



EUROPEAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION MINUTES OF THE XXV ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Date: July 19, 2015

Time: 10:00

Place: Austria Trend Hotel Ljubljana

1. Welcome and Opening of the General Assembly

The ESC President Vladimir Lisin welcomes the delegates, colleagues of the Presidium, guests and observers to the XXV 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, membership matters, information on modifications of the ISSF Constitution, discussion on the “Development program”, elections of the hosts of the European Championships in 2018-2019. The President expresses the hope that the decisions of the General Assembly will benefit the future of the shooting sport in Europe.

With a special pleasure Vladimir Lisin underlines that the President of the International Shooting Sport Federation Olegario Vázquez Raña and the Secretary General Franz Schreiber have sent a letter wishing the ESC a successful General Assembly.

The ESC President declares the General Assembly open and gives the floor to the Vice-President of the National Olympic Committee of Slovenia, Olympic Champion Iztok Cop who addresses the delegates with a welcome speech.

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 41 Member Federations from 39 countries were present in the meeting room. Another 5 Member Federations were represented by proxies duly submitted in writing according to the Statutes. In total 46 out of 55 Member Federations from 42 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.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Secretary General reminded that the notification procedure of all 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 18, 2015 announcing the date, time and the place of the General Assembly, providing deadlines for the Member Federations with respect to proposals and applications to be included in the Agenda.

The summons of the XXV General Assembly were mailed to the Member Federations on May 15, 2015, in accordance with the ESC Statutes, art. 5.4.

All documents were also sent electronically to the Member Federations and were available 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. Sander Duisterhof, Secretary General of the Royal Netherlands Shooters Association;
- to approve Petros Kyritsis and Alexander Ratner as members of the Minutes Committee.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the XXIV ESC Ordinary General Assembly in Moscow, Russia, May 17-18, 2013

Decision: the minutes were unanimously approved.

6. President's report

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

I have been thinking how to build this report. At the two previous General Assemblies – in Belgrade and Moscow – I spoke about the activity of the European Shooting Confederation in the reported period. But there is the Presidium report among the documents that have been sent out to you in advance. And, in general, it gives understanding of what constituted the activity of our Confederation.

That is why this time I decided to concentrate on what I was doing since May 2013 as the ESC President, and since December 2014 as the ISSF Vice-President. Hope, it will be interesting for you to learn what was in the centre of my attention, besides current matters related with preparation to different events or with decisions on every day financial and administrative problems.

Let me start with the fact that I have visited all European Championships in 2013-2015 and a big number of ISSF competitions in different corners of the planet.

It is understood that I traveled around the world not to study geography. During each trip I could meet leaders of the National Federations, find out opinion of athletes and coaches about organization of competitions, understand what should be done to improve the infrastructure and to increase attention to the shooting sport from the authorities, the public and TV.

May I specially note that during many trips we had meetings with the ISSF President Olegario Vázquez Raña and the ISSF Secretary General Franz Schreiber. Such meetings took place in Lima, Acapulco, Moscow, Nanjing, Granada, Gabala, Munich, Sochi, and Baku. During those meetings we exchanged opinions on the current situation within the ISSF and perspectives of development of the shooting sport. In principle, we maintained permanent working contacts.

In the center of my attention were, first of all, such aspects as protection of athletes' interests, competition rules, refereeing, problems of the quality of the equipment, spectacularity of the events, TV broadcasting, protection of the European interests in the ISSF, activity of the ISSF, promotion of the Shooting sport in the Olympic Movement.

Protection of athletes' interests, competition rules, refereeing, quality of the equipment

It is an axiom for me that our competitions should be honest and that really the best shooters should become winners. But In Lima, for example, I saw how certain athletes and coaches were manipulating with cartridges, while the Organizers allowed double standards in approach to sportsmen from different countries. The situation repeated at the ISSF World Cup Final in Abu-Dhabi. That is why in October and November of 2013 I wrote two letters to the ISSF President and Secretary General. In those letters I attracted their attention to the irregularities during the competitions. The core of my comments was about the necessity to enhance cartridge control, have equal conditions for all participants of the events, increase demands to organizers of the Championships and to the Juries members.

The letters produced effect. The ISSF improved the system of cartridge control and introduced severe punishments for breaking of these rules. At the World Championship in Granada one shooter was disqualified because his cartridge weighted more than the allowed 24,5 grams.

Unfortunately, the same did not happen a little earlier. At the European Championship Shotgun in Sarlóspuszta. There the Jury found out that a cartridge of one participant of the Skeet Men Junior Final weighted 24,6 grams. But instead of the immediate disqualification of the athlete, the Jury allowed him to change cartridges and to continue the competitions. Besides, there was a case of a potential substitution of cartridges in the Skeet Men Final.

As soon as I learned those facts I ordered to make them public, first of all. In addition, I made several proposals on amendments to the rules. In particular, during the Finals all cartridges should be placed on separate tables with the names of the shooters. No one but the shooters has the right to approach those tables. During cartridge control representatives of the countries that have athletes in the Finals must be present.

I also formulated a letter to the manufacturers of Shotgun cartridges. I urged them to guarantee that all cartridges that can be used by participants in the ISSF and ESC supervised competitions conform to the rules.

Besides those my proposals that have been already implemented, I made some others as well. They are aimed to enhance the quality of refereeing and of the organization of competitions, to exclude the possibility of violations and mistakes in future. The Medal Matches should be conducted by referees from the countries that do not have shooters competing in the Finals. Referees should not be allowed to change their decision after the result is announced. Coaches and spectators who violate sports ethics or try to influence the referees' decision should be immediately sent off the Range. The chronometer should be placed so that it is clearly seen by the shooters, coaches, referees and spectators. These my proposals are in the process of evaluation.

The problems that I have just mentioned refer not only to Shotgun. Just recently more than 30 athletes were disqualified at the World Cup in Fort Benning. I have received many complaints from athletes and coaches on the equipment control and refereeing. But my attempts to find out the reasons for the disqualifications and the controversial Juries' decisions, faces with the impossibility to obtain reports from the chairpersons of the respective juries and referees. I had to attract attention of the ISSF President and the Secretary General to those facts. I asked them to provide me with those reports. On my insistence the question of the provision of

qualitative and unprejudiced equipment control must be included on the agenda of the forthcoming in September meetings of the Executive Committee and the Administrative Council of the ISSF.

