



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORTS MEDICINE (FIMS)

Meeting of the Council of Delegates

Guadalajara (MEX), 24 September 2022 - h. 16.00

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS - F. Pigozzi

On behalf of FIMS, Prof. Pigozzi welcomed all participating Delegates and expressed his greetings and gratitude to the organizers of the 37th World Congress in Guadalajara in particular to Dr. Ballesteros and mentioned that due to the perfect organization and outstanding hospitality all FIMS Meetings could take place in person which is important after a long time of Covid restrictions.

2. ROLL CALL - N. Bachl

The following countries (making up total of 35) were officially physically represented at the meeting (listed in alphabetical order): Argentina, Austria, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Greece, Guatemala, Italy, Jamaica, Latvia, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America.

Australia, Belgium, Ecuador, Germany, Honduras, Hong Kong, Nicaragua, Nord Macedonia, Paraguay, Singapore, South Africa, Uruguay, Venezuela were represented by proxies (making up total of 13).

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE PARLAMENTARIANS - N. Bachl

James Bilzon, Demitri Constantinou and Bulent Ulkar who have no conflict of interest were unanimously appointed as Parliamentarians.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - F. Pigozzi

Decision:

The Agenda of the Meeting of the Council of Delegates was unanimously approved.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL OF DELEGATES - Athens (GRE), 24 September 2021

Decision:

The Minutes of the last Council of Delegates Meeting on 24 September were unanimously approved.

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT - F. Pigozzi

The President again welcomed all Delegates and mentioned that his report will cover the last year because of the postponement of the World Congress 2021 in Athens due to the Covid Pandemic. He thanked the Executive Committee and the Bureau members for their cooperation either personal or virtual during the difficult pandemic period.

The President then reported about the success of the scientific conference "*Integration of athletes with a difference in sexual development (DSD) and transgender athletes in Olympic sport*", held in conjunction with the FIMS Executive Committee Meeting last July in the University "Foro Italico", Rome, during which Prof. Uğur Erdener was awarded with the FIMS Gold Medal. This Congress, also attended by Dr. Giovanni Malagò IOC Member and President of the Italian NOC, Dr. Ivo Ferriani IOC Member, Ing. Francesco Ricci Bitti ASOIF President, and other Authorities, caused a great impact in the Olympic Movement and Summer and Winter IFs. Subsequently, he and Prof. Pitsiladis were invited by the IOC to finalize a joint publication about this topic including Lars Engebretsen and Uğur Erdener as Co-authors.

The President mentioned that he has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the World Olympic Association when he participated at the IOC Conference, Monaco and to the Opening Ceremony of the African Academy of Sport Medicine and Sport Science, the WADA Foundation Board Meetings in Paris and Cairo and has organized a meeting with ACSM and FIMS Representatives in Lausanne in which further cooperations and developments were extensively discussed.

He then reported that also during the pandemic a lot of scientific papers were published in high ranked journals which did increase the visibility of FIMS. With this regard he thanked Prof. Pitsiladis and the Scientific Commission as well as the Education Commission, the FIMS Family and all authors, especially those from the CCSM's for their outstanding activities and contributions. He also mentioned that the successfully launched FIMS E-circular will be published regularly in the future.

Continuing his report Prof. Pigozzi mentioned that FIMS at the moment has 23 CCSM's and there are new expressions of interest, also from Australia - which would mean a representation of CCSM's in all continents. In addition, a further promotion in the Gulf region should be aimed in the future. Due to the Covid pandemic the inauguration ceremony of the CCSM Coordination Headquarters in Sanya in March 2020 couldn't take place. He thanked Prof. Li and Mrs. Miao for the permanent joint work and cooperation and he added that probably next year, when the Covid restrictions will hopefully be over, the opening ceremony and the CCSM meeting should take place in Sanya.

With regard to the strategic plan, the President reported that the FIMS headquarters in Lausanne - at the heart of the International Sports Federations and the Olympic Movement - had functioned uninterruptedly during the pandemic period with virtual conferences, exchanges of correspondence and, after the end of travel restrictions, personal attendance.

The President reported that FIMS currently has two sponsors, Esaote and Tiaflex, and emphasized that stable sponsors are much needed and therefore any support from national and continental federations would be helpful and appreciated.

Finally, the President recalled the good relations with international partners such as the IOC, WADA, Sport Accord, Summer and Winter IFs, and added that he would attend the WADA Foundation Board meeting in Montreal while the GAIFS meeting in St. Petersburg was cancelled. He emphasized the good cooperation with WADA and thanked Alan Verneq for his attendance.

7. REPORT OF THE TREASURER - J. Kawazoe Lazzoli

Prof. J. Kawazoe Lazzoli presented in his report the biannual budget 2020-2022 highlighting the different funds, investments and the balance of FIMS.

Decision:

The Treasurer report was unanimously approved by the Council.

8. ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - F. Pigozzi

Prof. Geistlinger, Legal Advisor to FIMS, took the floor and presented the list of candidates, pointing out that all candidates were eligible, except for the representative of Bermuda, whose Association was not in compliance with fees.

