



EUROPEAN SHOOTING CONFEDERATION MINUTES OF THE XXVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Budapest, Hungary

Date: October 5th, 2019

Time: 09:00

Place: Helia Hotel Budapest

1. Welcome and Opening of the General Assembly

The ESC President Mr. Vladimir Lisin welcomes the delegates, colleagues of the Presidium, guests and observers to the XXVII Ordinary General Assembly of the European Shooting Confederation. He remarks that it is the year of the 50th Anniversary of the ESC which was created in 1969.

After that, Mr. Lisin pays a special tribute to Mrs. Unni Nikolaisen, ESC Honorary President, and congratulates her with the personal anniversary (she turned 80 on April 7th, 2019) and the anniversary of the ESC.

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 which showed that 70 delegates of 48 Member Federations were present in the meeting room. Another 2 Member Federations were represented by proxies duly submitted in writing according to the Statutes. In total, 50 out of 57 Member Federations from 45 countries took part in the General Assembly. So, there was a quorum which makes all the proceedings and the decisions valid.

No objection was raised by the General Assembly.

Then the Secretary General asked the delegates to pay tribute to the former Secretary General of the Swedish Shooting Sport Federation, Mr. Göran Nygren who passed away shortly before the General Assembly and to other members of the European shooting family who passed away since the previous General Assembly in Baku. Everybody stood up in a minute of silence.

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 April 4st, 2019 announcing the date, the time and the place of the General Assembly, providing deadlines with respect to proposals to be included in the Agenda and applications to host the European Championships in 2022-2023.

The summons of the XXVI General Assembly and all the documents were mailed electronically to the Member Federations on August 5th, 2019, in accordance with the ESC Statutes, art. 5.4, and were available since that date as downloads on the ESC website. No additional items were proposed by the Delegates.

Decision: The Agenda was 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 Mr. Petros Kyritsis (ESC Vice President) and Mr. Alexander Ratner (ESC Secretary General) as members of the Minutes Committee.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the XXVI ESC Ordinary General Assembly in Baku, Azerbaijan, July 21st – 22nd, 2017

The Secretary General noted that the Minutes of the XXVI ESC Ordinary General Assembly were sent out to the Member Federations and published on the ESC website long ago. No comments or observations have been received. So, he proposed that the Minutes are approved.

Mr. Luciano Rossi asked for the floor and remarked that he had abstained during the elections of the President and this was not reflected in the Minutes.

The Secretary General commented that actually there were no abstentions, only votes in favor or against, but there was no problem to include in the Minutes that Mr. Rossi had abstained.

Decision: The minutes were unanimously approved.

6. President's report

Dear friends and colleagues,

First of all, I would like to congratulate you on the 50th anniversary of the European Shooting Confederation. I am very happy that our Confederation celebrates its half-century anniversary full of forces, energy and creative plans. We have much to be proud of!

I also would like to thank everybody who supported my candidacy at the ISSF presidential elections. I know that it was a tough choice for many of you. However, the choice has been made, and this choice has been made in favor of the European Confederation

This anniversary year, our Confederation is at the forefront of the international shooting sport. We have managed to establish a system that allows balance the interests of athletes, national federations and organizers of competitions. We are constantly developing, which is indicated by the number of participants and starts at

our tournaments, as well as the achievements of European athletes at the main ISSF competitions.

I believe that many of you, whom we have known and worked together with for quite a long time, are confident and those who are new here shall understand that: for me, an office at the ESC or ISSF is neither the easiest nor the only position in life. In the 30 years of work, I have built a successful business, and there is no other way for me to behave. The only way is to work and achieve success.

Let us go back to the most recent past. The ideas of the so-called stability and archaic character almost left us high and dry. If we had not started to experiment in time in Europe and introduce new events and formats on our own, if we had not shown the Mixed Team events to the IOC (do you remember the 2017 10m European Shooting Championships in Maribor?), what arguments would the ISSF have in the sphere of gender equality to maintain 15 sets of medals for the Tokyo Olympics?

In Europe, we continue to try things out, search for new formats increasing the appeal of our sport and the interest in our sport. Any ideas and proposals are welcome.

We all know talented and ambitious people who do govern, sometimes even rule countries, without going into much details. However, let us leave politicians alone. Their thing is the populist rhetoric and promises.

