



## EUROPEAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION MINUTES OF THE XXVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Baku, Azerbaijan

Date: July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Time: 15:00

Place: Boulevard Hotel Baku

### **1. Welcome and Opening of the General Assembly**

The ESC President Vladimir Lisin welcomes the delegates, colleagues of the Presidium, representatives of the industry and of the Organizing Committees of the European Championships in 2018-2019, guests and observers to the XXVI Ordinary General Assembly of the European Shooting Confederation. He remarks that it is a special pleasure that the General Assembly is being attended by so many participants.

He also mentions that the agenda of the meeting contains many important items. Among them are several activity reports, discussion of proposals from the Member Federations and from the Presidium, approval of addendums and changes in the ESC Statutes and the General Regulations, decisions on the hosts of the European Championships in 2020-2021, elections of the President, Vice-Presidents, Presidium members, Chairpersons of the Permanent Committees and the Auditors.

The President expresses the hope that the decisions of the General Assembly will benefit the future of the shooting sport in Europe and declares the General Assembly open.

After that he gives the floor to the President of the International Shooting Sport Federation Olegario Vázquez Raña who welcomes the participants of the General Assembly and wishes them successful meetings.

Then the ESC President asks the ESC Secretary General Alexander Ratner to proceed with the Agenda.

### **2. Roll-call**

The Secretary General proceeded to the roll-call. It showed that delegates of 43 Member Federations from 40 countries were present in the meeting room. Another 3 Member Federations were represented by proxies duly submitted in writing according to the Statutes. In total, 46 out of 57 Member Federations from 41 countries were represented at the beginning of the General Assembly. So there was a quorum for any decisions.

No objection was raised by the General Assembly.

Then the Secretary General asks the delegates to pay tribute to the ESC Honorary President Gianpiero Armani who passed away in the beginning of June 2017 and to other members of the European shooting family who passed away since the previous General Assembly in Ljubljana. Everybody stood up in a minute of silence.

Before proceeding further the Secretary General welcomes those Presidents of the Member Federations who were elected after the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and are taking part in the General Assembly for the first time. He introduces:

- Mr. Luca Filippini (Swiss Shooting Federation),
- Mr. Vesa Nissinen (Finnish Shooting Sport Federation),
- Mr. Kakhaberi Sikharulidze (Georgian National Shooting Federation),
- Mr. Hans-Heinrich von Schönfels (German Shooting Sport Federation) and
- Mr. Haavard Larsen (Norwegian Shooting Association).

Each of them is greeted with a round of applause.

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

The Secretary General reminded that the notification procedure of all the required documents for the General Assembly had taken place according to the ESC Statutes, within due terms. The first notice of the General Assembly was sent out on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 announcing the date, the time and the place of the General Assembly, providing deadlines for the Member Federations with respect to proposals to be included in the Agenda, applications to host the European Championships in 2020-2021 and nominations to the elective positions.

The summons of the XXVI General Assembly and all the documents were mailed electronically to the Member Federations on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in accordance with the ESC Statutes, art. 5.4, and were available since that date as downloads on the ESC website.

No additional item was proposed by the Delegates.

**Decision:** the Agenda is unanimously approved.

### **4. Nomination of Scrutinizers and the Minutes Committee**

**Upon proposals of the Presidium the Delegates unanimously took the following decisions:**

- to approve as Scrutinizers Mr. Tommy Sørensen, Secretary General of the Danish Shooting Union, Mr. Meelis Loit, President of the Estonian Shooting Sport Federation, and Mr. Egbert IJzerman, President of the Royal Netherlands Shooting Sport Association;
- to approve Petros Kyritsis and Alexander Ratner as members of the Minutes Committee.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the XXV ESC Ordinary General Assembly in Ljubljana, Slovenia, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Decision:** the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **6. President's report**

Dear Delegates of the General Assembly,  
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Time is running quickly. I have a feeling that our previous General Assembly in Ljubljana was just a few weeks ago. But, no. Two years have passed. Today we are gathered in Baku to evaluate the activity of those two years and to determine our common future.

Same as in Ljubljana, I will concentrate on what I was doing in the reported period as the ESC President and the ISSF Vice-President.

To begin with, allow me to remind you shortly that after the 2014 ISSF General Assembly I wrote a letter to the ISSF President with constructive suggestions on the enhancement of the IF's activity. In particular:

- to distribute responsibility among the Vice-Presidents;
- to urgently start working on the new version of the ISSF Constitution;
- to attribute more responsibility to the Continental Confederations;
- to create regional development programs that would be financed by the money ISSF receives from the IOC for the Olympic Games.

A little later, in February 2015, I had a meeting with the IOC President Thomas Bach. We concentrated on two matters:

- the way to reestablish unity in our shooting sport;
- how to comply with the IOC recommendations while formulating proposals to the 2020 Olympic program.

So, you can understand what was in the center of my attention. All this, of course, besides the normal issues like protection of athletes' interests, competition rules, emphatic and more spectacular presentation of the events, TV broadcasting, celebration of European Championships etc.

#### *Works on the new version of the ISSF Constitution*

The existing ISSF Constitution was adopted on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1980. It was several times amended and – as a result - is composed of three different parts. Many Member Federations expressed certain criticism on several important provisions. The existing Constitution does not totally comply with the Olympic Charter.

That is why I decided to lead the works on the new version of the ISSF Constitution. The main goals were:

- To create a modern ISSF Constitution that corresponds to the realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to the Olympic Charter and to the principles of good governance in sports;
- To make the process of the revision of the ISSF Constitution open, transparent and clear to all members of the ISSF Family;
- To get the Member Federations involved in the process of the revision of the ISSF Constitution;
- To take into account the opinion and comments of the Member Federations and use the services of experts in the process of the preparation of the revised version of the ISSF Constitution;
- To give advanced information to the Member Federations on the possible changes.

I am not going to enter in further details. You all know what happened at the 2016 ISSF General Assembly in Moscow. The outcome of the voting showed that political motivation and personal ambitions prevail in the approach of some of our colleagues to the real needs of the shooting sport. But, our Working Group managed to organize a really democratic working process. We managed to involve in this process the Member Federations from all the continents and a lot of individual experts. The draft of the new version of the ISSF Constitution was published on the ISSF website and sent out all over the world. Bilateral contacts between the Working Group and the Member Federations were going on in order to find the best possible solutions for certain provisions. In other words, we set an example of how problems must be dealt with in our shooting community. And I am sure that very soon it will provide us with fruitful results.

### *Compliance with the IOC recommendations on the 2020 Olympic program*

Since the approval of the Agenda-2020 by the IOC Session in December of 2014, it became very clear to me that the integrity of the Olympic shooting program was in danger. It did not comply with the requirements of gender equality. Many of our events are not spectacular. In a situation when the IOC decided to evaluate the Olympic program on an event-based approach and add a lot of new sports in the 2020 Games in Tokyo, we faced a real risk to lose some of the events.

