

IPF

2017

Meeting Agenda

IPF General Assembly

Park Hotel – Pilsen, Czech Republic



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Sunday, 12 November 2017 / Begin: 15:00

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1) Roll call of Nations and Delegates, presentation of credentials.

2) President's Address

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all let me welcome all of you to this year's congress.

This year was an excellent step forward for the IPF. We have taken several steps forward and the most important step is the recognition from FISU for our University Sport and our student athletes.

When I started the World University CUP two years, there were some sceptics telling me that one more championship was too much. My reply was that it is important for the IPF to be part of the University World Games. We need to provide more opportunities for our junior level lifters. Now after two year this has become fruitful for us being recognized by FISU. Clearly a very important step forward toward the IOC recognition. Several years ago, one of the conditions to be recognized IOC Sport, we were told you need become a member of several games. At that moment it has been a circle without any results because we have been always told to become a member of FISU, you need be IOC recognized. When Muay Thai became a member of FISU, when they were without the recognition of the IOC, I saw the chance that we may have the same possibility to become a member before the IOC recognition. And the effort and push from my side to go ahead with the University CUP was the right step forward and was successful. When I was elected as President in 2012, I promised to you there were going to be major steps forward – I hope that you can now see that more and more steps of these promises have been fulfilled.

Another step of big importance is that we have now engaged two secretaries and we now have an office in the building of the Luxembourg National Olympic Committee. Our workload is so big that we cannot more talking only about volunteer work. Beside the two secretaries, I go every day to the office working about 6 hours a day free for the IPF. That means that I have not less work to do than before but we have much more work to do all together. The secretaries have been paid now nearly one year by the Ministry of Work in Luxembourg. Now it is of course, for us, time to take over their salaries. Of course it costs a lot of money but nobody need be afraid as we have calculated very well that this is necessary and that we can finance it. Beside this we have now taken over our office in Luxemburg free of charge paid by the Luxemburg Government. We have only to pay our internet, phone costs, office equipment and what is needed to do the daily work. Our office is situated in the Maison des Sports (House of Sport) in 3, rte d'Arlon L-8009 Strassen Luxembourg. Now it is important to make this change in our constitution as then it will be official.

Another big success was the World Games in Wroclaw, Poland. I have now been involved the World Games 5 times and I can say, this year's World Games were the best ever for Powerlifting. Never have we had such a great venue as in Wroclaw. The IPF has made sure to buy the equipment. This was new as the organizer was not ready to pay the 15 Eleiko stations. But we the IPF wants to offer our lifters the best conditions for such a great and important event. Emanuel made a great deal with the organizer concerning our partner's and Eleiko gave us a great offer to us and so we had also the chance to have the logo from the World Games on the equipment. The platform and the warm up room looked very nice and extremely professional with this equipment. Each lifter had his own warm-up platform for each session of lifting.

After the World Games was complete we sold the equipment to different member federations with no problem, so that the money we spent for the equipment came back to the IPF. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who were ready to buy the equipment and I am sure it will look great in their gyms. The competition itself was a big success for the IPF and the lifters made this happen. We

had the first day around 4 to 500 people in the audience and the following days around 800 to 1000 people watching our lovely sport. The ambience was fantastic. The crowd gave, several times, standing ovations to our lifters motivating them and sang the polish national anthem when Jaroslaw Olech won his category. We had a lot of important people VIPs who visited our competition and they got a good picture of our sport. They did not expect that it could be so exciting to watch our sport. What can be better than to close a great event with a fantastic world record in deadlift by the polish lifter Krzysztof Wierzbicki? So all in all a great success for our sport and we had the feeling we had been at the Olympic Games. The World Games become more and more popular and everyone who was present, from the lifters to the officials to the public and the VIPs has been very impressed by our competition.

During the year I traveled a lot around the World to meetings and Championships. This is necessary and it is what the members expect from their President. It is necessary to bring our sport forward and to make sure the standard of our Worlds and Regional Championships becomes more professional. Of course I am not traveling, just to travel, as I am always on duty as a Jury member and have meetings left and right on our Championships with member nations, sponsors, organizers and of course VIPs. My first trip was to Sölden where we meet with Eleiko concerning our booth for the SportAccord. As we had decided to have a booth at the SportAccord with a presentation of our Sport at this convention, we decided to ask our VIP Partners to come on board -- Eleiko and SBD. They both agreed to this and so we shared the costs for the booth at SportAccord. It is necessary to be present and to show all the Federations who we are – as a result of this, our chance for the IOC recognition continues to grow. As I said at the last congress we need to do all to reach our goal and with the presence at SportAccord and afterwards at the World Games we had a lot of personal contacts with the VIPs to talk with about our sport.

In March, I was invited to Kazakhstan to their national Championships. They organized an anti-doping seminar there and I was present and talked also to their lifters and coaches at this seminar. After that I was in Thisted Denmark at the EPF Classic Powerlifting Championships. It was a wee organized meet and a big success. All of the European member federations were present, except one. Three days later after my return back home I went to Moscow for a meeting with the President Matysin Oleg from FISU. The meeting was successful. The outcome we have seen this year by receiving the recognition of FISU. Then I went to the Russian national Championships in Ekaterinburg and there I participated in their Congress where Gennadiy Khodosevich was elected as the new President. We had a lot of discussions and I answered a lot of questions, as they were following up on what was going on in the IPF. At this meeting we had an anti-doping seminar.

In the beginning of April I went with Robert Keller who came to me in Luxemburg by car to SportAccord in Lausanne, where we had of course a lot of meetings. IOC Sports department, FISU, AIMS, SportAccord, IFBB, SOI, Eleiko, SBD, Commonwealth, IWGA, the organizer for the WG 2021 from Birmingham and some more meetings. As we presented our sport with the help of the Danish Powerlifting Federation and their President Klaus Boström and some of their lifters to make some presentation. I want to take the opportunity to thank them all for the help and their contribution as it was a great success. We had of course given the people the opportunity to bench press some weight and we told them that with that they help us for our social project in South Africa with our partners Eleiko and SBD. We will handover an Eleiko Rack and SBD gear for the young kids in Potchefstroom.

One week I had time for myself with my family and then I traveled to the Classic Bench press Worlds in Killeen Texas. Then 2 of May I have been invited by the Moscow Powerlifting Club to the nationals. I was there only two days and they showed me their venue and their club as they probably want to organize next time a World Championship. Afterwards, I arrived back home for two days and then traveled to the EPF Open Powerlifting Championships in Malaga. Here I traveled with my wife. Of course I paid the trip and the hotel for her. Two weeks later in May I traveled to the Bench press Worlds

in Kaunas. My next trip was to Minsk for the Classic Powerlifting Worlds a little bit later in June so that I had a break. That was of course a long stay as it was for 13 days. You can imagine that there we had a lot of work to do and of course I had the chance to meet again with a lot of people. In July I had two trips, one to South Africa for the University CUP and afterwards to Wroclaw for the World Games where I traveled together with Robert Keller and my wife (as they invited also my wife free of charge as well as me and Robert Keller). The next two trips were to Hong Kong where I had been invited by the Hong Kong Federation to help out as a Jury member and then afterwards to Orlando for the Sub-junior & Junior Powerlifting Worlds. In September I was part of the organizing committee from our Luxemburg PI Federation for the Western European Powerlifting Championships and the week after I went to the Arnolds in Barcelona. Beginning of October I went to Sundsvall for the Masters Powerlifting Worlds.

I have then also been invited by the Algerian PI Federation to the African Championships to Bejaia for the African Championships. We need to bring up the Regions and therefore it has been important to travel to have meetings there and helping of course also as a Jury member. Alan Ferguson has already informed in his report that we took some good steps forward with new members in this region. That is very good for the IOC recognition as well. My last trip before I came here to the congress was last week to Lausanne for the IF forum where again all the international Federation met together. I traveled there together with Robert Keller. We went home on Friday and we left on Saturday for Pilsen the Open Powerlifting Worlds and our congress. Beside all this I traveled every day to the IPF office in Luxemburg Strassen where I have worked together with our two secretaries. My daily work has been from 10 am until 3 but often to 4 pm.

This demonstrates to you that I work full time for Powerlifting! I do it because I love it and believe in our beautiful sport. The bad side to all of this is for the past two years, steadily, Mr. Robert Wilks has done nothing but harass the entire EC and accusing me and my fellow EC Members. Important, Mr. Wilks has filed a complaint in Luxemburg in an attempt to force us to bring him back to the EC. As demonstrated by the vote in the General Assembly last year in Orlando, the member federations did not ratify him to become a member of the IPF EC. In his summons before the Luxembourg court, he is requesting in his name, in the name of PA (Powerlifting Australia) and in the name of the OPF (Oceania Region) the dissolution of the IPF.

Wilks with PA and OPF are seeking the annihilation of the IPF as a federation together with an invalidation of all its competitions from 2010 on until now. He is calling for the all the constitution changes from 2009 on until now (these changes have been democratically decided in our congresses) and on the other side he is asking to come back into the EC, which makes no sense, if he wants have the annihilation. It makes only sense when he wants make pressure on us to bring him back and then he will withdraw the case in the Luxemburg court, what we believe it is otherwise he would not have proposed on one side the dissolution and on the other side that we reinstall him into the EC against the decision of the IPF congress. More information with evidence will follow at the congress.

So you can see that people are working very hard to bring the sport forward and myself who received recently in June the highest decoration in Sport from our Grand Duke over the Minister of Sport, Mr Romain Schneider. We surely do not need Mr. Wilks's harassment. At the last congress I gave him my hand when I told him if he really wants to work for the sport he can show it to us. But instead he started more and more claims only to make sure we have a lot of work and to make sure we will give up because all of this costs a lot of money.

But he forgot probably that we informed the congress last year that we don't give up as we have done nothing wrong. He did not tell you the truth why he resigned, but at this congress the truth needs to be brought up if not by himself then by the person who brought up the case in Luxemburg and the reason why he resigned. The IPF Executive has done nothing to remove Mr. Wilks from the IPF EC, OPF or

the PA. Mr. Wilks willfully resigned from the IPF EC on his own initiative. We no longer wish to be harassed. Therefore, the General Assembly must make the decision to do something.

I assume my responsibility if the congress asks me to resign. If you feel that I have done something wrong then I will step away. I will no longer waste my time and money to work so hard on a volunteer basis be be treated like this. I'm not requesting a thank you from the member federations. However, I am surely not requesting to be blamed by a person because of his ego.

It is a regretful that we need to waste our time with all this as we could do a lot of other things. Instead we are wasting working hours to defend ourselves even with cases Mr. Wilks has had no evidence and with cases that should not be a case. Up to this point, he has never respected the decisions of the CAS or the IPF EDC. He has still not paid the amount of 2000 CHF the CAS ordered him to pay to the IPF. So we need to ask the question why this person has any right to open cases against us, but not following the decision of the CAS, EDC, Appeals Commission and maybe the court if the court will not decide in his favour. Last but not least if the members still want me as President I will go forward with all my power to do all to reach our goal and to bring our sport forward. I have never done business with our sport and I have not been a vendor to make money. I have done all to bring the IPF forward where we stand to day since I have been elected in 1999 as treasurer and afterwards as championships secretary and finally as President. I can tell you everything that I have done to make positive changes in this sport and to stop the corruption we had before where the same person has been for a long time a member of that board but never acted in favor to clean up the Federation. Now Mr. Wilks wants to blame me and before he was silent.

Look at his reports. Over the years he has done nothing to bring his region forward. On the contrary he has been fighting with people who have not been in favor with his leadership. Also here we have evidence for all this. At the regional level, RW is an EC member, an EDC, anti-doping. Here we have also evidence. Just have a look at the OPF constitution where you can see that the EC is the EDC and then he wants to teach us that our EDC is not correct. He claims that we have not enough independent people in our committees. He has not any committees as he is all in one. We have evidence where he kicks out people without any hearing and then does not respect the decision of the Appeals Committee. This is how he works and that is why we need to bring all this to an end.

We have appointed new independent persons into our disciplinary committee, appeal committee, law & legislation committee and DHP panel. Here we have now with Janie Soubliere coming from WADA and with Dr Despina Mavromati coming from CAS two very well experienced independent person on our Doping Hearing Panel and beside them Dr Jean Emmanuel Monneyron. All independent people that make our Panel for sure credible outside of the IPF as well as inside the IPF.

Having more lawyers on our Disciplinary committee with Volker Bernardi beside Sean Dunstan and Andre Smith who study law and the Police officer Roland Blasi means that we are going in the right direction to have also here more independent people but also people who have knowledge in laws as all becomes more complicate and without people with their knowledge it would be much more difficult. The same we have now on our appeal committee where we have Bettina Altizer an experienced lawyer and now with Cathrin Silberzahn and John Shea two more lawyers. That means that we can withdraw Steve Lousich from his position at this committee as according to our constitution we cannot have members of the EC committee or from a regional EC committee in the Appeal Committee. We have already changed it on the EDC but as we had in this time not mentioned the same for the appeal but now it is in since last year then we need change it to be in line with the constitution.

In our Law and legislation committee we have now also a lawyer with Michael Patterson. The sports for all commission is now also nearly complete. Here we have two person from the SOI Chip Hultquist and Mariusz Damentko and we can even say 3 with Alex Mathieson as he is a referee in the IPF and SOI.

Important here that we have also with Chip and Mariusz two person coming from outside the IPF. At the youth committee we appointed also with Megan Leighton and Gunnlaug Olsen two new members for this committee. On the anti-doping commission we appointed our former President Detlev Albrings and Kalevi Sorsa as they have both no more duties in their Federation and so they are doing the selection of lifters to be tested as independent persons for the ICT & OCT controls. So I am proud that we have appointed all these new people to our commissions and that we brought here our Federation forward. I want to express to all the Chairs of our different commissions and their members my big thank you for all the work they are doing on a volunteer basis. Our work to be WADA compliant is going forward and here I need to give special thanks you Sigurjon Petursson for the good work you have done over the whole year to fulfill what needs be done and to fill in the questionnaire from the WADA, which I can tell you was a large task. Now we received some more criteria to fulfill to stay compliant and here it is now time that the IPF take over the whole responsibility in the regions. That means our independent people need to select the lifters who need be tested, the anti-doping fees need be paid to the IPF instead to the regions, the IPF will organize the controls and payment in the regions. The anti-doping money needs to be used all for the fight against doping and for doing OCT tests. If we want the IOC recognition then we need the WADA compliance and that costs money and this money needs to come from the fees from our Worlds and Regional championships. If we do not go this way and we do not reach the compliance then we can forget the IOC recognition and then we can stop the process. Therefore I kindly ask you to vote in favor for this proposal. The IPF is not me and the EC, the IPF are all of us and all of us need doing the contribution to be WADA compliant.

Since 2012 we have taken big steps forward and all of you have seen it the past five years. The best way to see it is with our streaming. We have professional streaming because of our media team, Viva TV and Eric Rupp. We have a big increase in viewers and also on all of our social media. That is very important and we will still be working on this to have more streaming in the future. Here we need the help of our Federations to promote our streaming over their web pages. Links to your web pages from our life streams to promote the championships. The same promotion we need for our magazines. We should have many more subscribers and here you the national Federation should promote our magazine as well. All this helps us in order to bring our sport forward and to show the IOC that we have a lot of people who show interest on our sport. One more time you don't do it for me or for the EC you do it for our sport and for the way to the IOC recognition. This without any cost. Just promotion in your Federation.

