drastically improved. The IFSC faces more and more cases that would need to be addressed.
- Short and medium-term objectives.

#### c - IPC and Paralympic Games participation

Report by MMS.

#### d - Paraclimbing fee EB proposal

Report by MMS.

#### Open discussion, round 1:

- Q1 T. Smitz (CMBEL): he thanks for the efforts and for contacting the IPC, it would be interesting to have support. He doubts that the consulting of the coaches and athletes worked as well. He asks JM and MMS to comment on the fact that one of the 6 members of the paraclimbing commission has stepped back.
- Q2 N. Cleary (SCA): why the EB proposes a high fee for the participating NFs instead of a smaller fee for all?
- Q3 K. Waggoner (USAC): who are the Members of the Paraclimbing Commission?
- Q4 N. Reinbergs (LAA): during the PA 2017 in Québec the paraclimbing fee / Federation was already discussed, but 2500.00 € is a sharp increase from last year.
- Q5 H. Wilhelm (KVÖ): are there Members of the Paraclimbing Commission in the room?
- Q6 F. Leys (CMBEL): he thanks for making an exception and let him comment. He states that there is a lot going on and it is hard to summarise. He shared the proposal of the fee system with the athletes and he was afraid that it would be rejected. At the beginning of December, he submitted a proposal and he wonders what happened since then.
- Q7 J. Golob (PZS): The new fee will reduce and marginalise the Paraclimbing circuit. It is not the step in the right



direction. There is no communication with the community. A lot of competent people make proposals and we have to start to listen to each other.

JM answers:

- Working Group and Paraclimbing Commission: working groups are created at the Board level for specific topics. The Paraclimbing Working Group was discussed last year at the PA.
- The Paraclimbing Commission is not a Technical Commission as it is not part of the Sport Department. The Paraclimbing Commission is listed inside the IFSC Statutes.
- Consultation with the athletes: the group was defined at the EB level, and it was their decision to include a number of athletes.
- JM did not report on the withdrawal of a Member of the Paraclimbing Commission as it should be the role of the President of the Paraclimbing Commission.

MMS answers

- Paraclimbing Fee: the EB is open to any type of solution, resources are needed at the moment. The solution found was to apply a fee to support the activities. The EB is open to consider a flat fee of 500.00 € to all NFs instead.
- Lack of communication: in the IFSC structure, the commission is the place where complaints must be reported. Then the EB decides how to proceed. Personal individual initiatives would not work. The Paraclimbing Commission is representing the paraclimbing activities.

DG adds that the recommendation on the paraclimbing fee came from other IFs experience as well as the merging of categories.

Open discussion, round 2:

- Q1 R. Horak (NCF): part of the IFSC budget can be used for Paraclimbing activities.
- Q2 F. Leys (CMBEL): one of the good things about Paraclimbing is that it is done together. Paraclimbing activities shall not be regarded as a separate budget but should be inside the overall IFSC budget.
- Q3 J. Basto (FPME) Portugal: FPME cannot afford to spend additional budget for the paraclimbing and asks who has to pay the fee.
- Q4 M. Wierzbowski (PZA): it would be unfair if only some Federations shall pay.
- Q5 C. Knowles (BMC): when a commission is not working the effect needs to be addressed.
- K. Waggoner (USAC): is there a charter or mandate of the Working Group?

MMS responds that the EB is taking note of this. 2018 Rules are not ready because there is no time from any staff member to take care of this. MMS clarifies that the fee shall be paid only by NFs with Athletes competing in the paraclimbing circuit. Alternative solutions can be considered.

L. Baxter closes the open discussion on paraclimbing.

## 2 - MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING [REF.SLIDES 25-44]

a - 2017 Report





Report by AF.

Thanks to the inclusion into Tokyo 2020 Games the IFSC Communication Department focused on increasing the visibility of the sport. Close collaboration with the Olympic Channel to showcase the sport worldwide. Extensive efforts on the various social media to engage the audience.

Presentation by S. Morris (Broadreach Media): he underlines how the IFSC is making progress, using the highlights as a barometer of success. Penetration of sport climbing into new markets.

Japan has become the main successful region for the IFSC.

b - 2018 Developments: YOG Communication Plan - Social Media & Media Management - Broadcasting/Webcasting  
– Sponsorship

Report by AF and S. Morris.

c - IFSC policies, resource repartition, TV requirements

MMS reports on the challenge.

Open discussion, round 1:

- Q1 M. Smirnoviene (LCSA): can you take into consideration to sell TV rights to National Federations?
- Q2 FFME: broadcasting will affect how events are managed?
- Q3 K. Waggoner (USAC): can the IFSC share tv rights?

Answers:

- Q1: The IFSC manages all the rights and collaborates with the NFs to reach better deals together.
- Q2 The IFSC has to be careful in selling content to broadcaster but will be flexible to promote and produce content. It is a close collaboration with the NFs.
- Q3 goes back to previous answers.