Spectacularity of the events, relation with mass media, TV coverage

How to make the shooting competitions more spectacular, relationships with mass media and, especially, with TV, provision of the qualitative TV coverage – are separate matters.

What did we manage to achieve here? Firstly, that my conception of the “Shooting Theatre” is being realized. It has become a requirement that the finals in Pistol and Rifle events are staged in the Final Halls and the finals in Shotgun – at the Final Range. The two last European Championships in Air Weapon shooting – in Moscow and in Arnhem – were examples of how beautiful the Final Hall can be decorated, how the competitions can be transformed in a real show. I would like to sincerely thank for that Organizers of both championships.

Despite an initial lack of understanding, my other initiative is also being implemented. The space between spectators and athletes must be totally free of any objects or people. There should be no place in it even for TV cameramen or coaches. In Baku, for example, we placed the seats for coaches on the right from the shooting positions and for eliminated athletes – on the left. And everybody was happy.

Now I would like to say a few words about coverage of the shooting competitions. It is a very delicate matter. That is why I initiated the creation of models for Pistol/Rifle and Shotgun broadcasting. Both models are on the ESC website. Recorded on a CD they were given to the ISSF leaders and to the ISSF-TV staff.

Talking about spectacularity, one should not forget about formats of the competitions. That is why we are experimenting. The Mixed Team events were included in the program of the 1st European Games. They aroused huge interest of the participants and the public. An Olympic future is predicted for them. But we have some other ideas as well. Ideas about the new format of the finals in Shotgun, appearance of authentic team competitions and not mathematical calculation of individual results, etcetera.

Protection of the European interests in the ISSF, activity of the ISSF

The most important events of the reported period were the ISSF General Assembly in Munich and the 1st European Games in Baku.

I hope you remember how critical the situation became after appearance of the second candidate for the position of the ISSF President. I immediately addressed with a letter to all of you where openly expressed my position and my plans. Besides, I called for a meeting with the European National Federations that took place on the eve of the ISSF General Assembly.

Such kind of meetings never happened before in between the ESC General Assemblies. The importance of such initiative is not only in the fact that the participants of this meeting were informed about the main events of 2015, but it gave a chance to our collective members to feel themselves members of a single family with common goals on the eve of the responsible elections.

I am grateful to everybody who listened to my opinion and voted in favor of evolutionary approach to reformation of the ISSF activity. It is obvious that precisely the unity and consolidated position of the European Federations on the main topics determined the outcome of the ISSF General Assembly. I think that this unity and this consolidated position did not appear on nothing, but became recognition of the authority and fruitful activity of the ESC

during recent years. Now we have a practical possibility to influence on the ISSF activity. The representatives of the European countries occupy 7 out of 13 positions in the ISSF Executive Committee and 17 out of 35 seats in the ISSF Administrative Council. They also chair 5 out of 9 Sections Committees and have 49 out of 69 members of those Sections Committees. Among them are 5 out of 6 members of the Technical Committee including its Chairman.

Soon after the ISSF General Assembly I wrote a letter to the ISSF President with constructive suggestions on the enhancement of the IF's activity. In particular, it was about distributing responsibility among the Vice-Presidents, urgent beginning of works on the new version of the ISSF Constitution, attributing more authority to the continental confederations, creation of regional development programs that would be financed by the money ISSF receives from the IOC for the Olympic Games. In the middle of January 2015 I have sent a letter to the ISSF President and Executive Committee members with a proposal to celebrate the 2016 ISSF General Assembly in Moscow.

On 14th February we had a meeting with Olegario Vázquez Raña. The ISSF Secretary General Franz Schreiber and the ESC Secretary General Alexander Ratner were also present there. During the meeting we have discussed all actual matters and set up a plan of action for most of them. Among those matters is the work on the new version of the ISSF Constitution, enhancement of the schedule of the ISSF Championships, preparation to the next ISSF General Assembly.

The day before I had a meeting with the IOC President Thomas Bach. We were talking about the way to reestablish unity in the world of the shooting sport, to take in consideration the IOC recommendation while formulating suggestions on the program of events for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

We discussed the topic of the European Games more than once. For the ESC it was a kind of test on professional capability. For the first time in history we were practically responsible for the whole of the competitions' part. We coordinated the qualification system for participants, oversaw the process of construction and equipping of the Baku shooting centre, created the schedule of the competitions, introduced new competition formats, selected the Juries' members and referees, offered guidance on producing a higher quality of TV coverage and, on the site already, amended its organization. It was widely acclaimed that the shooting competitions were the most representative by country at the Games and the competitions were conducted to the highest of competitive levels. I was present at practically all the finals and I too share this point of view.

Promotion of the Shooting sport in the Olympic Movement

On the eve of the Opening of the Games at my invitation, the IOC President Thomas Bach and the EOC President Patrick Hickey visited the Baku shooting center. During discussions with the IOC President, we explored many different matters related to the current situation in the Olympic Movement and within the world of sports. Discussions continued about the possible inclusion within the Olympic program of new and spectacular shooting sport formats. In particular, we spoke about the Mixed Team Events in air rifle, air pistol and in shotgun. This format was created by the ESC and for the first time in the history of the shooting sport they were included in the official program of the competitions at the 1st European Games. My discussions with EOC President Patrick Hickey centered on the perspective of the European Games and the future place of the shooting sport in their program.

Also in Baku, I held a further meeting with ISSF President Olegario Vázquez Raña and ISSF Secretary General Franz Schreiber. We discussed the current state of affairs within the ISSF and in particular, we coordinated the process and procedures to take place for the revision

of the ISSF Constitution. We also agreed the dates of the 2016 ISSF General Assembly in Moscow.

In order to defend the interests of the shooting sport and of the ESC I also took part in several international forums during the reported period. Among them were General Assemblies of the European Olympic Committees, the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, the 2015 General Assembly of the Summer Olympic Sports International Federations (ASOIF).

