

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Saturday, 7 February 2015, at 09h00 in the Swissotel Hotel, Singapore.

**1. President's welcome and opening remarks:** the President welcomed all the members of the Executive Committee and the guests invited to the meeting. EC agreed that Ms Kimberly Koh would take the Minutes. The President updated the EC on his resignation process as President of the German Table Tennis Association to be announced officially after internal discussions by middle of March 2015.

### 2. Roll call

Thomas Weikert	President
Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Deputy President
Bruce Burton	Executive Vice-President
Patrick Gillmann	Executive Vice-President
<b>Chérif Hajem</b>	Executive Vice-President
Masahiro Maehara	Executive Vice-President
Melecio Rivera	Executive Vice-President
Shi Zhihao	Executive Vice-President
<b>Petra Sörling</b>	Executive Vice-President (Finance)
April Kwok See Yu	Athlete Representative – ex officio (Replacing Vladimir Samsonov)

### In attendance

Judit Faragó	CEO
Glenn Tepper	Deputy CEO
Steve Dainton	Director (Marketing)
Raul Calin	Director (Operations & Olympic Games)
Matt Pound	Promotion Manager

<b>Anders Thunström</b>	Managing Director (TMS)
Kimberly Koh	Business Development Manager (TMS)

Sachiko Yokota	Japan Table Tennis Association (Item 11 only)
Darren Leong	ITTF Equipment Coordinator (From Item 12)

**3. Approval of the agenda:** the Executive Committee approved the agenda with the addition of the following items:

- 9.5 – Disputed National Association
- 13.3 – Ranking compression
- 15.7 – African TTF Congress

#### 4. Minutes

- 4.1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting (5 December 2014): the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2014 were approved and signed by the President with amendment in 7.1 (TMS and Liebherr negotiates a 3-year contract extension and not 4-year).
- 4.2 Business arising from the minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda: there was no further business not covered by the agenda.
- 4.3 Report and review of tasks from past EC meetings: the Executive Committee noted that:
- The Constitution review has been postponed and will be advised later by the EC.
  - URC to consider the use of the online platform for future training and exams: internal discussions in progress
  - Hospitality discussions regarding the world tour have been postponed pending a general review of the tour for 2016.
  - The signature of the Agreement with FISU is pending, and will be further discussed in Lausanne.
  - The rebound test was on the agenda.
  - New hand signals testing for Umpires: the system has been tested at the Global Junior Circuit Finals in Paraguay and the URC will present a summary of the survey.

#### 5. AGM & BoD: the Executive Committee noted that:

- 5.1 Reports:
- Reports had to be submitted in January, and will be sent for proof reading and translating. AGM booklet will be ready for publication by 28 February 2015, to be distributed 2 months before the AGM. It will also be sent by post at the same time.
- 5.2 PAC members invitation:
- At the previous EC meeting in August 2014, internal policy for PAC was approved with limitation to a service period of 10 years among others. Four (4) PAC **members' term** end in 2015 and ITTF Chairman Adham Sharara has informed them accordingly: Henry Yue, Han Sang Kook, J. Rufford Harrison and Colin Clemett.
  - All other PAC members will receive a personal invitation to the World Championships.
  - It was noted that Neil Harwood and Andre Damman sent apologies not to be able to attend, and Colin Clemett suffered serious injury recently due to a fall and is on his way to recovery.
- 5.3 Review of Propositions and Resolutions for AGM & BoD:
- All propositions and resolutions were reviewed and explained.
  - There was discussion about Athletes Commission propositions to AGM on their representation level as some EC members considered these are contradictory to the principle of IF membership where only national associations have a vote, but not individuals.

- It was agreed that ITTF President, Thomas Weikert, would contact the Athletes Commission President Vladimir Samsonov to reconsider its propositions after initial feedback from the EC.
- At the same time with submission of proposition regarding Junior Commissioner, the same point for Technical Commissioner, has to be modified to be in line with the existing structure.
- Wording of the Latvian federation proposition No.6 has to be clarified.
- **URC' Proposition No.20** and No.21 would be jointly submitted with the EC, but No.20 only if the URC modifies their proposal to remove the use of a new signaling card in addition to the existing red and yellow.
- At the same time with adding Para tournaments to the list of events, the EC proposed to delete limitation on the number of events per association.
- There will be no changes in the 2016 World Team Championships "playing system" in comparison to the 2014 World Team Championships. Seeding and ranking rules have to be modified as a consequence of the 2014 BoD decision on the qualification system.

#### **1-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee asked the president to contact the Athletes Commission Chairman to reconsider propositions No.1 and No.5 to AGM after the initial feedback and explanation from the EC.