Open discussion, round 2:

- Q1 KVÖ: for the future there is no more room for collaboration
- Q2 K. Waggoner (USAC): the IFSC is budgeting for marketing and media but not for paraclimbing.
- Q3 R. Horak (NCF): what does the JAL deal mean?

Answers:

- Q1: it is not the end, there will be a redistribution to NFs. There are many activities needing funding.
- R3 it is mainly a cash deal based on visibility on events.

### 3 - IFSC STRUCTURE [REF.SLIDES 46-59]

a - Governance report

b - Structure and statutory adjustments

c - Working Groups and timeline



Strategic growth project.

MMS explains the current Organisational chart.

JM reports on the Olympic Games management.

Open discussion:

- Q1 C. Knowles (BMC): what is ruled in what is ruled out? The National experience is very keen on having precise skills and tasks to follow. Has this been considered?
- Q2: Would a weighted fee be considered? It might be very risky for small NFs.

Answers:

- Q1: The Board will give a wide enough mandate so the EB will receive suggestions going widely.
- Q2: It is unknown at the moment; all Members will have one vote each. The way additional votes are given – if it is so proposed and approved - may depend on different factors: for example participation to and organization of events, etc. As per the Statutes, all communications are sent beforehand.

L. Baxter adds that more information and more transparency has been taken into account.

Extra discussion on the Overall World Cup Ranking (OWCR) [Ref. Slides 61-62]

Report by JM. A review of the OWCR is required because of some flaws noticed on previous rules.

The principles were approved by the Board, it is work in progress at the Sport Department Management Committee level.

When discussions are over, it will be included in the Rules.

Open discussion, round 1:

- Q1 C. Knowles (BMC): are we ranking the position of all or not?  
JM: it is one of the two options discussed at the SD level. Absolute or relative ranking is under discussion.
- Q2 FFME: NFs are asked to vote on something that is not fixed. Who is working on the proposal?  
JM: there is no vote on the OWCR. The vote is on whether the winner of the OWCR is integrated or not in the qualification system. Tests will be done in 2018, so it can be adjusted in 2019. The Athletes Commission was consulted and provided inputs. The Sport Department was consulted and there was disagreement. Discussion is still ongoing. MMS reminds the vote of last year on the combined. Combined is a 4<sup>th</sup> discipline. The SD is called to work on the details of the OWCR before the start of the season.

Open discussion, round 2:

- Q1 PZA: information should have come earlier.  
MMS: information was shared at the proper level, i.e. SD meeting and EO meetings. 2018 is a test.
- Q2 H. Wilhelm (KVÖ): this kind of multiplication brings a lot of risk in the annual season planning on all athletes, until the very last moment you would not know the result.  
MMS: options are still open, although a decision will have to be eventually taken.





## PLENARY ASSEMBLY

Saturday 17 March, 08.45-17.00

Villa Blanka Hotel, Innsbruck

### 1 - GREETINGS OF THE AUTHORITIES [REF.SLIDE 66]

- Mr. Christoph Kaufmann -Vice-Mayor and Sports Consultant of the regional capital, Innsbruck
- Mr. Eugen Burtscher - Austria Climbing, President
- Mr. Marco Maria Sclaris- IFSC President

E. Burtscher thanks Mr. Christoph Kaufmann for the support to the Austrian Federation.

C. Kaufmann confirms the support of the local Authorities to the World Championships 2018, after the positive experience with the Youth World Championships 2017.

MMS thanks Mr Kaufmann for the continuous support to the sport and the hospitality and welcomes all the Delegates and officially opens the Plenary Assembly 2018.

### 2 - TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED [REF.SLIDE 68]

The Plenary Assembly pays tribute to Mr. Sangtae Cho, IFSC Honorary Member, former founder and President of the Asian Council, who passed away in January 2018.

### 3 - CALL TO ORDER [REF.SLIDES 70-72]

a - Enforcement Article 18 of the IFSC Statutes

The list of the Full Members having any liability (dated before 31 December 2017) is presented. Article 18 is enforced and he Federations in the list will not be entitled to vote.

b - Members present and voting rights

IFSC Members	87
IFSC Members with voting rights	56
Members present or represented	49
Members present or represented with voting rights	41
Quorum for amendments	28
Special majority for amendments (2/3 of votes cast)	27

c - Scrutineers Appointment

M. Romijn (NED) and L. Giner (ESP) are appointed scrutineers.



#### 4 - APPROVAL OF THE LAST PA MINUTES (QUEBEC CITY, MARCH 2017) [REF.SLIDE 74]

No comments received.

Vote to approve the PA 2017 minutes						
In favour	35	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

#### 5 - MEMBERSHIP [REF.SLIDES 77-88]

a - Review Article 6 of the IFSC Statutes

DG reports on the proposed amendment to Article 6 of the IFSC Statutes / IV. Members:

##### “IV. MEMBERS

###### Article 6

*Membership in the IFSC is open to associations being actively involved in sport climbing. All categories of members as defined in this Article 6 are members of the IFSC, regardless of the category of membership and subject to IFSC Statutes and bye laws.*

1. MEMBERS of the IFSC will be Associations which act as the national representatives of the sport of competition climbing in their countries.

a) Only one association from each country can be affiliated as a full member of the IFSC;

b) The admission fee for members is fixed by the Plenary Assembly of IFSC.