I also had several meetings with the IOC President Thomas Bach, the IOC Vice-President, President of WADA Craig Reddie, President of the Association of the NOCs sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, Director of the IOC “Olympic Solidarity” Pere Miro, president of the EOC, IOC Executive Board member Patrick Hickey, ASOIF President Francesco Ricci-Bitti, many other leaders of the Olympic Movement. During each of the 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 are leading.

I took part in the meetings of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education of which I was member till 2015. My specific contribution to the Olympic education is the publication of two books – “The Illustrated History of Summer and Winter Olympic Games”. The books were highly appreciated among the specialists. By the way, now I am member of the IOC Marketing Commission.

Dear Friends!

Now allow me to briefly talk about my plans for the next two years.

Naturally, I will continue to defend interests of the athletes, propose initiatives aimed to elevate spectacularity of the shooting competitions, do my best to achieve the qualitative coverage of our Championships on TV, apply maximum of my forces to defend interests of the ESC and the ISSF, to promote the Shooting sport in the Olympic Movement. Will be also remained my support to the finalists of the European Championships and winners the European Youth League.

In accordance with the task given to me, I am supposed to prepare the draft of the new ISSF Constitution and ensure its approval at the 2016 ISSF General Assembly in Moscow.

There are certain ideas how to elevate the importance of the athletes’ ranking, synchronize the ISSF and the ESC calendars, make more flexible the system of taking decision and implementing innovations in our sport.

I will try to develop constructive relations with the leaders of the Continental Confederations of Asia, Africa, Americas and Oceania. There should be no internal conflicts in the ISSF Family. There should be the collective responsibility for our common future in the Olympic program.

It is clear for me that the realization of all those plans is possible only with your, dear Colleagues, support. I once again thank you for the confidence that you have had in me as the ESC President during six years already. And I hope that our joint efforts will guarantee the progressive development of the shooting sport at our continent.

May I thank you for attention.

Decision: the President’s report is unanimously approved.

7. Report of the Presidium

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

REPORT OF THE PRESIDIUM (for the period 18.05.2013 – 18.07.2015)

Presidium meetings

During the period from 18.05.2013 till 18.07.2015 the ESC Presidium had the following meetings:

- in Moscow 18.05.2013
- in Munich 23.11.2013
- in Moscow 05.03.2014
- in Munich 30.11.2014
- in Arnhem 03.03.2015
- in Ljubljana 18.07.2015

Agenda of the meetings

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

- reports on the activity of the President;
- reports on preparation to the European Championships in 2014-2017;
- discussions on the matters related to the development of the shooting sport in Europe, including a development program financed by the income from the European Games;
- preparation of the 1st European Games in Baku including the procedure of allocating quota places for the EG;
- co-operation with the ISSF;
- relationship with partners and sponsors of the ESC;
- approval of the amendments of the European Youth League rules and appointment of the Competition Manager and Regional Group Managers of the League 2014-2016;
- appointment of the technical delegates and officials to the European Championships and other ESC competitions;
- financial matters;
- membership matters;
- measures to avoid incidents and mistakes in the future, as those that took place during the Shotgun European Championship in 2014;
- future of the competitions in non-Olympic events;
- proposal to the European Olympic Committees to include the shooting sport in the 2019 European Youth Olympic Festival in Minsk, Belarus;
- amendments of the Guidelines for the Honorary Membership;
- preparation of the ESC General Assemblies;
- approval of the programs of the European Championships;
- appointment of the Organizers of the European Championships in 2016 and 2017, not decided at the General Assembly;
- issues of the Technical Committee:
 - new format for team competitions to be introduced for the European Championship 2016;
 - 25m Lapua European Cup administration and approval of the Organizers;
 - 300m Lapua Cup administration and approval of the Organizers’
 - “Sport-for-all” competition for Air Rifle and Air Pistol with results announcement via Internet;
 - Celebration of the European Cup for Running Target;
- issues of the Press and Promotion Committee:

- negotiations with potential sponsors
- updating of media manuals for Organizers
- issues of the Athletes' Committee;
- issues of the Environmental and Legislation Committees;
- relations with Organizers of the future European Championships;
- cooperation with the European Shooting Sport Forum;
- approval of the European records.

European Championships

The following European Championships were organized since 18.05.2013:

European Championship 25/50/300m Rifle and Pistol in Osijek (Croatia), 21.07 – 03.08.2013,

582 athletes from 39 nations, 980 starts;

European Championship Shotgun and Running Target in Suhl (Germany), 28.07 – 08.08.2013,

440 athletes from 42 nations, 483 starts;

European Championship/Qualification for the Youth Olympic Games 10m in Moscow (Russian Federation), 26.02 – 06.03.2014

705 athletes from 45 nations, 757 starts (185 at the YOG Qualification);

European Championship Shotgun in Sarlópuszta (Hungary), 16.06 – 27.06.2014.

389 athletes from 43 nations;

European Championship 10m in Arnhem (the Netherlands), 02.03 – 08.03.2015,

546 athletes from 43 nations, 597 starts.

The 1st European Games in Baku (Azerbaijan)

334 athletes from 48 nations took part in the shooting competitions, 16-22.06.2015,

444 starts in 15 individual events, 50 starts in 4 Mixed Team events.

The European Youth League – EYL

The EYL is a very popular mixed team competition in Air Rifle and Air Pistol for young athletes 14-18 years of age. In 2013 the EYL Final took place in Lasko (Slovenia) with the 16 teams from 13 nations which qualified through the regional qualification rounds. 34 teams were entered for the elimination.

In 2014 there were three regional qualification rounds – for the West Region in Plzen (Czech Republic), for the East Region in Osijek (Croatia) and for the North Region in Dobeles (Latvia). The EYL Final took place in Smederevo (Serbia) on October 2-5 with participation of the 16 qualified teams from 13 nations. There was an increased number of 37 teams entered for the elimination.

In 2015 the Regional qualification rounds were organized in Innsbruck (Austria), Osijek (Croatia) and Mysen (Norway). The Final will take place in Rottne/Växjö (Sweden) during the first weekend of October.

Lapua European Cup 300m

In 2013 there were four qualification competitions; in Zagreb (Croatia), Aarhus (DEN), Thun (Switzerland) with a Final in St-Jean-de-Marsacq (France). A total of 417 starts were made in the 300m Cup.