We need come also to the way to asking 1 Euro for our streaming. I think 1 Euro for the whole streaming cost not many but bring a lot if the same amount of people still watching the streaming. With this we can assure that we can show all our Worlds on streaming or maybe helping the regions in the future for a streaming. These are steps that need be taken to go ahead with promoting our sport and to show the world that our sport is exciting and interesting. So I thank you the whole media team under the Chair of Christina Chamley for this great work you do sitting the long days on our Worlds commenting from morning to the evening. Some people tried also here to blame people who work hard on a volunteer basis. This I cannot accept. We are open to all who have good ideas or who are willing to work and volunteer on the committees, but we are not open for blaming our volunteers.

The relationship with The Commonwealth Federation is going well and we supported once again the Commonwealth Championships by providing for the second year the half payment for the medals. Here I want thanks Matthew Curtain for his support and we are still working to receive the membership from them so that we may participate at the Commonwealth Games in the future.

Growth of membership was a very good step forward this year. Mostly in the African Region but not only in this region. Actually we are 111 member Federations. Since we have sent in the letters from our members for the IOC recognition (90) we have 21 new members. I have also been informed that China

shows big interest in becoming a member and I am now in contact with Ip Wing Yuk from Hong Kong who helps us to organize a meeting between the Ministry and IPF. All this shows that the FISU was a very important step and that now things are moving faster forward. All of what I brought up in Puerto Rico has been done and so you should also listen when I say we need both the Equipped and Classic Powerlifting. We can still say that we have a lot of participants in both. Of course the Classic brings us a lot of more new lifters but at the World level we still have a lot of participants in both. And I am sure in the future more Classic lifters will change to Equipped lifting which is good and that is the reason why we should go both ways and promote both.

Our financial situation is very good even we spend a lot of money to defend our rights. We need not be afraid to defend us as it cannot be that someone with money who thinks he can dictate what we should do. All this is necessary because nothing has been done wrong and therefore we need defend the interest of the IPF. Thank you Dietmar for the good work you have done over the whole year and to manage all in the best interest of the IPF. Finally I want thank you all the EC member for your good cooperation and specially Sigurjon Petursson and Robert Keller for working very hard with all the cases we had to defend ourselves and the extra work we had to prepare our defense along with their other assigned responsibilities. Of course we are also very thankful for our lawyers Mr. Ross Wenzel from Lausanne and Mr Marc Theisen from Luxemburg. They are working close with us together for our defense and until now with great success. Not only the CAS case that has been rejected but also several unfounded cases brought up by Robert Wilks have been dismissed.

I wish you all a fruitful and successful congress and I hope we make the right decisions in the interest of our sport.

Gaston Parage
President
International Powerlifting Federation

Championship Secretary Report

Dear all,

As my report as president is so long I have done a very short report as championship secretary. First I am happy to say that the most member nations handle very well the nominations on the Goodlift system. But still some of the members without the experience need my help and special the new members or those who are not often taking part at the Worlds.

Also here Robert Wilks brought in a claim because we still asking the electronic nomination and the paper nominations. Why he claims now is strange because when we started with the system. I explained the EC why we need go forward with both. And he knows it very well but still want just make trouble.

Why we need the paper form as well.

1. Because we must anticipate having problems with the server storing the nomination data. As an example, at the Classic Worlds in Minsk, the server crashed and we had to use the paper documents. Fortunately, they were available to us.
2. Because on the paper form we need the Adams ID and this should not be on the electronic system because nobody need to know the Adams ID from our lifters.
3. Some members deleted unfortunately lifters and because the dateline was over they could not more add the lifters. So they ask me to add them. To make sure they have been nominated in time I verify the paper nomination and then I add them on the electronic system.
4. Some nations send me the paper form because they are new or have not the experience for the electronic nominations, and then I add them. Because of my workload it can be that I add them 2 or 3 days after I am back from a Worlds or a meeting. I got then some question's why they have been added after the dateline. I explained it and then if people did not believe then I forward the paper form with the e-mail I received and the date that people could verify and that all has been done correct.
5. We need for some of our Worlds the whereabouts or the nominations form with the Adams ID. From the experience not asking the nomination from we do not receive any forms. Even now we still asking always please forward the where about and the profile form, the accommodation form and so on.

All this is reason enough to ask for both nominations. We had 54 nations taking part at the Classic Worlds and 42 at the equipped Worlds and not any Federation claimed about it except Robert Wilks even he has been over year's at the Executive committee and did not claim until know to harass us like he do with all the unfounded claims. Know it has been explained one more time and we do not explain it one more time. As Eva Speth has brought up the numbers of lifters Classic and Equipped Men & Women I will not more bringing here the same as it is enough when you can find the numbers in one report. A lot of new referees have passed the exams for Cat II and Cat I. Also a lot more ladies are now international referees. This is very good but only when they receive the support from their Federations to be nominated to take part at the Regions and at the World level. One more time I repeat that it is the responsibility of the member Federations to add in their budget money for the referees to take part in our championships. This is one part you can do for the IOC recognition as first it cost all money and at the end it is coming back to all of you when we receive the recognition. Please take your responsibility and make sure we will have enough referee's for the future taking part.

I want thank you all those who send all the times referee's and I want thank you all those referees who always sitting from the morning until evening to make sure our competitions can taking place.

The only what is still not working well is the where about forms who need be send in when requested. That means they need be send in with the preliminary date. In the future we need refuse nominations

when the where about will not be send in together with the preliminary nomination dateline. The where about are needed to do out of competition tests. Failure to send them to us we cannot start in time OCT tests and then we need refuse the nominations. My last thank you goes to all the lifters who have competed at all our Worlds and to all the coaches who train every day with the lifters, doing a hard job to bring our sport forward.

Best regards
Gaston Parage
IPF Championship Secretary

3) Report Vice President

Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear friends and officials,

It is a pleasure for me to be here with you all today at this IPF Annual Congress. I do thank you all for putting your trust in me by electing two years ago to the position of Vice President. What a year it has been.

I would like to provide you with a short overview of my major activities in 2017.

This year we have had a huge number of cases to work on that Mr Robert Wilks, Powerlifting Australia and Oceania Powerlifting Federation have brought against us all before the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee as well as the court in Luxembourg. Let me remind you that in the case that Mr Wilks as well as Powerlifting Australia as well as the Oceania Powerlifting Federation have lodged against us in Luxembourg they demand that the court rule as to the annihilation of the IPF and the nullification of all championships from 2008 and as well as the nullification of all records as well. In other words that all the time, money, effort and passion that all of us have put into this sport for almost a decade be wiped out. All these cases called for a tremendous amount of time on my behalf reading constitutions, laws and regulations as well as case material. Time and effort that should not have been put into matters like these but rather into building up a better future for our athletes and our sport. Other IPF responsibilities such as the ADC chairmanship required a lot of time as well.

This year involved a number of trips, telephone calls, emails, meetings, conversations etc.

In March I travelled to Lausanne, Switzerland for the WADA Symposium. This was as always very informative and gave me the opportunity to meet with and introduce the IPF to the top people at WADA. During the visit to Lausanne I also visited our lawyer Mr Ross Wenzel of Kellerhals Carrard regarding cases he and his company have been working on for us.

In July I travelled to Wroclaw, Poland for the World Games to attend our EC meeting there as well as to attend the games and work with the Media Team etc. My wife covered the Games with her cameras for the IPF Media Team.

In August/September I attended the Junior and Sub-Junior World Championship in Orlando, Florida as the IPF EC representative but also worked a lot with the media team on developing improved photography coverage. My wife who is a photographer was with me as well and contributed her photographs of the event to the IPF media team. I want to thank all the media team members for their splendid work and cooperation. As mentioned in previous year's report compared to the situation a few years ago we have progressed tremendously on this front. Thank you Chrissy, Heinrich, Eric and, members of the Viva Team Richard, Ray and Ben.

I've of course worked very close with Mr Gaston Parage, Mr Robert Keller and other members of the EC and want to express my thanks and gratitude to all of them. The time and effort these people give the sport of powerlifting on a voluntary basis is huge and should be appreciated by us all.

What has been the negative this year as in the previous year is all the time and money that has been wasted on the case that Mr Robert Wilks brought against the IPF. In the end the CAS he brought against us last year was rejected by the CAS on the basis of lack of jurisdiction and Mr Wilks was required to pay the IPF 2000 CHF. To this date Mr Robert Wilks has not paid those CHF 2000 to the IPF as per the CAS's decision.

Again I thank you for the trust in electing me. I hope that my contribution has helped the sport. We need to invest more time and money in our methods and systems most importantly in Anti-Doping in order to become a more professional world-class sport.

Last but not least I want to thank Mr Gaston Parage for the cooperation. The time and passion this individual contributes to our sport is second to none. Tremendous. Gaston! Please convey my regards and thanks to your wife. I also want to say special thanks to Mr Robert Keller our General Secretary for the time we have spent working together. He as well contributes much more time than you can imagine. Thanks Robert and convey my regards and thanks to your wife as well. May we all have a successful Annual Congress - Thank you.

Hafnarfirði, 16 September 2017
Sigurjón Pétursson, IPF Vice President

4) Minutes of the last General Assembly

The Minutes from the 2016 General Assembly in Orlando can be found on the IPF Website.

5) Report Treasurer

Treasurer's report, period 1st October 2016 to 30th of September 2017

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

The approved budget of the congress for the period October 2016 – September 2017 gave the IPF a financial leeway for focal points activities. These focal points activities are not only linked to the further development of the IPF, but also play a major role for the IOC recognition e.g. Main focal points activities:

- Anti-doping work connected to the World Games and Major International Championships
- High quality streaming from major international championships
- Marketing (IPF Magazine, Facebook, Twitter, etc)
- Development fund regions
- Preparations/ purchasing of equipment to the World Games 2017

The incomes of the budget for the period of 1st October 2016 to 30th September 2017 were exceeded. But the IPF has had in some budgetary items more additional expenditures as foreseen in the same period. The larger additional expenses are linked to:

1. A higher tax assessment for the year 2016 to the tax department in Luxemburg for purchase of materials and business services (due higher activity when buying goods and for services in 2016).
2. Media work, especially connected to larger international championships and World Games
3. Work connected to the IOC recognition and SportAccord
4. Extraordinary expenses for lawyer costs in Lausanne/CH and Luxembourg/LUX

As the current financial situation shows, the scheduled budget connected to the incomes section has been noticeably extended for the period 1st October 16 to September 2017. These mainly extended incomes are linked to the new sponsorship with Bull (IPF Bronze Sponsor).

After the auditors have examined the accounts and bookkeeping system of the IPF and finalized the auditor's report, the financial report for 2016 – 2017 with the actual numbers will be published before Congress. A special thank goes to our VIP partners Eleiko and SBD. Eleiko who supplies all organizers of main World Championships with equipment included the transportation costs for the equipment. And SBD who supports us in addition financially for developing the regions. I also want to thank the IPF Silver Sponsor Rogue, IPF Bronze Sponsor Bull and Rehband, all sponsors and equipment manufacturers of the IPF for the good cooperation during the year.

Once again, I want to remind all nations, that the membership fee must be paid at latest in the end of January during the actual year. The invoices are posted on the IPF Homepage in section ABOUT IPF/INVOICES. Nations, who have not paid their membership fee, will not have any voting rights at the congress in the current congress year.

I want to express my thankfulness to all affiliated member nations, sponsors, vendors, my EC colleges, IPF committees and all other people in the IPF for a good cooperation during the year. I wish you all a successful Congress and World Championship Competition.

Best wishes,
Dietmar Wolf,
Treasurer - IPF
Stange - Norway
12.9.17

IPF Balance Sheet



INCOMES 2016/2017

01.1	MEMBERSHIP FEE	€ 30 269,17
01.2	PARTICIPATION FEE	€ 118 838,60
01.2.1	WG 17	€ 77 669,05
01.3	SANCTION FEE	€ 5 970,00
02.1	REFEREE FEES	€ 4 141,11
03.1	SPONSORS	€ 183 833,33
03.2	APPROVAL&LICENSE FEE	€ 187 243,73
03.3	LOGO FEE	€ 5 465,93
07.1	ANTI DOPING FEE	€ 117 448,60
07.2	DOPING FINES	€ 19 813,70
07.5	OCT FINES REGIONS	€ 19 640,36
08.2	COMMERCIAL	€ -
08.3	IPF MAGAZINE	€ 1 629,17
0.9	OTHERS	€ 65 909,26
10.0	CASH	

Incomes: € 837 872,01

EXPENSES 2016/2017

01.2	PARTICIPATION FEE/ORGANIZER	€ 25 479,67
01.2.1	WG 17	€ 82 188,23
02.2	REFEREE TIES/BADGES/SCAFS	€ 5 954,94
03.1	SPONSOR EQUIPMENT	€ -
03.4	SPONSOR/CONSULTANT	€ 30 635,90
0.4	ADMINISTRATION	€ 126 127,29
0.5	TRAVEL	€ 97 165,01
0.6	DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT	€ 118 489,93
0.7	ANTI DOPING	€ 150 647,50
0.8	MARKETING&MAGAZINE	€ 113 929,18
0.9	OTHERS	€ 66 032,33
10.0	CASH	

Expenses: € 816 649,98

Incomes 1.10.16 - 30.9.17	€ 837 872,01
Expenses 1.10.16 - 30.9.17	€ -816 649,98
Budget surplus:	€ 21 222,03

IPF BANK ACCOUNTS

Saving account BCEE 31.12.16	€ 17 998,17
Daily account BCEE 30.9.17	€ 142 745,61
Visa Card accounts 30.9.17	€ -1 667,29
	€ 159 076,49

Saving account ING 31.12.16	€ 36 470,88
Daily account ING 30.9.17	€ 62,99
PayPal account 30.9.17	€ 1 500,68
	€ 38 034,55

Daily&Saving accounts total amount 30.9.17 € 197 111,04

Daily&Saving accounts total amount 30.9.16	€ -189 541,05
Daily&Saving accounts total amount 30.9.17	€ 197 111,04

Net profit income 2016/2017: € 7 569,99

Outstanding payments until 30.9.17

Approval and license fee - AWESOME	€ 3 750,00
Approval and license fee - BEAST GENETICS	€ 5 718,75
Doping Fine Afghanistan	€ 2 040,00
Doping Fine Columbia	€ 2 000,00
Doping Fine India	€ 2 000,00
Doping Fine Iran	€ 4 000,00
Doping Fine Libya	€ 4 000,00
Doping Fine Mexico	€ 2 000,00
Doping Fine Samoa	€ 2 000,00
Doping Fine Uzbekistan	€ 12 365,95
OCT Region Africa	€ 500,00
OCT Region South America	€ 2 000,00
WG 17 Brazil - remaining amount	€ 2 687,57
CAS Mr. R.Wilks - remaining amount 2000 CHF	€ 1 750,00
	€ 46 812,27

FINANCIAL REPORT 2016/2017, 1.10.16 - 30.9.17



Financial situation: 30.9.17

Bank accounts:

Banque et Caisse D'Epargne de L'etat - Daily account 30.9.17	€	142 745,61
Banque et Caisse D'Epargne de L'etat - Saving account 31.12.16	€	17 998,17
Banque et Caisse D'Epargne de L'etat - Visa Card account 30.9.17	€	-1 667,29
ING - Daily account 30.9.17	€	62,99
ING - Saving account 31.12.16	€	36 470,88
PayPal account 30.9.17	€	1 500,68
Credit total amount:	€	197 111,04

Financial situation: 30.9.16

Bank accounts:

Banque et Caisse D'Epargne de L'etat - Daily account 30.9.16	€	132 987,30
Banque et Caisse D'Epargne de L'etat - Saving account 31.12.15	€	17 998,40
Banque et Caisse D'Epargne de L'etat - Visa Card account 30.9.16	€	-794,39
ING - Daily account 1.7.16	€	326,69
ING - Saving account 31.12.15	€	36 405,21
PayPal account 30.9.16	€	2 617,84
Credit total amount:	€	189 541,05

Financial situation: 1.10.16 - 30.9.17

Balance sheet

Financial situation 30.9.16	€	-189 541,05
Financial situation 30.9.17	€	197 111,04
Net profit income:	€	7 569,99

The IPF was able to close the fiscal year with a net profit income: € 7 569,99

BUDGET 2018



	Budget Income	Expenditure
01 Fees		
01.1 Membership fees	36 000,00	
01.2 Participation fees	112 500,00	30 000,00
01.3 Sanction fees	8 000,00	
01.4 Membership fees - Umbrella organisations		7 000,00
	156 500,00	37 000,00
02 Referee fee		
02.1 Examination	1 500,00	
02.2 Card renewal/fine		
02.3.Tie's, etc.	500,00	1 000,00
	2 000,00	1 000,00
03. Partners		
03.1 Sponsor	165 000,00	
03.2 Approval/License fee	190 000,00	
03.3 Logo fee	5 600,00	
03.4.Sponsor/Consultant		22 900,00
	360 600,00	22 900,00
04 Administration		
04.1 Telecommunication		1 000,00
04.2 Interests, Account fees, Tax	200,00	33 000,00
04.3 Internet costs – Homepage		4 500,00
04.4 Awards, Certificates etc.		2 000,00
04.5. Stationery		8 000,00
04.6 Stamps		1 000,00
04.7 Medals	500,00	500,00
04.8 Computer Secretary		8 500,00
04.9 Expences allowance		35 000,00
04.11 Secretary Luxemburg		100 000,00
	700,00	193 500,00
05 Travel		
05.1 Championships / Meal expences		60 000,00
05.2 Intern. Congress / IOC / IWGA		15 000,00
05.3 World Games 2017		
	0,00	75 000,00
06 Development of Sport		
06.1 Travel		20 000,00
06.2 Equipment	30 000,00	96 000,00
06.3 Trainer Education	15 000,00	17 000,00
06.4 Regions	12 000,00	12 000,00
	57 000,00	145 000,00
07 Anti-Doping		
07.1 Anti-Doping fees	112 500,00	
07.1.2 Anti Doping fees World Games		
07.2 Fines	10 000,00	
07.3 WADA-laboratory + transport costs		40 000,00
07.4 National Agencies costs/ travel officers		40 000,00
07.5 OCT	20 000,00	40 000,00
07.6 Education		4 000,00
07.7 Assistant Secretary		14 400,00
07.8 CAS / DHP		10 000,00
	142 500,00	148 400,00
08 Marketing & Media		
08.1 Travel		17 000,00
08.2 Merchandise		
08.3 Newsletter/Magazine	1 500,00	12 000,00
08.4 TV / Internet streaming	0,00	77 000,00
	1 500,00	106 000,00
09 Other		
09.1 Additional income / expenditure		4 000,00
	0,00	4 000,00
Balance	720 800,00	732 800,00
Profit	-12 000,00	

IPF Auditor's Report
Auditor report IPF 1.10.16 - 30.9.17

The bank account control and the verification of the bank account documents of the IPF was carried out on the 9th October 2017 in Luxembourg. The audit period includes 1st of October 2016 to 30th of September 2017. Henri Adam from LUXASCON (LUX) and the auditor Xavier de Puytorac (FRA) and the treasurer of IPF, Dietmar Wolf, were present.

Complaints about the bank accounts and bank account documents were not found.
The invoice-, income-and expenses documents are very well organized by individual document lists.
The treasurer has been certified correct work with each of the bookkeeping processes and is to grant discharge.
The financial assets have during the fiscal year increased with 7,569.99 € and leads to bank balances of 197, 111.04 € at 30.9.2017.

This positive bank balance could have been higher, if lawyer costs would not have arisen in legal cases. The total amount of the costs was 33,294.63 €.

Furthermore, according to a letter from CAS, dated on 06.14.2016, Mr. Robert Wilks has been requested to pay 2000 CHF to the IPF. This amount of 2000 CHF must be requested from Robert Wilks in written form by the IPF.
Luxemburg, 9.10.17



Henri Adam
LUXASCON



Xavier De Puytorac
Auditer IPF

6) Report from the Secretary General

Dear Friends:

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF), I would like to welcome each one of you to Pilsen for this year's World Powerlifting Championships and this year's IPF General Assembly.

I'm very pleased to report, as an organization, we've had another prosperous and successful year!

I continue speak daily with the President, Mr. Parage to ensure my responsibilities are fulfilled to advance the federation forward and to reach our ultimate goal of IOC Recognition. As I've reported before, Gaston is the engine that drives our organization. You will not meet anyone that works as hard or is as devoted as Gaston. Sigurjon Petursson, our Vice-President ensures our ship is steady and has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Sigurjon was been exceptional in managing and overseeing our ongoing legal cases with Mr. Wilks, Powerlifting Australia and the Oceania Powerlifting Federation. His work as the ADC Chairman has been exceptional as well. Mr. Dietmar Wolf continues to handle and oversee our finances with precision and in an outstanding manner. I have had the pleasure to work with our secretaries in our new office in the House of Sport at the Luxembourg National Olympic Committee. My colleagues on the executive Committee are committed to ensuring our organization remains successful. I can assure you that Mr. Parage is firmly committed to reaching our goal of IOC recognition. Our executive and our committees are second to none and work tirelessly, day after day, and year after year. They deserve your continued praise.

Besides my normal everyday duties, I attended numerous championships, meetings and conferences. Most of the meetings, I attended with Gaston Parage. The meetings and competitions are as follows:

Arnold Schwarzenegger Sports Festival, Columbus, Ohio, USA
SportAccord Convention, Aarhus, Denmark
World Classic Bench Press Championships, Killeen, Texas, USA
World Classic Powerlifting Championships, Minsk, Belarus
NAPF Pan-American/North American Regional Championship, Orlando, Florida, USA
IPF EC Meeting – Wroclaw, Poland
IWGA World Games – Wroclaw, Poland
World Sub-Junior/Junior Powerlifting Championships
NAPF North American Bench Press Championships, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
IF Forum, Lausanne, Switzerland
IPF World Powerlifting Championships, Pilsen, Czech Republic

USA Powerlifting directed another terrific Arnold Sports Festival. The competition was well directed by Dr. Larry Maile and Priscilla Ribic – Congratulations and well done!

The SportAccord Convention was a huge success for the IPF this year. During SportAccord Convention, Gaston and I met with officials from the IOC Executive, the IOC Sports Department, Special Olympics International, AIMS, FISU, the IWGA, FICS, WADA, the Commonwealth Games and Peace and Sport. From these meetings, our relationship continues to grow with Special Olympics International, and the Commonwealth Games. Key and important, this year, this year, the IPF formally received FISU recognition. Another huge step forward for the IPF. I would like personally thank Mr Parage for requesting that I collect the necessary data and prepare the application for FISU. I want to also

specially thank the IPF member federations for supporting this initiative. This year the IPF established a booth at the convention which included training demonstrations. Special thanks to Emanuel Scheiber, our VIP Partners, SBD and Eleiko, and the Danish Powerlifting Federation for assisting with this event. The booth also was used to raise monies for sports equipment for under privileged children in South Africa. The IPF's presence is now well known in the international sports world!

I continued to serve on the Board of Directors to Association of Independent Members of Sport Accord (AIMS). Last year, at SportAccord, AIMS, provisionally received IOC organization, established two committees. One that will assist fledgling sports to receive recognition of Sport Accord. The other committee included the development of an AIMS Sports Festival. The IPF is a member of AIMS, and is now listed in the IOC Sport Directory of non-recognized sports. Overall, my work with AIMS focuses on assisting IFs in achieving IOC Recognition.

This year, I performed the annual audit of the member federation contact information. The audit assisted Mr. Bernardi in preparing our most recent application to the IOC. This was a huge task and I want to thank all of the member federations for responding in a timely manner. In the future, if there are any changes with your contact information, please be sure to contact both your regional executive as well as me, and we'll be sure to update your membership contact information. Special thanks to Heinrich Van Rensburg for his assistance in placing the updated contact information onto the IPF website. This project was a significant and necessary part of our IOC Application. After the congress this year, I will be contacting you once more to ensure that your contact information is updated.

Last year, I worked on a project which identified a list of non-member federation countries world-wide that we reached out too. The IPF now has 112 member federations, the most member federations in our history. Significant new member federation includes Turkey. This year, we've started discussions with China as well. Special thanks to our regions for becoming more active.

The legal cases presented to the IPF remain a major and significant distraction for the executive. We've been successful in thwarting the efforts of persons bent on undermining the organization. However, the effort to do this comes at a significant cost of time and financial resources to the organization. The time and effort should be used to concentrate on work for the benefit of the organization instead. Once more, I must praise the monumental effort of Gaston, Sigurjon, Dietmar and Mr. Wahlstrom for their exceptional work in protecting the IPF. I would also like to recognize the superb work of Mr. Ross Wenzel, our legal counsel, and Mr. Marc Theisen our legal counsel in Luxembourg provided us the necessary and expert legal advice to achieve successful outcomes. However, one more, our efforts have come at a major expense in time, as well as our monetary resources that should have been directed toward both our application to the IOC and to the development our organization as a whole.

Currently, I serve as the Chairman for the IPF Sport for all Commission. The committee members met in Orlando at the World Sub-Junior/Junior Championships. It was decided to have to a championship in Luxembourg which includes Special Olympic Athletes, Blind Athletes and Paralympic Athletes. The Special Olympics competition will be a unified event with IPF athletes. Special thanks to both Chip Hultquist and Mr. Peter Thorne. This activity of this committee will play an important role in reaching our goal of IOC recognition.

The World Games in Wroclaw, Poland was simply exceptional event. My compliments to the IWGA and the Wroclaw organizing committee for their hard work that produced a one of the best powerlifting championships ever held. This was the first time powerlifting appeared on the Olympic Channel. The exposure for our sport at this competition was something never seen before. We continue to grow and makes great strides with our medial production – Compliments to Eric Rupp and Christina Chambly.

At this event, we had a number of important meetings with the International Olympic Committee Sports Department regarding our application. Our meetings went very well and the officials from not only the IOC but the IWGA were extremely pleased with the results of our event. As an organization, we remain cautiously optimistic of our recognition by the IOC. Presently, the IPF meets all of the criteria for recognition, we now have to just wait our turn.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the executive, the committees, the commission members, the member federations as well as the athletes, coaches and referees. I look forward to our continued work, together, next year. Of special recognition, I would like to thank Mr. Hannie Smith and Mr. Richard Parker. Though difficult at times, your efforts and resolve are appreciated by everyone.

To close, I want to personally thank everyone for having confidence in my work. Of course, if there is anything I can do to assist you in the future, please call on me. Thank you.

My sincere and kind regards,

Robert Keller
Secretary General
International Powerlifting Federation
San Jose, Costa Rica
10.01.2017

7) Committee Reports

a) Technical Committee

The Year 2017 is almost something in the past. I want to thank all the EC & TC Members and all the Referees who officiate at World & Regional Championships for their hard work and long hour on the platform and Jury table especially in Belarus Classic Worlds. The selection and positioning of referees to officiate at IPF Championships has been made throughout the year according to Nations nomination.

During the Raw Bench Press Championships in Killeen we have only 21 Referees participating. It was disappointed because all the referees and specially the Jury work back to back sessions. The Equipped Bench Press Championships in Lithuania 38 Referee participate. The 1st University World Powerlifting Championships there were only 16 Referees and Jury some worked back to back sessions. More referees attend the Classic World Powerlifting Championships in Minsk, Belarus but there were still not enough to have a Jury table for each platform. 61 referees participated in Belarus. In Orlando at the S/Jnr & Jnr World Powerlifting Championships 26 Referees participate. My report was done before Master Worlds in Sundsvall Sweden. 28 Referees is nominated.

On behalf of the TC, I would like to call on the member federations to send more Referees to World Championships. I would also encourage more women to become referees. The IOC requirement it that we must have more women referees. A large number of new Referees passed the examination and I welcome you all in the IPF Referee Corps.

Also a big thanks to all the Meet Directors for hosting these Championships. This is not an easy job task. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

I received a couple of email regarding rules and gear and answered them hopefully to everyone's satisfaction.

The Technical Committee proposals were sent to me this year and I will present to the Congress in 2018

For Classic powerlifting, 2016 was the first year when only approved Belts and Singlets is allowed on the platform. We're slowly getting rid of non-approved gear, but we're getting there.

Thank you.
Johan Smith
TC Chairman

b) Medical Committee

Greetings IPF members 2017

In 2017 Medical Committee has still carried on the work due to subjects set by EC IPF that means concentrating on correctness of the TUE approval process. In the year 2017 happened in the work of the commission several procedural changes. Through active help VP IPF Sigurjon Petursson, we currently have operation procedures which are fully integrated with the WADA guidelines, in this case. It should be stated that the number of examined TUE was higher to those examined last year (39 granted and 10 refused) but the level of their complexity constantly growing. They mostly still concern the Masters category, but spectrum of medicines the competitors alarmingly increases.

They concern diseases related to women disorders, ADHD, diabetes, joints or muscle inflammation ect. The decisions about the legality of a chronic application of steroid medicines, were generally negative. In 2017 recognizes the importance of the Medical Committee's work, IPF accompanied by the EC IPF, member of the MC Mrs. Josephine Wing-Yuk Ip. We congratulate her success. In connection with new interpretations provisions concerning TUE, Chairman MC was seconded to a WADA's 4th Therapeutic Use Exemption Symposium 21-23.09.2017 in Helsinki.

Medical Committee still continues doing the best to support IPF attempts leading powerlifting to become the Olympic discipline wishing you staying in this aspiration Chairman thanks for difficult and fruitful cooperation to all members, thank you.

Josephine Wing-Yuk Ip – Hong Kong
Benedicte Le Panse – France
Lawrence Maile – USA
Hugo Velasquez – Costa Rica
Donovan Thompson - USA

Prof. Nzw. Dr. hab. Marek Kruszewski - Poland
Chairman IPF Medical Committee

c) Ethics & Disciplinary Committee

The Ethics & Disciplinary Committee (E&DC) currently comprises of the following members:

Richard Parker (Great Britain) Chairman	
Gennadiy Khodosevich (Russia) Member	- Exec Appointee
Sean Dunston (USA) Member	- North America
Pavol Muller (Slovakia) Member	- Europe
Eddie Torres (Philippines) Member	- Asia
Volker Bernardi (Germany) Member	- Exec Appointee
Andre Smith (South Africa) Member	- Africa
Roland Blasi (Luxembourg)	- Exec Appointee

The E&DC examines and decides on ethics and disciplinary cases within the IPF and determines penalties except on doping related cases. In order to ensure objectivity and to prevent partiality, if a case involves a national of one of the countries from which a member of the E&DC comes, the said member abstains and is not involved in processing of the case.