Unlike them, I try to delve into the minute details of each problem. Otherwise, I would have never achieved the results I have managed to achieve. And now, in my new position, I make efforts to understand all aspects of the shooting sport. I have both time and energy to do it. The goal is simple: we shall become leaders in the Olympic sport. I am confident that we will achieve this goal!

I believe that the president's role is not merely that of being a representative and occupying a place in VIP lounges. The role of the ESC or the ISSF president is to develop and promote the shooting sport, increase the number of competition participants, attract a broad audience, especially, young people. Our athletes shall become stars who are recognized and known beyond their own countries. Our Member Federations shall be active and shall have development programs.

In order to achieve the above mentioned I regularly attend competitions, hold meetings with athletes, referees, managers of organizing committees and national federations, officials and technical experts. I believe that it is worth my time and effort.

The year of 2018

- 1 – The European Championships 10m in Győr, Hungary;
- 2 – The World Cup in Changwon, South Korea
- 3 – The opening of the National Shooting Sport Center in Châteauroux, France
- 4 – The World Cup in Munich, Germany
- 5 – The World Military Shooting Championship in Thun, Switzerland
- 6 – The World Cup in Siggiewi, Malta
- 7 – The Mediterranean Games in Tarragona, Spain

- 8 – The Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany
- 9 – The European Championship Shotgun in Leobersdorf, Austria
- 10 – The World Shooting Championships in Changwon, South Korea
- 11 – The World Shooting Para Sport World Cup in Châteauroux, France
- 12 – The Summer Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 13 – The ESC Youth League Final at the Kisakallio Sports Institute, Finland
- 14 – The Shooting Championships of the Americas in Guadalajara, Mexico
- 15 – The General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees in Marbella, Spain
- 16 – A meeting with the organizers of the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, the UK

The year of 2019

- 1 – A meeting of the IOC Marketing Committee, a meeting with the IOC President and the IOC Sports Director in Lausanne, Switzerland
- 2 – A visit to Tokyo to discuss the preparation for the Olympics;
- 3 – The World Cup in New Delhi, India;
- 4 – A meeting with the shooting industry representatives in Nuremberg, Germany;
- 5 – The European Championship in Osijek, Croatia;
- 6 – The World Cup in Al Ain, UAE;
- 7 – The World Cup in Beijing, China;
- 8 – The ASOIF General Assembly and the SportAccord forum at the Gold Coast, Australia;
- 9 – The World Cup, a meeting of the ISSF Sports Committee and a meeting with the continental confederations' representatives in Munich, Germany;
- 10 – The Games of Small States of Europe in Budva, Montenegro;
- 11 – The European Games in Minsk, Belarus;
- 12 – The IOC session in Lausanne, Switzerland;
- 13 – The World Championship Shotgun in Lonato, Italy;
- 14 – The Pan American Games in Lima, Peru;
- 15 – The World Cup in Lahti, Finland;
- 16 – The European Championship Shotgun in Lonato, Italy;
- 17 – The European Championship 25/50/300m in Bologna, Italy;
- 18 – The Asian Shotgun Championship in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

In addition to all of the above, during the reporting period I visited Bhutan, Bangladesh, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and a number of other countries where I held meetings with presidents of national Olympic committees, heads of the ESC and ISSF Member Federations. I held five meetings of the ESC Presidium and already two meetings of the ISSF Executive Committee. Just for the record, neither the ESC, nor the ISSF budget spends any money to finance my study of the situation and my trips.

Today we are meeting in Budapest. Next week I am going to attend the World Cup Shotgun Final in the UAE. And my plans for 2019 do not end here.

Now let me speak about the issues which I gave my attention to during the reporting period, and the results achieved.

Promotion of the shooting sport

1. We have achieved high-quality TV broadcasting of the ESC and ISSF competitions. The TV signal from all the main 2019 competitions has been broadcast by the European Broadcasting Union satellite all around the world. Any European country could receive the broadcast signal from the World Cups and World Championships for free. The expenses for broadcasting the signal were covered by the attracted funds.
I would like to thank everyone who actively participated in promoting the shooting sport and who organizes regular broadcasts of our competitions.
2. We have concluded a contract with Eurosport. A number of competitions, including the finals of the Olympic events at the World Championship in Lonato and the European Championship in Bologna, have already been broadcast by this channel. The next competition broadcast will be the World Cup Shotgun Final on October 13. Apart from that, there are opportunities to promote the shooting sport on the Eurosport website. It is fair to say that numerous expectations of our community have come true. I bear the financial responsibility for that.
3. Opportunities have arisen for your sponsors to place advertisements both on Eurosport and during the broadcasting of competitions finals on national TV channels.