In 2014 the qualification competitions took place in Zagreb (Croatia), Lahti (Finland) and Aarhus (Denmark) with a Final in Winterthur (Switzerland). The total number of starts increased again to 431 (417 in 2013).

The first qualification rounds for 2015 were organized in Aarhus (Denmark) and Lahti (Finland). The next competition will take place in Thun (Switzerland) with a Final in Zagreb (Croatia).

Lapua European Cup 25m

In 2013 the qualification rounds took place in Hannover (Germany), Thun (Switzerland), Göteborg (Sweden) with a Final in Saint-Jean-de-Marsacq (France). The total number of starts was 224.

In 2014 the host cities were Hannover (Germany), Aarhus (Denmark), Lahti (Finland) and Uppsala (Sweden) with the Final taking place in Bordeaux (France). The total number of starts was 254.

The first qualification rounds for 2015 were organized in Hannover (GER), Aarhus (Denmark) and Lahti (Finland). The next competition will take place in Thun (Switzerland).

The remaining main events in 2015 are:

- European Championship 25/50/300m and Shotgun in Maribor (Slovenia), 18.07 – 01.08.2015
- Lapua European Cup 300m Final in Zagreb (Croatia), 23.09 – 25.09.2015
- Lapua European Cup 25m Final in Bordeaux (France), 25.09 – 27.09.2015
- European Youth League Final in Rottne/Växjö (Sweden), 01.10 – 04.10.2015

Decision: the report of the Presidium is unanimously approved.

8. Treasurer's Report

The ESC Vice-President and Treasurer Pekka Kuusisto gives a report on the ESC accounts of 2013-2014. He points out two evident facts concerning the financial situation of the ESC. First – it is good despite the turbulent times in the European economy we are living in. Second – it became even better since the previous General Assembly in Moscow. The reasons are also clear. They are easily understood from the ESC Balances for 2013 and 2014 as well as from the Preliminary Budget for 2015.

First of all, the Treasurer mentions that all the Member Federations are very punctual in fulfilling their duties by paying the membership fees. There is not a single Federation with any kind of debts to the ESC. Pekka Kuusisto thanks everybody for this contribution.

Secondly, he is happy to say that the European Championships continue to attract a lot of participants and that our income from the entry fees arranged by the Organizing Committees is very significant.

The most considerable part of the ESC income comes from the private contributions and sponsorship provided by the ESC President. Thanks to him all finalists of the European Championships received prize money, all medal winners of the European Youth League got special gifts, certain promotional and protocol activities were accomplished.

In addition, the Treasurer says that the ESC is very accurate with expenses and that the Confederation's accounting is transparent. This is confirmed by the Auditors' and by the Swiss Tax authorities that check the ESC balances. For all ESC payment orders the principle of two signatures is followed. Neither the President, nor the Treasurer nor the Secretary General can solely give payment instructions to the bank.

Finally, Pekka Kuusisto attracts attention of the delegates to the Preliminary Budget for 2015. Everybody can see that the ESC expects a record income over expenditure. It is directly related to the personal commitments of the President and to the inclusion of shooting in the program of the 1st European Games in Baku. One can also see that some items of expenditures are slightly increased in comparison with the previous two years but it is mostly due to the fall of Euro to the Swiss Franc. The ESC is officially based in Switzerland and receives certain part of its incomes in Swiss Francs while the Confederation's account is in Euro.

The Treasurer concludes by asking to approve the Report and the ESC Balances for 2013 and 2014.

Decision: the Treasurer's report is unanimously approved.

9. Auditors' report and official discharge of the Presidium for financial activity in 2013-2014.

The ESC Auditor Siegfried Böck presented the Auditors' report of the ESC accounting for the years 2013 and 2014. In the report he confirmed that the accounts had been duly audited and approved by him and Mr. Heinz-Helmut Fischer.

After that the Secretary General asks the delegates to approve the Auditors' report.

Decision: the Auditors' report is unanimously approved;

Following the approval of the Auditors' report the Secretary General asks the delegates to vote on the discharge of the Presidium for the financial activity in 2013 and 2014.

Decision: to discharge the Presidium for the ESC financial activity in the years 2013 and 2014.

10. Approval of the Preliminary budget for 2015

Pekka Kuusisto explains the main features of the ESC budget for 2015.

Decision: the Preliminary budget for 2015 is unanimously approved.



BALANCE SHEET 2013

	Preliminary Budget	Final Result
INCOME		
Membership Fees	23 500,00	22 945,50
Entry Fees ECH + penalty	102 600,00	103 300,00
European Shotgun Tournaments	5 000,00	0,00
European Cups 25m and 300m	1 000,00	5 240,00
Private contributions	1 800,00	213 567,57
Sponsorship	80 000,00	244 726,18
Advertizing	0,00	4 494,50
Returns	0,00	7 679,15
TOTAL INCOME	213 900,00	601 952,90

EXPENDITURE		
Presidium/Meetings	10 000,00	8 669,19
Committees/Meetings/Media	6 000,00	2 557,30
Secretariat/Office	8 000,00	6 843,36
Treasurer/Audit/Accounting	6 000,00	12 876,76
European Championships	5 000,00	4 218,00
European Games	2 000,00	1 446,25
EUROSPORT	45 000,00	45 000,00
General Assembly	10 000,00	110 853,68
European Shotgun Tournaments	5 000,00	0,00
European Youth League	18 000,00	34 830,15
Telephone/Post	3 000,00	267,62
Printing	4 000,00	6 750,00
Promotion	5 000,00	46 735,80
ESC Ranking	3 600,00	3 600,00
ESC Website Development	17 500,00	17 500,00
ESC Website Support	6 000,00	4 030,25
WFSA Membership	1 000,00	0,00
Legal	12 000,00	16 814,43
Rent of Special ASCOR Graphic System	6 000,00	6 000,00
ECHs Prize-Money	0,00	210 500,00
Taxes in Switzerland	0,00	11 225,30
Bank charges	0,00	1 794,52
Returns		7 679,15
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	173 100,00	560 191,76

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	40 800,00	41 761,14
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BANK ACCOUNT 31.12.2013		457 393,32
CASH 31.12.2013		1 275,32
CAPITAL 31.12.2013		458 668,64