*Members have full voting rights and rights for their athletes to compete in all climbing competitions organized by the IFSC.*

2. CONTINENTAL MEMBERS of the IFSC may be admitted under special circumstances. The IFSC may accept associations from countries where no IFSC member exists

a) Continental members are entitled to participate in the IFSC World Championships and all climbing competitions organized by their relevant Continental Council, according to the relevant regulations and fee system;

b) Continental members are entitled to organize Continental events;

c) Continental members are entitled to vote in their relevant Continental Council; they are entitled to participate in the IFSC Plenary Assembly, but without the right to vote;

d) Continental members annual fees are fixed by the Plenary Assembly of their relevant Continental Council; the minimum amount of the annual fees is fixed by the IFSC Plenary Assembly.

3. DEVELOPING CONTINENTAL MEMBERS are under the guidance, patronage and representation of a member federation. Their Athletes can participate in climbing competitions organized by the IFSC.

4. OBSERVER MEMBERS of the IFSC will be Associations who are affiliated with sport climbing, or associations in countries where an IFSC member already exists (6.1). These organizations may be admitted by the Plenary Assembly.

a) Observer member admission fee is fixed by the Plenary Assembly;

b) Observer members are entitled to organize IFSC approved events, provided they are approved by the relevant IFSC national Member (6.1);

c) Observer members are also entitled to propose members for all IFSC Commissions, provided they are approved by the relevant IFSC national Member (6.1).

##### **Provisions to Art. 6 (to be deleted after the PA 2020)**

Associate Members status elimination will come into effect at the end of the year 2019, with the following provisions, voted by the PA 2017:



A transition time for current Associate Members to reach full membership according to the below schedule:

2018 Increase 500€ membership

2019 Increase 500€ membership

2020 No more Associate membership - Full membership fee is 2500 €.

The reason is to give the Federations with small budgets the chance to adapt and work towards full membership with their governments, National Olympic Committees, members, etc. with an annual increase of € 500.00 to impel the Federations to active work for reaching the goal of Full Membership. Current Associate members are “grandfathered” in until December 31, 2019. After this date, this membership category is eliminated and will give these members a fair chance to improve their finances.”

Vote to approve amendment of Article 6 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	40	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

“Article 21

Items for inclusion in the Agenda of any Plenary Assembly may be presented by:

a) the Executive Board

b) any Member

The provisional Agenda with short explanation of the topics shall be distributed two months before the date of the PA. Items presented by IFSC Members are to be sent to the IFSC Executive Board at least six weeks before the Plenary Assembly. The full Agenda with all documents has to be sent to all members at least 28 days before the PA.

Continental Members, Developing Continental Members and Observer Members are entitled to speak, but not to present motions to the Plenary Assembly, in accordance to the relevant regulations.”

Vote to approve amendment of Article 21 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	40	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

b - Membership exclusion

The two representatives from The Association for Sport Climbing and Mountaineering in Israel (ASCMI) leave the room for the vote.

Report by DG on the reasons behind the EB decision to exclude IOSC from the IFSC Members list (not recognized by the NOC, failure to comply with the IFSC and NOC regulations).

Vote to ratify the EB decision on the exclusion of the Israeli Organization of Sport Climbing (IOSC)						
In favour	40	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Representatives from ASCMI join the Plenary Assembly again.

c - New Members

Cambodia Climbing Federation (CCF) – Cambodia

Report by DG: CCF is recognized by the NOC and submitted the full application dossier.

DG explains the different steps of the application process for new Members. The IFSC carefully checks the full dossier, with particular attention to:

. Inclusion of “climbing” in the NF name;



- . Athletes representation;
- . National Championships organization;
- . Compliance with WADA standards and antidoping rules.

Vote to ratify the EB decision to accept the Cambodia Climbing Federation (CCF) as IFSC Continental Member						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

National Association for Climbing and Mountaineering in Sri Lanka (NACMSL) - Sri Lanka  
Report by DG: NACMSL is recognized by the NOC and submitted the full application dossier.

Vote to ratify the EB decision to accept the National Association for Climbing and Mountaineering in Sri Lanka (NACMSL) as IFSC Continental Member						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Asociación Panameña De Escalada (APAES) - Panama  
Report by DG: APAES is recognized by the NOC and submitted the full application dossier.  
Presentation by Rogelio Alvarado, APAES President.

Vote to ratify the EB decision to accept the Asociación Panameña de Escalada (APAES) as IFSC Member						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

The Association for Sport Climbing and Mountaineering in Israel (ASCMIL) - Israel  
Report by DG: ASCMIL is backed by AYELET, The Federation of Non-Olympic Sport in Israel.  
Presentation by Ark Kaplan, AYELET President.