In 2015 we were the first to introduce the Mixed Team events in Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Trap and Skeet at the 1<sup>st</sup> European Games in Baku. The new formats attracted huge interest from the participants and the public. Since 2016, the Mixed Team events, became part of the European Championships' program. Everybody started to predict an Olympic future for them. And it happened.

Following the long examination process and the IOC evaluation of the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro the ISSF Executive Board proposed to the IOC to include in the 2020 Olympic program three Mixed Team events – one in Pistol, one in Rifle and one in Shotgun. As you know, they were supposed to substitute one event in each of the disciplines that were for Men only.

It is not a secret that I was not happy with the elimination of certain events. But I supported the ISSF Executive Board recommendations to the IOC. The explanations were simple:

1. Nobody will give us more than 15 events in the Olympic Program.
2. We have to follow the Olympic Charter and comply with the recommendations of gender equality.
3. Any proposal to change the content of the Olympic shooting program, to substitute or to eliminate one or another event, will inevitably make, same as now, some persons within our shooting community and the industry to feel discontented, offended or unhappy. It will never be possible to find total consensus on such a delicate matter.

That is why we had to concentrate on how:

- to save 15 events in the Olympic Program;
- to comply with the recommendations of Agenda-2020;

- to think about the future that dictates the necessity to develop new formats, Mixed Gender Team events and other Team events which will be spectacular and able to prove their popularity.

Unfortunately, there were other opinions. Even from among a small number of the ESC Member Federations. The same Member Federations, by the way, that contributed to the negative outcome of the voting on the new version of the ISSF Constitution in 2016. What are the results of their actions? We could not modernize the life inside the shooting community and nothing constructive has been proposed since then.

I am not going to analyze here today the ambitions of certain personalities who had chosen to follow a destructive course of action in their political interests. It looks like, they can't be changed. But the situation repeated itself. A call for an Extraordinary ISSF General Assembly was initiated which, like previously, could not bring anything positive. All facts and data proved that in the existing situation the ISSF had formulated the only possible proposal to the IOC that would protect the 15 events in the Olympic program.

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the IOC Executive Board approved the 2020 Olympic program. Thanks to our common efforts, the ISSF managed to maintain the 15 events in the Olympic program.

On the other hand, the quota of participants of the shooting competitions has been reduced from 390 to 360. This is a result of certain stagnation and lack of development, as a consequence of our stubborn stance and refusal to take any corrective action on the events that, year to year, have been experiencing a decrease in the number of participants, popularity and audience interest.

*Note: a decrease in the quotas has been observed in many sports. Not only in shooting*

I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you who took part in the ISSF Extraordinary General Assembly for your support on the Olympic future of our sport.

We can only regret that the existing ISSF Constitution allows about 15 percent of the Member Federations to force all the other Member Federations to spend their time, effort and money on attending an unnecessary event. It was clear to all from the very beginning why this Extraordinary General Assembly would never be in a position to bring forward any positive result or outcome. There was no real proposal put forward to address the agenda item on how "to provide a solution to prevent the cancellation of three major shooting events: 50m Rifle Prone, 50m Pistol and Double Trap, in compliance with the IOC standards and the Olympic Charter".

It was obvious that those who led the summon of the Extraordinary General Assembly did not have a solution to present nor could they suggest any viable alternatives. The motion was clearly derived solely from a political perspective with the goal of establishing a moral high ground from which to launch a political campaign to assume the leadership of the ISSF. We all know of many politicians for whom the only important thing is not the end result but the process.

Now we must concentrate on the future and not repeat mistakes of the past. New formats, such as Mixed Teams, in different events must be promoted and improved. Nobody is limiting us in creating other formats, combining different shooting events that increase the interest of

youth and audience. We must strive for more than just keeping the 15 events at the 2024 Olympic Games.

We must approach very attentively, perhaps with a new concept, the system of distribution of the 360 quotas. This system has to motivate the Member Federations and athletes to participate in the competitions to a greater degree, while at the same time develop the shooting sport in all levels – national, international and continental.

*Emphatic and more spectacular presentation of the events, TV coverage, relations with the Industry*

The IOC evaluation of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games showed once again the importance of emphatic and more spectacular presentation of the shooting competitions. Each discipline, each event, has to continuously prove its popularity and the right to be kept in the Olympic Program. A discipline or an event that is not included at one time, in the Olympic program, must have the opportunity to develop itself and in the case of significant success, the possibility of returning to the Olympic Program.

That is why I was constantly thinking about the new formats of certain events and the correct TV coverage of the shooting competitions. I also asked the ESC Athletes Committee to take active part in the evaluation of the proposals and to report to the ESC Presidium.

As mentioned before, we created the formats of the Mixed Team events and were the first to include them in the official program of the European Championships. In Maribor this year we tested the new format of the team events in Air Pistol and Air Rifle where the winners were determined in actual competition formats and not by calculation of individual scores. This new format was very well received by athletes and coaches. Many of them asked me to make such competitions part of the official program of the next 10m European Championship in Hungary.

During this year's European Championship, here in Baku, the medal winners of the team events in Trap Women and Skeet Women will be determined according to the new format. Together with the Presidium and the Technical Committee I am working now on the new events and formats for the 25m and 50m events.

Why am I paying so much attention to the emphatic and more spectacular presentation of the events? Because the development of our sport depends upon the public interest. And the public interest depends upon the mass media, specially, the TV. That is why I have been also deeply engaged in the creation of models for qualitative TV production of the shooting competitions. Only qualitative production can guarantee the public interest and that our competitions will be broadcasted by TV.

In 2016 the ESC decided to try to materialize its TV rights. And for the first time the TV companies of 6 countries paid for the rights to broadcast the European Championship 10m. In 2017 we repeated the experience. I can guarantee that all finals in the Olympic events at the European Championships in 2018-2019 will be produced and that the signal will be delivered to a satellite of the European Broadcasting Union. It is important now that you, the Member Federations, start to use this great opportunity.

At this point, we would like to turn our attention to the relations with the industry. I acknowledge the importance of such relations. It is one of the reasons why I initiated the Round Table with the industry that will take place on Sunday, July 23. I hope it will not only allow us to get better acquainted but from a practical point of view will give us the opportunity to have mutual benefits. It is possible to considerably enhance the development of the shooting sport and, consequently, thanks to the joint efforts, stimulate the production indicators. The goal is to achieve that the industry does not only feel comfortable in our Olympic sport but also takes part in the formulation of its development strategy.