BALANCE SHEET 2014

	Preliminary Budget	Final Result
INCOME		
Membership Fees	23 500,00	24 717,50
Entry Fees ECH	40 000,00	40 110,00
European Cups	3 000,00	3 015,00
Private contributions	119 000,00	119 991,19
Sponsorship	20 000,00	36 300,00
Advertizing	5 000,00	0,00
Returns	0,00	970,53
TOTAL INCOME	210 500,00	225 104,22

EXPENDITURE		
Presidium/Meetings	9 000,00	7 468,83
Committees/Meetings/Media	5 000,00	21 812,91
Secretariat/Office	8 000,00	7 771,10
Treasurer/Audit/Accounting	6 000,00	3 303,83
European Youth League	30 000,00	30 380,17
European Championships	2 000,00	765,00
European Games	2 000,00	0,00
Telephone/Post	1 000,00	731,04
Printing	8 000,00	3 800,00
Promotion	7 000,00	1 970,00
ESC Ranking	3 600,00	3 600,00
ESC Website Development/Support	6 000,00	2 227,72
WFSA Membership	1 000,00	1 000,00
Legal	2 000,00	0,00
ECHs Prize-Money	119 000,00	119 000,00
Taxes in Switzerland	7 000,00	5 413,61
Bank charges	2 000,00	681,66
Returns	0,00	757,50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	218 600,00	210 683,37

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-8 100,00	14 420,85
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BANK ACCOUNT 31.12.2014		473 089,03
CASH 31.12.2014		0,46
CAPITAL 31.12.2014		473 089,49



EUROPEAN SHOOTING FEDERATION

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Auditors Report 2013 and 2014

We have checked the book keeping of the ESC accounts for the year 2013 and 2014.

The result 2013 was higher than the budget due to unplanned sponsorships.

The opening and closing balances of all bank accounts were found in accordance with the presented spreadsheets.

The income was found correct by sample-wise checking of the bank account reports.

The expenditures were found in accordance with decisions of the Presidium, stated in the minutes from the Presidium meetings, which we have received. Vouchers were sample-wise checked and found correct.

The overall figures for 2013 and 2014 were in Euros:

Year	2013	2014
Income	601.952,90	225.104,22
Expenditure	560.191,76	210.683,37
Result	41.761,14	14.420,85
Capital		
Opening	416.907,50	458.668,64
Result	41.761,14	14.420,85
Closing	458.668,64	473.089,49

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BUDGET-2015
Preliminary

<u>INCOME</u>	
Membership fees	24 000
Entry Fees ECH	70 000
European Cups	3 000
European Games	220 000
Private contributions	210 500
Sponsorship	23 000
Advertizing	5 000
Divers	2 500
TOTAL	558 000

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
General Assembly	27 000
Presidium/Meetings	5 000
Committees/Meetings/Media	4 000
Secretariat/Office	12 000
Accounting/Audit	7 000
European Championships	30 000
European Cups	5 000
European Games	13 000
European Youth League	30 000
ECHs Prize Money	210 500
Taxes in Switzerland	25 000
Telephone/Post	2 000
Printing	6 000
Promotion	5 000
European ranking	3 600
ESC Website Development/Support	3 000
WFSA Membership	1 000
Legal	1 000
Bank charges	1 000
Divers	1 500
TOTAL	392 600
<i>Income over Expenditure</i>	<i>165 400</i>

11. Membership matters

The Secretary General informs that there are two applications for affiliation with the ESC – from the Bulgarian Shooting Union (BSU) and from the Shooting Sport Federation of Kosovo (SSFK). He also mentions that before taking a decision on the application of the BSU, a decision must be taken on the status of the Bulgarian Shooting Sport Federation (BSSU) which was suspended by the Presidium in March of 2014 and was excluded from the ISSF by decision of the General Assembly in December of 2014.

The Secretary General informs that the ESC Presidium decided to make three proposals to the GA: to exclude the BSSF from the ESC membership, to accept as new ESC member the BSU and to accept also as new ESC member the SSFK. Then he gives the floor to the ESC Presidium member Biserka Vrbek asking her to report how each of the suggested decisions comply with the ESC Statutes.

Talking about the proposed exclusion of the BSSF Biserka Vrbek points out that the BSSF has been excluded from the ISSF in December of 2014 but submitted an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. It can also appeal to CAS against the decision of the ESC, but the ESC Statutes are very clear in this regards, stating that our Member Federations must be recognized by the NOC that is recognized by the IOC. The ESC has two letters from the NOC of Bulgaria that confirms that the BSSF was excluded from the NOC membership and that the BSU has been accepted as a member. She also adds that a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of votes is needed to take a decision on the exclusion of the BSSF.

The Secretary General asks the delegates to vote on the exclusion of the BSSF.

Decision: the BSSF is unanimously excluded from the ESC membership

Biserka Vrbek continues and explains that the Bulgarian Shooting Union sent all necessary documents in application for affiliation with the ESC. The Bulgarian Shooting Union fulfills the requirements for membership with the ESC in accordance with the ESC Statutes. The Bulgarian Shooting Union is recognized by the NOC of Bulgaria, which is a full member of the IOC and the EOC and it is the sole governing body of shooting sports for Rifle and Pistol in Bulgaria recognized by the Ministry of Physical Education and Sport.

Then a vote takes place on affiliation of the BSU with the ESC.

Decision: the BSU is unanimously approved as new member of the ESC.

After that Biserka Vrbek explains the situation with the Shooting Sport Federation of Kosovo. It's the only governing body in the shooting sport in the country and is a member of the Olympic Committee of Kosovo which has been recognized by the IOC at its Session in Monaco in December of 2014. So, its affiliation fulfills the requirements of the ESC Statutes.

She also mentions that the ESC Secretariat has received a letter from the Serbian Shooting Federation asking not to put Kosovo's affiliation in the agenda of the GA because of the disputable status of Kosovo. But Kosovo is recognized by 108 countries out of 193 UN members and we have a letter from the ISSF confirming the provisional right of Kosovo athletes to participate in the international competitions. The ISSF will discuss recognition of the SSFK at the Executive Committee meeting in the beginning of September.