Vote to ratify the EB decision to accept the Association for Sport Climbing and Mountaineering in Israel (ASCMIL) as IFSC Member						
In favour	40	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

#### d - Membership updates

Associação Brasileira de Escalada Esportiva (ABEE) – Brazil  
Report by DG. ABEE, recognized by the NOC, asked to become Associate membership as a temporary step to the Full Membership.

Vote to ratify the EB decision to move the Associação Brasileira de Escalada Esportiva (ABEE) from Continental to Associate membership						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

Update of the votes cast after the membership updates:

IFSC Members	90
IFSC Members with voting rights	57
Members present or represented	51



Members present or represented with voting rights	43
Quorum for amendments	29
Special majority for amendments (2/3 of votes cast)	29

DG reports on the motion from CMBEL received on the same day:

*"After the pre-session to the plenary assembly last evening we would like to propose an alternative way to finance paraclimbing (the €25000 for a half time employee) within the IFSC.*

*We see three options that could be supported by the paraclimbing community and the members of the IFSC:*

- 1) ***We believe that the most preferable option and the right thing to do would be:***

*To regard paraclimbing as a part of the regular IFSC working and find the required €25000 within the existing budget. This would amount to less than 1.5% of the budget for 2018 and we believe this does not pose an unrealistic budgetary effort.*

- 2) ***The second option is the one we have discussed right after the pre-session to the plenary assembly and would also be in accordance with the proposal that was presented by the paraclimbing community in December***

*All member federations are asked to contribute 15% extra to their membership fee. Given that in 2017 there were 56 members in addition to 17 Continental members and 12 associate members. This would result in additional revenue of €25000. For regular members this would mean an increase of €400, for associate members an increase of €240 and for continental members we would suggest not to raise the membership fee (as it would only mean a difference of €270).*

- 3) ***The third option is a combination of the two options above and can be regarded as a compromise proposal towards the members.***

*Half of the required €25000 would be found in the budget as proposed in the first option and the other half would be raised by increasing the membership fees half the amount as proposed in the second option.*

*For all options we would propose to keep the registration fee for the para-athletes as it has been in the past. This additional revenue can be used to address the costs for medals and other small costs concerning paraclimbing.*

*Proposal from Belgium  
by Frederik Leys"*

Out of the 3 options proposed by CMBEL, only option 1 is subject to the PA vote for the inclusion in the agenda. As a motion to the PA agenda, the proposal requires a special majority (29) to be approved.

Vote to include option 1 of CMBEL motion into the PA Agenda						
In favour	36	Against	4	Abstained	3	APPROVED

The vote on the motion will be included in the Finances section.





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## 6 - STATE OF THE ART [REF.SLIDES 90-91]

a - President's report on the activity and the future

MMS reports on the state of the art and the Olympic status.

So far there is no guarantee for sport climbing to be in the Olympic Games after Tokyo 2020. Some Olympic sports are under observation and some are suspended, possibly opening up the opportunity to new sports but uncertainty reigns. MMS says that the IFSC is growing fast with being member of many associations (ASOIF, GAISF, FISU, ARISF, ...). After the success in the 2017 edition in Wroclaw, the IFSC was asked to be included in the 2021 World Games.

While the IFSC is not directly benefitting of its Olympic status in terms of funding, NFs shall take the opportunity and get funds from their NOCs.

## 7 - BUENOS AIRES 2018 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES [REF.SLIDES 93-101]

a - Event preparation

JM reports on the Olympic Games preparation. He shows the structural complexity of the organisation. The IFSC put in place a reporting system to inform all NFs about IOC progress called "wave of information".

JM illustrates this complexity and the management of the large volume of work and documents. Because the IFSC is a new comer, it needs to create all the required documents. JM explains that together with ORIS, the Olympic Result and Information System (timing and scoring) the IFSC has created a manual illustrating all options in cases of ties, technical incidents, etc. which will help the growth of the sport itself.

JM illustrates the IOC Project management tools. The IFSC is trying to align with all the rules set by the IOC to increase the chances to be an Olympic sport.

YOG venues in Buenos Aires: there are 5 and Sport Climbing is in the Olympic Park, the field of play will be split in two will be visible from the IOC hotel. Technical drawings of the FOP are shown. Provisional Schedule is illustrated: one gender per day; order to be confirmed.

After the competition days there is going to be an initiation period where the FOP will be open to public. Competition days: public stays all day long in the park. All athletes stay all the duration of the Games. Two athletes have been selected to be ambassadors (Athletes Role Model).

Open discussion, round 1:

- Q1 KVÖ: are there any restrictions on the number of coaches?
- Q2 P. You (FFME): Climbers must stay all the time at the YOG?
- Q3 P. You (FFME): Which holds will be used during competition? Is the wall defined?
- Q4 K. Valiyev (MSCFRK): what are the Athletes' quota?

JM answers:

Q1: Coaches can be part of the delegation. It is up to NOC and IOC, probably it will depend on the number of Athletes.

Q2: Yes. *Compete, learn, and share* is the motto, that is why the IOC asks Athletes to participate all the time.

