



IPF Officials 1972 – 2016

IPF historic resume

Bob Hoffman from USA took the initiative to host an unofficial World Championships in Harrisburg Pa in USA 11 November 1972. Lifters from England, USA, Canada, Zambia and Puerto Rico took part. After the championship was finished, 7 Men had a meeting in Zembo Mosque in Harrisburg Pa and founded IPF.

The seven Men were:

Bob Christ from USA was elected as the first President. George Foster from England, Bill Gvoich from Canada, Howard Hamilton from Jamaica, Gilbert Gonzales from Puerto Rico and Peter Fiore from Zambia were all elected Vice Presidents. Milt McKinney from USA was elected General Secretary.

The very first sanctioned IPF World Championships were hosted in 1973 in the town of Harrisburg Pa in USA supported by Bob Hoffman. Lifters from England, USA, South Africa, Puerto Rico, Sweden, Jamaica and Canada took part.

The “round system” as practised today, was introduced by the IPF President Heinz Vierthaler and adopted from 1 January 1985.

Presidents

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1972	Bob Christ	USA	
1975	Vic Mercer	GBR	
1979	Vic Mercer	GBR	
1983	Heinz Vierthaler	GER	
1987	Heinz Vierthaler	GER	
1991	Heinz Vierthaler	GER	
1995	Grahame Fong	NZL	
1999	Norbert Wallauch	AUT	
2003	Norbert Wallauch	AUT	
2007	Detlev Albrings	GER	
2011	Detlev Albrings	GER	Retired 2012
2012	Gaston Parage	LUX	
2015	Gaston Parage	LUX	

Vice Presidents / Board members

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1972	George Foster Bill Gvoich Howard Hamilton Gilbert Gonzales Peter Fiore	GBR CAN JAM PUR ZMB	Vice President " " " "
1975			
1979 Election year	Frank Lamp Bob Christ Wally Holland Manojit Bose Charles Madondo	AUS (Pacific) USA GBR IND ZMB	Vice President " " " "
1981	Arnold Boström	SWE (Europe)	Vice President
1983 Election year	Arnulf Wahlström Larry Pacifico Laercio Jorge Martinez Jean-Francois Rodrigues Frank Lamp Manojit Bose	NOR (Europe) USA (N. America) BRA (S. America) CIV (Africa) AUS (Oceania) IND (Asia)	Vice President " " " " "
1987 Election year	Wouter v.d. Toorn William (Bill) T. Jamison Romeu Habib Ghattas Vacant Ray Rigby Manojit Bose	NED (Europe) CAN (N. America) BRA (S. America) (Africa) AUS (Oceania) IND (Asia)	Vice President " " " " "
1990	Arnulf Wahlström	NOR (Europe)	Vice President
1991 Election year	Arnulf Wahlström Stella Herrick Romeu Habib Ghattas Jean-Francois Rodrigues Grahame Fong Manojit Bose	NOR (Europe) USA (N. America) BRA (S. America) CIV (Africa) NZL (Oceania) IND (Asia)	Vice President " " " " "
1993	Alan Ferguson	RSA (Africa)	Vice President
1995 Election year	Arnulf Wahlström William (Bill) T. Jamison Jose Puentes Paul Jaffa Robert Wilks Chen Che Nan	NOR (Europe) CAN (N. America) ARG (S. America) RSA (Africa) AUS (Oceania) INO (Asia)	Vice President " " " " "
1996	Susumu Yoshida	JAP (Asia)	Vice President
1997	Alan Ferguson	RSA (Africa)	Vice President
1999 Election year	Arnulf Wahlström Mauro di Pasquale Jose Puentes Alan Ferguson Robert Wilks Susumu Yoshida	NOR (Europe) CAN (N. America) ARG (S. America) RSA (Africa) AUS (Oceania) JPN (Asia)	Vice President " " " " "
2003 Election year	Arnulf Wahlström Lawrence (Larry) Maile Julio Conrado Alan Ferguson Robert Wilks Susumu Yoshida	NOR (Europe) USA (N. America) BRA (S. America) RSA (Africa) AUS (Oceania) JPN (Asia)	Vice President Board member " " "
2007 Election year	Arnulf Wahlström Lawrence (Larry) Maile Julio Conrado Alan Ferguson Robert Wilks Susumu Yoshida	NOR (Europe) USA (N. America) BRA (S. America) RSA (Africa) AUS (Oceania) JPN (Asia)	Board member " " " " Vice President
2008	Alan Ferguson	RSA	Vice President
2009	Lawrence (Larry) Maile	USA	Vice President