#### **2-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee asked the CEO to clarify the exact wording of the proposition from the Latvia TTF and to request the URC to modify proposition No.21 if they wish to have a joint submission with EC.

### **6. Operations Program:** the Executive Committee noted that:

#### 6.1 Audits, Risk Assessment & Finance Committee:

- The 2013 and 2014 Audited Financial Reports will be presented for approval during the 2015 AGM in Suzhou.
- The 2013 report was published after the 2014 AGM and included in the 2015 AGM documents.
- The 2014 audit is scheduled for the week starting 23 March 2015 at the Head Office followed by consolidation and wrap-up.
- The 2014 report will be published in due time before the 2015 AGM and distributed as hard copies in Suzhou.
- Risk assessment workshop with Finance Committee and key staff was under planning, exact date to be decided before the next meeting.

6.2 Authorization and payment policy:

- The payment policy had to be updated after changes in the Professional Staff and included recommendations provided by the auditors last year.
- Para Table Tennis will continue to have separate bank accounts in 2015.

**3-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee approved the updated Authorization and Payment policy.

6.3 Updates on ITTF offices:

- The lease of the Singapore office will expire in August 2015. A bigger space is needed due to increase in staff. A new place has been found in cooperation with Sport Singapore, (former Singapore's Sports Council), sized 150sqm, and is located coincidentally close to Singapore TTA's office. Steve Dainton would visit the new premises with Petra Sorling and Judit Farago on 8 February 2015.
- The renovation of the exterior of the Lausanne Headquarters has been confirmed, with the contract finalized and signed by the President. The contracted company is the current tenant of the office. Renovation works are due to start in spring, and Petra Sorling will continue to follow up.

6.4 Museum update:

- With the help of ITTF Museum Curator, Chuck Hoey, the items have been shipped to Shanghai. First payment from Shanghai of \$400,000 has been received, and the subsequent \$1.6 million will be made in \$400,000 yearly installments. Special thanks were expressed for Mr. **Adham Sharara's** efforts in securing the agreement with Shanghai.
- The Shanghai museum coordination team has been making preparations for a 1.000sqm exhibition at Suzhou World Championships covering both ITTF and Chinese TT history. Special thanks were extended to Chuck Hoey, Shi Zhihao, Thomas Weikert, Judit Farago and Alison Burchell.
- It was noted there were some mistakes to be corrected on the history timeline item in Shanghai, and ITTF Honorary Curator was requested to send the corrections to Mr. Shi Zhihao for follow-up.

6.5 EC functions – updated 7 February 2015:

- The chart has been updated with staff changes: Emese Barsai, Dejan Papic, Raul Calin and Michael Brown were appointed to new functions. The list of responsibilities will be circulated by Claudia Vatheuer on behalf of the President.

## **7. Competition Program:** the Executive Committee noted that:

### 7.1 2015 World Championships update

#### 7.1.1 Entry situation

- The entry system is now fully open for delegation and individuals, and all email notifications were to be sent by 8 February 2015. All new entry regulations have been implemented in entry system: number of entries reduced, participation in continental championships a pre-requisite.
- It was expected that there would be requests from National Associations that did not participate in their continental championships for exceptions. Such cases would be referred to EC.

#### 7.1.2 Inspection visit

- ITTF Competition Manager, Didier Leroy, and ITTF Marketing Coordinator, Yang Caifeng, went to Suzhou in January 2015 for the inspection visit, and the photo report was presented to the EC.
- With 100 days to go, fit-ups had already started and it shows the organizers' dedication to make the venue ready well in advance.
- There is a plan to make a test event at the end of March 2015, a special tournament for Chinese players, and it is planned for the final group coordination visit to coincide with this test event.
- Concerns about restrictions to Internet were raised to the organizers and Chinese TTA, and will be brought up to the highest level in the ITTF if issue cannot be resolved.
- ITTF results system will be used locally and questions were raised on whether it can be made in Chinese.
- Meeting rooms are plentiful, and the detailed allocation is still pending.
- 20 countries do not have diplomatic relations with China, and 10 associations are possibly affected, mainly in Latin America. As the Visa process might take longer, these associations will be recommended to start the process earlier.
- The opening ceremony will be conducted on 25 April 2015 at 1400, connected to the draw for the top 16 seeds. It will be made in the Suzhou Culture & Arts Theatre, which has a capacity of 800 persons. As a consequence, the next EC meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April in the morning.
- Sponsorship issues have arisen as competing brands have been found in the Table Tennis category as sponsor of volunteer clothing, which is against the commercial contract between TMS and the OC. The affected parties are negotiating to find solution.
- Ticketing has started, and it was currently available only in Chinese language, but an English version will be rolled out in the next week or two. There will be 2 sessions per day to generate as many spectators as possible and the final day will have 3 sessions.