Prof. Geistlinger pointed out that there is only one nomination for President, Secretary General and Treasurer, so that the Council can vote by acclamation on the respective motions. The Council immediately voted by acclamation the President, Prof. Pigozzi, the Secretary General, Prof. Kawazoe Lazzoli and the Treasurer, Dr. Debruyne.

The next decision was the voting process for the Vice Presidents. Under observation of the Parliamentarians and the legal advisers the Delegates (47 including proxies) were called in alphabetical order to vote by secret ballot. Results: Norbert Bachl (44), Maher Zahar (36), Patrick Young (25), Rafael Robles Cabrera (23), Constant Roux (4).

The same procedure was executed for the voting process for the Executive Committee Members: 47 votes, 45 valid. Results: Khaled Massud (31), Ana V. Cintron (41), William O. Roberts (34), Minhao Xie (33), Anca Ionescu (36), Pedro Manonelles (33), Andrew Jowett (32), Klaus-Michael Braumann (27), K. Natsis (13), M. Michaelides (12).

The President announced a meeting of the Executive Committee after the Council of Delegates and congratulated all members of the new FIMS Executive Committee as follows:

President

Prof. Fabio Pigozzi

Secretary General

Prof. José Kawazoe Lazzoli

Treasurer

Dr. André Debruyne

Vice Presidents

1st Prof. Norbert Bachl

2nd Dr. Maher Zahar

3rd Prof. Yung Shu Hang Patrick

4th Dr. Rafael Augusto Robles Cabrera

Elected Members

Dr. Khaled Massoud Hassan Hussein

Prof. William Oliver Roberts

Dr. Ana Virginia Cintron-Rodriguez

Prof. Minhao XIE

Prof. Klaus-Michael Braumann

Prof. Anca Ionescu

Prof. Pedro Manonelles Marqueta

Dr. Andrew Jowett

9. CHANGE OF THE STATUTES - N. Bachl

Prof. Bachl informed the Delegates that the changes to the Statutes were unanimously approved at the last Executive Committee meeting in Rome and are now a proposal for the Council of Delegates. Prof. Geistlinger argued that the changes to the statutes and regulations correspond to a *'new political and organizational reality'* for which the old version was not adequate, and presented the respective changes on a screen contrasting the old and new versions (Articles 16.09-6 and 17.05 new). The same applies to a change due to Swiss law (Article 17.07 new) and two changes of consistency (Article 24.01 and Regulation 17.08) (see Enclosure n.1).

Decision:

After a brief discussion, the changes to the Statutes and By-Laws were unanimously approved by the Delegates.

10. SELECTION OF THE HOST CITY OF THE FIMS WORLD CONGRESS OF SPORT MEDICINE 2026 - F. Pigozzi, N. Bachl

The President reported on all actions concerning Kazan World Congress in light of the current international situation with the main focus on the legal protection of FIMS. As agreed at the last Executive Committee meeting in Rome, the President and the Secretary General had a meeting in Salzburg with Prof. Geistlinger on 28-29 July 2022, who organized a virtual meeting with Prof. Polyaev to find a joint solution. On the premise that the Council of Delegates would find it impossible to realize the World Congress in Kazan due to the current situation, Prof. Polyaev agreed to a postponement to 2028 and promised to send the relevant agreement from his side as President of the Russian FIMS Member National Association and the Minister of Sport of Tatarstan, who both signed the agreement with FIMS. In due course FIMS received the relevant documentation and therefore there are no legal implications.

Therefore, the FIMS Executive Committee proposed that the Council of Delegates approve the postponement of the World Congress in Kazan to 2028.

Decision:

The Council of Delegates approved with 45 votes in favor, 1 abstention, 1 vote against the postponement of the XXXVIII FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine 2024 in Kazan to 2028 in Kazan, to be read as XL FIMS World Congress 2028 in Kazan.

Subsequently, the President and Prof. Geistlinger informed the Members of the Executive Committee that, in line with the FIMS Statutes, the Council of Delegates had to decide on the venue for the 2026 World Congress. There are currently two candidates, Dubai and Chile, as Croatia has withdrawn its candidature for 2026. This decision is in line with the Statutes and the candidatures must be approved by a voting process after the presentation of the bids. Furthermore, the Council of Delegates took note that among the two candidates for the XXXIX World Congress of Sport Medicine FIMS 2026, the United Arab Emirates expressed its willingness to organise the Congress in 2024 as well.

Decision:

The Council of Delegates takes note that from the two candidates for the XXXIX FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine 2026 the United Arab Emirates showed ready to organize the Congress also in 2024 and this was unanimously approved.

The presentation of the candidates was decided by lot: Dubai first, Chile second.