Q3: An agreement with Entre-Prises was reached to provide the wall. Design will be defined in the coming weeks. For the holds the IFSC is studying to produce the holds itself, while volumes will be announced to NFs. Which holds will then be used on the wall remains a secret.

Q4: If the host country quota has not been used and it will be moved to the relative continental quota. Then there is going to be a rank on NFs for additional tripartite quota.





8 - TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES [REF.SLIDES 102- 120]

a - Event preparation

Presentation by KT.

One of the main challenges are the limited resources compared to other Olympic Federations, making it hard to prepare everything on time.

Coffee Break

b - Qualification events

Principle of precedence: In case the best ranked athlete in a D.4. event already obtained a quota place through D.1. or D.2., the quota place will be allocated to the next best ranked athlete not yet qualified.

JM reminds the importance of collaboration with NOCs because they are the one deciding the number of Athletes sent to the OG.

The NOCs have the last word, they usually consider different factors, such as chance of a medal, size of delegation, etc.

The EB proposed to allocate one spot to the Overall World Cup Winner 2019. The criteria was approved by the IOC.

MMS asks to consider the statement from the IFSC European Council. WW reports that the European Council is against the EB proposal because this proposal does not come with sufficient explanations.

Q&A:

- P. Torcicollo (USAC): states that USAC shares the same view as the European Council and asks the Sport Department for further clarification on the proposed modification.

JM: the more the overall WC title is included in the process, the more NOC will support Athletes' participation into the WC circuit.

- D. You (FFME): Special Events. What happens if a country has a full quota in the WCH?
- P. Torcicollo (USAC) and H. Wilhelm (KVÖ): the WC overall criteria does not correspond to an event in the Olympic format.

- N. Cleary (SCA): what is the alternative if this proposal is refused?

JM: if the proposal is not approved, a slot is added to the WCH quota (6>7).

- Li Guowei (CMA): all qualifying events should be run in the Olympic format. Can the YWCH winner be an alternative?

JM: No other qualifying event can be added to the qualifying events list.

- C. Knowles (BMC) and D. Bychkov (CFR): NFs should have been informed on time. Time is short to make such a decision.

MMS: all NFs received the PA Full Agenda in due time, that is 30 days before the PA.

Only the Overall WC winner 2019 proposal is subject to the PA vote. The remaining qualification system cannot be changed. If the proposal is rejected, the slot will be given to the WCH quota (7 instead of 6).

Vote to approve Tokyo 2020 Qualification System / Overall WC winner 2019						
In favour	1	Against	27	Abstained	11	REJECTED





## 9 - CONTINENTAL COUNCILS - REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES [REF.SLIDES 121-160]

### a - Asian Council

Report by AS:

- Membership
- Sponsorship
- Finances
- 2017 Activities
- 2018 Activities: Efforts are focused on the organization of the 3 Asian Championships (Adult, Youth and K). The Asian Games will take place in Jakarta in August 2018.

### b - European Council

Report by WW:

- Membership: WW welcomes ASCMIL as new Member from Israel.
- 2017 Activities: long-term calendar planning.
- Structure: A. Kaminski (POL) left the Board and was replaced by E. Chernichev (RUS).
- 2018 Activities

### c - Oceania Council

Report by RT:

- Strategy
- Membership
- 2017 Activities
- Challenges: although participation into international events is increasing, there are still some challenges. The main goal is increasing the number of Members.
- Olympic Solidarity. SCA managed to be part of the Olympic Solidarity plan. Presentation of the Solidarity projects available for the NFs.

### d - Pan-American Council

Report by MI:

- Membership
- Structure
- 2017 Activities
- 2018-2020 Plan

## 10 - STATUTES AMENDMENTS [REF.SLIDES 162-169]

### a - IFSC Statutes amendments

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**Article 14**

The IFSC functions through ten bodies, each with separately defined powers and duties:

- Plenary Assembly
- Executive Board
- Continental Councils
- Sport Department
- Commissions and Working Groups
- Anti-doping, Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions
- Athletes' Commission
- Medical Commission
- Paraclimbing Commission
- Ethics Commission"

Vote to approve amendment of Article 14 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	39	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

**Article 16**

The Plenary Assembly has the following duties and powers:

- a - to elect the Executive Board;
- b - to appoint members to the Anti-doping, Ethics and Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions and to appoint the Auditor;
- c - to fix admission, membership and other fees;
- d - to approve plans for future activities;
- e - to adopt and amend these Statutes, such decisions needing a quorum and majority as described in Art. 19;
- f - to adopt and amend all regulations; the Plenary Assembly can, however, authorise other bodies to independently establish technical rules where this seems appropriate;
- g - to decide the suspension or expulsion of members which do not comply with the obligations as stated in these Statutes;
- h - to approve the Minutes of meetings;
- i - to receive, discuss and approve the report of the Executive Board;
- j - to review and approve the annual accounts after having heard the report of the auditors and to give discharge to the Treasurer and to the other members of the Executive Board;
- k - to approve the budget;
- l - to approve the IFSC logo, and other items of image and identity, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board;
- m - to decide all matters which no other body is competent to decide or which other bodies refer to the Plenary Assembly for final decision."