The E&DC deals with two categories of cases:

a) Anti-Doping – involving examination of:

- Doping Control Forms
- Analysis Results Records
- TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption)
- Other documents and evidence presented to, or collected by, the E&DC

If after examining a case in detail it is the opinion of the E&DC that a doping violation has occurred it is

cleared to be sent to the Doping Hearing Panel (DHP) for a decision. Some 16 cases of this nature from 12 countries have been processed since the last General Assembly, for one of which a valid TUE was in place.

- b) Complaints received through the IPF Secretary General from the Executive, Regions, Nations or individuals.
 - a. Executive – none
 - b. Regions:
 - i. Oceania:
 - 1. Case regarding provision of Eleiko equipment – dismissed.
 - 2. Allegation regarding Chairman Medical Committee – in progress.
 - 3. Allegation of improper funding of OPF nations to attend World Championships – in progress.
 - 4. Disputed IPF membership status of some OPF nations – in progress.
 - 5. Disputed IPF OCT levy for 2016 – in progress.
 - ii. EPF – one case regarding political demonstrations at a championship. Subsequently withdrawn as the country in question taking disciplinary action against the lifter concerned.
 - c. Nations
 - i. Powerlifting Australia:
 - 1. Five cases covering a variety of issues alleging misconduct by EC members – none of which were upheld.
 - 2. Case regarding reimbursement of referees' costs – dismissed.
 - 3. Allegation regarding forwarding of cases to E&DC – in progress.
 - 4. Allegations regarding World Championships Entry Process – in progress.
 - ii. Brazil - one case regarding offensive Facebook postings. Under investigation.
 - d. Individuals - none

This Committee has proposed a defined procedure for documentary hearing of disciplinary cases brought before it and hope that this will meet the approval of the General Assembly. This will ensure that all cases are dealt with in a timely manner.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all E&DC members for their help and support dealing with all the above cases, particularly the difficult non anti-doping related matters.

Richard Parker
Chairman

d) Appeal Committee

Greetings to All:

The IPF Appeal Committee heard one appeal in 2017, which resulted in a referral to the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee.

Thank you,

Bettina C. Altizer
IPF Appeal Chairperson

e) Law & Legislation Committee

The Law & Legislation Committee (L&LC) members welcomed the new member, Michael Patterson, joining the Committee. He is a lawyer, joined the Committee in January this year. Since then the L&LC has consisted of the following members:

- Kalevi Sorsa (Finland), Chairman
- Robert Keller (United States of America), Member
- Sandro Rossi (Italy), Member
- Michael Patterson (Great Britain), Member

One of the Law & Legislation Committee's duties is to review the constitutions of member applicants; those must among other things include definite rules for that:

- The Federation accepts and follows the Constitution and By-Laws of the IPF and those of the concerned Regional Powerlifting Federation;
- The Federation organises competitions in accordance with the IPF Technical Rules;
- The Federation accepts and follows the IPF Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA *Code*;
- The Federation and its members recognize the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne as the only external body for jurisdiction;
- The Federation has sanctions for national level anti-doping rule violations in full accordance with the sanctions set out in the IPF Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA *Code*.

The IPF Law & Legislation Committee provides with each applicant a model rule which must be included, without any substantive change, in the relevant article of each applicant's constitution in regard to the duties of the Federation's Disciplinary Committee, particularly in regard to imposing penalties on national level anti-doping rule violations.

Additionally, there must be definite rules in the applicant's constitution about that the National Federation has a democratically elected Executive Committee, for a renewable term from two to four years (the term must be specified), including: the President; the Vice President, the General Secretary; the Treasurer; other members (2-5)

Moreover, there must be definite rules in the applicant's constitution about that the Chairpersons of committees are elected democratically, for a renewable term from two to four years (the term must be specified), including but not limited to:

- Technical Committee
 - Disciplinary Committee
 - Appeal Committee
 - Law & Legislation Committee.
- After the last year's General Assembly the Law & Legislation Committee has reviewed and approved the Constitutions of the following member applicants:
- Malaysian Association of Powerlifting
 - Namibian Powerlifting and Weightlifting Federation
 - Powerlifting Association of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
 - Powerlifting Federation of Panama

- Togo Gold Powerlifting Association
 - Turkish Powerlifting Association
 - Anguilla Powerlifting Federation
 - Syrian Powerlifting Federation
- Anguilla, Ivory Coast, Malaysia, Namibia, Panama, Togo, Syria and Turkey have also sent to the IPF the member application forms containing all required information, and are accepted as provisional members of the IPF, however subject to ratification at this General Assembly.
- Additionally, Aruba, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belize, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Chile, Cuba, Cyprus, Gambia, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Palestine, Somalia, Thailand, and Zimbabwe have been interested in joining the IPF, but their applications are still in process – no constitutions received or received but not approved by now (when writing this report at the end of August).
- The Law & Legislation Committee has updated the IPF Constitution & By-Laws in accordance with the amendments decided at the 2016 General Assembly.
 - As set out in article 11.5 of the IPF Constitution, the Law & Legislation Committee has also received and evaluated proposed changes to the IPF Constitution and By-Laws and reported the results to the IPF President and the Secretary General.
 - The Committee has also served as the parent Committee in further amending the Constitution & By-Laws, i.e., the Committee has cooperated with the Executive Committee in formulating the proposals which are included in the official agenda for this General Assembly.

We wish you all a successful General Assembly and World Championship Competition.

Kalevi Sorsa
Law & Legislation Committee Chairman

f) Anti-Doping Commission

Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear friends and officials,

Here are the highlights of the Anti-Doping Commission activities in 2017. In January a new Registered Testing Pool (TRP) was prepared and posted. Through the year the pool is updated regularly as suspensions start and finish etc. Also leading up to the World Games (WG) in July the RTP increased in size as we wanted to include all athletes going to the WG. As of this writing there are 97 athletes in the RTP. Kalevi Sorsa updates the RTP regularly and I want to thank him for his excellent work.

In January we started calling for the National Doping Reports. After a lot of follow up out of 100 (88) nations 77 (78) sent in a report. 23 (10) nations did not report. The ratio of those not sending in a report is a higher ratio than in previous years. Those that did not send in a report got fined Euro 500. Total number of reported tests was 2393 (2250). 1501 (1671) men were tested and 538 (579) women. 1633 were ICT and 760 OCT. On the national level there were (61) 76 positives. Of those nations that reported 36 (45) did not report any tests being made.

A Test Distribution Plan was drawn up based on the WADA standards and guidelines like the IS Testing, The Guidelines for Effecting Testing as well as other guidelines, previous test results and

intelligence. One of the plan's objective is to get the number of OCTs up to 40% of the total number of tests. In order to implement the plan and the selection of individual lifters in an objective and neutral way a special selection unit was formed in 2016. The unit consists of Kalevi Sorsa and Detleve Albrings that both belong to the ADC but not to any EC of IPF, Regional or national federations. Other members of the Anti-Doping Commission belong to one of those so these do not do the selection and have no knowledge of who are selected. The selection unit draws up a list of all lifters to be tested at events. In addition lifters that break records are tested as well.

In March I and Sabine Zangerle secretary of the ADC travelled to Lausanne, Switzerland for the annual WADA Symposium. This was very informative as always and gave me the opportunity to meet with and introduce the IPF to the top people at WADA. It also gave me an opportunity to compare our Anti-Doping program and procedures to what other International Federations are doing. It is my opinion that even though we have a long way to go in the fight against doping and building up and strengthening our system further we can be proud of the system and the people we have involved in this work for us.

One area of focus and emphasis is education programs. Education seminars were held at several of our championships this year especially at juniors and sub-juniors. Education programs will be increased and most likely attendance/certificate made a compulsory prerequisite for nomination in the future.

The status of the testing this year as compared to last year is that total number of tests that have been done this year is 335 (303) as of 1 September. This compares to 442 for the total of 2016. In 2016 we had 18 positives (4.1%) and so far this year we have 6 positives (1.8%). We have 36 pending cases. It is possible that there is a positive in one of those cases. So until we have information on what happens for the rest of the year and what comes out of the pending cases we cannot compare this year to the years before. OCT tests produce a higher ratio of positives so as we increase those up to 40% we can expect an increase in the numbers.

There is no doubt in my mind that in the future we need to put much more money into our Anti-Doping Program. There are both external pressures and internal pressures. We need to get the blood samples up to 5%. We need to increase testing for the Athlete Biological Passport. Reanalysis of samples will require some financial resources. Last year I reported that WADA would compliance test all signatories to the CODE. The Compliance questionnaire was filled out in May and we got a report back from WADA on items they either want us to improve. Out of the 50 items they classify 7 to be critical and these have to be corrected by 12 December. So we have a lot of work ahead of us.

Cooperation with ADC members has been good. I want specially to thank Detlev Albrings to come aboard the ADC in 2016. He has done excellent work in the selection unit of the ADC. I also want to thank specially Kalevi Sorsa for his excellent work and information. If a question comes up about rules and regulations just ask Kalevi. Sabine Zangerle I want to thank for all her work as the secretary of the ADC. All the paperwork she does is huge. Janie Soubliere of the Doping Hearing Panel as well as other DHP members thank you.

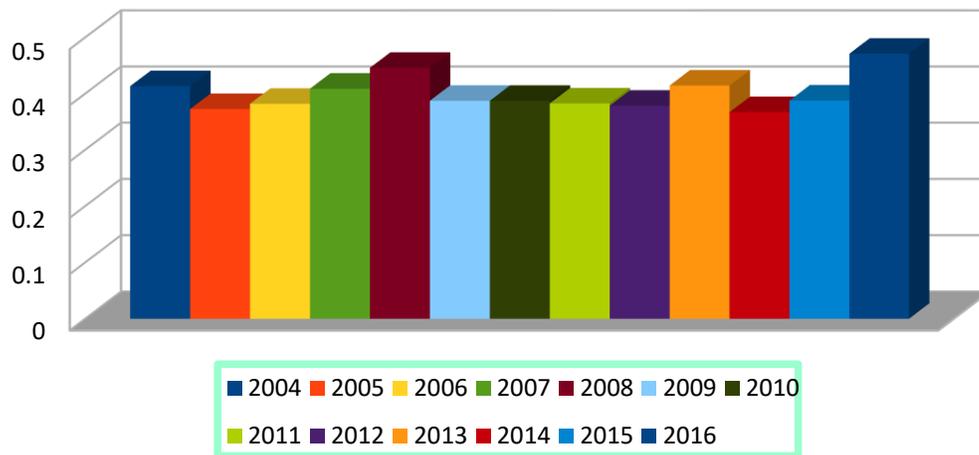
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Sigurjón Pétursson
Chairman, Anti-Doping Commission

h) Women's Committee

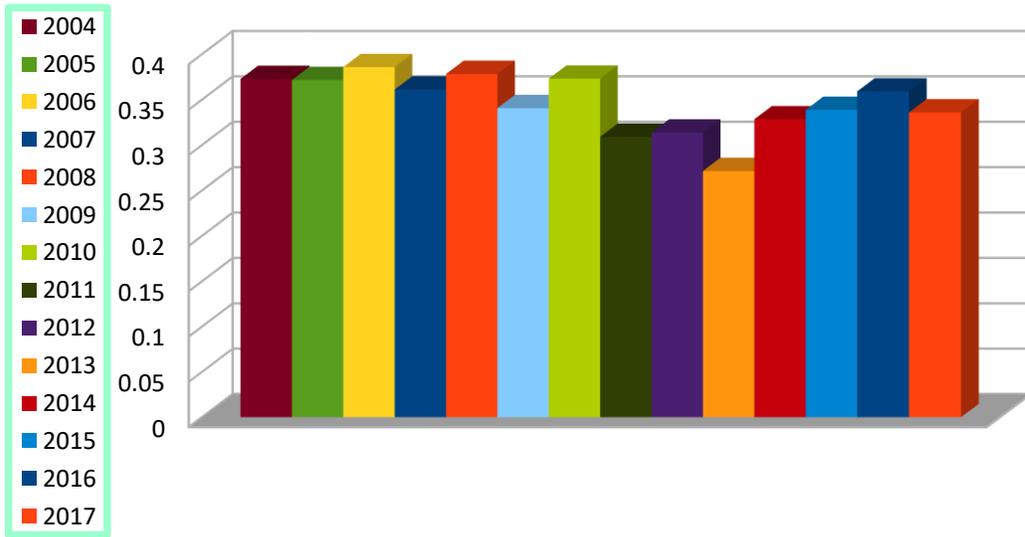
Like all the years before, female lifters in powerlifting have been fully integrated and on all championships women have had equal rights. Women are widely accepted within the IPF. This is not only shown at the IPF website (gallery, promotion video etc.) but mainly at all championships.

The statistics and graphics below give an overview about the number and percentage of female lifters from 2004 until 2017 that took part in Open World Championships in Powerlifting and Bench Press. You can see this number is nearly constant, differences may be a result of the host city and the costs of all athletes to go there. On average, 35% - 45% took part in these competitions.

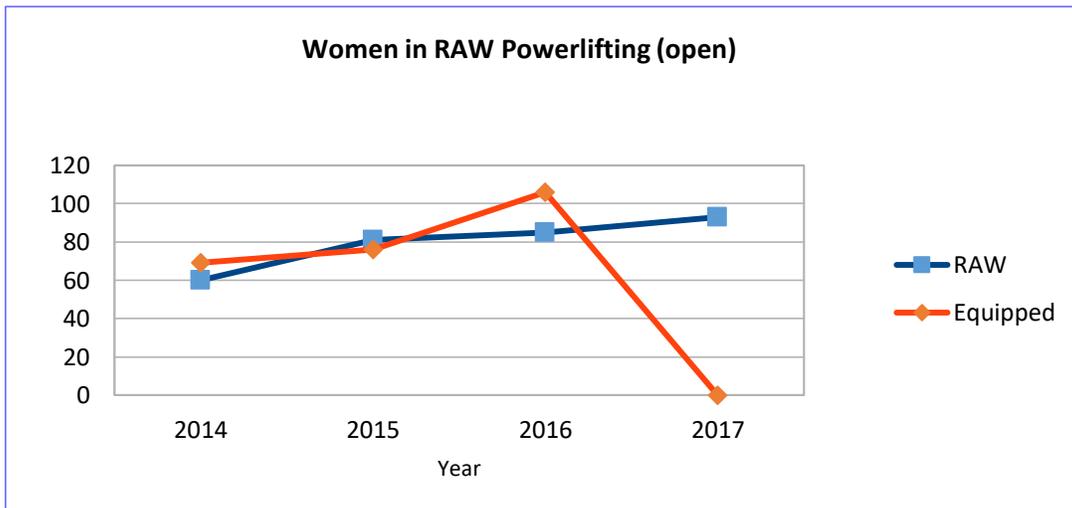
Percentage of Women in Powerlifting Equipped



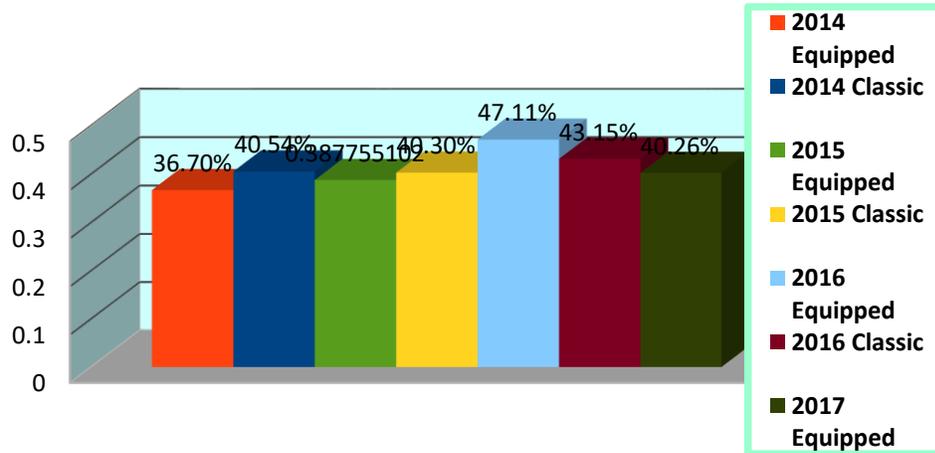
Percentage of Women in Benchpress Equipped



A very big and important event since 2014 is Raw Powerlifting World Championships for all age categories. For this reason I added a graphics to show the percentage of women that took part in the open category of this championship. The number of female athletes that took part in this competition in the open category has been grown from 60 in 2014 to 81 in 2017. The percentage in 2017 is growing to nearly 40 % of all athletes.