We have to acknowledge with regret that this was not the case before. Developments related to the formation of the 2020 Olympic shooting program confirm this. Neither our International Federation nor the industry was ready to the new trends in the development of the Olympic Movement and the necessity to comply with the IOC recommendations of gender equality. Nobody managed to establish a constructive dialogue in order to avoid certain confrontation.

But this is in the past. Now we have to think about the future. There are a lot of ideas and possibilities. They are related, for example, with the introduction of special junior competitions in Shotgun or creation of attractive dress-code in all the disciplines. I will not go further now. I invite all of you to take part in this process.

### *Promotion of the Shooting sport in the Olympic Movement*

Since the previous ESC General Assembly I visited a lot of countries, took part in numerous events, witnessed different competitions and had several meetings with the IOC President Thomas Bach and other leaders of the international Olympic and sports movement. Among them were the IOC Vice-President, President of WADA Sir Craig Reddie, the President of the Association of the National Olympic Committees (ANOC) Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, the President of the Association of the Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) Francesco Ricci-Bitti, the Director of the IOC “Olympic Solidarity” Pere Miro, the Director of the IOC Sports Department Kit McConnell and many others.

During each of the visits or meetings certain actual matters of the present situation in the world of sports were discussed as well, as how to use the possibilities of those organizations that my counter partners presided in order to promote the interests of the shooting sport, the ISSF and the ESC.

In the autumn of 2015 I took part in the ISSF Executive Committee meeting in Lonato del Garda, in the World Olympians Forum in Moscow, in the IOC Marketing Commission in Lausanne and in the European Olympic Committees (EOC) General Assembly in Prague.

In 2016 my first visit was to Hungary where we had the European Championship 10m in Győr. Then there was a series of the ISSF meetings in Munich where my special attention was focused on preparations to the 2016 ISSF General Assembly in Moscow.

I chaired the Organizing Committee and was responsible for the success of the event. All of you were there. So there is no need to describe details of the program and the meetings. The general opinion of the delegates and guests was very positive. Let me give just one example.

The ISSF Vice-President Gary Anderson wrote to me that we had shown how the General Assembly of the International Federation must be organized.

Immediately after the ISSF General Assembly I flew to Italy to attend the Opening Ceremony of the European Championship Shotgun in Lonato del Garda. The Mixed Team events in Trap and Skeet were part of the official program of the European Championship for the first time there. We also tested the format of the Mixed Team event in Double Trap.

The first half of August, I have spent in Rio de Janeiro. Besides attending the shooting competitions of the Olympic Games, I had many important meetings with the leaders of the Olympic Movement. During those meetings we discussed the matters related to the future of the Olympic Games, in general, and of the shooting sport, in particular.

In the beginning of October I visited the ISSF World Cup Shotgun Finals in Rome and the European Youth League Final in Bologna. In Rome I had a chance to discuss with Shotgun experts the outcome of the changes in the formats of Finals. In Bologna there was a possibility to share opinions about the further development of our competitions for young athletes.

Later on, in the beginning of November, I took part in the meeting of IOC Marketing Committee in Lausanne. There, I had further discussions with the IOC President as well as with the ASOIF President Francesco Ricci-Bitti, the IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell, the IOC Marketing Director Timo Lumme and others.

In the middle of November I attended the ANOC General Assembly in Doha, Qatar. There, I met many Presidents of the National Olympic Committees and asked them to support the development of the shooting sport in their countries. Besides, I took part in the awarding of the ANOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah with our Commemorative Medal “Shooting: 120 years at the Olympic Games”.

On the way back to Europe I made a stop in Kuwait and had a productive meeting with the President of the Asian Shooting Confederation, Sheikh Ali Al-Khalifa. We discussed different aspects of cooperation between the ESC and the ASC for the benefit of our athletes.

My last trip in 2016 was to Glasgow for the WADA Foundation Board meeting. There, we discussed with WADA President Sir Craig Reedie and his colleagues how to protect the clean athletes and how to improve the existing anti-doping system.

The 2017 started with the European Championship 10m in Maribor, Slovenia. Before the Opening of the European Championship, I met with the Prime Minister of Slovenia Dr. Miro Cerar. During the Championship I met with the IOC delegation that came to evaluate the 10m Mixed Team competitions.

Then, we had the ISSF Executive Committee and the Administrative Council meetings in New-Delhi. After that I flew to the city of Aarhus, Denmark, where the Sport Accord Convention took place. The main purpose of my trip was a meeting with the IOC President to discuss the future of the ISSF proposals on the 2020 Olympic program. Thomas Bach confirmed that those proposals were well received by the IOC and would be discussed by the IOC Olympic Program Commission during its meeting on May 5, 2017.



In April, I took part in the German Shooting Day in Frankfurt. From there, I went to Cyprus to represent the ISSF at the Opening of the World Cup in Shotgun, in Larnaka. The next trip was to San-Marino where I was officially invited to attend the Games of the Small States of Europe. It gave me another chance to meet the IOC President Thomas Bach, the IOC Deputy Director General Pere Miro, the IOC Member Mario Pescante, the Acting President of the European Olympic Committees Janez Kocijancic, the President of the CONI Giovanni Malago, and the President of the Cyprus NOC Dinos Michaelidis with whom I discussed the future of the shooting sport. It is of special importance that I had also friendly meetings with the Presidents of the ESC Member Federations from San Marino, Italy and Iceland.

In addition, I made several trips to Munich where I had meetings with the ISSF President and members of the Executive Committee with whom we planned the necessary arrangements for the Extraordinary General Assembly. I also had personal meetings with the Presidents of non-European ISSF Member Federations.

Before the Extraordinary General Assembly I also visited Suhl where I took part in the Opening of the ISSF World Junior Championship. From there, I travelled to Budapest and I participated in the General Assembly of FITASC.

During all the reported period I was engaged with negotiations on inclusion of shooting in the program of the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Games in Minsk. I was also actively involved in the preparations of this ESC General Assembly and the European Championship in Baku.

Dear Friends,

In my Report to the previous General Assembly in Ljubljana, I determined the plans for the next two years. And I am proud to say that everything that I promised has been fulfilled.

Now allow me to talk about the plans for the next period. Naturally, I will continue to defend the interests of the ESC, the ISSF and the Shooting sport in the Olympic Movement. I will also continue my support to the finalists of the European Championships and to the efforts to achieve the qualitative TV coverage of the European Championships.

Special attention will be given to different aspects of development. I am talking about introduction of new formats and events, evolvement of new competitions, creation of a flexible system of decision taking and implementation of innovations and establishment of partnership relations with the industry.

In the realization of all those plans I count on your active participation. I promise that all proposals and ideas coming from the Member Federations will be examined with due attention. I am open to any discussion. I am absolutely sure that if we stay united and we joint our efforts we can guarantee the solid position of the Shooting sport in the Olympic Movement.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for the confidence that I enjoyed during the 8 years of my Presidency and for the trust that you may have in me during the next period.