At this point the President made a break and gave the floor to Mrs. Anna Leshchikova who proceeded with awarding the following Member Federations with plaquettes of recognition for the TV coverage of the European Championships:

Croatian Shooting Federation;
Finnish Shooting Sport Federation;
French Shooting Federation;
German Shooting Sport Federation;
Hungarian Shooting Federation;
Shooting Union of Slovenia;
Russian Shooting Union.

After the awards the President continued his report:

Support of athletes

1. The established ISSF Development Fund will have a significant impact on the ESC and European athletes. The first grants will be provided in the next six months to the national federations which have earned quotas for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, while the winners and runner-ups of the World Cup Finals in Al Ain and Putian will receive grants this year already.
2. The Golden Target award for the best athletes of the year has been established, and it will be presented annually. This year the award ceremony will take place in Munich on December 7.

3. For the first time, the European Games and the European Championship programs include Mixed Team events in 50m Rifle Prone, 25m Standard Pistol and 50m Pistol.

Moreover, the winners and runner-ups of the European Championships as always have received cash prizes, the amount of which was defined by me. In 2018-2019, the total amount of prize money was 211,000 Euro. These funds were distributed among 615 athletes in 28 countries. These included both famous champions and very young competition participants.

Measures to ensure fair results of competitions

My meetings with athletes have shown that there are many questions concerning the fairness and integrity of competitions.

We have almost managed to solve the issue of the inadmissibility of exceeding the shotgun charge weight. The next item on our agenda is the introduction of the VAR system at the finals. It allows to make a quick and objective decision whether the target has been hit or not, eliminates subjective factors and the possibility of inattentiveness on behalf of referees. The tests conducted at several World Cups and the 2019 World Championships have proven a high efficiency of the VAR system and have been met with only positive reviews from athletes, coaches and officials. Recently, we again interfered with the finals where quotas for the Tokyo Olympics were distributed, to eliminate the possibility of such being refereed by representatives of the same countries as one or several finalists.

Now, I would like to point out several other important ESC initiatives implemented during the reporting period:

1. The prolongation of the Olympic qualification period until May 31, 2020. This decision allows maintain maximum attention to the shooting sport in Europe almost until the beginning of the Olympic Games in Tokyo. Otherwise, the shotgun qualification and the 25m and 50m shooting qualification would have ended by now. While the 10m shooting qualification would have ended by the end of 2020. We have given many ESC Member Federations a chance to get additional financing, and many athletes to keep up their hope to participate in the Olympics.
2. We have established a Presidium that actually works. Its composition is known to you. Each member of the Presidium actively contributes to our work. Group decisions are made not only at meetings which, by the way, are held quite frequently, but also via mail voting. Everyone speaks their mind out, and the discussions at the Presidium meetings are often quite hot which ultimately helps to come up with an optimal solution.
3. The ESC sets an example in its commitment to achieving gender equality, the transparency of decision-making and financial accounting. We were the first to establish the mandatory minimum representation of both genders in all elected bodies in the Statutes. All decisions are communicated via the ESC website and

a newsletter. At the Presidium meetings, we discuss and agree on the annual draft budgets and closing statements. Then they are checked by both ESC auditors and the Swiss tax service. And, of course, they are subject to approval by the General Assembly delegates.

4. Establishing connections with the industry. The ESC was the first to start regularly meeting with the shooting industry representatives, in order to look for ways of cooperation and take into account our mutual interests. The absolute majority of shooting equipment manufacturers are European companies. So far, they have preferred to support specific athletes and organizers of competitions. Our goal is to engage them in cooperation with the ESC and ISSF, in order to increase the number of shooting athletes significantly and thus to expand the industry market. We have already achieved some progress in this respect due to the broadcasting of our competitions on TV. The Eurosport contract, which I have already mentioned above, shall take our cooperation with the industry to the next level.

Dear delegates,

It has been ten years since you entrusted me with the right to become the ESC president. During these years, the shooting sport has developed greatly in Europe. It was mainly due to the fact that we were not afraid to try things out and to offer our community new constructive solutions.

Now that Europe has accepted responsibility for the fate of the shooting sport at the international level, it is time to take a new step forward.