Vote to approve amendment of Article 16 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	43	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

**Article 26**

The Executive Board is responsible for implementing all the policy directives and decisions made by the Plenary Assembly.

This includes in particular:

- a) to prepare the agenda of the Plenary Assembly meetings;
- b) to prepare the annual accounts (consisting of the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet);

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- c) to make recommendations to the Plenary Assembly about:
- a. the long-term strategies of the IFSC;
  - b. regulations and rules to be decided by the Plenary Assembly;
  - c. the candidates to be appointed by the Plenary Assembly as members of Anti-doping, Ethics, Disciplinary and Appeals Commissions;
  - d. the admission and expulsion of Member associations;
- d) to decide about the composition and functioning of the Sport Department;
- e) to set up the calendar of IFSC approved competitions and to coordinate schedules of International and Continental competitions;
- f) to appoint President and members of the Medical Commission;
- g) to decide the terms and conditions of contracts between the IFSC and organisers of IFSC approved competitions;
- h) to recommend any proposed changes to the IFSC Statutes;
- i) to appoint and remove persons (employees) entrusted with the management of IFSC's day-to-day operations;
- j) to make recommendations on the terms and conditions of contracts to be concluded with third parties outside IFSC;
- k) to decide on membership issues between Plenary Assembly meetings;
- l) to decide the official means of information of the IFSC;
- m) to control IFSC finances;
- n) to appoint an IFSC delegate for IFSC events as necessary;
- o) to initiate and undertake negotiations with third parties.

All statements and contracts which bind the IFSC must be signed by the President and the General Secretary, or one Vice-President. In case of absence, the President may be replaced by one Vice-President.

The Executive Board is responsible for the functioning of the administrative office of the IFSC. All permanent employees are hired by the Executive Board and employed in accordance with the annual budget."

Vote to approve amendment of Article 26 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	42	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

**"ANTI-DOPING, ETHICS, DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS COMMISSIONS, MEDICAL COMMISSION AND RULES**

**Article 35**

The function of the Anti-Doping Commission is to ensure that the IFSC complies with the World Anti-Doping Code. Its rules will comply with the World Anti-Doping Code.

The Ethics Commission intends to protect and encourage ethical values in all IFSC.

The Ethics Commission addresses issues referred to it by the IFSC President. It can also propose issues for consideration to the IFSC President or the IFSC Executive Board following information received directly or indirectly.

The function of the Disciplinary Commission is to investigate and take appropriate action following any complaint concerning breach of rules (including the IFSC Anti-Doping Rules) or misconduct.

The function of the Appeals Commission is to decide appeals from decisions taken by the Disciplinary Commission (except in doping cases, where the appeal will be made to the Court of Arbitration for Sport).

Rules concerning these Commissions and their rules are set out in a regulation made by the Plenary Assembly.

The Ethics Commission Rules and composition are defined in the relevant document approved by the IFSC Executive Board, while members are appointed by the IFSC Plenary Assembly.

Decisions of the Disciplinary Commission in doping cases and decisions of the Appeal Commission may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (in Lausanne, Switzerland). The procedure before the Court of Arbitration for Sport takes place



according to its regulations. The decision of the International Court of Arbitration for Sport will be final and there will be no further appeal from it.

Medical Commission Rules and composition are defined in the relevant document approved by the IFSC Executive Board.”

Vote to approve amendment of Article 35 of the IFSC Statutes						
In favour	43	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

### 11 - ETHICS COMMISSION [REF.SLIDES 171-174]

a - Creation of the IFSC Ethics Commission

M. Le Menestrel, who was in charge of the already approved Ethic Charter, proposed himself as President of the Commission.

Vote to appoint Marc Le Menestrel as President of the IFSC Ethics Commission						
In favour	42	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

T. Smitz (CMBEL) complains that Commissions are not working properly and their roles and scopes are not transparent. He suggests adding a timeline for each Commission’s work. MMS thanks for the remark and underlines that the EB is doing its best to improve the structure.

### 12 - FINANCES [REF.SLIDES 176-193]

a - 2017 Financial reports and Audit

Report by PHP.

Activities are increasing, the IFSC finances are now in a good status, although reserves are to be increased

Most revenues are shared between Sport and Communication. In the operating costs, the three Departments are almost balanced.

Report by the IFSC Auditor, A. Barabino.

Q&A:

- R. Horak (NCF): why only the Europe Council account appears in the Profit&Loss?  
FJ: The IFSC European Council bank account is part of the IFSC bank account. As such, it must appear in the Financial Reports. The amounts reported in the IFSC P&L do not exactly correspond to the IFSC Europe Financial reports because in the first case they’re calculated on a cash basis, while in the second on an accrual basis.
- C. Knowles (BMC): what are the long-term investments and the assets that appear in the Balance Sheet?  
FJ: the long-term investments (100,000.00 €) correspond to a whole-life insurance signed in 2010 with Unicredit. FJ shows the list of the current assets (mainly office furniture and computer equipment).
- J. Michalka (SMU JAMES): what is the Insurance in the P&L?  
FJ: the IFSC has three insurance policies (Liability / Travel / Office).