Percentage of Women in Classic/Equipped Powerlifting



Another interesting point is the number of nations that send female and male athletes to international Powerlifting Championships. The numbers below represent the nations at World Championships in Powerlifting (Equipped). The latest date is 2016, because the World Championship will take place in November and no valid data are currently available.

	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		
	N	A	N	A	N	A	N	A	N	A	N	A	N	A	N	A	N	A	N	A	N	A	
M	37	144	34	162	32	118	28	106	30	119	36	142	38	133	28	106	27	119	31	120	30	119	
W	27	A	31	112	27	95	21	67	22	84	29	88	27	81	23	75	18	69	24	76	28	106	
N: Nations		A: Athletes																					
M: Men		W: Women																					

Table 1: Statistics Open Powerlifting World Championships

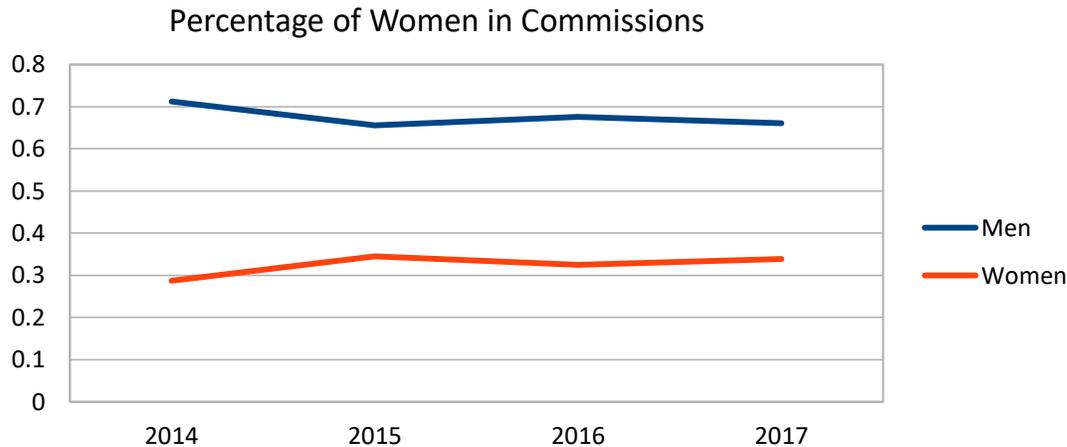
The comparison show that the number of nations that sends female athletes to world championships is still at a high level, and in 2016 there was only a small difference between the nations. That mean, most of all nations send out a mixed team. The next step should be to encourage women from countries, where gender equality is not a matter of course, to take part in international championships.

Having a look to the committees and commissions, the situation has been improved during the last year. Especially in new committees (Entourage Committee, Athletes Commission, Youth Committee) more women take responsibility. The percentage of women has been increased from 28,7% to 33,9%.

Some of the members work in more than one committee or commission. This should be changed in the future.

Number of Committees and Commissions (incl. EC)	Members	Men	Women
16	118	78	40

Table 2: Female and Male members in Committees and Commissions in 2017



Improvements during the last year:

- The number of female referees has been increased. In nearly all cases female referees do the weigh in for female lifters.
- New commissions consists of more women.
- Two women are new members of the EC that means the EC consists of 11 men and 3 women.
- The speaker or chairman of three committees (Appeal Committee, Media Team, and Women's Committee) is a woman.

Incidents

- No incidents happened in the last year at international championships.

Main priorities and general steps for the future:

1. Although the situation is much better than in the years before, we can not stop to promote and educate more female referees.
 1. More women should be encouraged to take responsibility in committees. We have women in almost every commission, but too often only one and not at the top position. The hope is, vacancies will be filled with more women.
 2. If a man is the chairmen of more than one commission, he should try to find a female replacement for this position in one of committees and switch to a normal member in this team.
 3. The number of persons who work in more than one commission should be reduced.
- Eva Speth Chairwoman Women's Committee

i) Entourage Commission

Dear General Assemble, delegates, member federations, ladies and gentleman

The activity by the Entourage committee during 2017 sad to say has not change since my 2016 report, it will not change until the committee can receive financial support to allow them to attend meeting.

The committee still have a number of unfinished project to complete. Erika Myers started to develop the Therapeutic Use Exceptions (TUE) guidance handbook for athletes, We would like to start work with all commissions to development a Criminal Records check of all register IPF International coaches. Dr. Tamara Thomsen to write an essay about "What sport psychology is for. But until we can arranged meeting none of these project can go forward.

I would like to outline some of the important duties of the Entourage committee.

- To work with all commissions associated with the athletes, coaches, medical, Federations, sponsors, and family members.
- Entourage should be adequately qualified to work in the area of expertise particularly when recommended by IPF and member nations
- The Entourage shall act in good faith and demonstrate the highest level of integrity, in particular respecting the following principles. Avoid conflicts of interest. Fight against any form of bribery and take resolute and appropriate action against any form of cheating or corruption in the sport. Reject any form of doping. Refrain from any form of harassment.
- The Entourage must always act with due diligence and in the best interest of the athlete
- The Entourage must always respect the moral, physical and psychological integrity of the athlete
- The Entourage must respect and promote the rules and regulations of the sport, and encourage the athlete to behave accordingly

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Entourage committee for their support.

Ralph Farquharson,
Chairman Entourage Committee

j) Coaches Committee

The IPF coach education continue to gain momentum, since my 2016 report I'm delighted to report that the course successfully organize 2 coach education course during 2017, one in April with 14 candidates and one in September with 13 candidates, it is exciting to see the number of candidates is increasing also the number of females. The April course see 6 females and September course 5 females.

The IPF coach education was establish three years ago we're now up to 80 candidates, this is still below the number needed to establish level 1, we're hoping to start with Level 1, during 2018 or 2019. If we are to become an IOC recognize sport this is one area the IOC sport department place a high emphasis on.

Names of the nations send candidates to the course.

Ireland	16, 11 Males, 5 Females
Great Britain	10 Males
Germany	1 Male
Poland	1 Males
Czech Republic	4 Males
Iceland	3 Males
Finland	2 Males
SOI-USA	3 Males
France	1- Female
Sweden	5- 4 Males, 1 Female
Iran	1 Male
Algeria	4 Males
New Zealand	1 Female
Italy	1 Male
Denmark	6 - 4 Males, 2 Females
Romania	6 - 5 Males, 1 Female
Austria	4 - 3 Males, 1 Female
South Africa	4 - 2 Males, 2 Females
Slovenia	2 - 1 Males, 1 Female
Luxembourg	1 Male
Brazil	1 Male
Spain	1 Male
Lithuania	1 Male
Netherlands	1 Male

I receive a couple of request from federations asking to organizer the IPF coach education course in their federations, we're not in favor of this idea, La Manga Club was establish as the venue for IPF coach education and high performance training camp. La Manga Club is one of the top 3 sport resort in Europe, IPF/EPF install 4 sets of Eleiko weights, bars, platforms and racks. The centre has a fitness and condition room and a high performance strength room. if we're to be recognize as the leading Powerlifting federation we must continue to maintain a very high standard of our international course license. I must also remind nations of the danger of having coaches with little or no qualification training their sub-juniors athletes.

I hear it said the course is too expensive, I've done some research and find that IPF strength course is by far the cheapest in the market place, the average price for a similar course is between €3,500 and €6,000, the IPF charge €750 include accommodation, breakfast, Lunch, evening meal and transport from Alicante to La Manga Club and return.

I have candidates on the course asking why the course is so cheap as they been on similar course cost a lot more and of a lower quality.

During 2017, La Manga Club high performance centre welcome Swedish Powerlifting Federation and British Powerlifting Federation attend the La Manga club training camp, I hope more nations will send team to La Manga Club for high quality training.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the members of the Coach Commission for their hard work and support with the development of the IPF coach education.

Ralph Farquharson
Chairman
Coach Commission

k) Athlete's Representative

Dear Colleagues,

The active members of the athlete's commission are:

Marte Elverum,
Priscilla Ribic,
Joan Baez,
Marcus Hirvonen
Pjotr van den Hoek
Phillip Richards (Reserve Member)
Inger Blikra (Consultant Member)
Pjotr van den Hoek (Speaker/IPF board Member)

The last year has gone by quickly again and what an exciting year it has been. Great world championships. The Raw (Minsk) and Equipped (Orlando) World Championships and off course the World Games (Wroclaw).

This year, the IPF managed to get FISU recognition. Great work by everyone that supported this objective. Congratulations to the IPF for achieving this goal -- Special thanks to Gaston Parage and Robert Keller. Great news for all our student athletes.

We as commission haven't been able to meet up this year due to us all being at different championships, but we have been in contact with each other and at the equipped worlds Pilsen we have a meeting planned with Marte, Priscilla, Marcus, Inger, Pjotr and Gaston Parage will join us too. Last year Marcus Hirvonen joined our commission (and became father). Currently at this moment we are still looking for 1 new active member.

The new member we are looking for should from the Asian, Eastern European or Oceanic region. And if possible a raw lifter. If you as federation wish to nominate a athlete for this commission please do so by sending an email to lifTERScommission@powerlifting-ipf.com and to Gaston Parage gaston.parage@powerlifting-ipf.com

Last year we have answered questions from Athletes that we received from them through mail, All athletes if you have any questions or need help please contact us on our email-address lifTERScommission@powerlifting-ipf.com

We have been discussing a fair few points regarding promoting raw lifting and equipped lifting. What will the future of the world games hold? How should the Student championships look like in the future? One off the things we would like to see is that equipped lifting is added to these Student world championships.

World games: Two of our members lifted at the World games, Marte Elverum and Priscilla Ribic great results from these two superb athletes a 4th place and 2nd place achieved by them and some world records. Also our consultor Inger Blikra was there as a referee.

As IPF board member Pjotr van den Hoek travelled to the raw world championships in Minsk. What a great competition was that, was good meeting a lot of the new raw lifters. He also travelled to South Africa for the Student world cup, what a great atmosphere and lifting from all the student lifters. Student athletes from around the world, this is an experience you don't want to miss, Hope to see a lot more students at in Pilsen in 2018.

We are all looking forward to a exciting new year and what that will bring, and we're looking forward to working together with all the commissions and committees from the IPF, To reach our goal of IOC recognition and to promote our sport worldwide.

I would like to thank all of our members, for their input, And Inger Blikra who we have been able to consult and use her knowledge. And once again we would like to thank the IPF board and Gaston Parage for starting up this commission in Norway 2006.

Thank you for your attention,

Pjotr van den Hoek
Chairman, Athlete's Commission

I) Sports for All Commission

As mentioned in Secretary General Report, currently, I serve as the Chairman for the IPF Sports for all Commission. The committee members met in Orlando at the World Sub-Junior/Junior Championships. At this meeting, the committee decided to have to a Sports for all Championship in Luxembourg which shall include a competition for Special Olympic Athletes, Blind Athletes and Paralympic Athletes. The Special Olympics competition will be a unified event with IPF athletes. Special thanks to both Chip Hultquist and Mr. Peter Thorne for their input and assistance. This committee will play an important an active role in reaching our goal of IOC recognition.

Mr. Chip Hultquist suggested a part of the competition a Coaches Training Seminar be held either the day before or day after the championships. This seminars would add to the attractiveness of the event for both Special Olympics and IPF programs. This seminar could emphasize IPF/Special Olympics Powerlifting Rules, Training of Special Olympics Athletes, Coaching of Special Olympics Athletes in Competition and any other area that you feel should be added from the IPFs perspective.

I'm very pleased to see the Committee working and such a meaningful and important project. If you're interested in assisting us, please let me know.

Thank you very much,
Robert Keller
Chairman, Sport for all Commission

m) Media Committee

Outstanding Growth of Facebook (now over 500,000 fans), the IPF Website (1.4mil visitors this year) as well as YouTube (just one video clip alone - the Krzysztof Wierzbicki POL deadlift from World Games has been viewed over 217,000 times already) and Instagram subscriptions and views continues for another year.

Overall, our public views, shares and subscriptions are exceeding all expectations and our media material is being reproduced on other platforms at a simply un-trackable rate which we have made the decision to freely allow as it contributes to our global reach.

The continuous growth we have experienced could not be possible without quality and engaging output. We have a constant team-orientated process involving: reflection, evaluation, improvement mentality, collaboration, innovation and implementation. We are a constantly busy team.

The IPF Media Team work together with our partner external media Consultants to continually produce: fresh ideas across every aspect of our media output, improvements to coverage and presentation options and solve venue and environmental challenges arising from the incredible variance we are confronted with etc.

Coverage of the 2017 IPF World Championship events including the World Games, various Arnolds globally, as well as events becoming longer in duration - presented challenges for the volunteer capacity of the IPF media team. Currently the IPF Media Team consists of approximately 5 volunteers. The team is supported by outside consultants providing the specialist TV camera production, post-production and online streaming management. As always, genuinely skilled and committed volunteers are encouraged to apply to the head of IPF Media, Christina.chamley@powerlifting-ipf.com

8) Regional Reports

a) Europe



EPF General Assembly.

EPF has all together 33 member federations fulfilling all EPF and IPF membership obligations. The EPF General Assembly was staged in Malaga in Spain 7 May and delegates from 18 member nations were present at the meeting as well as 6 Executive members. A Strategic plan specifying the EPF's *visions, values* and *missions* was adopted for 2017-2020.

European lifters and EPF Hall of Fame.

In January this year, the Executive appointed following lifters as European lifters 2016 according to the highest Wilks score at both World and European Open. Equipped lifting: **Victoria Karlysheva** from Russia and **Oleksiy Rokochiy** from Ukraine. Classic lifting: **Sofia Loft** from Sweden and **Kruze Martins** from Latvia. EPF Hall of Fame was awarded to **Eila Kumpuniemi** from Finland and **Ruso Karel** from Czech Republic.

International championships.

In 2017, 6 European championships, one Western European Championship and one Danube Cup are organized. New championship was the European Classic Bench Press championships for all age categories. Host nations were Denmark (Open, Juniors and Sub.junior Classic), Spain (Open, Jun, S.jun equipped), Czech Republic (Masters PL equipped) Finland (new championship: Masters, Open, Jun, S.jun Bench Press classic) Luxembourg (Western European) , Spain (Open/Masters/Junior Bench Press equipped) and Slovakia (Danube cup). In addition, 3 World Championships and the World Games as well as the Arnold Classic Europe were organized in Europe.