What I mean is the discussion and adoption of the new revision of the ISSF Statutes. In fact, this process has already been going on for a long time. Over three years. Many ESC Member Federations have actively contributed to the discussion of this document and submitted their comments and offers. However, there are new faces in the leadership of some national federations, and I have to explain a lot of things all over again to them.

I will explain the most important thing. The shooting sport has too many external challenges for us to allow ourselves to politicize things which, in fact, shall promote our common progress. The only way for us to maintain and, as much as possible, to strengthen the position of the shooting sport in the international Olympic movement is to hold together.

I am quite sure: all of you understand that the new ISSF Statutes is not my whim. It cannot be adopted in the interests of one particular person, one country or even one continent. It shall reflect the current reality and the trends observed all over the world. That is why today we shall discuss and articulate a consolidated position in respect of several fundamental issues, and then make sure to get it across to all ISSF Member Federations.

And one more thing. Juan Antonio Samaranch, a great revolutionary of the Olympic movement, said: Democracy means that anyone can voice their opinion at the discussion stage. However, once a group decision has been made, everyone shall comply with it. Even those who do not agree with it for some reason. This principle is the key to progress and success. The IOC experience proves the validity of this principle. We shall comply with this principle.

I hope this is how it is going to be!

The Secretary General asked if there were any questions to the President?

Mr. Luciano Rossi asked for the floor again. He reminded that the President promised that he will resign from the ESC Presidency in case he was elected as the ISSF President. His question was, why Mr. Lisin did not resign so far?

Mr. Pekka Kuusisto explained that this matter was discussed at the Presidium meeting in Osijek, on March 17, 2019 and all the members unanimously asked the President to continue in his position till the next elections. Besides, there was nothing in the ESC Statutes regarding the necessity of the President to resign and how to proceed in case of such resignation. So, the ESC Statutes were just followed and there was no necessity by the ESC President to resign due to his election as the ISSF President.

Decision: The President's report was unanimously approved.

7. Report of the Presidium (for the period 21.07.2017 – 04.10.2019)

The Secretary General noted that the Presidium report was sent out in advance and was included in the booklet with the Delegates' Meeting Documents. He asked if there were any questions?

Presidium meetings

During the reported period the ESC Presidium had the following meetings:

- Győr, Hungary, February 19th, 2018
- Baden, Austria, July 31st, 2018
- Munich, Germany, November 29th, 2018
- Osijek, Croatia, March 17th, 2019
- Budapest, Hungary, October 3rd, 2019

Agenda of the meetings

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

- reports on the activity of the President;
- reports on the preparations of the European Championships in 2018 – 2020;
- cooperation with the Organizers of the future European Championships;
- discussions with the European Broadcasting Union for live TV coverage of the

- European Championships;
- modernization of the ESC website;
- appointment of Technical Delegates and officials to the European Championships and other ESC competitions;
- relationship with the ESC Member Federations;
- relationship with partners and sponsors of the ESC;
- preparations of the General Assembly 2019;
- development program for European coaches and referees;
- co-operation with the ISSF on the 2020 Olympic Qualification competitions;
- co-operation with the European Olympic Committees on inclusion of shooting in the program of the II European Games in Minsk, Belarus, in 2019;
- financial matters;
- membership matters;
- legal matters;
- issues of the Technical Committee;
- issues of the Press and Promotion Committee;
- issues of the Athletes Committee;
- approval of the European records.

European Championships

The following European Championships were organized since July 21st, 2017:

European Championship 25/50/300m Rifle, Pistol, Running Target and Shotgun, Baku, Azerbaijan, July 21st – August 4th, 2017
1358 athletes from 43 nations.

European Championship 10m, Győr, Hungary, February 16th-26th, 2018
 655 athletes (*European Championship*) and 176 athletes (*European Youth Olympic Qualification Tournament*) from 48 nations.

European Championship Shotgun, Leobersdorf, Austria, July 30th – August 13th, 2018
 405 athletes from 34 nations.

European Championship 10m, Osijek, Croatia, March 16th-25th, 2019
 935 athletes from 46 nations.

Running Target 50m events, Gyenesdiás, Hungary, July 8th-15th, 2019
 58 athletes from 10 nations.

European Championship in Shotgun, Lonato del Garda, Italy, September 3rd-17th, 2019
 401 athletes from 44 nations.