Vote to approve the 2017 Audit and Financial Reports						
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In favour	43	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED
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b - Fee System 2018: Paraclimbing Fee

WW comments that on one hand there is the IFSC proposal of the fees, on the other is to include paraclimbing in the IFSC budget: they are different with different effects. KVÖ responds that all NFs are contributing at fee level. It should be considered to include it in the IFSC budget.

C. Knowles (BMC) asks if there is a time limit to the proposal and what the EB intentions are in development activities. MMS answers that the vote is for 2018 and the Board will suggest the same for the coming years. It applies only to those who participate.

If the motion from CMBEL is approved, the Provisional Budget will be readjusted.

Vote to approve the Paraclimbing Fee (IFSC Executive Board proposal)						
In favour	3	Against	30	Abstained	7	REJECTED

Vote to approve the motion from CMBEL on the Paraclimbing Fee						
In favour	36	Against	1	Abstained	7	APPROVED

c - IFSC EB Compensation

C. Oerum-Petersen (DKF) thanks the Executive Board for the transparency in sharing the Policy.

Vote to approve the IFSC EB Compensation policy						
In favour	36	Against	0	Abstained	7	APPROVED

d - Overdue invoices

PHP reports on the bad debts from 2014-2015 (Total 3,270.00 €) and proposes to cancel them due to the impossibility to collect them.

Vote to approve the allowance for bad debts 2014-2015						
In favour	35	Against	0	Abstained	4	APPROVED

e - Budget 2018 approval

Vote to approve the 2018 Provisional Budget (after approving CMBEL motion)						
In favour	42	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

f - Fee System 2018-2019

M. Schöpf (KVÖ) remarks that this should have been voted before the Budget and asks if service fees include all the costs associated to the WCs.

T. Smitz recommends deleting the paraclimbing fees from the slide.

J. Golob (PZS) says that in each country expenses are different, fees should remain the same. K. Waggoner (USAC) agrees with PZS.

MMS answers that the new fees were already discussed with the EOs, the new system was already explained and agreements for the 2018 Events are now signed.







Lunch Break

g - Golden Members awards

MMS thanks the Golden Members 2018 for their supports and awards their Presidents:

- CFR, Russian Federation
- CMA, People's Republic of China
- FASI, Italy
- FFME, France
- JMSCA, Japan

MMS rewards the IFSC Sponsors:

- Eric Surdej for Entre-Prises
- Keiji Nakano, Hakuhodo for JAL
- Kailas (not attending)
- Luxov (not attending)

MMS resumes the discussion on the 2018-2019 Fee System.

ADC explains that the new fee system is a different way to merge the already existing fees (calendar + service fees) to avoid multiple invoicing and to secure money in advance.

The total fee for a 3-discipline WC is brand new.

J. Golob (PZS) asks why the fees are not the same as in the previous years, but 5000.00 € more. AD answers that this is correct for 1-discipline WCs because the services offered are the same as the multiple-discipline WCs.

Li Guowei (CMA) comments that 3-discipline WCs are more expensive than Boulder + Lead events. AD says that the difference in amount of fees is explained by the additional number of days for the officials.

M. Schöpf (KVÖ) asks if the webcasting services are the same as in the previous years. AD confirms that the IFSC will provide professional camera operators for the WCs.

Vote to approve the 2018-2019 Fee System						
In favour	34	Against	3	Abstained	2	APPROVED

h - NFs Support

PHP thanks the major contributors for the year 2017.

13 - SPORT DEPARTEMENT [REF SLIDES 194-289]

a - 2017 Activities

Report by AD on the 2017 season of events.

b - 2018 Calendar





Presentation of the 2018 Calendar (14 WCs, WCH, YWCH, Multi-sport Games).

D. You (FFME) points out the lack of combined events in the calendar and asks how the Athletes, Officials and EOs can train. KT answers that this is a critical point, more NFs should be ready to organize combined events. KT thanks the CMA for organizing the China Open.

c - New Rules for the 2018 season

Report by SV.

- Bouldering Format Working Group, 2 main changes:
  - “Bonus” > “zone” (after hearing the feedback from the community).
  - Scoring order was simplified.
- The Nationality Rule was approved to avoid last-minute switches. The change shall be agreed by both NFs. MMS adds that the IFSC is trying to align with other IFs. If there is no agreement between the 2 NFs, the case might be brought to CAS. However, the dual passport is a preliminary condition to allow the switch.
- Combined: improvement of the tie-breaking procedure to avoid ties inside the disciplines. The Seeding list principle is implemented to untie Athletes.
- Speed: new timing system specifications.
- Split finals in WCs to better showcase the two events.

d - 2018 Youth World Championships

Report by KT. The CFR applied to host the 2018 YWCH in Moscow.

Presentation by E. Chernyshev (CFR).

MMS points out the late withdrawal of Canada and thanks the CFR for the availability to host the YWCH in such a short time. A presentation is given by CFR.