She adds that the ESC Statutes do not require the ESC members to become members of the ISSF first. The most important issue for the ESC is that the applicant federation is a member of its NOC and this NOC is recognized by the IOC. Biserka Vrbek refers also to the provisions of the Olympic Charter which state that in order for a country to have its NOC recognized by the

IOC requires recognition of the country by the international community.

The Secretary General asks the delegates to vote on the affiliation of the KSSF with the ESC.

Decision: the KSSF is approved as a new ESC member with 41 votes in favor, 3 – abstentions and 2 – against.

12. Report on the 1st European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The Secretary General refers to the documents that have been distributed in advance. The delegates can find there all the main features of the 1st European Games, including the general information on the number of participants and the events, final distribution of quotas and starts, list of the international technical officials, competition schedule, medal standings, records broken or equaled and the winners of the Quota Places for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro.

He also says that following the success of the Mixed Team events at the 1st European Games many athletes asked to include the Mixed Team events in Pistol, Rifle, Trap and Skeet in the program of the future competitions. The ESC Presidium discussed the situation and decided to ask the GA to approve the initiative to include the Mixed Team events – Air-50 in Pistol and Rifle and Shotgun-50 in Trap and Skeet – in the official program of the European Championships starting from 2016.

Then a vote takes place.

Decision: to unanimously approve the initiative of the Presidium to include the Mixed Team events – Air-50 in Pistol and Rifle and Shotgun-50 in Trap and Skeet – in the official program of the European Championships starting from 2016.

13. Information on the procedures with the new version of the ISSF Constitution

The Secretary General reminds that in the beginning of April 2015 the President and the Secretary General of the ISSF have sent out a letter to all ISSF Member Federation informing that the complete revision of the ISSF Constitution is necessary and that Mr. Vladimir Lisin, newly elected ISSF Vice-President, is in charge of the process.

To start working a Questionnaire on the possible amendments to the ISSF Constitution was created and the schedule of the complete process was established with the goal that the new version of the ISSF Constitution be approved at the next ISSF General Assembly in Moscow on July 2-3, 2016. The Questionnaire was distributed to the Member Federations in advance and has been handed over to the delegates of the General Assembly. There is no need to approve or disapprove it. The goal is to get replies from everybody and formulate the general opinion of the European federations. After that the Questionnaire will be presented to the ISSF Executive Committee and the Administrative Council and the Presidents of the continental confederations will be asked to distribute the Questionnaire among their Member Federations. The process of modernization of the ISSF Constitution must be open and transparent, with the maximum possible participation of the Member Federations.

Jan Tore Berg-Knutsen, President of the Norwegian Shooting Association, remarks that it is very important for the process to be open and transparent, because in 2012, when the ISSF tried to approve the new version of its Constitution, there was no process at all.

Decision: the information is taken into consideration

14. Presentation of the joint “Development program” with the ISSF Training Academy

The Secretary General refers to the documents that have been distributed in advance and adds that this program is supposed to be financed by the money that the ESC will receive from the European Olympic Committees for participation in the 1st European Games in Baku.

Then he gives the floor to Kevin Kilty, tutor of the ISSF Training Academy, who makes a presentation of the program.

Decision: to approve the initiative of the Presidium to establish the joint “Development program” with the ISSF Training Academy.

15. Decision on the Membership fees

Decision: the decision is taken unanimously to keep the annual membership fee unchanged.

16. Miscellaneous

No item raised.

17. Reports of the Organizing Committees of the European Championships in 2015-2017

- *ECH 2015 (25/50/300m/Shotgun/RT) in Maribor, Slovenia*

Janez Slapar, President of the Shooting Union of Slovenia and of the Organizing Committee, gives a short overview of the preparations. He says that 1043 athletes from 46 countries have been registered for the ECH and that around 1450 starts are expected. The 25/50m/RT and Shotgun events will take place at the Gaj shooting range, while the 300m events will be organized at the Apache military base. TV is supposed to cover the finals. The Opening Ceremony will be held in Maribor. It will start at 7.00 p.m followed by a reception on behalf of the Mayor of the city.

Janez Slapar invited the delegates to the Opening Ceremony and asked the permission to report on the preparations to the European Championship 10m in 2017 later.

Decision: the information is taken into consideration.

- *ECH 2016 (10m) in Győr, Hungary*

György Nagy, President of the Hungarian Shooting Federation, makes a report on the preparation to the European Championship 10m which is to be held on February 22-28, 2016 in Győr. He gives the information on the venue, the necessary facilities, the hotels, the food, etc. A video about Hungary and Győr is shown.

Decision: the information is taken into consideration.

- *ECH 2016 (Juniors 25/50m) in Tallinn, Estonia*

Meelis Loit, Secretary General of the Estonian Shooting Sport Federation, makes a report on the preparation to the European Championship Juniors (25/50m) which is to be held on June 13-19, 2016 in Tallinn. He gives the information on the venue, the necessary facilities, the hotels, the food, etc.

A video about Estonia and Tallinn is shown.

Decision: the information is taken into consideration.

- *ECH 2016 Shotgun in Lonato del Garda, Italy*

Luciano Rossi, President of the Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo, makes a report on the preparation to the 2016 European Championship Shotgun. He emphasizes the fact that the Trap Concaverde shooting range is a well-known place where a lot of different competitions took place. For example, the 2015 ISSF World Championship Shotgun is to take place there in September.

The dates and the final schedule of the 2016 European Championship will be determined shortly. Most likely, the Championship will start on July 4.

A video about the shooting range is shown.

Decision: the information is taken into consideration.

- *ECH 2017 in Baku, Azerbaijan*

Rasim Rzaev, Vice-President of the Shooting Federation of the Azerbaijani Republic, makes a report on the preparations to the 2017 European Championship. The competitions will take place at the Baku shooting centre where recently the 1st European Games were held.

Decision: the information is taken into consideration

18. Voting on Organizers of the European Championships 2018-2019

Electronic voting system

The Secretary General informs that the Presidium decided to propose to the General Assembly to use the electronic voting system for the elections of Organizers of the European Championships in 2018-2019, the same way it was done two years ago in Moscow. He explains how it works. Testing takes place.

Decision: the use of the electronic voting system during the elections of Organizers of the European Championships in 2018-2019 is unanimously approved.