European Championship in Rifle/Pistol 25/50/300m events, Bologna/Tolmezzo, Italy, September 12th-23rd, 2019
 509 athletes from 39 nations.

SIUS European Youth League (EYL) – European Youth League Championship

In 2017 the SIUS EYL Final took place in Osijek, Croatia, with 16 teams from 12 nations which qualified through the regional qualification rounds.

In 2018 there were three regional qualification rounds – for the West Region in Innsbruck, Austria, for the East Region in Osijek, Croatia, and for the North Region in Wrocław, Poland. The EYL Final took place in Kisakallio, Finland, on October 18th-21st with participation of the 16 teams from 13 nations represented by 57 athletes who qualified through the regional qualification rounds.

Since 2019 the competitions have the status of the European Youth League Championship. The Regional qualification rounds were organized in Århus, Denmark (North), Magglingen, Switzerland (West) and in Novi Sad, Serbia (East). The Final will take place here in Budapest on October 3rd-6th.

Lapua European Cup 300m

In 2017 there were three qualification competitions; in Århus, Denmark, Lahti, Finland, and Thun, Switzerland with a Final taking place in Tolmezzo, Italy. A total of 372 athletes participated in the four competitions including the Final.

In 2018 the three qualification competitions took place in Århus, Denmark, Võru, Estonia, and Lahti, Finland with a Final in Zagreb, Croatia. The total number of athletes in the four competitions was 276.

The first qualification rounds for 2019 were organized in Århus, Denmark, Lahti, Finland and in Thun, Switzerland. The Final will take place in Châteauroux, France, on October 9th-12th.

Lapua European Cup 25m

In 2017 the qualification rounds took place in Århus, Denmark, Lahti, Finland, and Thun, Switzerland, with the Final taking place in Karlstad, Sweden. The total number of athletes was 107.

In 2018 the host cities were Suhl, Germany, Århus, Denmark, Lahti, Finland and Elva, Estonia, with the Final taking place in Lisboa, Portugal. The total number of athletes participating in the five competitions, was 119.

The first qualification rounds for 2019 were organized in Suhl, Germany, Århus, Denmark, Tallinn, Estonia and in Thun, Switzerland. The Final will be organized in Châteauroux, France, on October 10th-12th.

Decision: The Presidium's report was unanimously approved.

8. Treasurer's Report

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

Dear Delegates,
Dear Colleagues,

The financial situation of our Confederation can be easily understood from the ESC Balances. By December 31st, 2016 there were 647.510,37 Euro on the ESC account. By December 31st, 2018 the ESC capital was equal to 650.325,70 Euro. And, as before, 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 provided by our President. Thanks to this contribution the medalists and finalists of the European Championships received prize money. The 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 the shooting sport in the program of the 2nd European Games in Minsk. 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 2017 or 2018. 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 2017 and 2018 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. I want to thank our Secretariat for extremely good co-operation and well done bookkeeping.

Finally, I'd like to attract your attention to the Preliminary Budget for 2019. You can see that the expected balance is very positive. It is due to our accurate financial policy and that some incomes from 2018 were debited to our account by the bank in the beginning of 2019.

Thank you for your attention!

Decision: The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

9. Auditors' report and official discharge of the Presidium for financial activity in 2017-2018.

The ESC Auditor Mr. Siegfried Boeck presented the Auditors' report of the ESC accounting for the years 2017 and 2018. In the report he confirmed that the accounts had been duly audited and approved by him and Mr. Heinz-Helmut Fischer.

Mr. Boeck proposed that the Auditor's Report is approved and to discharge the Presidium for the financial activities in 2017 and 2018.

After that the Secretary General asked the delegates to approve the proposals of the Auditor. Two separate votings took place.

Decision on the 1st Voting: The Auditors' report was approved

Decision on the 2nd Voting: The Presidium was officially discharged for the ESC financial activities in the years 2017 and 2018.

10. Approval of the Preliminary budget for 2019

Mr. Pekka Kuusisto explained in detail the main features of the ESC budget for 2019.

Decision: The Preliminary budget for 2019 was approved.

11. Membership matters

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

But the delegation of the Faroe Islands Shooting Sport Federation was invited to attend the General Assembly as a potential future member of the ESC.

12. Proposals of the Presidium

The Secretary General reported that there were no proposals from the Presidium, so there was nothing to discuss on this item of the Agenda.