2010	Johnny Graham	USA	Vice President
2011 Election year	Johnny Graham Arnulf Wahlström Lawrence (Larry) Maile Julio Conrado Alan Ferguson Robert Wilks Susumu Yoshida	USA NOR (Europe) USA (N. America) BRA (S. America) RSA (Africa) AUS (Oceania) JPN (Asia)	Vice President Board member " " " "
2013	Johnny Graham Arnulf Wahlström Robert Keller Julio Conrado Alan Ferguson Robert Wilks Susumu Yoshida Eva Speth	USA NOR (Europe) USA (N. America) BRA (S. America) RSA (Africa) AUS (Oceania) JPN (Asia) GER (Athletes rep.)	Vice President Board member " " " " "
2014	Hugo Velasques Pjotr Van den Hoek Eva Speth	CRI (N. America) NET (Athletes rep.) GER (Womens rep)	Board member " "
2015 Election year	Sigurjon Petursson Arnulf Wahlström Hugo Velasques Julio Conrado Alan Ferguson Vacant Sergey Kim Eva Speth Pjotr Van den Hoek Johan "Hannie" Smith	ICE NOR (Europe) CRI (N. America) BRA (S. America) RSA (Africa) (Oceania) KAZ (Asia) GER (Womens rep) NET (Athletes rep.) RSA (TC Chair.)	Vice President Board member " " " " " " "
2016	Christina Chamley Josephine Wing-Yuk Ip	AUS Communic. director HKG Medical adviser	Board member "

Secretary General (General Secretary)

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1972	Milt McKinney	USA	
1975			
1979	Clay Patterson	USA	
1981	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1983	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1987	John Moody	GBR	
1991	John Moody	GBR	
1995	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1998	Heiner Köberich	GER	
1999	Heiner Köberich	GER	
2003	Detlev Albrings	GER	
2007	Emanuel Scheiber	AUT	
2011	Emanuel Scheiber	AUT	Retired 2015
2015	Robert Keller	USA	

Treasurer

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1972			
1975			
1979	John M Pettitt	USA	
1980	Clay Patterson	USA	
1981	Gren Elmore	GBR	
1983	Gren Elmore	GBR	
1987	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1991	Arnold Boström	SWE	

1995	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1998	Gerhard Geissler	GER	
1999	Gaston Parage	LUX	
2003	Gaston Parage	LUX	
2007	Gaston Parage	LUX	
2011	Gaston Parage	LUX	
2012	Dietmar Wolf	NOR	
2015	Dietmar Wolf	NOR	

Technical Committee

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1972			
1975	Vic Mercer	GBR	
1979	Vic Mercer	GBR	
1980	Dennis Burke		Removed from office 1982
1982	Vacant ?		
1983	Bob Parker	USA	
1987	Bob Parker	USA	
1990	Göran Gunnarsson John Stephenson Bill Jamison Klaus Broström Henk Keizer Arnulf Wahlström Susumu Yoshida	SWE GBR CAN DEN NED NOR JPN	Chairman Member " " " " "
1991	Göran Gunnarsson John Stephenson Bill Jamison Klaus Broström Henk Keizer Arnulf Wahlström Susumu Yoshida	SWE GBR CAN DEN NED NOR JPN	Chairman Member " " " " "
1995	Göran Gunnarsson John Stephenson Bill Jamison Klaus Broström Henk Keizer Arnulf Wahlström Susumu Yoshida	SWE GBR CAN DEN NED NOR JPN	Chairman Member " " " " "
1999	John Stephenson P.J.Couvillion Klaus Broström Bill Jamison Henk Keizer Arnulf Wahlström Susumu Yoshida	GBR USA DEN CAN NED NOR JPN	Chairman Member " " " " "
2003	John Stephenson Bill Jamison Henk Keizer Robert Keller Johnny Wiklund Arnulf Wahlström Susumu Yoshida	GBR CAN NED USA SWE NOR JPN	Chairman Member " " " " "
2007	John Stephenson Bill Jamison Bill Clayton Johan "Hannie" Smith Henk Keizer Johnny Wiklund	GBR CAN USA RSA NED SWE	Chairman Member " " " "

	Myriam Busselot Steve Lousich Subrata Dutta	BEL NZL IND	" " "
2011	Johan "Hannie" Smith Patrik Thur Johnny Wiklund Xavier de Puytorac Myriam Busselot Steve Lousich P.J. Couvillion Anatoliy Stetsenko	RSA SWE SWE FRA BEL NZL USA UKR	Chairman Member and Referee registrar Member " " " " "
2015	Johan "Hannie" Smith Patrik Thur Johnny Wiklund Xavier de Puytorac Myriam Busselot P.J.Couvillion Steve Louisch Anatoliy Stetsensko	RSA SWE SWE FRA BEL USA NZL UKR	Chairman Member. « « « « « « « and Record registrar