May I thank you also for your attention!

**Decision:** the President's report is unanimously approved.

## **7. Report of the Presidium (for the period 19.07.2015 – 21.07.2017)**

The Report of the Presidium was presented by the ESC Vice-President Kerstin Bodin who highlighted its most important items:

### ***Presidium meetings***

During the period from 19.07.2015 till 21.07.2017 the ESC Presidium had the following meetings:

- in Győr HUN 23.02.2016
- in Moscow RUS 29.06.2016
- in Munich GER 21.11.2016
- in Maribor SLO 07.03.2017
- in Baku AZE 20.07.2017

### ***Agenda of the meetings***

The Agenda of the ESC Presidium meetings included the following items:

- reports on the activity of the President
- reports on preparations of the European Championships in 2016 – 2018
- cooperation with Organizers of the future European Championships
  - discussions with the European Broadcasting Union for live TV coverage of the European Championships
- appointment of Technical Delegates and officials to the European Championships and other ESC competitions
- relationship with the ESC Member Federations
- relationships with partners and sponsors of the ESC
  - new agreement with SIUS for better terms for the organizers of European Championships, including title sponsorship for the SIUS European Youth League
  - extended agreement with Lapua for the 25m and 300m Cups
- preparations of the General Assembly 2017 including:
  - proposals for amendments of the ESC Statutes and ESC General Regulations
  - proposals for update of the Guidelines for the Athletes' Committee
  - examination of the proposals from the Member Federations
- appointment of the Organizer of the 10m European Championship in 2019, not elected at the General Assembly
- introduction of a development program for European coaches, in cooperation with the ISSF, enabled by the income from the European Games in Baku 2015
- co-operation with the ISSF
  - engagement in the procedure for the new ISSF Constitution proposed to the ISSF General Assembly in 2016
  - engagement in the process of implementation of the IOC Agenda 2020 with the goal to protect the shooting sport events in the Olympic Games
- co-operation with the European Olympic Committees on inclusion of shooting in the program of the 2nd European Games in Minsk, Belarus, in 2019
- financial matters;
- membership matters;

- issues of the Technical Committee;
  - new format for team competitions
  - new format for mixed team competitions
  - Lapua 25m Cup administration and approval of Organizers
  - Lapua 300m Cup administration and approval of Organizers
  - Introduction of the “ESC Air Cup” for Air Rifle and Air Pistol with results announcement via Internet introduced in 2016
- issues of the Press and Promotion Committee
  - negotiations with potential sponsors
  - updating of media manuals for Organizers
- issues of the Environmental and Legislation Sub Committees
  - engagement in the process of the EC Firearms Directive to protect the interest of the ESC shooting sport events
- approval of European records.

### ***European Championships***

The following European Championships were organized since 19.07.2015:

European Championship 25/50/300m Rifle, Pistol, Running Target and Shotgun in Maribor (Slovenia) 18.07 – 01.08.2015

Total number of participants: 1044 athletes from 46 nations, 1.442 starts;

European Championship 10m in Győr (Hungary) 22.02 – 28.02.2016

Total number of participants: 599 athletes from 47 nations, 664 starts;

European Championship Junior 25/50m Rifle and Pistol in Tallinn (Estonia) 12.06 – 19.06.2016

Total number of participants: 236 athletes from 30 nations, 383 starts;

European Championship Shotgun in Lonato (Italy) 04.07 – 12.07.2016

Total number of participants: 445 athletes from 42 nations, 445 starts;

European Championship 10m in Maribor (Slovenia) 06.03 – 12.03.2017

Total number of participants: 582 athletes from 46 nations, 638 starts.

### ***The European Youth League – EYL***

Since 2009 the EYL has been developed in close cooperation with the coaches and athletes and today it is a popular mixed team competition in Air Rifle and Air Pistol for young athletes 14-18 years of age. In 2015 the EYL Final took place in Rottne/Växjö (Sweden) with 16 teams from 15 nations which qualified through the regional qualification rounds. 34 teams were entered for the elimination.

In 2016 there were three regional qualification rounds – for the West Region in Ljubljana (Slovenia), for the East Region in Osijek (Croatia) and for the North Region in Kisakallio (Finland). The EYL Final took place in Bologna (Italy) on October 13-16 with participation of the 16 qualified teams from 14 nations. Just like the year before 34 teams were entered for the elimination.

In 2017 the Regional qualification rounds were organized in Morez (France), Novi Sad (Serbia) and in Öckerö (Sweden). The Final will take place in Osijek (Croatia) at the end of October.

In November 2016 a new contract was negotiated and agreed with the SIUS Company including a sponsorship for the EYL. The name of the competition is from now on “SIUS European Youth League”.

### ***Lapua European Cup 300m***

In 2015 there were three qualification competitions; in Aarhus (Denmark), Lahti (Finland) and Thun (Switzerland) with a Final taking place in Zagreb (Croatia). A total of 439 starts were registered in the four competitions including the Final.

In 2016 the three qualification competitions took place in Aarhus (Denmark), Zagreb (Croatia), Lahti (Finland) with a Final in Zagreb (Croatia). The total number of starts in the four competitions was 327.

For 2017, the first qualification competitions were organized in Aarhus (Denmark), Lahti (Finland) and in Thun (Switzerland). The Final will take place in Tolmezzo (Italy) in September.

### ***Lapua European Cup 25m***

In 2015 the qualification competitions took place in Hannover (Germany), Aarhus (Denmark) and Thun (Switzerland), with a Final in Bordeaux (France). The total number of starts was 209.

In 2016 the host cities of the Cup were Hannover (Germany), Aarhus (Denmark), Öckerö (Sweden) and Lahti (Finland) with the Final taking place in Hannover (Germany). The total number of starts was 243.

The first qualification competitions for 2017 were organized in Aarhus (Denmark), Lahti (Finland) and in Thun (Switzerland). The Final will be organized in Karlstad (Sweden).

### ***The remaining main events in 2017 are:***

- European Championship 25/50/300m and Shotgun in Baku (Azerbaijan) 21.07 – 04.08.2017
- Lapua European Cup 300m Final in Tolmezzo (Italy) 26.09 – 29.09.2017
- Lapua European Cup 25m Final in Karlstad (Sweden) 15.09 – 17.09.2015
- SIUS European Youth League Final in Osijek (Croatia) 19.10 – 22.10.2017

**Decision:** the report of the Presidium is unanimously approved.

## **8. Treasurer’s Report**

The report was presented by the ESC Vice-President and Treasurer Pekka Kuusisto:

Dear Delegates,  
Dear Colleagues,

The financial situation of our Confederation can be easily understood from the ESC Balances. By December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 there were 473.089,49 Euro on the ESC account. By December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 the ESC capital was equal to 647.510,37 Euro. And the ESC has fulfilled all its obligations towards the Member Federations, the athletes, partners, organizers of the competitions. It means we are in good shape.