Vote to approve the new host of the 2018 Youth World Championships						
In favour	41	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

e - 2018 World Championships and 2018 Paraclimbing World Championships

Presentation by M. Schöpf (KVÖ).

f - Multi-Sport Events (World University Championships 2018; Asian Games 2018; World School Championships 2019; Winter World Masters Games 2020)

Report by JM.

- World University Championships, Bratislava, June 2018. JM encourages all the NFs to get in touch with their National University Organization, to guarantee a large participation.
- Asian Games, Jakarta, August 2018. 6 medals (Speed, Speed Relay, Combined).
- World School Championships, Ardèche, May 2019. Presentation by F. Fiorini (International School Sport Federation).
- World Winter Master Games, Innsbruck, January 2019.

g - 2019 Youth World Championships

V. Adinolfi (FASI) presents the candidature for the 2019 YWCH.





T. Smitz (CMBEL) and R. Horak (NCF) remark that having the YWCH in June may be hard for some Athletes due to school classes / exams. K. Waggoner (USAC) asks if the event can be moved later in the year to allow a better national qualification process. V. Adinolfi (FASI) answers that, for the moment being, 27 June-3 July is the only possible time slot for the YWCH in Arco.

K. Waggoner (USAC) asks what happens if the candidature from FASI is rejected. MMS replies that in that case the application should be opened to new candidates. In case there is no alternative candidate, the YWCH will not be run.

Vote to approve the host of the 2019 Youth World Championships – Arco (ITA)						
In favour	37	Against	2	Abstained	1	APPROVED

h - 2019 World Championships  
Presentation by Y. Hirayama (JMCA).

Vote to approve the host of the 2019 World Championships – Hachioji, Tokyo (JPN)						
In favour	43	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

i - Review of the Youth World Championships format

Report by MMS. Only few NFs can afford to organize a YWCH. The EB will soon create a Working Group to study a new, more affordable YWCH format. The proposal is due by October 2018. The Working Group's mandate will be extended to review the competition system.

H. Wilhelm (KVÖ) says that the Continental Councils would like to work with the Working Group. MMS thanks for the observation and confirms that the proposal will be taken into consideration by the EB.

T. Smitz (CMBEL) asks if the format review applies to 2019 events only. MMS replies that it is intended to be a long-term proposal.

14 - ATHLETES COMMISSION [REF SLIDES 291-292]

a - Activities and projects

Report by SMC:

- Athletes representation
- Athlete Role Model (ARM) at the YOG 2018
- IOC International Athletes Forum 2017

B. Beste (DAV) asks why there is no paraclimbing athlete in the IFSC Athletes Commission. SMC answers that the IFSC follows the same Rules as the IOC.

15 - ANTI DOPING COMMISSION, MEDICAL COMMISSION [REF SLIDES 294-306]

a - Activities and projects

Report by JM, on behalf of P. Orione, IFSC Anti-Doping Officer:

- Compliance with WADA regulations and standards
- Performance Analytics





- 2017 anti-doping tests: no violations

E. Burtscher, Director of the IFSC Medical Commission, reports on the 2017 activities and future projects. The Commission's panel was extended to 8 members, with the first meeting in summer 2017.

#### 16 - DISCIPLINARY AND APPEALS COMMISSION [REF SLIDE 308]

##### a - Activities and Projects

Report by JM, on behalf of Ian Alderson, President of the IFSC Disciplinary Commission.

During 2017-18, the Disciplinary Commission has dealt with one disciplinary case. This involved serious misconduct by an Athlete following a competition for which the athlete received a ban and a suspended fine.

#### 17 - FUTURE MEETINGS [REF SLIDES 309-333]

##### a - 2019 Plenary Assembly

Presentation by S. Harada (JMCSA). There are currently two different options for the host city (Tokyo or Yokohama). The PA is asked to vote for the host country, the city will be decided later.

Vote to approve Japan as the host country of the 2019 Plenary Assembly						
In favour	43	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

##### b - 2020 Plenary Assembly

Presentation by P. Georgiades (CMCF).

The BMC would be ready to host the PA in 2020 if needed.

Vote to approve Cyprus as the host country of the 2020 Plenary Assembly						
In favour	42	Against	0	Abstained	1	APPROVED

##### c - Review of the Plenary Assembly Regulation Guidelines

The document was sent with the PA Full Agenda.

Vote to approve the IFSC PA Regulation Guidelines						
In favour	42	Against	0	Abstained	0	APPROVED

#### 18 - CAC [REF SLIDES 335-349]

##### a - The way forward

Presentation by R. Lenseink, IFSC Honorary Member, on Climbing Against Cancer after the death of John Ellison. Charity as a marketing tool, donations during the competitions.



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## 19 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CONCLUSIONS

DG stressed the importance of transparency and improvement of communication (for example, teleconferences with larger bodies).

MMS thanks all the participants, congratulates with L. Baxter, the Staff, the NFs Delegates and officially closes the Plenary Assembly.

*End of the meeting*

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