Referee Registrar (Certification)

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1981	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1983	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1987	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1991			
1995			
1999	Göran Gunnarsson	SWE	
2003	Göran Gunnarsson	SWE	
2007	Göran Gunnarsson	SWE	
2009	Patrik Thur	SWE	
2011	Patrik Thur	SWE	
2015	Patrik Thur	SWE	

Law & Legislation Committee

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1976	Frank Lamp	AUS	
1979	Frank Lamp	AUS	
1983	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1986?	Heiner Köberich	GER	
1987	-		
1988	David Crossman	USA	
1991	Heiner Köberich	GER	
1995	Heiner Köberich	GER	
1999	Detlev Albrings Arnulf Wahlström Dietmar Wolf Lawrence (Larry) Maile Gaston Parage Klaus Broström	GER NOR NOR USA LUX DEN	Chairman Member " " " "
2003	Jean Claude Verdonck Detlev Albrings Gaston Parage Sandro Rossi	BEL GER LUX ITA	Chairman Member " "
2007	Jean Claude Verdonck Detlev Albrings Gaston Parage Sandro Rossi	BEL GER LUX ITA	Chairman Member " "
2011	Jean Claude Verdonck Sandro Rossi	BEL ITA	Chairman Member

	Emanuel Scheiber	AUT	“
2015	Kalevi Sorsa Sandro Rossi Robert Keller	FIN ITA USA	Chairman Member “

Medical Committee

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1976 -			
1979	Vic Mercer	GBR	
1983	Mauro Di Pasquale	CAN	
1987	Richard Herrick Ove Deraas Richard Herbert Werner Hufnagel Thomas E. Hyde, D.C. Ray Rigby	USA NOR GER AUS	
1991	Richard T. Herrick	USA	
1995	Richard T. Herrick	USA	
1999	Vity Semenov	RUS	
2000	Mathias Ritsch	GER	
2001	Bernie Miller	USA	
2003	Bernie Miller	USA	
2007	Bernie Miller Rickard Herrick Mathias Ritsch Helmar Stiegler Chris Calvano Josephine Wing-Yuk Ip	USA USA GER AUT USA HKG	Chairman Member ” ” ” ”
2011	Marek Kruszewski Larry Maile Bénédicte Le Panse Josephine Wing-Yuk Ip Hugo Velasquez Robert Wilks	POL USA FRA HKG CRC AUS	Chairman Member ” ” ” «
2015	Marek Kruszewski Larry Maile Bénédicte Le Panse Josephine Wing-Yuk Ip Hugo Velasquez	POL USA FRA HKG CRC	Chairman Member ” ” ”

Ethic & Disciplinary Committee

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1976	Terry Jordan	GBR	
1979	Gren Elmore	GBR	
1983	Gren Elmore	GBR	
1987	Gren Elmore	GBR	
1991	Gren Elmore	GBR	
1995	Jim Canniffe	GBR	
1999	Detlev Albrings Dietmar Wolf Lawrence (Larry) Maile	GER NOR USA	Chairman Member “
2003	Dietmar Wolf Lawrence (Larry) Maile Stephane Hatot	NOR USA FRA	Chairman Member “
2007	Dietmar Wolf Lawrence (Larry) Maile	NOR USA	Chairman Member

	Stephane Hatot Kalevi Sorsa	FRA FIN	“ Interim member
2011	Dietmar Wolf Kalevi Sorsa Gennadiy Khodosevic	NOR FIN RUS	Chairman Member “
2012	Sigurjon Petursson Gennadiy Khodosevich Jari Rantapelkonen Richard Parker	ICE RUS FIN GB	Chairman Member “ Substitute
2015	Richard Parker Pavol Müller Gennadiy Khodosevich Sean Dunston Eddie Torres	GB SLO RUS USA PHIL	Chairman Member “ “ “
2016	Andre Smith Volker Bernardi Roland Blasi	RSA GER LUX	Member “ “

