



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WITH CONTINENTAL PRESIDENTS INVITED

Zoom® Videoconference

Monday 18th August 2025 – 13:00 to 15:30 CEST (Lausanne time)

MINUTES

EB members and Continental Presidents in attendance:

SÖRLING Petra	President
LIU Guoliang	Deputy President
AL-MOHANNADI Khalil	Senior Executive Vice-President and ATTU President
MESHREF Alaa	Executive Vice-President – Finance
AZEVEDO Alaor	Executive Vice-President
MAEHARA Masahiro	Executive Vice-President
NATLAN Roland	Executive Vice-President
OSHODI Wahid	Executive Vice-President and ATTU President
SYMONS Graham	Executive Vice-President
LIU Shiwen	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair
ACHANTA Sharath Kamal	Athletes Commission (AC) Co-Chair
VILA Juan	ITTF Americas President
MOURA Pedro	ETTU President
MOORE Anthony	ITTF-Oceania President

Staff in attendance:

DAINTON Steve	ITTF Group CEO
CALIN Raul	ITTF Secretary General

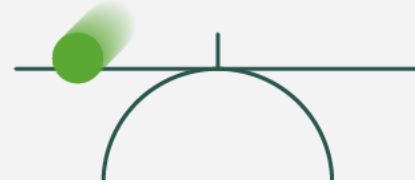
1. Welcome from the ITTF President

1.1. ITTF President's Welcome

Ms SÖRLING welcomed the Executive Board Members, Continental Presidents, and staff, thanking them for their attendance.

Ms SÖRLING reported on the activities carried out by the ITTF administration and departments over the last few months, mentioning that the staff have continued to work on delivering the strategic plan, and events and day-to-day operations have continued, marked by world-class elite events and ambitious development activities, on which the CEO will report later.

Ms SÖRLING addressed the EB colleagues formally, reminding them that any suggestion that her authority as ITTF President is suspended pending any decision of the ITTF Tribunal is legally false, institutionally harmful and ethically improper. Ms SÖRLING specifically referred to certain letters being circulated among the membership, indicating that such actions jeopardise the ITTF as an institution, damage the ITTF's credibility, and breach fiduciary obligations, and asked all colleagues to fulfil their duty of loyalty to the institution.



To conclude, Ms SÖRLING expressed her hope that the ITTF Executive Board will continue to lead by example, reiterating that it is validly constituted as the legitimate Executive Body of the ITTF until the elections are completed.

1.2. Roll Call

The Roll Call was conducted with all EB & CC members present.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr Khalil AL-MOHANNADI asked for clarification on whether he was invited as an EB member or as a Continental President.

Ms SÖRLING stated that, to work collaboratively with all colleagues, she invited Mr AL-MOHANNADI on his capacity as an Executive Board member.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI thanked Ms SÖRLING, indicating he will have a question under any other business.

3. **CEO report**

Mr DANTON echoed Ms SÖRLING's message about the importance of maintaining business as usual and allowing staff to continue working on the various ongoing projects and programmes.

The EB and CPs noted the update on the first events, the US Grand Smash and the European Grand Smash, held in Las Vegas, USA, and Malmö, Sweden, respectively, with significant investments being made by WTT, which will hopefully bear fruit in the future.

The EB also noted the report on other events, such as the WTT Champions in Yokohama, the Start Contender in Fox do Iguacu, and Contender events in Nigeria and Argentina.

Mr DANTON also reported on the 2026 calendar, which was released on 4th August.

The EB and CPs also noted the opening of the WTT/ITTF US Office Launch Ceremony in Greater Los Angeles, California, which will be led by Mr Michael BROWN, who will move to the USA by the end of the year, with the aim to help in growing the USA market.

Mr DANTON continued reporting on preparations for the WTT Finals London 2026, including a technical inspection held in June, and on progress with the new Para Series, including a Para Showcase at the WTT in Las Vegas.

To conclude, Mr DANTON reported on the ongoing activities of the development program, the preparations for the upcoming WTT Finals, the MoU signed with Saudi Arabia for the Esports World Championships, the review of the ITTF Constitution, the LA28 OG qualification system, given the fact of the new Olympic programme, with six events in 2028, and the planning for the 100-year celebration of the ITTF.

Mr Juan VILA, ITTF Americas Continental President, asked about the financial situation of WTT and the opening of the ITTF/WTT offices in America, for which no authorities from ITTF Americas were invited.

On the first question, Mr DANTON referred to a small surplus in 2024, indicating that future meetings will have a point on the agenda specifically for finances, and in relation to the new offices in the Greater LA area, Ms SÖRLING suggested that when the formal opening of the offices takes place, the ITTF Americas authorities will be invited.



Mr MOURA emphasised the importance of the Continental Championships as part of the LA28 qualification pathway.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI asked Mr DANTON why his report did not include references to the WTTC Finals Doha 2025.

Mr DANTON indicated that his report covered activities since Doha and referred to the excellent hospitality and venue setup at the Lusail Sports Arena, as well as ticket sales, adding that everyone was very pleased with the WTTC Finals.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI asked Mr DANTON to edit his report and add the WTTC Finals Doha 2025 on the first page.