As in the previous years the most considerable part of the ESC income came from the private contributions and sponsorship provided by our President. Thanks to him all finalists of the European Championships received prize money, all medal winners of the European Youth League got special prizes, certain promotional and protocol activities were accomplished.

Another considerable income is due to inclusion of shooting in the program of the 1<sup>st</sup> European Games in Baku. It was proposed by the Presidium to use this money on the realization of the Coach Development program. The presentation of this program took place during the previous General Assembly in Ljubljana and special grants were established for the Member Federations.

I would also like to mention that all our Member Federations were very punctual in fulfilling their duties by paying the membership fees. We don't have a single Federation with any kind of debts to the ESC for 2015 or 2016. I thank everybody for this contribution.

It is important to say that the European Championships continued to attract a lot of participants and that our income from the entry fees arranged by the Organizing Committees is very significant. We also cannot neglect the effort done by organizers of the Lapua 25m and 300m European Cups.

In 2016, for the first time in history, the ESC materialized its TV rights.

From our Balances you can see that we are very accurate with expenses and that our accounting is transparent. It is confirmed by the Auditors' and by the Swiss Tax authorities that check our balances. For all ESC payment orders we follow the principle of two signatures. Neither the President, nor the Treasurer nor the Secretary General can solely give payment instructions to the bank.

Finally, I'd like to attract your attention to the Preliminary Budget for 2017. You can see that the budgeted expenditure is higher than the budgeted income. It is due to the investment in the Coach Development Program.

**Decision:** the Treasurer's report is unanimously approved.

## **9. Auditors' report and official discharge of the Presidium for financial activity in 2015-2016.**

The ESC Auditor Siegfried Boeck presented the Auditors' report of the ESC accounting for the years 2015 and 2016. In the report he confirmed that the accounts had been duly audited and approved by him and Mr. Heinz-Helmut Fischer.

Siegfried Boeck proposes to approve the Report and to discharge the Presidium for the financial activities in 2015 and 2016.

After that the Secretary General asks the delegates to approve the proposals of the Auditor. Two separate voting take place.

**Decision:** The Auditors' report is approved

**Decision:** The Presidium is officially discharged for the ESC financial activities in the years 2015 and 2016.

## **10. Approval of the Preliminary budget for 2017**

Pekka Kuusisto explains the main features of the ESC budget for 2017.

**Decision:** The Preliminary budget for 2017, is approved.

## **11. Membership matters**

The Secretary General informs that no new applications for Membership were received by the Secretariat, so nothing to discuss on this item of the Agenda.

## **12. Report about the Coach Development Program**

The Report is presented by Vice-President Kerstin Bodin. She points out that the Member Federations are not very active in this project. In 2017, for example, the Presidium designated 30.000 Euro for this program, but received applications worth less than 50 percent of this amount. Special attention should be paid to D courses that allow education for local coaches in the native languages. Coaches from the neighboring countries can also be invited.

Kerstin Bodin proposes that the new Presidium, apart from the Coach Development Program, to examine new ways to support the Member Federations.

**Decision:** the information is taken in consideration

## **13. Report of the Review Committee**

The Report is presented by the Presidium member Biserka Vrbek who states that the Committee was created by the Presidium on March 7, 2017 and was composed of herself, the Vice-President Kerstin Bodin, the Vice-President Pekka Kuusisto and the Secretary General Alexander Ratner. The task of the Review Committee was to examine the different proposals to the ESC General Assembly and make recommendations to the Presidium for approval.

Further Biserka Vrbek says that the Review Committee held a meeting on April 23-24, 2017. All members were present and they discussed the following proposals:

1. Proposals of the Presidium on amendments to the ESC Statutes and General Regulations.
2. Proposal of the Hungarian Shooting Federation to transform the European Youth League into European Youth Championships.
3. Proposal of the Ukrainian Shooting Federation on the new system of the World Championships.
4. Proposals of the Press and Promotion Committee on the amendments to the Guidelines for Media Representatives.

5. Proposals of the Technical Committee on the amendments to the Guidelines for the Technical Committee.
6. Proposal of the Presidium on the amendments to the Guidelines to the Athletes Committee.

Result of the discussions and recommendations to the Presidium:

- 1.1. To recommend to the General Assembly to approve the amendments to the ESC Statutes. The most important of them refer to article 5.10 (possibility of representation by proxy at the General Assembly), article 6.6.2 (increase of the number of Vice-Presidents from two (2) to three (3)), article 6.6.9 (guarantee of a minimum of two (2) members for each gender in the Presidium), article 6.10 (change of the age limit for elective positions) and article 8.2. (increase of the number of members of the Technical Committee from twelve (12) to a maximum of twenty (20)), increase of the number of members of each Discipline group from three (3) to a maximum of five (5) with a guarantee of a minimum of two (2) members for each gender in a Discipline group).
- 1.2 To include the valid provisions of the Guidelines to the ESC Statutes into the ESC Statutes. Amendments are proposed for articles 3.2, 3.6, 4.3, 4.4, 6.4.8.
- 1.3 To recommend to the General Assembly to approve the amendments to the ESC General Regulations. The most significant refer to articles 5.1.5, 5.1.6, 5.1.7 (recognition by the ESC of the team and gender mixed team events), article 5.4.1 (optional events at the European Championships), article 7.1 (entry fees for team and gender mixed team events), article 11.4 (composition of the Jury of Appeal), article 12.3.2 (required number of teams entered in competition for awarding with medals at the European Championships), article 13.5 (required number of teams entered in competition for recognition of the European records).
2. To discuss during the General Assembly the proposal of the Hungarian Shooting Federation. The opinion of the Review Committee members is that the European Youth League and a possible European Youth Championship are, in principle, two different competitions and one should not substitute the other.  
During the meeting certain doubts were expressed about the real perspectives of the future of a European Youth Championship due to the existing extensive competition season, additional expenses for the Member Federations and the undetermined age of the participants. On the other hand, it is easier to get financing for a European Championship than for a European Youth League in many countries and a European Championship may get more attention from the authorities, sponsors and media. The Review Committee invites the Member Federations to express their opinion on the introduction of the European Championships for young shooters aged up to 15 or 16 years because athletes of the senior age can already take part in the Juniors events of the European Championships 10m.
3. On the base of the proposal of the Ukrainian Shooting Federation to include in the Agenda of the ESC General Assembly a discussion on the future of the shooting sport competitions, events and formats on the ISSF and the ESC levels.
4. Not to include in the Agenda of the ESC General Assembly the proposed amendments to the Guidelines for the Media Representatives because the approval of the Guidelines is not within the functions of the General Assembly. This can be done by the Presidium.
5. Not to include in the Agenda of the ESC General Assembly the proposed amendments to the Guidelines for the Technical Committee because the approval of the Guidelines is not within the functions of the General Assembly. This can be done by the Presidium.
6. To include in the Agenda of the General Assembly the approval of the new version of the Guidelines for the Athletes Committee because the existing Guidelines for the Athletes Committee were approved by the General Assembly and they are directly connected with the

responsibilities of the Member Federations. The new version of the Guidelines for the Athletes Committee has been approved already by the Presidium with the goal to improve the election procedure and the work of the Athletes Committee.