Anti Doping Hearing Panel

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
2003	James Cirincione	USA	
2007	James Cirincione Janie Soubliere Norbert Wallauch Chris Calvano David Sperbeck	USA CAN AUT USA USA	Chairman Member ” ” ”
2011	James Cirincione Norbert Wallauch Hugo Velasquez Janie Soubliere David Sperbeck	USA AUT CRC CAN USA	Chairman Member (died 2015) ” (ended 2015) ” ”
2015	James Ciricione Jean Emmanuel Monneyron Janie Soubliere David Sperbeck	USA FRA CAN USA	Chairman Member « «

Anti Doping Commission (Doping Control Officer)

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1991			
1995			
1999			
2003	Robert Wilks Alan Ferguson Kalevi Sorsa Lawrence (Larry) Maile	AUS RSA FIN USA	Chairman Member ” ”
2007	Robert Wilks Kalevi Sorsa Alan Ferguson	AUS FIN RSA	Chairman Member ”
2011	Robert Wilks Klaus Broström Kalevi Sorsa Lawrence (Larry) Maile Alan Ferguson Robert Keller Detlev Albrings Steve Lousich	AUS DEN FIN USA RSA USA GER NZL	Chairman Member ” ” ” ” ” ” ”

	Cathy Marksteiner Sabine Al-Zobaidi	USA AUT	DCO Secretary
2015	Sigurjon Petursson Kalevi Sorsa Klaus Broström Alan Ferguson Lawrence Maile Steve Lousich Sabine Zangerle	ICE FIN DAN RSA USA NZL AUT	Chairman Member « « « « «

Appeal Committee

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1999			
2003	Lars-Göran Emanuelson Jean Claude Verdonck	SWE BEL	Chairman Member
2007	Lars-Göran Emanuelson Jean Claude Verdonck	SWE BEL	Chairman Member
2011	Lars-Göran Emanuelson Jean Claude Verdonck Eliot Feldman Steve Lousich Tatsuo Togo	SWE BEL USA NZL JPN	Chairman Member " " only 2011
2013	Kalevi Sorsa Jean Claude Verdonck Eliot Feldman Steve Lousich Patrik Björk	FIN BEL USA NZ SWE	Chairman Member « « «
2015	Alexandra Carli Kalevi Sorsa Elliot Feldman Patrik Björk Steve Lousich	NET FIN USA SWE NZL	Chair Member « « «

Women's Committee

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1975			
1980	Jan Todd	USA	
1983	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1987	Ramona Kenady	USA	
1990	Stella Herrick	USA	
1991	Stella Herrick	USA	
1994	Shelby Corson	USA	
1995	Shelby Corson	USA	
1999	-		
2003	-		
2007	Eva Speth Judith Reitmann Disa Hatfield Tetyana Akhmamyetyeva Deepali Kulkarni	GER URU USA UKR IND	Chair Member " " "
2011	Eva Speth Tetyana Akhmamyetyeva Gry Ek Maria Pia Moscianese Susann Hartwig-Gary	GER UKR ISL ITA USA	Chair Member " " "
2015	Eva Speth Tetyana Akhmamyetyeva	GER UKR	Chair Member

	Gry Ek Maria Pia Moscianese Susann Hartwig-Gary	ISL ITA USA	” ” ”
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Finance Committee (Finance Secretary / Auditor)

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1976	Bill Jamison	CAN	
1979			
1983	Vic Mercer	GBR	
1987	Gerhard Geissler	GER	
1991	Gerhard Geissler	GER	
1995	Gerhard Geissler	GER	
1998	Gaston Parage	LUX	
1999	Gerhard Geissler	GER	
2003	Gerhard Geissler Jean-Claude Verdonck	GER BEL	
2007	Gerhard Geissler Jean-Claude Verdonck	GER BEL	
2011	Gerhard Geissler Jean-Claude Verdonck	GER BEL	Died 2015
2015	Gerhard Geissler Xavier de Puytorac	GER FRA	

Championship Secretary

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
2003	Gaston Parage	LUX	
2007	Gaston Parage	LUX	
2011	Gaston Parage	LUX	
2015	Gaston Parage	LUX	

Record Registrar

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1972			
1975			
1979?	Mike Lambert	USA	
1981	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1983	Arnold Boström	SWE	
1987	Daniel Vandewalle	BEL	
1991	Daniel Vandewalle	BEL	
1995	Daniel Vandewalle	BEL	
1996?	Johan Westerberg	SWE	
1999	Johan Westerberg	SWE	
2003	Jari Tähtinen	FIN	
2007	Jari Tähtinen	FIN	
2009	Anatoliy Stetsenko	UKR	
2011	Anatoliy Stetsenko	UKR	
2015	Anatoliy Stetsenko	UKR	