After that the Secretary General suggests to make a new roll-call and the Scrutinizers to control the distribution of electronic devices according to the number of votes each Member Federation might have. This proposal is unanimously approved.

The Scrutinizers take care of the procedure. In total there are 87 votes.

- **2018 ECH 10 m**

One candidature was presented: Hungary.

The President of the Hungarian Shooting Federation György Nagy makes a presentation of the Hungarian bid for the organization of the Championship to be held in Budapest. He says it has a full support of the Hungarian Olympic Committee because Budapest has been nominated as the bidding city for the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad in 2024.

After the presentation voting takes place.

Decision: the 2018 European Championship 10m will be held in Hungary.

- **2018 ECH Shotgun**

Four candidatures were initially presented: Cyprus, Italy, Austria and Croatia. But before the beginning of presentations and voting Luciano Rossi declares that Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo is withdrawing its application.

- Cyprus

Demetris Lordos, President of the Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation, makes a presentation of the bid and says that the competitions will take place in Nicosia in the middle of June 2018. A PowerPoint presentation is shown about Cyprus and the shooting range.

- 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 Novigrad. He gives the information on the city, the hotels and the shooting range. A video is shown about Croatia, the city of Novigrad and the shooting sport in the country.

- Austria

Thomas Steinmüller, President of the Austria Shooting Federation Clay Target and Combined, makes a presentation of the bid for the organization of the Championship to be held in Leobersdorf, not far from Vienna. He gives the information on the location of the venue, the infrastructure of the shooting center, the proposed dates of the championship, the accommodation and the climatic conditions.

After the presentation voting takes place with the following results:

- Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation – 24 votes,
- Croatian Shooting Federation – 13 votes,
- Austria Shooting Federation – 50 votes.

Decision: the 2018 European Championship Shotgun will be held in Austria.

- **2019 ECH 25/50/300m/RT/Shotgun**

Two candidatures were presented – that of Italy and France.

Philippe Crochard, President of the French Shooting Federation, makes a presentation of the bid. He says the competitions will take place at a brand new National Shooting Centre in Chateauroux. He also gives the information on the location of the venue, the infrastructure of the shooting center, the proposed dates of the championship and the accommodation possibilities. Answering a question from the Secretary General Mr. Crochard gives a guarantee that the championship will be broadcasted by TV.

Riccardo Foniccki makes a presentation on behalf of the Unione Italiana di Tiro a Segno and Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo with their joint proposal to hold the Pistol and Rifle events in Bologna, the Shotgun events in Lonato del Garda and the 300m events in Tolmezzo. He guarantees that transportation of the athletes and officials between different locations will be organized, that the competitions will be covered by media including the TV and that there will be only one Organizing Committee. In case the Italian bid wins the right to stage the 2019 European Championship, the ESC General Assembly will be hosted in Bologna.

The voting has shown the following results:

- French Shooting Federation – 36 votes.
- Unione Italiana di Tiro a Segno + Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo – 51 votes.

Decision: the 2019 European Championship 25/50/300m/RT/Shotgun will be held in Italy.

- **2019 ECH 10m**

No candidatures were presented.

19. Any new business

No proposals.

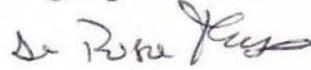
The working session finished at 13.30 and the XXV ESC Ordinary General Assembly was declared closed.

Petros Kyritsis

Alexander Ratner

Albanian Shooting Sport Federation

1. Fiorenzo De Rosa
2. - - -



Federacio Andorrana de Tir

- 1.
- 2.

Armenian Shooting Federation

- 1.
- 2.

Austrian Shooting Sport Federation

1. Florian Josef Neururer



Austria Shooting Fed. Clay Target and Combined

1. Thomas STEINMÜLLER



Shooting Federation of Azerbaijani Republic

1. Rasim Rzaev
- 2.



Royal Belgian Shooting Sport Federation

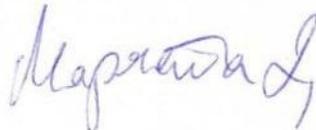
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Belgian Clay Shooting Federation

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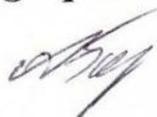
Shooting Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. Proxy to Croatia
2. Proxy to Croatia



Belarusian Shooting Sport Federation

1. Proxy to Russia
2. Proxy to Russia



Bulgarian Shooting Union*

1. Maria GROZDEVA
~~fDimitar TODOROV~~



Bulgarian Trap and Skeet Federation

1.

Croatian Shooting Federation

1. Dragutin Vrbeč
2. Boze RADOS



Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation

1. Petros Kyritsis
2. Demetris Lordos



Czech Shooting Federation

1. Pavel BITTNER
- 2.



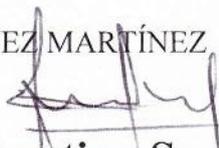
Danish Shooting Union

1. John Hansen
2. Tommy SØRENSEN



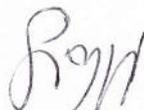
Royal Spanish Shooting Federation

1. Jesús MARTINEZ MARTÍNEZ
- 2.



Estonian Shooting Sport Federation

1. Loit Meelis
- 2.



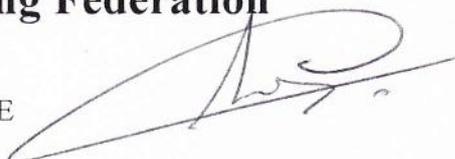
Finnish Shooting Sport Federation

1. Risto Simo Sakari Aarrekiivi
- 2.



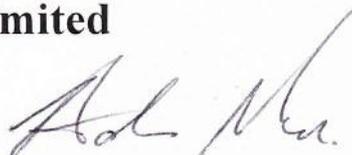
French Shooting Federation

1. Philippe Crochard
2. Patrick LAMARQUE



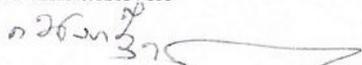
British Shooting Limited

1. HAMISH McINNES
2. Robert LOUGHRIDGE



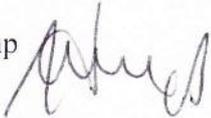
Georgian National Shooting Federation

1. Tamaz Imnaishvili

2. 