Most organizers of international championships in Europe have great experience and the technical standard is high. More than 1200 lifters take part yearly at European championships. From each Europeans, internet streaming is provided. EPF uses the same company as IPF (Viva TV) for recording and streaming of two of the European championships in 2017. This is the European Open, Junior and Sub Junior equipped as well as the European Open, Junior and Sub Junior classic. This is a very expensive production but the quality is similar as TV productions. This standard of streaming is what powerlifting needs to be in line with Olympic sports and EPF works hard to find money to finance the production. Remaining European championships were streamed at a lower level (than Viva TV provides).

General.

EPF officials have for years worked close to every organizer of European championships. This to

secure that all specifications contracted in the documents named: Promoters Contract, Organizing Checklist and the Anti-doping Control Agreement are fulfilled. EPF also support economically organizers if they need to buy IPF recognized equipment to meet the standard requested for the warm up room and the competition platform. Besides, IPF support one European member federation with bar, plates and rack. This year Croatia PF receives the support.

In 2017, EPF has gained some sponsorships. For the moment, the economic support from the sponsors is limited, but it is important for the lifters and the sport in general that more sponsors find EPF to be an attractive collaborator. Donation of equipment from some of the main sponsors are useful support to organizers of European championships. Sponsorship and introduction of classic championships are part of the financial basis to fulfill the Strategic Plan 2017-2020.

Anti-doping.

In year 2016, EPF made 120 doping tests at European championships and this means that about 11% of all lifters were tested. 6 lifters tested positive in 2016 (3 of them got a warning or a 2 month suspension). In 2017, EPF will carry out about the same number of tests as the year before and transfer money to IPF for OC testing. The fight against doping abuse to create fair play for all lifters has still the highest priority within EPF.

Classic Europeans.

The EPF General Assembly 2014 decided to start European Classic championships for Open, Junior and Sub junior division. The Czech Rep. took on the first organization in Pilsen in March 2015. This was a big success and more than 300 lifters took part. In 2016 it was organized in Estonia with 328 lifters and in 2017 in Denmark with 382 lifters. In 2017, European Classics in Bench Press for all age categories was organized in Finland with 268 lifters. In 2018, the first European Masters classic powerlifting will be organized as well.

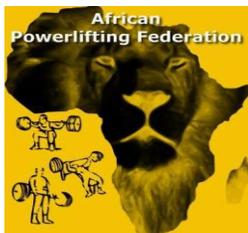
EPF Officials.

No federation or company is better than people doing the work and I am proud to state that EPF has dedicated and hardworking officials that cooperate perfect in the leading team as well with the member federations.

Competition Secretary Jiri Hofirek is working untiring and accurate with championship preparations and he takes part at all Europeans. Ralph Farquharson takes excellent care of the General Secretary work as well as the Media. Linda Hoeiland takes care of the treasurer work and issues invoices, collects the money, pays the bills and makes up the account in a professional manner. Myriam Busselot supervises referees and jury work and Jari Rantapelkonen looks after the Law and legislation matters. Vice President Sandro Rossi checks the hotel standard and prices at all Europeans besides other delegated tasks. Record registrar Anatoliy Stetsenko works excellent by updating all European records and issuing record diplomas. The good work of Olexandre Kopayev, running the computer competition program at European championships, is highly appreciated. In addition, the remaining EPF officials do their work in a perfect manner. They are all a great team that deserves a great Thank You for running European powerlifting.

Arnulf Wahlstrom
President, EPF

b)Africa



It has been a very busy and exciting year so far for African Powerlifting. Membership is growing with provisional members Namibia, Togo and Ivory Coast and contact and discussions to join from Zimbabwe, Gambia, Madagascar, Benin, Somalia and Kenya. The current member nations of the African Powerlifting Federation are Algeria, Morocco, Egypt, South Africa, Cameroon, Libya, and Ghana. The 2016/7 African Powerlifting Federation congress took place prior to the 2016 African Powerlifting Championships in Potchefstroom and the new APF executive was elected and ratified as follows:

President: Moussa Messaour (Algeria)

Vice President: Heather Leighton (South Africa)

Secretary General: Mohamed Elmamoun (Morocco)

Treasurer: Hamid Jamal (Morocco)

Technical Director: Hannie Smith (South Africa)

IPF African Regional Representative: Alan Ferguson

Following the APF Congress an extremely well run African Championships took place in Potchefstroom hosted by South Africa many thanks to Hannie Smith and his team for putting on a very well run event.

The championships were well supported with over 150 lifters from Algeria, Libya, Morocco and South Africa with guest lifters from Iran also taking part.

Apart from the African Championships It has been a very active year for the African Federation.

The Arnold Classic Africa was staged in Johannesburg with lifters from Japan, Iran, Russia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and of course South Africa taking part. The second University World Cup took place in July in Potchefstroom with 91 lifters from 28 Universities with the best Male lifter award going to a South African. Algeria and South Africa were especially well represented at the Classic World Championships held in Minsk, Belarus, South Africa with 33 lifters bringing home a record 20 medals and Algeria with 10 lifters and 10 medals. Two representatives from Africa participated in the World Games in Wroclaw, Poland, namely Chantel du Toit from South Africa and Rabah el Fekair from Algeria. At the time of writing and still to be staged are the Commonwealth Championships in Potchefstroom with 450 lifters registered, 114 alone from the host nation South Africa.

On the development side African Powerlifting has made use of the coaching courses offered by the IPF in La Manga by sending representatives from Algeria and South Africa benefitting enormously from program. The federation has also received courtesy of the IPF Development fund two sets of Eleiko equipment which are being put to good use. On the refereeing front a number of referees passed their Cat 1 exams and now African Powerlifting is well represented at international competitions with 15 Cat 1 and Cat 2 active referees.

In conclusion this has been a very good year and all indications are that 2018 will be even better.

Alan Ferguson

African Regional Representative

C) Asia



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE ASIAN POWERLIFTING FEDERATION HELD AT BANDUNG, INDONESIA AT 7.00 P.M. ON 01 MAY 2017.

Roll call of Nations and Delegates Attending nations: - Chinese Taipei - Hong Kong - India - Indonesia - Iran - Iraq - Japan - Kazakhstan - Mongolia - Oman - Philippines - South Korea - Sri Lanka - U.A.E - Uzbekistan

Attending EC members: - President: Farshid Soltani - Vice President: Kim-Won Pok - Secretary General: Rajesh Tiwari - Honorary Treasurer: Ramon Debuque - Technical committee Chair: Chen-Yeh Chao - Board member East Asia: Wing-Yuk Ip - Board member South Asia: PJ Joseph

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Asian Powerlifting Federation began at 7.00 p.m. on 01.05.2017 at SULTAN HOTEL, Bandung, Indonesia with Mr. Farshid Soltani, President in the Chair.

Mr. D. Jojolankan, the Organizer of the Asian Championship at Indonesia offered a warm welcome to all the participants.

Presidential address (Farshid Soltani)

In his presidential address, Mr. Farshid Soltani, President of the APF made a detailed review of the activities of the Asian Powerlifting Federation during the period under review. He exhorted the Asian Powerlifting Federation Board members and member nations to strive hard for qualitative improvement and maximum expansion of Powerlifting activities in all member-nations and beyond their territories to the extent possible. Also, they shall bring maximum participant competitors and officials in the years to come. All member-nations shall stand united to achieve this goal, he continued. He added that all Board members and their National Federations shall work very closely with their respective Olympic Organizations so that Powerlifting can find a place in Olympic competitions in the near future.

Also he pointed to APF President Office to below address:

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The minutes of the immediate previous General Body Meeting, which was circulated among members in advance, was taken up for consideration. In the absence of any adverse comments on the circulated minutes, the house accepted and approved the same unopposed.

General Secretary Report (Rajesh Tiwari)

Following this, the General Secretary of the Asian Powerlifting Federation Mr. Rajesh Tiwari gave a detailed account of the powerlifting events and activities that were organized in the jurisdiction of Asian Powerlifting Federation. During the review period, he requested the members to continue to extend the good support being given and step up the tempo of the same for the fulfillment of the organizational tasks ahead, in the year to come.

Treasurer's report (Ramon Dubuque)

Mr. Raman H. Debuque, the Treasurer presented in detail the financial statements of the Asian Powerlifting Federation for the year under review, i.e. 2016-17.

Technical Committee report (Chen-Yeh, Chao)

2016 was another eventful year for the APF having successfully held four major championships. The Asia Powerlifting Championship was held in India. The Bench Press Championship was held in Uzbekistan. Asia/Oceania Classic, Bench Press and Equipped Championship in New Zealand. International Powerlifting Championship also held in India. I would like to take this chance to congratulate our colleagues from these three great member nations for being such wonderful hosts and ambassadors of your countries and the sport of Powerlifting. I also like to say a big thank you, to all the referees, judges, coaches, athletes and all those who worked behind the scene that made these events possible. Now I would like to turn your attention to the chronic problem of referee shortage for APF competitions. As you may or may not know, refereeing require a tremendous amount of concentration and focus to ensure minimum errors occurring. However, it is currently not uncommon for a referee in our competitions to work for an entire day under expectations to be as accurate and sharp as they can while fighting fatigue. It is truly a high pressure but often thankless job. Which is why on behalf of the APF, I would like to invite anyone interested in becoming a referee in powerlifting to join us by contacting your home federation about referee certification. If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to get certified. And when you see a referee during this competition, give them a smile or a big thumbs up to let them know that their work is not so thankless after all.

That is all I have to say for now. I wish everyone have a great week of competition.

Medical Committee report (Wing-Yuk Ip)

In Asia Powerlifting Championship 2016, an anti-doping seminar was organized during the Championship. It is planned that updated anti-doping information and anti-doping education will be organized in every Powerlifting Championship. New members are welcomed. Country members are encouraged to send medical personnel to join the committee.

Proposal for amendment of constitution

New member application

Action on Delinquent Nations No suspension

Hall of the Fame

Bids and confirmation on Future Championships

2017

1. Asian Bench Press Classic & Equipped Championships, 6-12 September – Philippine

2. Asian Classic and Subrata Classic, 4 – 9 December – India

2018

1. Asian Powerlifting Championships, 1 – 5 May – India

2. Asian Bench Press Equipped/Unequipped Championships, September – U.A.E.

3. Asian Classic Powerlifting Championships, December – Philippines

2019

1. Asian Powerlifting Championships, 1 – 5 May - Hong Kong
2. Asian Bench Press Equipped/Unequipped, September- Mongolia
3. Asian Classic Powerlifting Championships, December – Oman & Iran

2020

1. Asian Powerlifting Championship, 1 – 5 May - India
2. Asian Bench Press – Equipped/Unequipped Championships, September – Iraq
3. Asian Classic Powerlifting Championships, December - India

However, Sri Lanka was the host nation for the Asian Classic Powerlifting Championship to be held in December, 2017. The official representing the Department of Sports, Government of Sri Lanka explained the inconvenience of the nation in the current scenario to organize the said Championship in that country this year. However, he promised to organize Asian Championships in Sri Lanka within two years for which a detailed report will be submitted to the Government of Sri Lanka.

The Secretary then brought to the notice of the house that the present annual subscription of \$200/- is too low, which should be raised appropriately in the next meeting.

The report on the Technical Committee for 2016 was presented by the Technical Committee Chairman Mr. Chao Che Yen. A similar report on the affairs of the Medical Committee was also presented to the house by Ms. WING YUK IP, Chairperson. The house accepted and approved both the reports. It has been decided to meet the expense (Including Airfare, accommodation, etc.) of championship Secretary for attending Asian championship from this championship onwards.

The Asian Powerlifting Federation Congress came to a close at 8.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary.

Rajesh Tiwari
Honorary Secretary
Asian Powerlifting Federation

d) North America



A lot of work has been done to cover all possible countries in the region. We have at the moment 15 member nations. Anguilla and Panama have been added as provisional member federations to the IPF.

Correspondence has been sent with Honduras, Cuba, Jamaica, Aruba and Barbados powerlifting associations to organize and become a part of the IPF family.

The General Assembly was held in August in Orlando with the attendance of all his Executive members and 9 delegate nations.

Important issues were discussed in the NAPF General Assembly, among them: safety and medical coverage during NAPF championship, responsibility of medical insurance by member federations, promotion of powerlifting in the university programs, creation of the NAPF Medical Committee, Women Committee initiative to educate, promote and encourage women in the sport, proposal of a NAPF Regional office and strategic plan for oncoming championships were adopted for 2017-2019.

This year, the NAPF/FESUPO Pan-American Regional Powerlifting Championship was held in Orlando, Florida with the attendance of 257 athletes from 16 nations (NAPF: Canada, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, USA, Mexico, Guatemala, US Virgin Islands and Costa Rica / FESUPO: Colombia, Argentina, Guyana, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador, Venezuela and Brazil) competing in the raw (139 athletes) and equipped (118 athletes). The biggest ever in this part of the world. This clearly demonstrates the increase in popularity of the sport in our region.

The level of competition was very high, and many world records were set at this meet. Internet streaming was provided by the NAPF.

The regions counts with 29 Cat.1 referees from (Canada, Puerto Rico, USA and Costa Rica), and 45 Cat. 2 referees from 7 members nations. We added an additional 2 Cat.2 this year. Still a lot of work to be done in trying to get members federations to get more involved.

In the upcoming NAPF Regional Bench Press Championship to be held in Hamilton, Canada – it is expected the participation of over 114 athletes in the raw and equipped divisions.

So far, 6 Major IPF Championships has been held in the NAPF region this year:

- Arnold Classic Sports Festival North America in Columbus, Ohio
- IPF World Open, Sub-junior, Junior and Master Classic Bench Press Championship in Killeen, Texas
- IPF Toronto Pro Super Show in Toronto, Canada
- IPF/NAPF/FESUPO Pan-American Powerlifting Championship in Orlando, Florida
- IPF World Sub-junior and Junior Powerlifting Championship in Orlando, Florida
- IPF/NAPF Regional Bench Press Championship in Hamilton, Ontario (Canada)

This year 12 athletes from NAPF nominated participated in the World Games in Wroclaw, which shows the progress the organization is making in developing athletes at the elite level who can compete with the best in the world. Additional, the Arnold Sports Festival is the largest multisport event in the world, with over 300,000

spectators and the NAPF continues to be the sanctioning body for the professional events. Now it has been added the Toronto Pro Super Show which has been extremely well run and received. NAPF officials have for years worked closely with all the organizers to secure that Promoters Contract, Organizing Checklist and Anti-doping Control Agreement are fulfilled. Also has managed to support organizers – this year beneficiary was Canada in the acquisition of new Eleiko weights and equipment.

Dr. Hugo Velasquez Ormeño,
IPF EC North America

e) South America



Dear IPF colleagues,

We are closing much with a lot work the year to South America. Our athletes take out many medals at world events. Be in open or juniors events competitions!! So, we consolidated how many events and show our evolution.

Of course all this could not come without great work and effort of all directors. Special thanks to athletes from South America who received medals: Yenifer Canelon from Venezuela and Brazil Ana Rosa Castellain, true champions that led to South America at the highest point of our sport.

US together with the NAPF and FESUPO hosted the most event in South America!!! We'll have together Pan American Powerlifting, equipped and raw. And also to the South American powerlifting equipped, in Orlando!

Something like 13 countries and over 300 lifters participated. One of the largest Championships as never seen. Many records were broken at this competition. Later we will have, in December, to the South American Raw, Powerlifting and Bench Press, in Buenos Aires-Argentina.

I would like to congratulate all FESUPO directive, to Mr. Inguanti for their hard work. Let our event scheduled confirm our calendar 2018 and 2019.

We must have a hard effort to get right to the final details for application in FESUPO of Chile and Bolivia. I believe that South America needs to walk a lot, but this year we got great strides jump.