**Decision:** the information is taken in consideration

#### 14. Proposals of the Presidium

Voting takes place on three proposals of the Presidium:

- a) *Approval of the addendums and the changes in the ESC Statutes*

**Decision:** to approve the addendums and the changes in the ESC Statutes as proposed by the Presidium

- b) *Approval of the addendums and the changes in the ESC General Regulations as proposed by the Presidium*

**Decision:** to approve the addendums and the changes in the ESC General Regulations as proposed by the Presidium

- c) *Approval of the Guidelines for the Athletes Committee as proposed by the Presidium*

**Decision:** to approve the Guidelines for the Athletes Committee as proposed by the Presidium

#### 15. Proposals of the Member Federations

- a) *Proposal of the Hungarian Shooting Federation to transform the European Youth League into the European Youth Championships*

György Nagy, President of the Hungarian Shooting Federation takes the floor. He says that the European Youth League (EYL) is a very good possibility for young athletes to compete on the international level. If this is transformed into a European Youth Championship will give a new dimension to the competitions and open new possibilities for the Member Federations to get financing from the Governments or the NOCs. Besides, it will add value for the athletes. The idea is to keep the same system of the EYL but give a new name to the competitions.

Joerg Brokamp, Secretary General of the German Shooting Sport Federation, supports the idea. He says it is in the line with the ISSF initiatives to promote youth sport and refers to the 1<sup>st</sup> Junior World Championships that took place in Suhl, Germany, in 2017 with huge participation.

Ghislaine Briez, Chairperson of the ESC Technical Committee, explains that the format of the EYL is very special. The competitions start with Regional qualification and end up with the Final in October with participation of 8 best teams in Air Pistol and 8 best teams in Air Rifle. It is important to keep the format. Besides, it is necessary to discuss the transformation with SIUS that became the title sponsor of the EYL.

The Secretary General pointed out that the realization of the idea needs time.



Kerstin Bodin comments that there was a long discussion in the Presidium and there were different opinions among the members. One of them is that some countries will not be able to participate if the name is changed. The new Presidium must create a Working Group which will have to formulate a detailed proposal.

György Nagy remarks that if we change the name more countries will enter in the first stage of the competitions. No need to change the format of the Finals.

Finally, the Secretary General suggests voting on the following proposal:

**Proposal:** The new Presidium should create a Working Group to study and prepare a detailed concept of the possible transformation of the EYL into the European Youth Championships.

**Decision:** The proposal that the new Presidium should create a Working Group to study and prepare a detailed concept of the possible transformation of the EYL into the European Youth Championships, is approved with 2 votes against.

After the voting the President stated that if anybody from the members wanted to join this Working Group they were most welcomed to do so and should contact the Secretary General at the end of the Assembly.

*b) Proposal of the Ukrainian Shooting Federation on the new system of the World Championships*

Oleg Volkov, President of the Ukrainian Shooting Federation, takes the floor. He gives a brief explanation of the proposal which is based on the establishment of three World Championships in Pistol and Rifle events in the Olympic Cycle: the first year after the Olympic Games in air guns (senior and junior), the second year – in all events and the third year – in small bore events (senior and junior).

Joerg Brokamp, in his capacity as Chairman of the ISSF Technical Committee, says that this approach is 100 percent in line with the ISSF ideas to have a World Championship every year. Every two years - a Junior World Championship and every two years - a World Championship for Senior. The decision is to be taken by the next ISSF General Assembly in November 2018. This decision, of course, will affect the existing European calendar and there will be a need to harmonize the two calendars.

**Decision:** the new Presidium has to discuss the matter with the ISSF

## **16. Presentation on the TV coverage of the European Championships**

Anna Leshchikova, Executive Director of the Russian Shooting Union, takes the floor. Based on the experience of several years of work she delivers a presentation on a matter that became crucial for everybody: shooting sport on TV and in Internet.

The presentation covers the main factors which determine the image of the shooting sport, its level of popularity, interest for the public, TV audience and sponsors, make

the shooting sport competitive with others sports, allow to have strong positions within the Olympic Movement:

- decoration of the venue (unified style which creates a beautiful TV picture and promotes sponsors);
- dress-code of athletes, coaches, referees etc;
- modern design of equipment and facilities used for competitions;
- communicative skills of athletes, coaches, referees;
- ceremonies;
- promotion of the events and work to attract spectators on tribunes.

The presented approach is based on the provisions of the “Agenda-2020’ and the IOC analysis of the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

After the presentation Risto Aarrekiivi, Secretary General of the Finnish Shooting Sport Federation and Chairman of the ESC Press & Promotion Committee, thanks Anna Leshchikova for the initiative and expresses an opinion that everybody has to consider very seriously the benefits and possibilities of TV and Internet. Of course, the cost will not be negligible, but it is an investment that will bring back much more.

The Secretary General remarks that all European Championships will be on TV from now on. The ESC and the Organizing Committees produce the signal and send it to the satellite of the European Broadcasting Union. The ESC pays for the technical access of its partners to the satellite. It is a possibility that must be used by the Member Federations for promotion of their activity, the athletes and the sponsors.

## **17. Information about the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Games in Minsk, Belarus**

The Secretary General informs that shooting was included in the program of the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Games that will take place in Minsk, Belarus, in June of 2019. The ESC has two obligations: to guarantee participation of the best athletes and to dispute some Olympic quota places for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. The respective agreement has been signed by the ESC and the European Olympic Committees (EOC).

The exact participation quota, the events included in the program and the Qualification system will be determined later. Most likely, during the next EOC General Assembly that will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, in the end of November 2017. The Member Federations will be immediately informed about any decision.

**Decision:** the information is taken in consideration

## **18. Presentation about the EU Firearms Directive**

Mauro Sulvis, representative of the European Shooting Sport Forum, takes the floor and explains the main important issues of the new EU Firearms Directive.

**Decision:** the information is taken in consideration

## **19. Decision on the ESC Membership fees**

The Secretary General proposes not to change the annual ESC Membership fees.

