# **International Powerlifting Federation**

# **Technical Committee**

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# Committee Members

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#### Dear Delegates,

As Chairman of the Technical Committee, this will be my last report to Congress.

I had been encouraged to seek re-election and originally intimated that would be so.

Since, circumstances have changed. My wife is due to retire at the end of the year, and we wish to do some travelling (no, not to and from Powerlifting Championships) although I hope to attend any that happen to co-incide.

I will not have the daily "hands on" and commitment as at present, possibly being away for months at a time. Congress I am sure will elect a suitable successor who will receive my full support and help if necessary in the duties as Chairman.

Referee Registrar Goran Gunnarsson who stands for re-election, continues to do an excellent job. His return to the post, we the committee feel should be a unanimous decision.

#### Goran reports:

Referee's qualified since October 2002

# Category 1

Robert Keller USA Lucien Gillis " Larry Maile "

Jan Wilcyznski Poland

Ivan Karpisek Czech Republic

Josef Svedja

Steve Lousich New Zealand

### Category 2

Argentina	1
Australia	1
Brazil	5
Canada	1
Chinese Taipei	1
Equador	2
Great Britain	2
Hong Kong	1
Iran	3
Ireland	1
Italy	2
Poland	7
RSA	2
USA	2

# INTERNATIONAL IPF REFEREES:

#### 2003-09-10

	<b>Number of Nations</b>	Category 1	Category 2	<b>Total Referees</b>
Europe	24	112	158	270
Africa	1	2	7	9
Asia	12	36	64	100
Oceania	2	6	11	17
America	s 7	17	65	82
Total	46	173	305	478

Throughout the past year the Technical Committee has conducted several Category 1 and 2 Examinations. Our thanks to all the examiners around the world for their help in producing competent referees for the International Circuit.

As Chairman I have officiated at 4 International Championships this past year. My thanks to the IPF-Treasurer for the travel funding.

Proposals for change have been received from Australia, Finland and Sweden, and will be/have been discussed in committee. Those acceptable (13.2.1 of the Constitution) will be presented to Rules Congress 2004, and published on and in the appropriate media for member's interest throughout the coming year.

The T.C. Newsletter has been produced regularly. Again, our thanks to Wim Wamsteeker, Web Site, and Denis Unitt International Powerlifter Magazine.

A French manufacturing company named PALLINI has approached the committee in regard to IPF approval of their plates/discs (their bar is of a weight lifting type). When they produce a Power Bar the whole package will be considered.

Nothing new has been added to the list of approved apparel this past year. Good relations continue with our licensees. At present it is considered that Marathon Suits will not meet with approval in 2004. The Nordic countries must be thanked by the users of Marathon Suits for keeping them "afloat" in 2003.

Under article 13.2.10 Technical Committee. There is only one essential item for proposed changed at Congress 2003. It is that referring to the belt as on the agenda.

Just one perennial complaint received by the committee is that many Juries do not have teeth" are sitting on three "wasted seats" and do not have the courage or are unable to make decisions when the rules are not being applied correctly!

The Committee under the new Chairman I am sure will continue with their pro-active approach to our Sport taking the initiative and acting upon.

We wish all Nations delegates an enjoyable and successful Congress.

John Stephenson T.C. Chairman