4. Update on the ITTF Tribunal appeals from QTTA and Mr Al-Mohannadi

Mr CALIN reported that following the appeals received from QTTA and Mr Al-Mohannadi by the ITTF Tribunal in June, and the responses submitted by the respondents (ITTF and Ms Petra Sörling), the ITTF Tribunal has established Thursday, 28th August as the date for the hearing.

5. ITTF AGM continuation

Mr Graham SYMONS reported that it seems appropriate to wait for the hearing of the ITTF Tribunal to happen before convening the AGM Continuation, for which Mr SYMONS indicated being considering the possibility of convening it remotely for the convenience of the Member Associations.

Mr MOURA thanked Mr SYMONS for the information about the potential timeline for the AGM Continuation and for the possibility of completing the AGM online, which is being considered in view of the number of agenda items pending and the costs, as the best possible solution and thanked Mr SYMONS for considering that option.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI indicated that the decision to hold the AGM in Doha was made at the AGM in Bangkok, and that Mr SYMONS did not cancel the AGM, only suspended it, and that it has to continue in Doha.

Mr MOORE supported Mr SYMONS's view to wait for the ITTF Tribunal's decision and to consider convening the AGM Continuation online, adding that, from an Oceania perspective, it is challenging to consider travelling again, and it would be good to provide a significant window for online voting.

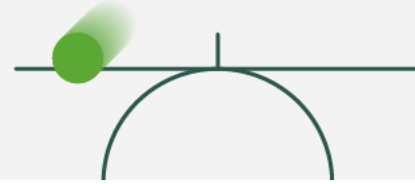
Mr NATRAN conveyed the Hungarian Olympic Committee's best wishes to the ITTF and to the elected President, Ms Petra SÖRLING, in his capacity as a member of its supervisory board.

6. Other Business

Mr AL-MOHANNADI asked Mr DANTON why the ITTF Secretary General was in the room in today's call after the private meeting they had following the AGM interruption on 27th May, as they had agreed that the Secretary General should be given a penalty. Mr DANTON (according to Mr AL-MOHANNADI) would have told Mr AL-MOHANNADI that the Secretary General would be stopped from working or given a time-out; however, he is in the room today.

Ms SÖRLING, unaware of the meeting reported by Mr AL-MOHANNADI with Mr DANTON, referred the question to Mr DANTON.

Mr DANTON asked Mr AL-MOHANNADI for clarification on his question.



Mr AL-MOHANNADI indicated that the staff is under him as the ITTF CEO, and Mr DANTON told him in Doha that he will give a time-out or stop the Secretary General.

Mr DANTON denied having said so, indicating he said he would look at the reasons for the suspension.

Mr AL-MOHANNADI indicated that if the CEO cannot do it, then they should find other ways to stop his job in the ITTF.

Mr DANTON reiterated that there were no decisions made between himself and Mr AL-MOHANNADI in Doha after the AGM.

Mr MAEHARA suggested organising the AGM continuation as soon as possible, so that the election of the ITTF EVs, the ratification of the ITTF Council Members, and the appointment of the ITTF Committee Members can be conducted, and the ITTF can smoothly carry out its operations.

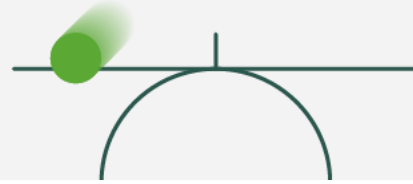
Mr VILA stated that those present at the AGM in Doha could see that there were no problems until the results of the Presidential elections were announced, without anyone protesting beforehand. Mr VILA reminded that the AGM was called in a hybrid mode without any protest and wanted to take the opportunity to give a vote of recognition and confidence to Mr Graham SYMONS and Mr Raul CALIN, adding that this is the sentiment of most of the American Member Associations, highlighting that Mr CALIN has always shown command and knowledge of all the processes related to the AGM, the reason why he has been in charge, and reiterated the importance for the EB and CPs to seat to build after all the damage that has been made.

Mr MOURA thanked Mr VILA for his words, adding that he fully endorses them. He added that the work made at the AGM by Mr SYMONS, Mr CALIN, and Mr DANTON was excellent, and the problems only arose when the results of the Presidential elections were announced, with no complaints before. To conclude, Mr MOURA thanked Mr VILA again, supporting his words in full, stressing it is important to move ahead, stop the gossiping, and work for table tennis.

Mr AZEVEDO suggested that the AGM should continue in Doha and indicated that the city's selection saw a significant difference in votes, while the vote for President was very close.

Mr OSHODI suggested that the ITTF Tribunal is dealing with the matters being discussed; therefore, that's the appropriate forum for discussion, and clarified that Mr SYMONS has not decided, but expressed his view that he is considering (convening the AGM continuation online) when the ITTF Tribunal would have decided on the appeals. Mr OSHODI suggested stopping this discussion at this point.

Ms SÖRLING thanked Mr OSHODI for his intervention and congratulated him on the series of events held in Nigeria in recent weeks.



7. Next Meeting

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 14:05 CEST.

Petra SÖRLING
ITTF President

Date

Steve DAINTON
ITTF CEO

Date