Thank you,
Julio Conrado
President, FESUPO

f) Oceania



MEMBERS

As of 1 September 2015 the OPF member nations, subject to arrears, are –

Australia
Fiji
Kiribati
Nauru
New Zealand
Niue
New Caledonia
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tahiti
Tuvalu
Note that

- i. Fiji was ruled by the IPF Executive in 2017 to be a member nation of the IPF but under suspension; they have since had an internal revival and their IPF status should soon be clarified
- ii. Papua New Guinea has remained under NOC administration, but meetings are scheduled for October and December to hopefully restore independence for them
- iii. Tonga, having lapsed some years, has revived and is an applicant for OPF and IPF membership.

ADMINISTRATION

The Annual General Meeting of the OPF was held in Christchurch in December, with a strong attendance of nations. The office-bearers of the OPF were elected or affirmed as

President & IPF Board/EC Member	Robert Wilks
Vice President	Julian Perry
Secretary	Susan Maguire
Treasurer	Steve Lousich
Committee	Jason Wharton
Record Keeper	John Myers
Webmaster	Vicki O'Brien
Referees Director	Steve Lousich.

Since that meeting Gary Williams has been appointed Media Officer.

EVENTS

Activity continued apace in the Oceania Region in 2016 to 2017 –

i. the 2016 Asia Oceania Championships were held in Christchurch, New Zealand from 6th to 10th December. Nearly 300 lifters took part, that after entries were decimated by visa problems for many nations. Nevertheless there was high standard, spirited lifting, led by Jeza Uepa's 455kg (1000lb) Squat and Liz Craven's 418.5 kg 52kg Total World Record

ii. the various Fitness Shows continued to put Powerlifting before huge live and on-line audiences. The main event was in April in Sydney at the new International Convention Centre and 40,000 attendees saw World Records come from Brett Gibbs, Kevin Gray and Deamo Baguga from Oceania nations, with visiting US lifter Dave Ricks setting multiple records

iii. at World events Oceania had Australia, Nauru and New Zealand to the fore. The World Championships in Minsk produced medals for Brett Gibbs (NZ), Liz Craven (Australia) and Jeza Uepa (Nauru). Australia had one of the largest teams at the Championships, with many Junior and Masters medallists. Unfortunately some of the Pacific nations were not able to enter, for reasons that are not completely clear.

OPF/IPF MATTERS

In 2016 & 2017 the OPF and related parties have pursued legal actions against the IPF which at the present time are pending in the Luxemburg Courts. In its submissions the IPF has not denied the existence of breaches by it under Luxemburg law, particularly relating to its standing as a corporate entity. Also the OPF has repeatedly nominated Robert Wilks as the Oceania member of the IPF EC, the EC have not taken up those nominations and also at the 2016 IPF Congress agitated for the non-acceptance of the nomination. Since that General Assembly the OPF has again a number of times nominated Robert Wilks as the Oceania EC Member, whilst there remains no valid reason for that nomination to not be accepted. This has denied the OPF a voice on the IPF Executive, with the consequence of capricious actions against the OPF, including –

- moving the 2017 Asia/Oceania Championships to the obviously unviable location of Sri Lanka, without any consultation or notice to the OPF or the originally agreed host nation

- maintenance of a Technical Rule long since ruled invalid by the Appeals Committee, re Referees and Jury members from 3 nations being required for Records, a "rule" which devastates events in the small Oceania Region

- the purported imposition of an extra EUR2000 OCT anti-doping fee over and above the fee mandated by the IPF General Assembly

- denying the OPF the standard Eleiko development set provided to all Regions, for greatly needed use at the Oceania Championships.

These and other matters are being pursued by the OPF through all appropriate channels, most notably the Courts in Luxemburg.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Overall the themes of the last few years have continued in Oceania. The opening up of the sport via Raw lifting has produced demand which can barely be coped with in Australia and New Zealand and that demand continues to accelerate. In the Pacific Islands, the story is similar, but distance and finances have muted progress in some of those nations. From here Oceania looks forward to the December 2017 Oceania Championships plus Pacific Invitational to be held in Singapore. Into 2018 the Sydney Fitness Show, now actually a division of FIBO, will be bigger than ever, following other late 2017 shows in Melbourne and Brisbane. Nauru and Samoa are also bidding for major events in 2018. However the big event in the Oceania region is the multi-sport Pacific Games, held each four years. The 2019 Games was scheduled for Tonga, but that nation withdrew and Samoa has now taken over. We are confident that Powerlifting will be included in the Games again and look forward to the popular and political exposure that will bring. OPF President Robert Wilks has been appointed as the Technical Delegate for the Games.

Robert Wilks
OPF President

9) Elections / Confirmations

Robert Wilks to be confirmed as IPF EC Board Member – Oceania

10) Proposals

Constitution Amendments

Motion #1 (IPF Executive)

Motion regarding the Exclusion of the Oceania Powerlifting Federation (OPF), Powerlifting Australia (PA) and Mr. Robert Wilks from IPF and its activities:

WHEREAS the background to this Motion is set out in an Explanatory Note;

AND WHEREAS OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks will be provided with an opportunity to respond to such allegations at the General Meeting;

MOVED that the General Assembly conducts a vote to exclude OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks from the IPF and its activities.

Explanation

A. Introduction

1. For the reasons set out below, the IPF Executive Committee (EC) considers that it is in the best interests of the IPF to exclude the Oceania Powerlifting Federation (OPF), Powerlifting Australia (PA) and Mr. Robert Wilks (being the President of the former and CEO of the latter) from the IPF and its activities.

2. For the last two years, the IPF and its EC have been subject to a persistent campaign by OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks. This campaign has involved inundating the IPF disciplinary bodies with claims (that the IPF EC considers to lack any merit), taking the IPF to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (unsuccessfully) and subjecting the IPF and the members of its EC to abusive and intolerable comments. The campaign culminated earlier this year in a court action in Luxembourg in which the PA, OPF and Mr. Wilks are seeking the annihilation of the IPF as a federation together with an invalidation of all its competitions since 2010.

3. The members of the IPF EC have unanimously concluded that it is not in the best interests of the IPF to maintain, as part of the IPF, PA, OPF and Mr. Wilks, all three of whom are seeking to dissolve the IPF and expunge part of its sporting history and whose actions are diverting resources and time away from the important mission of governing and developing the sport of powerlifting.

B. Facts

4. OPF is the Regional federation recognised by the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) in charge of the Oceania continent.

5. PA is the IPF member responsible for powerlifting in Australia.

6. Mr. Wilks is the President of the OPF and the CEO of PA.

7. The motion to exclude OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks from the IPF and its activities is based on the following elements:

7.1 On 25 April 2017, OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks filed a petition before the Luxembourg courts requesting the following in particular:

“Pronounce the dissolution of the [IPF], retroactively to the day of its registration, otherwise secondarily starting from the upcoming day of judgement, otherwise more secondarily at a date set by the upcoming judgement; secondarily, confirm, otherwise pronounce the **nullity of the statutory modifications adopted by the [IPF] since its registration** in the Company and Trade Registry of Luxembourg on 21 December 2007, otherwise secondarily confirm, otherwise pronounce the nullity of the statutory and regulatory modifications adopted during the general meetings held during the years 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015, in particular those listed hereinabove sub III. B), and **retroactively invalidate all of the competitions that were organised by the [IPF] since 7 November 2010**, and in particular those listed hereinabove sub III. C);” [emphasis added] In the petition, the OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks allege that the IPF has not fulfilled a number of formal technicalities such as the publication of certain details in the Register of Commerce, including the list of the IPF members and changes to the Constitution. They also claim that IPF has breached its Constitution by implementing changes to the Constitution in General Assemblies that did not fall on a fourth anniversary of 1998. On that basis, the OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks have requested inter alia that the Luxembourg court order the dissolution of the IPF, the annulment of any amendments to the Constitution voted upon at General Assemblies not falling on a fourth anniversary of 1998 (even though they were accepted by the required two-thirds majority) and the invalidation of IPF competition results since November 2010.

The IPF has instructed Luxembourg counsel and is currently in the process of defending itself against this claim.

7.2 On 8 September 2016, in a letter that was sent in copy to the members of the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Executive Committee of SportAccord, Mr Wilks, President of OPF and CEO of PA, accused the IPF and its EC and members of refusing “to act properly, in accordance with the Constitution of the IPF” and also made a series of criticisms against the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee (EDC).

7.3 Mr Wilks initiated proceedings with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against the IPF on 3 December 2015. These proceedings were dismissed on 14 June 2016 for lack of jurisdiction. Mr Wilks has not to date paid the contribution to the IPF’s legal fees that he was ordered to pay by the CAS.

7.4 Within a period of less than two years, PA and OPF have filed at least 14 complaints with the EDC, all signed by Mr. Wilks, targeting mostly members of the IPF EC. In summary:

- a. On 16 December 2015, PA filed one complaint with the EDC
- b. On 6 January 2016, PA filed five complaints with the EDC
- c. On 19 October 2016, PA filed two complaints with the EDC
- d. On 19 October 2016, OPF filed four complaints with the EDC
- e. On 13 June 2017, OPF filed one complaint with the EDC;
- f. On 15 August 2017, PA filed one complaint with the EDC.

7.5 To date, seven of these complaints have been decided by the EDC and, in all seven instances, the complaint was dismissed. PA has recently filed.

7.6 In the same period, only two complaints have been filed before the EDC by other members/regions.

7.7 Mr. Wilks, President of OPF and CEO of PA, has persistently made inappropriate and offensive comments in respect of the IPF EC and other IPF officers or bodies, in particular:

- He referred to “IPF Executive’s record of deceit and underhandedness”;
- He stated that “the E&DC operates as a rubber stamp for Mr. Gaston Parage and his cronies”;
- He mentioned that “some (not all) members of the executive committee place their personal interests above those of the IPF, the athletes and the sport of Powerlifting”.
- He claimed that the EDC proceedings “are demonstrably riddled by delay, secrecy and a reasonable apprehension of bias”.
- In respect of the IPF Secretary General, he said that “it appears that he deliberately lied and/or misled PA, the OPF and [him]”. He also referred to an alleged “abject failure [...] to comply with obligations imposed upon him” by the IPF Secretary General.

C. Regulatory basis

8. Pursuant to art. 7.2.3 of the Constitution, the General Assembly has the power “[t]o suspend and take other sanctions against the IPF national member federations or regions for any violation of the IPF Constitution or By-Laws or other applicable rules or regulations where competence is not explicitly reserved for another organ, body or committee of the IPF.”

9. Moreover, art. 102.2 of the Bylaws sets out that “[n]o National federation shall remain a member of the IPF if the General Assembly by at least two-thirds majority of votes cast decides that it is not in the best interest of the IPF for that national federation to remain a member.”

10. Without limitation, the elements above show that OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks (1) are seeking to annihilate the IPF or, in the alternative, erase a significant part of its sporting history, (2) have subjected the IPF and its EC to significant litigation before state and arbitral courts as well as internal disciplinary bodies and (3) have been willing, through Mr. Wilks, to make abusive and inappropriate comments about the IPF, its EC and members (including before important stakeholders such as the IOC and SportAccord).

11. These actions are harmful to the IPF. In particular, they divert its resources away from the sport, impede the proper functioning of its bodies and negatively affect its image. Ultimately, it is not in best interests of the IPF to be associated to entities that are seeking its elimination.

12. On the basis of articles 7.2.3 of the Constitution and 102.2 of the Bylaws and on the basis of the applicable Luxembourg law, the IPF EC considers that the OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks should be excluded from the IPF and its activities.

13. The OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks will be given an opportunity to respond to the elements described above at the General Assembly in Pilsen, Czech Republic, on 12 November 2017, following which the General Assembly will be requested to vote on whether to exclude OPF, PA and Mr. Wilks from the IPF and its activities. Such a vote will require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

Motion #2 through #14 (IPF Executive)

Please see attachment: IPF Constitution 2017 Briefing Book

Motion #15 (European Powerlifting Federation)

By Law 103.3.1

If a national federation nominated for World championships or cups has not paid the required participation and anti-doping fees to the bank account of the IPF within **one day prior to** the Technical Meeting for the particular championship, a penalty fee of 500 Euro will be charged.

By Law 103.3.2.

The invoice must be sent to the nominated federations by the IPF Treasurer at the latest 14 days prior to the day of the Technical Meeting for each of the World Championships

Explanation: To give the Treasurer ample time to check if the payments has been done previous to the day of the technical meeting.

Motion #16 (European Powerlifting Federation)

By Law 105.3.8

All lifters taking part in World championships and cups shall fill in the “Lifters Profile form”. The participating nations shall send the forms for all lifters in their team with the preliminary nomination to the organizer not later than 60 days before the championships. If a lifters Profile form was not sent in for one or more of a nation’s nominated lifters **the federation will receive a reminder and if not provided with the date of the final nomination, the lifter(s) will be withdrawn from final nomination.**

Reason: The Lifters profile is important for the streaming, any TV coverage, the Press and the competition speaker to highlight our sport and the lifter.

Motion #17 (European Powerlifting Federation)

105.5.2. A national federation taking part in World championships and cups shall pay the IPF anti-doping fee and the participation fee for each lifter nominated and entered on the preliminary entry form. No such fees are to be paid for nominated reserve lifters if not replacing any of the nominated lifters.

Reason: Many federations nominate a high number of lifters plus reserve lifters at the preliminary nomination. At the final nomination, many of the nominated lifters are withdrawn without being substituted by reserve lifters. This situation is difficult for the organizer because they must plan hotel accommodation, transport etc. for a larger number of people than probably will attend. As long as each federation may nominate 5 reserve lifters to substitute the preliminary nominated lifters, it should be reasonable to expect that each federation is able to make proper planning of the total number of lifters they put forward in the preliminary nomination.

Motion #18 (Ethics and Disciplinary Committee)

Paragraph 11.3.1.2

Remains as is.

Add

Paragraph 11.3.1.3

Documentary Hearing Procedure

Introduction

1. This procedure details the processes to be followed for reviewing and ruling on non-doping related cases referred to the E&DC.
2. If the complainant requests a hearing in person, as per paragraph 11.3.1.2. This may be granted at the discretion of the E&DC Chairman.
3. All cases lodged must be in accordance with the IPF Constitution and submitted via the IPF Secretary General.
4. No case can be accepted by the E&DC from any other source.
5. A fee of Euro 500 must be paid for each complaint to be filed. The fee shall be refunded if the complaint is upheld. Nothing will be done with the complaint until the IPF Treasurer confirms receipt of payment in full.
6. If the complainant owes monies for any outstanding debts to either the IPF or the CAS, the case will automatically be rejected until such time as debts are paid in full to the IPF Treasurer or to the CAS.
7. Complaints must detail the applicable paragraph of the IPF Constitution and/or By-Laws that has been violated.
8. All complaints submitted must include independently substantiatable evidence that a violation has occurred or they will be rejected.
9. Any sanctions imposed shall be in accordance with the IPF Constitution.
10. The burden of proof shall be on a balance of probabilities.
11. The accused party shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty on a balance of probabilities.
12. The principles of natural justice shall apply.