13. Proposals of the Member Federations

The Secretary General informed the delegates that there were no proposals from the Member Federations, so there was nothing to discuss on this item of the Agenda.

Mr. Luciano Rossi requested for the floor and raised two matters. First, he referred to the letter of San-Marino Federazione Tiro a Volo about the change of the formats of the Mixed Team events and second he raised the question of the decision to increase the number of participants in the ISSF World Cup Finals which could affect the Olympic Qualification according to the World Ranking.

The Secretary General explained that the new Mixed Team events formats for Tokyo 2024 have nothing to do with the Olympic Qualification. Though it can be considered as a mistake that two Quota Places in each of the Mixed Team events were allocated at the 2018 ISSF World Championships differently from the way other Quota Places for those

events were allocated, at this moment nothing can be changed because the Qualification system was already approved by the IOC.

For the second matter in question, the Secretary General gave a thorough explanation of the reasons of the decision of the ISSF Executive Committee to increase the number of participants at the ISSF World Cup Finals and at the same time explained why this decision will not affect the Olympic Qualification according to the World Ranking.

14.ISSF Matters

The Secretary General reminded that the ISSF Extraordinary General Assembly will take place in Munich, Germany, on December 7, 2019. The main goal of the Extraordinary General Assembly is to discuss and, hopefully, approve the new version of the ISSF Constitution. The ISSF has already sent the draft of the new version of the Constitution to all Member Federations and asked them to send comments and proposals. All those comments and proposals have been examined by the ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee.

The Secretary General invited Mrs. Biserka Vrbek, ESC Presidium member and Chairwoman of the ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee, to inform the delegates about the work done and the current state of affairs.

Report of Mrs. Biserka Vrbek

Why the ISSF needs a new Constitution?

- The valid ISSF Constitution was approved in 1980 and amended in 1998, 2000, 2004 and 2008.
- Shooting sport as a part of the Olympic Movement needs a modern Constitution
- In accordance with the principles of the Olympic Charter
- Corresponding to the principles of Good Governance
- Stimulating activities of the Member Federations and Continental Confederations
- Eradicating any ground for corruption, excluding potential conflict of interest
- Strong in fight against doping and undue behavior by any official or athlete
- Conditions for the development of the shooting sport

How to achieve the goals for development of shooting sport with the new Constitution?

- Support the efforts of Member Federations to further develop the shooting sport in their respective countries;
- Clearly determine the rights and obligations of the Member Federations
- Determinate the status of MFs: Full Members and Associate Members
- To redistribute certain responsibilities among the ISSF bodies
- To introduce limits on the terms of office at an elective positions and the age limit for the candidates to the elective positions

Steps in preparation for the new Constitution

- Draft of the new Constitution was prepared and sent out to Continental and National Federations in June 2019, with announcement that they organize a broad discussion and provide the ISSF Secretariat with their comments and observations by August 25th, 2019

- The ISSF Statutes and Eligibility Committee analyzed, discussed and evaluated
- all comments and observations by September 6th, 2019
- Thanks to all MFs and Athletes Committee for participation in this process.

Proposals and comments on the draft were sent by:

- Shooting Federation of Canada,
- Chinese Shooting Association,
- Federacion Colombiana de Tiro y Casa Deportiva,
- Finnish Shooting Sport Federation,
- German Shooting Sport Federation,
- Italian Shooting Union-Union Italiana di Tiro a Seno,
- Federazione Italiana Tiro a Volo,
- Kuwait Shooting Federation
- Norwegian Shooting Federation
- Portuguese Shooting Federation
- Belgian Clay Shooting Federation,
- Swedish Shooting Sport Federation
- Swiss Shooting Sport Federation

Proposals and comments from Member Federations and Administrative Council

- In the majority of submitted documents with comments on the draft the Statutes and Eligibility Committee find the statement that the proposed changes to the ISSF Constitution are a useful modernization exercise and appear to be a good step forward.
- The Member Federations proposed changes and comments on the draft which includes typos, formatting, proposed wording, issues, questions, general comments and discussion points.
- Statutes and Eligibility Committee evaluated all proposals in the four column document, where were included each comment, proposal, question.
- Committee formed statement in this four column document and in separate Review analyzed the main topics from received proposals. These documents were unanimously approved by all members of the Committee.