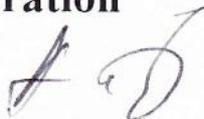
German Shooting Sport Federation

1. Jörg Brokamp

2. 

Hellenic Shooting Federation

1. Alexandros Dimakakos (?)

2. 

Hungarian Shooting Federation

1. György Nagi

2. László SINKA 

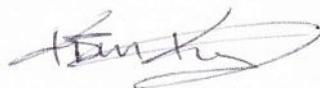
National Target Shooting Association of Ireland

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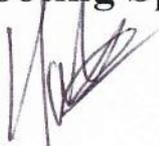
Irish Clay Pigeon Shooting Association

1. Kevin Kilty



Icelandic Shooting Sports Federation

1.

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Israel Shooting Federation

1. Itzhak Yonassi

2. Yair Davidovich 

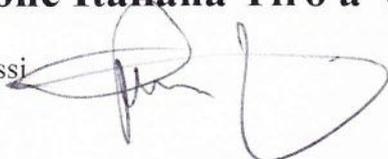
Italian Shooting Union - Unione Italiana di Tiro a Segno

1. Ricardo Finoccki



Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo

1. Luciano Rossi



Shooting Sport Federation of Kosovo*

1. *Mehmet Janghi*
- 2.

Latvian Shooting Federation

1. *Alvin Celmeris*
- 2.

Liechtenstein Shooting Association

- 1.
- 2.

Lithuanian Shooting Sport Union

1. Sabina VAICEKAUSKAITE *Shampka*
- 2.

Federation Luxembourgeoise de Tir aux Armes Sportives

1. Claudia DALL'AGNOL
2. Fernand HAUPERT *Coel*

Shooting Federation of the Republic of Moldova

1. Arcadie BOSTAN
2. Constantin DAVID *David*

Macedonian Sport Shooting Federation

1. Vladimir Pandovski *3 Pandovski*
2. Viktor Pandovski

Malta Shooting Sport Federation

1. *De Pina Fes*
- 2.

Shooting Federation of Montenegro

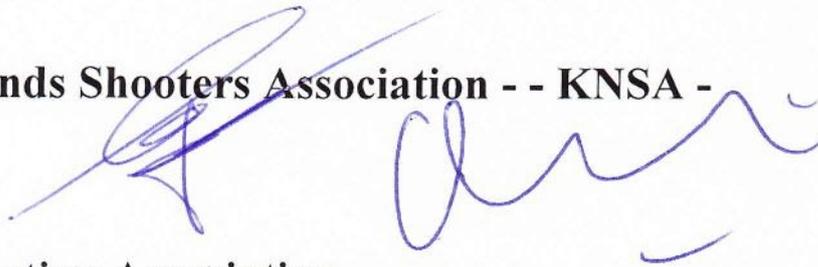
1. Dragan Samardzic *Dragan Samardzic*
2. Savo Milasinovic

Monaco Shooting Federation - Federation Monegasque de Tir

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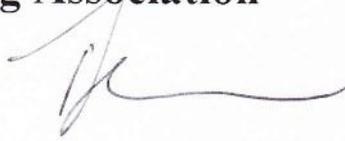
Royal Netherlands Shooters Association - - KNSA -

1. Egbert Ijzerman
2. Sander Duisterhof



Norwegian Shooting Association

1. Jan Tore Berg-Knutsen
2. Arild GROVEN



Polish Sport Shooting Federation

1. Tomasz Kwiecien
2. Jolanta Tolczyk



Portuguese Shooting Federation - Federacao Portuguesa de Tiro

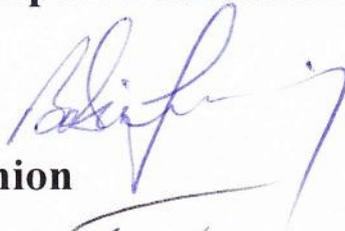
1. Pedro MOTA

Federacao Portuguesa de Tiro con Armas de Caca

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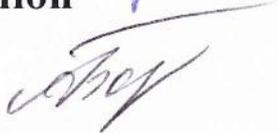
Romanian Shooting Sport Federation

1. Sorin Babii
2. Maricel Popa



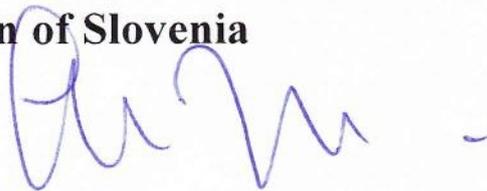
Russian Shooting Union

1. Anna Leshchikova
2. Anna BORISOVA



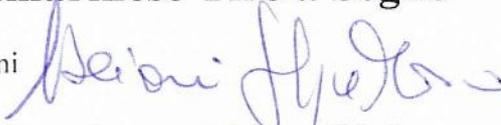
Shooting Union of Slovenia

1. Janez Slapar
2. Elvira Valant



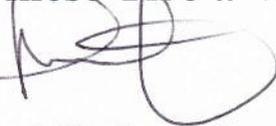
Federazione Sammarinese Tiro a Segno

1. Giuseppe Mario Muscioni



Federazione Sammarinese Tiro a Volo

1. Proxy to Italy (FITAV)



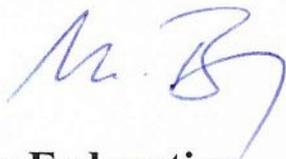
Serbian Shooting Sport Federation

1. Sinisa Masovic
2. Srecko PEJOVIC



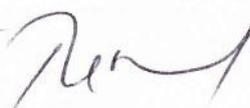
Swiss Shooting Federation

1. Marcel Benz
2. Dora ANDRES



Slovak Shooting Federation

1. BARBORA ZEICHLOVA
- 2.



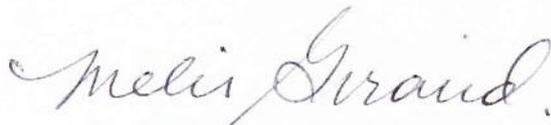
Swedish Shooting Sport Federation

1. Jimmy PERSSON
2. Mikael JANSSON



Turkish Shooting & Hunting Federation

1. Bülent TORPIL
2. Melis GIRAUD



Ukrainian Shooting Federation

1. Oleksandr KAMINSKY
2. Liudmyla CHERNENKO