Representation

1. The parties may be represented or assisted by attorneys, persons of their choice or chose to represent themselves. However, the IPF accept no liability for the cost of legal or any other representation for any parties.
2. The names, addresses, electronic mail addresses, telephone numbers of the persons representing the parties shall be communicated to the Chairman of the IPF Ethics & Disciplinary Committee.
3. Where an attorney is representing the athlete or official and wishes to be directly copied on correspondence, the attorney shall file a signed Power of Attorney with the IPF Chairman of the IPF Ethics & Disciplinary Committee.
4. For the avoidance doubt all statements (witnesses, claimants, respondents etc) shall be signed under oath (affidavits), subject to penalty of perjury.

Independence and Impartiality of E&DC

1. Every member of the IPF E&DC Documentary Hearing Panel shall be and remain impartial and independent of the parties in any hearing. Note that this may be the entire E&DC or a sub-set, dependent on the circumstances of the case and availability of members. The minimum number of the Panel shall be three.
2. Once nominated to a specific case by the Chairman, each E&DC member shall sign a declaration that they are free from conflicts of interest and/or shall immediately disclose any circumstances which may affect their independence or impartiality with respect to any of the parties.

Format of Proceedings

1. Cases brought before the IPF E&DC shall be conducted primarily by way of documentary hearings unless a hearing in person has been granted as per paragraph 2 on the Introduction.
2. In case of a disagreement by the parties on the format of the proceedings the E&DC Chairman shall make a final determination taking into account the urgency, the potential costs to the parties and the particulars of the dispute with regards to the production of evidence.
3. Timeframe:
 - a. The E&DC Chairman shall within 14 days, forward the allegations to the accused party, who shall have 21 days to provide their defense.
 - b. The E&DC shall consider the submissions and request any clarifications they deem necessary from either party within 14 days.
 - c. The parties shall reply to any questions from the E&DC within 14 days.
 - d. The E&DC shall send their judgement, copy to the IPF Secretary General, within 21 days.

Procedure for IPF E&DC Documentary Hearings

1. The proceedings before the E&DC comprise written submissions and a documentary hearing.
2. Upon receipt of the file and if necessary, the Chairman of the E&DC shall issue directions in connection with the written submissions.
3. As a general rule, there shall be submissions filed by the persons against whom charges have been brought. Ideally these will be in the form of a formal brief with exhibits. However, any email correspondence exchanged and all statements and/or documents filed shall be accepted as part of the case file.
4. Should the claimant elect to file additional materials, the persons accused shall also receive an electronic copy of said submissions.
5. Any witness or expert statements filed as exhibits by any of the parties involved should at minimum be signed and dated, and ideally be filed as a sworn affidavits.
6. After the exchange of the written submissions, the parties shall not be authorized to produce further written evidence, unless the E&DC so permits on the basis of exceptional circumstances.
7. The written submissions shall be compiled, organized and summarized as needed by the E&DC Chairman and submitted to the E&DC Hearing Panel for its deliberations.
8. In the course of its deliberations, should the E&DC determine that it requires additional information or clarifications from either the parties concerned, other persons or IPF on the submissions received, it shall be allowed to seek this out at any time prior to or in the course of the hearing via the Chairman of the IPF Ethics & Disciplinary Committee.
9. Once having decided on the matter by majority vote, the E&DC will then issue a written and reasoned decision that will be communicated to all parties no later than 21 days after the hearing.
10. The E&DC judgement can be appealed in accordance with the IPF Disciplinary Rules and Constitution, as stated in the E&DC judgement.

Motion #19 (USA Powerlifting)

No one who has failed a drug test will be eligible to serve in a position of leadership in the IPF, defined as a member of the Executive or member of any of the standing committees or commissions.

Motion #20 (USA Powerlifting)

No one who has failed a drug test will be eligible for participation in any international multisport festival.

Motion #21 (USA Powerlifting)

That the IPF establish an individual category of membership, referred to as an international competition license to be collected by nations from individual athletes. It must be paid at the time of the first competition in any given calendar year, but may be used multiple times in any calendar year. The amount will be 50 Euro. Monies will be used for anti-doping testing only. Note: At 2000 competitors in a year, the IPF will make 100,000 Euro for drug testing. It also allows the IPF to make contracts directly with the lifters regarding anti-doping, and enforce participating in anti-doping education via an online course.

Motion #22 (IPF Executive)

The IPF's new business address is as follows:

Old Address

1, rue Pasteur
4642 Differdange
Luxembourg
Phone: +352-584744
Mobile: +352-621165214
Fax: +352-582696
E-Mail: office@powerlifting-ipf.com

New Address

International Powerlifting Federation
3, route d'Arlon
L-8009 Strassen
Luxembourg
Phone: +352-584744
Mobile: +352-621165214
Fax: +352-582696
E-Mail: office@powerlifting-ipf.com

Motion #23 (Iceland)

Article

103.2 IPF Subscription and Fees (old version)

The participating national federations shall pay a doping test fee of EUR 50 for each lifter entered and declared at-the final entry form. In addition to the doping test fee, participating national federations shall pay a participation fee of EUR 50 per lifter for each lifter entered and taking part in any World Championships. EUR 15 of the participation fee or equipment similar to that amount shall be paid to the promoter, or the promoter shall receive equivalent support in goods donated by sponsors, as decided by the Executive.

103.2 IPF Subscription and Fees (new version)

The participating national federations shall pay to the IPF a doping test fee of EUR 50 for each lifter entered and declared at-the final entry form for all championships on the IPF Calendar both international and regional. The doping test fee shall be clearly earmarked for anti-doping purposes. In addition to the doping test fee, participating national federations shall pay a participation fee of EUR 50 per lifter for each lifter entered and taking part in any World Championships. EUR 15 of the participation fee or equipment similar to that amount shall be paid to the promoter, or the promoter shall receive equivalent support in goods donated by sponsors, as decided by the Executive Committee.

Reasons

Next year the IPF will need much more money for the OCTs to reach the WADA requirement of OCT testing of 200+ tests. Already this year more than 40 tests were made and that finished all the money in the budget and more. Secondly as a result of the Compliance Questionnaire and the Certification Process that WADA is taking all

Ifs through we are already being pushed to do much more as regards the whole IPF Anti-Doping System which will require much more money. **Besides the above it is a matter of principle that all anti-doping fees go to anti-doping work but is not used or other purposes.**

11) New Member Applicants

New Provisional Members to be confirmed:

- Malaysian Association of Powerlifting
- Namibian Powerlifting and Weightlifting Federation
- Powerlifting Association of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
- Powerlifting Federation of Panama
- Togo Gold Powerlifting Association
- Turkish Powerlifting Association
- Anguilla Powerlifting Federation
- Syrian Powerlifting Federation

Current Provisional members seeking full membership:

- Slovenia Powerlifting Federation
- Kuwait Powerlifting & Arm Wrestling Federation
- Egyptian Powerlifting Union
- Jordan Powerlifting & Arm-wrestling Association
- Nicaraguan Powerlifting Federation
- Sri Lanka

12) Action on Delinquent Nations

None

13) Hall of Fame

To be announce at the General Assembly

14) Future Championships

2017				
29. January	Reykjavik International Games	IPF/EPF	Reykjavik	Iceland
03. - 04. February	ER Open Classic & Equipped Bench Press Championships	EPF	Albertslund	Denmark
19. - 20. February	Nordic Junior Championships	NPF/EPF	Kathrineholm	Sweden
04. - 06. March	Arnold Classic North America	USAPL	Colombus, OH	USA
12. - 19. March	European Classic Open, Junior & Sub Junior Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Thisted	Denmark
02. - 07. April	SportAccord Convention	IPF	Aarhus	Denmark
05. - 09. April	IPF Coaching Certification	IPF	La Manga	Spain
16.-22. April	World Open, Sub-Junior, Junior & Masters Classic Bench Press Championships	IPF	Killeen / Texas	USA
21. - 23. April	Arnold Sports Festival	CBLB	Sao Paulo	Brazil
28. - 30. April	Pacific Invitational	OPF	Sydney	Australia
01. - 05. May	Asian Equipped Powerlifting Championships	APF	Bandung	Indonesia
05. - 07. May	Arnold Classic Africa	SAPF/IPF	Johannesburg	South Africa
08. - 14. May	European Open, Sub-Junior & Junior Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Malaga	Spain
22. - 27. May	World Open, Sub Junior, Juniors & Master Equipped Bench Press Championship	IPF	Kaunas	Lithuania
27. - 28. May	Toronto Pro Super Show	IPF/NAPF	Toronto	Canada
14. - 25. June	World Open, Sub-Junior, Junior & Master Classic Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Minsk	Belarus
04. - 12. July	32nd FESUPO South American Open Powerlifting Championships	FESUPO	Orlando, Florida	USA
04. July	15th NAPF General Assembly	NAPF	Orlando, Florida	USA
05. - 08. July	15th Annual NAPF North American Regional Powerlifting Championships	NAPF	Orlando, Florida	USA
05. - 08. July	16th Annual NAPF/FESUPO Pan-American Regional Powerlifting Championships	NAPF	Orlando, Florida	USA
10. - 15. July	2nd World University Powerlifting Cup	IPF	Potchefstroom	South Africa
11. - 15. July	European Masters Equipped Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Pilsen	Czech Republic
20. - 30. July	IWGA World Games	IPF	Wroclaw	Poland
09.-13. August	European Open, Juniors and Masters Classic Bench Press Championships	EPF	Ylitornio	Finland
19. - 20. August	Asia Powerlifting & Bench Press Expo	APF	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
27. Aug. - 03. Sep.	World Sub-Junior & Junior Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Orlando	USA
06. - 10. September	IPF Coaching Certification	IPF	La Manga	Spain
06. - 12. September	Asian Equipped & Classic Bench Press Championships	APF	Manila	Philippines
10. - 17. September	Commonwealth Bench Press & Powerlifting Championships	CPF	Potchefstroom	South Africa
14. - 16. September	Western European Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Hamm	Luxembourg
22. - 24. September	Arnold Classic Europe	EPF	Barcelona	Spain
06. - 07. October	Danube Cup Classic & Equipped	EPF	Trencin	Slovakia

02. - 07. October	World Master Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Sundsvall	Sweden
11. - 15. October	European Open, Masters & Junior Bench Press Championships	EPF	La Manga	Spain
18. - 22. October	African Powerlifting & Bench Press Championships	APF	Bejaia	Algeria
26. - 28. October	12th NAPF North American Regional Bench Press Championships	NAPF	Hamilton, Ontario	Canada
06. - 10. November	SportAccord IF Forum	IPF	Lausanne	Switzerland
13. - 18. November	World Open Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Pilsen	Czech Republic
01. - 03. December	European Classic Cup	EPF	Malaga	Spain
04. - 08. December	Asian Classic Powerlifting Championships	APF	Jamshedpur	India
07. - 10. December	Oceania Championships & Pacific Invitational 2	OPF	Singapore	Singapore
10. - 15. December	Subrata Classic and Equipped Powerlifting & Bench Press Championships	APF	Jamshedpur	India

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TBD January	Reykjavik International Games	IPF/EPF	Reykjavik	Iceland
TBD February	ER Open Classic & Equipped Bench Press Championships	EPF	TBD	Denmark
TBD February	Nordic Junior Championships	EPF	TBD	TBD
2. - 4. March	Arnolds Sports Festival	USAPL	Colombus, Ohio	USA
6. - 10. March	European Master Classic Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Helsingborg	Sweden
15. - 20. April	16th Annual SportAccord Conference	IPF	Bangkok	Thailand
24. - 29. April	World Open, Sub-Junior, Junior & Masters Equipped Bench Press Championships	IPF	Potchefstroom	South Africa
01. - 05. May	Asian Equipped Powerlifting Championships	APF	New Delhi	India
05. - 12. May	European Open, Sub-Junior and Junior Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Pilsen	Czech Republic
18. - 20. May	Arnold Classic Africa	SAPF	Johannesburg	South Africa
14. - 19. May	World Open, Sub Junior, Junior & Master Classic Bench Press Championships	IPF	Helsinki	Finland
06. - 17. June	World Classic Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Calgary	Canada
03. - 07. July	European Master Powerlifting Championships	EPF	TBD	TBD
08. - 15. July	World University Powerlifting Cup	IPF	TBD	Czech Republic
TBA July	16th NAPF General Assembly	NAPF	Mexico City	Mexico
TBA July	16th NAPF North American Powerlifting Championships	NAPF	Mexico City	Mexico
9. - 12. August	European Open, Master and Junior Classic Bench Press Championships	EPF	TBD	France
01. - 09. September	World Junior Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Potchefstroom	South Africa
06. - 12. September	Asian Classic and Equipped Bench Press Championships	APF	Dubai	U.A.E.
13. - 15. September	Western European Championships Equipped/Classic	EPF	Hamar	Norway
TBD September	Arnold Sports Festival Europe	EPF	Barcelona	Spain
30. Sep. - 06 Oct.	World Masters Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolia
TBA October	13th NAPF North American Bench Press Championships	NAPF	Nassau	Bahamas (To be confirmed)
TBA October	7th NAPF/FESUPO Pan-American Bench Press Championships	NAPF	Nassau	Bahamas (To be confirmed)
9. - 13. October	European Open, Master and Junior Bench Press Championships	EPF	Hamm	Luxembourg
04. - 10. November	World Open Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Halmstad	Sweden
25. Nov. - 2. Dec.	European Open, Sub-Junior and Junior Classic Powerlifting Championships	EPF	TBD	Lithuania
04. - 08. December	Asian Classic Powerlifting Championships	APF	Manila	Philippines
10. - 15. December	Subrata Classic and Equipped Bench Press & Powerlifting Championships	APF	Jamshedpour	India

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TBD January	Reykjavik International Games	IPF/EPF	Reykjavik	Iceland
TBD February	ER Open Classic & Equipped Bench Press Championships	EPF	TBD	Denmark
06. - 10. March	European Masters Classic Powerlifting Championships	EPF	TBD	Hungary
01. - 05. May	Asian Equipped Powerlifting Championships	APF	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
05. - 12. May	European Open, Sub-Junior & Junior Equipped Powerlifting Championships	EPF	TBD	Czech Republic - Bid
13. - 19. May	World Open, Sub Junior, Junior & Master Classic & Equipped Bench Press Championships	IPF	Tokyo	Japan
03. - 15. June	World Classic Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Helsingborg	Sweden
03. - 07. July	European Masters Equipped Powerlifting Championships	EPF	TBD	Romania – Bid
TBD July	World University Powerlifting Cup	IPF	Tallinn	Estonia
08. - 11. August	European Open, Sub-Junior, Junior & Masters Classic Bench Press Championships	EPF	TBD	Denmark
26. - 31. August	World Junior Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Regina	Canada
06. - 12. September	Asian Classic & Equipped Bench Press Championships	APF	Ulaanbaatar	Mongolia
13. - 15. September	Western European Classic & Equipped Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Borgaro	Italy
TBD September	Arnold Classic Europe	EPF	Barcelona	Spain
10. - 13. October	European Open, Sub-Junior, Junior & Master Equipped Bench Press Championships	EPF	La Manga Club	Spain
TBD October	World Masters Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Potchefstroom	South Africa - Bid
TBD November	World Open Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Minsk	Belarus – Bid
24. November - 01. December	European Open, Sub-Junior, Junior & Master Classic Powerlifting Championships	EPF	TBD	Lithuania
04. - 08. December	Asian Classic Powerlifting Championships	APF	Masqat	Oman
10. - 15. December	Subrata Classic and Equipped Bench Press & Powerlifting Championships	APF	Jamshedpour	India

15) New Business

Presentation – Eleiko

Presentation – Mongolia (2018 IPF World Masters PL Championships)

President's Closing Speech

16) Adjournment

Appendix 1:

The IPF Constitution Changes 2017 Briefing Book