Internet Officer

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1995	Mike Armstrong	CAN	

1999	Mike Armstrong	CAN	
2003	Wim Wamsteeker	NED	
2007	Wim Wamsteeker	NED	
2011	Vacant		
2015	Vacant		

Media Officer / Newsletter Editor / Media Team

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
1976	Karl Faeth	USA	
1979	Dennis Unitt	GBR	
1980	Clay Patterson	USA	
1981			
1983	Heinz Vierthaler	GER	
1987	Mike Lambert	USA	
1991			
1995	Norbert Wallauch	AUT	
1999			
2003	Robert Keller	USA	
2007	Dennis Unitt	GBR	
2010	Heinrich Janse van Rensburg	RSA	
2011	Heinrich Janse van Rensburg	RSA	Media off.
	Robert Keller	USA	Newsletter editor
2013	Rosina Polster	GER	Chair media
	Heinrich Janse van Rensburg	RSA	Member media
	Robert Keller	USA	Newsletter editor.
2015	Christina Chamley	AUS	Chair
	Eric Rupp	GER	Member
	Henrich Janse Van Rensburg	RSA	«
	Ryan Carrillo	USA	«
	Miklos Fekete	HUN	«
	Eva Speth	GER	“
	Anthony Tee	SIN	“
	Louise Edwards	GBR	“
	Trey Cunningham	USA	“
	Eduardo Rodrigues	URS	“
Ralph Farquharson	SPA	“	

Athletes Commission

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
2007	Inger Blikra	NOR	Speaker
	Gundula Fiona von Bachhaus	GER	Member
	Priscilla Ribic	USA	”
	Hiroyuki Isagawa	JPN	”
	Pjotr van den Hoek	NED	”
	Phil Richards	GBR	”
2011	Priscilla Ribic	USA	Speaker
	Inger Blikra	NOR	Member
	Pjotr van den Hoek	NED	”
	Dan Gaudreau	USA	”
	Andy Elvis Dörner	GER	”
	Joan Baez	PUR	”
	Keiko Nakai	AUS	Reserve
2015	Pjotr van den Hoek	NET	Athl. Rep. EC
	Priscilla Ribic	USA	Speaker

	Dan Gaudreau	USA	Member
	Marthe Elverum	NOR	"
	Andy Elvis Dörner	GER	"
	Joan Baez	PUR	"
	Keiko Nakai	AUS	Reserve
	Phil Richards	GBR	Reserve

Coach Commission

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
2007	Josephine Wing-Yuk Ip	HKG	Speaker
	Johnny Graham	USA	Member
	Ab Wolders	NED	"
	Rudolf Küster	GER	"
	Dietmar Wolf	NOR	"
	Alain Hammang	LUX	"
	Ralph Farquharson	GBR	"
2011	Ralph Farquharson	GBR	Speaker
	Dietmar Wolf	NOR	Member
	Alain Hammang	LUX	"
	Josephine Wing-yuk IP	HKG	"
	Ivan Cancel	PUR	"
2015	Ralph Farquharson	GBR	Speaker
	Alain Hammang	LUX	Member
	Josephine Wing-yuk IP	HKG	"
	Ivan Cancel	PUR	"

Entourage Committee

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
2014	Ralph Farquharson	SPA	Chairman
	Gaston Parage	LUX	Member
	Robert Wilks	AUS	"
	Ip Wing Yuk	HKG	"
	Benedicte Le Panse	FRA	"
	Mervi Sirkiä	FIN	"
	Inger Blikra	NOR	"
	Andy Elvis Dörner	GER	"
	Erika Myers	USA	"
	Johan Smith	RSA	"
	Maria Pia Moscianese	ITA	"
	Sandra Carli	NET	"
	Tamara Thomsen	GER	"
2015	Ralph Farquharson	SPA	Chairman
	Gaston Parage	LUX	«
	Ip Wing Yuk	HKG	«
	Benedicte Le Panse	FRA	«
	Mervi Sirkia	FIN	«
	Lawrence Maile	USA	«
	Nick Naylor	GBR	«
	Inger Blikra	NOR	«
	Erika Myers	USA	«
	Andy Elvis Dörner	GER	«
	Johan "Hannie" Smith	SRA	«
	Maria Pia Moscianese	ITA	«
	Miklos Fekete	HUN	«
	Jennifer Tompson	USA	«
	Sandra Carli	NET	«
Tamara Thomson	GER	«	
Remi Pronier	FRA	«	

Youth Commission.

Year	Name	Country	Remarks
2015	Remi Pronier	FRA	Chairman
	Jennifer Thompson	USA	Member

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