Tentative Dates: Dubai 24-27 October 2024; Chile 23-27 September 2026

After the presentations the Council of Delegates approved both bids by acclamation and decided as follows:

Decision:

The Council of Delegates approved that the United Arab Emirates organise the FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine in 2024 and Chile in 2026. The 2024 Congress will be the XXXVIII FIMS World Congress of Sport Medicine 2024 to be held in Dubai. The 2026 Congress will be the XXXIX FIMS World Congress of Sport Medicine 2026 to be held in Santiago de Chile. The President of FIMS and the Secretary General of FIMS are authorized to amend all respective agreements with the organizers accordingly.

The FIMS President and Secretary General as well as the Representatives of Dubai and Chile signed the respective Agreements.

11. NEXT MEETINGS - N. Bachl

The next Council of Delegates will be held in Dubai, October 2024.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

The schedule of the next FIMS Executive Committee meetings will be discussed at an immediately following meeting of the new Executive Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The President, Prof. Pigozzi, once again thanked the Council of Delegates and the Members of the Executive Committee for their great cooperation during very difficult years, welcomed the new members, and said he looked forward to active and fruitful cooperation. Finally, he thanked the Parliamentarians, the Representatives of the local and international organizing committee of the World Congress together with the members of his staff who had done a great job during these days.

The President closed the Council of Delegates at 20.45 PM.

Enclosure n.1 - Changes to the Statutes and By-Laws



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	<p>17.05 Exceptional events</p> <p>1. In case of occurrence of events or circumstances of an exceptional nature which are outside of the FIMS's control (such as terrorism, riot, civil unrest, war (regardless of whether declared or not), strike, nuclear, chemical or other contamination, epidemic, sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council), compromising the safe and/or regular conduct of FIMS's activities, the Executive Committee may decide to impose exceptional protective measures aimed at preserving the safe, peaceful and regular conduct of the FIMS's activities in accordance with the FIMS's objectives.</p> <p>2. Protective measures may include, without limitation, the temporary suspension of: a) the exercise of rights of FIMS Member National Associations representing countries that caused or contributed to or are otherwise relevantly involved in the event or circumstances; and/or</p> <p>b) persons who are affiliated to the FIMS Members referred to above and/or citizens of the concerned countries, to the extent they are participating in the FIMS's activities; or</p> <p>c) the removal of a FIMS Congress and cancellation of the respective contract, as well as</p> <p>d) any other measure that the FIMS Executive Committee deems appropriate and justified in light of the nature and circumstances of the event and which does not interfere with the powers of the Council of Delegates.</p> <p>3. Protective measures, as issued or modified from time to time, may be upheld by the Executive Committee as required by the circumstances. They must be lifted, partially or totally, as soon as reasonably practicable in view of the evolution of the circumstances having led to the issuance of the measures.</p>	

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	<p>4. In case any protective measure imposed is still in place at the time of the next FIMS Council of Delegates such Council of Delegates shall decide whether the measures shall be upheld.</p>	
17.05. The President shall be the representative of FIMS and responsible for the international relations of the organization. The President's special functions include:	17.056. The President shall be the representative of FIMS and responsible for the international relations of the organization. The President's special functions include:	For swift action
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17.07. The Secretary General is responsible for:	17.07Z. The Secretary General is responsible for:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing the agenda for the meetings of the Council of Delegates, after decision of the Executive Committee, as well as the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Bureau, on request of the President, and circulating notice of these meetings in advance. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing the agenda for the meetings of the Council of Delegates, after decision of the Executive Committee, as well as the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Bureau, on request of the President, and circulating notice of these meetings in advance. 	

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17.09. The two Auditors and/or an auditing office recognized by Swiss law will review the financial account presented to them by the Treasurer and give a report of their review to the Executive Committee and the Council of Delegates. This auditing office will organize the Declaration form for the tax office. It will be signed by the Treasurer and the President.	17.09 ¹⁰ . The two Auditors and/or an auditing office recognized by Swiss law will review the financial account presented to them by the Treasurer and give a report of their review to the Executive Committee and the Council of Delegates. This auditing office will organize the Declaration form for the tax office. It will be signed by the Treasurer and the President.	
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<p>National Association of which the nominee is currently a member in good standing.</p> <p>23.02. The procedure for nomination will involve the submission to the FIMS Executive Committee of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a letter of nomination citing the specific rationale for the nomination and present-ing background information about the nominee and 2. a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. <p>Following receipt of the nomination materials, a review will be conducted by the FIMS Awards Committee and, if there is a positive consensus, a recommendation will be forwarded to the FIMS Executive Committee for official action.</p> <p>23.03. The Awards Committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among its members.</p>	<p>National Association of which the nominee is currently a member in good standing.</p> <p>23.02. The procedure for nomination will involve the submission to the FIMS Executive Committee of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a letter of nomination citing the specific rationale for the nomination and present-ing background information about the nominee and 2. a copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. <p>Following receipt of the nomination materials, a review will be conducted by the FIMS Awards Committee and, if there is a positive consensus, a recommendation will be forwarded to the FIMS Executive Committee for official action.</p> <p>23.03. The Awards Committee shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among its members.</p>	
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