The Statutes and Eligibility Committee meeting

- In preparation for further action on the draft the Statutes and Eligibility Committee members were invited for the Committee meeting here in Budapest, on the October 3rd
- In the meantime, in accordance with proposals from Member Federations and Administrative Council as well as the statement of the Committee new version of the draft was prepared.
- At the Statutes and Eligibility Committee meeting (Biserka Vrbek (CRO), Jon Richard Leech (GBR), Ivana Ertlova (CZE), Ingrid Stubsjoen (NOR) and Alessandro Oliverio (ITA), this new document was analyzed by the Committee provision per provision.
- After the proposals from the Committee members, new version of the Draft of the ISSF Constitution was prepared for the ISSF Executive Committee on the October 4th sent out from the ISSF Secretariat.

Some very frequent point in discussion of the draft

MEMBERS – MEMBER FEDERATIONS

- 2025 end of dual membership
- full members – associate members
- review of the fulfillment of the membership

SUSPENSION – TEMPORARY SUSPENSION – EXCLUSION

- competence
- right to defense
- right to appeal
- disciplinary measures

Some main points in the draft

- General Assembly – no proxies
- Support to MFs with covering the expenses for 1 delegate
- Ethics Committee – independent body of the ISSF
- Athletes Committee
- Professional external audit company
- Gender equality

You are invited for further discussion of the Draft and please send your proposals till October 25th, 2019 to the ISSF Secretariat

The Secretary General thanked Mrs. Vrbek for the report and asked if there were any questions? As there were no questions he proposed to continue with the Agenda.

15. Decision on the ESC Membership fees

The Secretary General proposed not to change the annual ESC Membership fee.

Decision: The ESC annual membership fee will remain the same without any change.

16. Reports of the Organizing Committees of the European Championships:

2020 ECH 10m (AR/AP/RT) 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland

Mrs. Jolanta Tolczyk from the Polish Sport Shooting Federation made the presentation.

Decision: To take the information in consideration.

2020 ECH Shotgun in Chateauroux, France

Mr. Hugues Senger from the French Shooting Federation made the presentation.

Decision: To take the information in consideration.

2020 European Olympic Qualification Tournament (10/25/50m) in Plzen, Czech Republic

Mrs. Ivana Ertlova from the Czech Shooting Federation made the presentation.

Decision: To take the information in consideration.

2020 ECH Juniors (25/50m) in Osijek, Croatia

Mrs. Suzana Skoko, Secretary General of the Croatian Shooting Federation, made the presentation.

Decision: To take the information in consideration.

2021 ECH 10m in Lohja, Finland

Mr. Vesa Nissinen, President of the Finnish Shooting Sport Federation, made the presentation

Decision: To take the information in consideration.

2021 European Championship (25/50/300m/RT/Shotgun) in Osijek, Croatia

Mrs. Suzana Skoko, Secretary General of the Croatian Shooting Federation, made the presentation

Decision: To take the information in consideration

17.Voting on Organizers of the European Championships in 2022-2023

2022 ECH 10m and 2023 ECH 10m

The Secretary General noted that there were two candidatures for both Championships: One from Norway and another one from Estonia. However, it looked as though the two Federations came to a mutual agreement that the 2022 Championship will be organized in Norway and the 2023 Championship, in Estonia. He proposed that both Member Federations make their respective presentations and then to have a formal vote on the hosting of both Championships.

The proposal was unanimously approved.

Ms. Ingrid Stubsjøen made a presentation on behalf of the Norway bid.

Mr. Meelis Loit made a presentation on behalf of the Estonian bid.

After both presentations a voting took place.

Decisions:

- The 2022 European Championship 10m will take place in Norway.
- The 2023 European Championship 10m will take place in Estonia.

2022 European Championship Shotgun

There were two candidatures for this Championship: Austria and Cyprus

Mr. Thomas Steinmüller, President of the Austria Shooting Federation Clay Target and Combined, made the presentation of the Austrian bid. The proposed place of the Championship was Leobersdorf.

Mr. Petros Kyritsis, Technical Director of the Cyprus Shooting Sport Federation, made the presentation of the Cyprus bid. The proposed place of the Championship was Nicosia.

After the presentations a voting took place, with the following result:

Austria – 40 votes.

Cyprus – 33 votes.

Decision: The European Championship Shotgun in 2022 will take place in Austria.

Petros Kyritsis

Alexander Ratner