**Decision:** to keep the ESC annual membership fee unchanged.

## 20. Miscellaneous

The Secretary General asks the General Assembly to approve the use of the electronic voting system to decide the hosts of the European Championships in 2020-2021 and elect the members of the Presidium. The same system was followed at the two previous ESC General Assemblies.

**Decision:** to use the electronic voting system to decide the hosts of the European Championships in 2020-2021 and elect the members of the Presidium

*The first working session is finished at 18.30.*

*The second working session starts at 9.00 on July 22, 2017.*

## 21. Reports of the Organizing Committees of the European Championships:

*ECH 2017 (25/50/300m/Shotgun/RT) in Baku, Azerbaijan*

Willi Grill, the TD, gives a short overview of the preparations. He says that 935 athletes from 49 Member Federations have been registered for the ECH and that 1369 starts are expected in individual competitions. Besides, 97 participants have been registered for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Qualification. It means that together with the Mixed Team events there will be around 1550 starts. Everything is ready for the competitions. All necessary documents will be placed on the website. Certain difficulties can be expected with limited time for transformation of the 50m range into 300m range and then in the RT range. It will be a paperless Championship. Opening Ceremony and the award ceremonies will take place in the foyer of the Shooting Centre. TV will broadcast all the Finals in Olympic events.

**Decision:** to take the information in consideration.

*ECH 2018 (10m) in Gyor, Hungary*

Laszlo Sinka, Secretary General of the Hungarian Shooting Federation, makes a report on the preparation to the ECH 10m that is to be held on February 19-26, 2018 in Gyor. He explains that the venue “Audi Arena” is the same where the ECH 10m took place in 2018 and that the Organizing Committee has a strong support from the Government and the City. Information is also given on the accommodation, transportation, food etc. TV will broadcast live the Finals in Olympic events. There will be live Internet streaming of all the events including the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Qualification on February 18. A video about Gyor is shown.

**Decision:** to take the information in consideration.

### *ECH 2018 Shotgun in Leobersdorf, Austria*

Josef Hahnenkamp, Secretary General of the Austria Shooting Federation Clay Target and Combined, informs that the shooting range will be ready by the end of 2017. It will have 5 combined ranges with new equipment. He also gives information on the location of the shooting range, transportation and accommodation possibilities.

**Decision:** to take the information in consideration.

### *ECH 2019 (10m) in Osijek, Croatia*

Dragutin Vrbek, Secretary General of the Croatian Shooting Federation, confirms that everything is ready in Osijek. The facility is in place. The organizers have a lot of experience.

**Decision:** to take the information in consideration.

### *ECH 2019 (25/50/300m/Shotgun/RT) in Bologna, Tolmezzo and Lonato del Garda*

Ernfried Obrist, President of the Unione Italiana di Tiro a Segno, and Luciano Rossi, President of the Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo, make a short introduction telling that Pistol and Rifle 25/50m competitions will take place in Bologna, 300m events in Tolmezzo and the Shotgun events in Lonato del Garda. Both of them point out the importance of the Championship because 2020 Olympic quota places will be distributed there. Then they give the floor to Niccolo Campriani, representative of the Organizing Committee who informs about transportation and accommodation possibilities. He confirms that the new Final Hall for 10/25/50m events will be built in Bologna with seats for 600-700 people. Graphical illustrations support the words of Niccolo Campriani. A video about the shooting sport follows the presentation.

**Decision:** to take the information in consideration.

## **22.Voting on Organizers of the European Championships in 2020-2021**

The Secretary General proposes to have all the presentations first and then to proceed to the voting in the same session when the elections of the Presidium will take place.

**Decision:** to agree with the proposal of the Secretary General

### *2020 ECH 10m*

Three candidatures were presented: Finland, Hungary and Poland.

#### **Finland**

Risto Aarrekiivi, Secretary General of the Finnish Shooting Sport Federation, reminds that Finland made the application for two ECH 10m – in 2020 and in 2021. If Finland is the only candidate for the ECH in 2021, then he is ready to withdraw the candidature for 2020.

After that Risto Aarrekiivi gives a full information on the Sport Institute of Kisikallio where the Championship is supposed to take place, the competition venue, geographical advantages of the area situated only 45 minutes away from Helsinki, accommodation, transportation and food conditions. He points out the support that organizers have from the Government, the NOC and the City.

## **Hungary**

György Nagy, President of the Hungarian Shooting Federation, reminds that in 2014 Hungary successfully organized the ECH Shotgun Sarlospuszta and in 2016 – the ECH 10m in Gyor. During the 2015 ESC General Assembly in Ljubljana Hungary was the only candidate for the 2018 ECH 10m Championship and got the right to organize it. Hungary is also ready to host the 2020 ECH 10m but understand the importance of staging the Championships in different places. In view of the above Mr. Nagy states that Hungary withdraws its candidature.

## **Poland**

Jolanta Tolczyk, Secretary General of the Polish Shooting Sport Federation, starts the presentation with a video about the country and the city of Wroclaw. Then she gives information on the facility where the Championship is supposed to take place, and reminds about many different international competitions that were organized in Poland and Wroclaw in the recent years.

### *2020 ECH Shotgun*

Four candidatures were presented: Austria, Croatia, Finland, France

## **Austria**

Josef Hahnenkamp, Secretary General of the Austria Shooting Federation Clay Target and Combined, says that Austria withdraws its candidature with the understanding that it is necessary to organize the 2018 ECH Shotgun first.

## **Croatia**

Dragutin Vrbek, Secretary General of the Croatian Shooting Federation, makes a presentation of the bid for the organization of the Championship to be held in the small city of Novigrad. He gives complete information on the city, the shooting range, accommodation and transportation opportunities. He also refers to the support of the City Government and the Mayor.

## **Finland**

Risto Aarrekiivi, Secretary General of the Finnish Shooting Sport Federation, makes a presentation of the candidature called “Northern Experience”. The competitions are supposed to be held at the brand new Ruutikangas Shooting Centre not far from the city of Oulu. The complex will occupy 92 hectares and will be completed by 2020. It will have 4 separate Trap

and 4 separate Skeet ranges. 3000 people can be accommodated nearby. He describes the wonderful conditions for athletes and officials that can be created there.

## **France**

Hugues Senger, delegate of the French Shooting Federation, starts his presentation with a video about the new Chateauroux shooting complex. He says that everything the French delegation was talking about in 2015 is now completed. The candidature has full support of the Government and the CNOSF. TV coverage is guaranteed.

After the presentations the Secretary General asks the General Assembly if the voting is needed for 2020 ECH 10m and the 2021 ECH 10m because only one candidature is left for each of them and suggests approve respective bids of Poland and Finland.

**Decision:** 2020 European Championship 10m will be held in Poland.

**Decision:** 2021 European Championship 10m will be held in Finland.

### *Voting on Organizers of the European Championship Shotgun in 2020:*

There are three candidatures: Croatia, Finland and France

Result of the voting:

Croatia – 25 votes;

Finland – 18 votes;

France – 33 votes.

**Decision:** the European Championship Shotgun in 2020 will take place in France.

## **23. Elections:**

The Secretary General reminds the delegates that according to article 6.6.5 of the ESC Statutes “during the election of the President, the out-going President must, if seeking re-election, surrender the chair to a “chairman pro tempore”, elected by the General Assembly, who will then conduct the election. He informs that the Presidium decided to propose the Secretary General for the position of this “chairman pro tempore” and ask the General Assembly to vote on this proposal.

**Decision:** to approve the Secretary General as “chairman pro tempore” of the General Assembly during the election of the President.

### *23.1 ESC President*

There has been only one candidature presented for the position of the ESC President – that of Vladimir Lisin.

The voting has shown the result:

Yes - 53, No – 2.

Decision: Vladimir Lisin is reelected as the ESC President

### 23.2 ESC Vice-Presidents

There has been three candidatures presented for three positions of the ESC Vice-Presidents – that of Pekka Kuusisto, Yair Davidovich and Petros Kyritsis.

The voting has shown the results:

Pekka Kuusisto: Yes - 79, No – 2.

**Decision:** Pekka Kuusisto is reelected as the ESC Vice-President

Yair Davidovich: Yes - 69, No – 7.

**Decision:** Yair Davidovich is elected as the ESC Vice-President

Petros Kyritsis: Yes - 72, No – 1.

**Decision:** Petros Kyritsis is elected as the ESC Vice-President

### 23.3 Presidium members

There are eleven candidates for eight positions – that of Alexandros Dimakakos, Wilhelm Grill, Tamaz Imnaishvili, György Nagy, Ernfried Obrist, Biserka Vrbek, Christina Åhlstedt, Hugues Senger, Anna Leshchikova, Robert Loughridge and Janez Slapar.

The Secretary General reminds the delegates that according to the new wording of the article 6.6.9 of the ESC Statutes “two positions within the Presidium must be reserved for each gender”. There are three female candidatures and eight male. In order to guarantee compliance with the Statutes, the Secretary General suggests to vote first on the female candidatures and have two of them elected. The third female candidature will be then added to the list of male candidatures and will have another chance to be elected. In the second round of voting there will be nine candidates for six positions.

**Decision:** to agree with the proposal of the Secretary General

There are three candidatures in the first round of voting for two positions: Biserka Vrbek, Christina Åhlstedt and Anna Leshchikova.

Result of the voting:

Biserka Vrbek - 63 votes;

Christina Åhlstedt - 32 votes;

Anna Leshchikova - 50 votes.

**Decision:** Biserka Vrbek and Anna Leschchikova are elected as the Presidium members. Christina Ahlstedt will be included in the second round of voting.

There are nine candidatures in the second round of voting for six positions – that of Alexandros Dimakakos, Wilhelm Grill, Tamaz Imnaishvili, György Nagy, Ernfried Obrist, Hugues Senger, Robert Loughridge, Janez Slapar and Christina Åhlstedt.

Results of the voting:

Alexandros Dimakakos – 47 votes;  
Wilhelm Grill – 73 votes;  
Tamaz Imnaishvili - 61;  
György Nagy – 68 votes;  
Ernfried Obrist - 56 votes;  
Hugues Senger - 21 votes;  
Robert Loughridge – 23 votes;  
Janez Slapar – 38 votes.  
Christina Åhlstedt – 48 votes;

**Decision:** Alexandros Dimakakos, Wilhelm Grill, Tamaz Imnaishvili, György Nagy, Ernfried Obrist and Christina Åhlstedt are elected as the Presidium members.

#### *23.4 Elections of the Auditors*

There is only one candidature for the position of the Auditor – that of Siegfried Boeck, and one candidature for the position of the Auditor’s Adviser – that of Heinz Helmut Fischer.

Results of the voting:

Siegfried Boeck - Yes - 74, No - 6.

Heinz-Helmut Fischer – Yes - 77, No – 3.

**Decision:** Siegfried Boeck is elected as the ESC Auditor and Heinz-Helmut Fischer is elected as the ESC Auditor’s Advisor.

#### *23.5 Elections of the Chairperson of the Technical Committee*

There is only one candidature – that of Ghislaine Briez.

Result of the voting:

Yes - 63, No – 17.

**Decision:** Ghislaine Briez is elected Chairperson of the Technical Committee

#### *23.6 Elections of the Chairperson of the Press and Promotion Committee*



There is only one candidature – that of Risto Aarrekiivi.

Result of the voting:

Yes - 68, No - 5.

**Decision:** Risto Aarrekiivi is elected Chairperson of the Press and Promotion Committee.

## **24. Any new business**

### *24.1 Honorary Membership*

The Secretary General informs that during the Presidium meeting on June 20, 2017 the President made a proposal to grant the distinction of the ESC Honorary Member to Kerstin Bodin and that the Presidium accepted this proposal unanimously. According to article 6.8 of the ESC Statutes the Honorary Membership is decided by the General Assembly on recommendation of the Presidium. So the Presidium recommends the General Assembly to grant Kerstin Bodin the rare distinction of the ESC Honorary Member.

The proposal of the Presidium is welcomed with applause.

Then Petros Kyritsis takes the floor and addresses to Kerstin Bodin with the words of gratitude for her outstanding long-time service to the ESC.

**Decision:** to grant Kerstin Bodin the distinction of the ESC Honorary Member.

### *24.2 European Meeting in Munich*

Egbert IJzerman, President of the Royal Netherlands Shooters Association, asks the floor. He refers to the elective ISSF General Assembly on November 30, 2018 and presumes there may be several European candidates to the position of the ISSF President. But for the benefit of the shooting sport on the continent it would good to have one strong European candidate supported by everybody. That is why he suggests to hold the European meeting or, if necessary, the ESC Extraordinary General Assembly on the eve of the ISSF General Assembly in order to discuss the possible candidatures and determine the one that will have support of the European Member-Federations.

The Secretary General asks the General Assembly to vote on this proposal.

**Decision:** to organize the European meeting or, if necessary, the ESC Extraordinary General Assembly in Munich before the elective ISSF General Assembly on November 30, 2018 in order to discuss possible European candidatures for the position of the ISSF President and determine the one that will have support of the European Member-Federations.

Joerg Brokamp, Secretary General of the German Shooting Sport Federations, asks Vladimir Lisin, the ESC President, if he is supposed to continue as the ESC President if elected the ISSF President? The answer is “No”.

*The second working session is finished at 12:30 and the XXVI ESC Ordinary General Assembly is declared closed.*

Petros Kyritsis

Alexander Ratner