### 7.2 2017 World Championships update

#### 7.2.1 Inspection visit

- ITTF Competition Director and the CEO made the inspection visit to Dusseldorf in January 2015, and the photo report was presented to the EC.

- The 2017 World Championships are planned to be held at the Congress Centre **Düsseldorf**.
- Due to the large space, allocation of facilities and rooms are very flexible, and the main playing hall will be custom-built for the event.

#### 7.2.2 Date issue

- The suggested date is 29 May – 5 June 2017.
- The date coincides with the fasting month of Ramadan but also with the Tennis 2017 Roland Garros, which will strongly impact TV and major sponsorship in particular with Eurosport coverage.
- The organizers checked carefully the option to move the date but found that the venue is not available on other dates and pre-booking of hotels have been done.
- It was requested that in future Ramadan should also be taken into account for future event date decisions.

#### 7.2.3 Hospitality rate

- The hospitality rates have to be presented to the AGM.
- The proposed rate of 165 euros per person per night for double room and 210 euros per person per night for single room exceeds EC policies.
- Organizers will be asked to reconsider, taking into account that there will be less compulsory paid hospitality than before. A price range can be submitted at the AGM instead of an exact price.

### **4-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee asked the CEO to get a new proposed hospitality rate from German TTA according to the EC policy and to complete the bid information on 2017 WTTC for submission to the 2015 AGM.

#### 7.3 Applications for Men's and Women's World Cups

- 2015 **Men's World Cup** was already allocated to Halmstad, Sweden as a lead up to the 2018 World Championships.
- Some **associations expressed initial interest to host the Men's World Cup** in future years.
- **2016 Men's World Cup** has been agreed by the EC to be allocated to Germany with Liebherr as potential title sponsor and after outstanding organization of the same in 2014.
- For the **2017 and 2018 Men's World Cup** the EC agreed that an open bid be conducted as proposed by the Competition Program staff.
- **2015 Women's World Cup is in negotiations with** the Japan Table Tennis Association and will be further discussed later in February 2015. The initial plan is to hold it in Sendai, and the final decision should be announced soon.
- There has been more interest in recent years for **the Women's World Cup**, and hopefully we will be able to secure hosts earlier in the future.

#### **5-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee allocated the organization of the 2016 **Men's World Cup** to Germany and the 2015 **Women's World Cup** to Japan TTA pending on final confirmation from the associations concerned.

#### **6-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee requested the Competition Program staff to prepare open bids for 2017 and 2018 **editions of the Men's World Cups** and requested the CEO to inform accordingly associations with initial interest to organize.

#### 7.4 Reports on events in January 2015

- The first GAC Group 2015 ITTF World Tour event, the Hungarian Open, was held successfully with huge entries of 342 players from 48 associations.
- The ITTF-African Championship was held successfully in Cairo, Egypt. Special thanks were given to the efforts of the African Table Tennis Federation and the Egypt Table Tennis Association to ensure the organization before the World Championships, and the successful event with good participation.
- The Global Junior Circuit Finals was held successfully in Paraguay. It was a fantastic organization by a small association, with good presentation and 3 days of TV production. The report and highlight video was presented to the EC.

### **8. Marketing Program:** the Executive Committee noted that:

#### 8.1 TMS International update:

- Key element in negotiation with Liebherr will be the 2017 WTTC.
- With Butterfly agreement is finalized to continue their sponsorship that includes the WTTC, the Global Junior Program, the Hopes Program and African events to 2020 + 1 year (2021).
- The contract with GAC Group for World Tour expires at the end of 2015; and an extension will be discussed.
- Total Sports Asia is behind with payments to TMS. It is possible that the agreement will be terminated in December 2015, and use other agencies or in-house by TMS.
- The agreement with Joala concluded with the 2014 World Junior Table Tennis Championships.
- Flooring rights for the 2015 World Junior Championships released to the French organizers, they will secure Gerflor.
- The sponsorship income ITTF received from TMS was USD 6.7 million for 2014.

#### 8.2 New developments:

- A detailed presentation was made to the EC by the ITTF Asia-Pacific Office staff under leadership of Steve Dainton during the visit of the Singapore Office.

### 8.3 Star-Awards Gala 2014:

- It was a success with profit recorded, all winners in attendance, over 1000 articles online, and 30 minutes TV Show given to Total Sports Asia to distribute for free, but possible to develop into a paid product in the future.
- The award will become an integral part of the ITTF Calendar, as it is an important tool to promote Table Tennis and the players. In principle it would be held with the World Tour Grand Finals, but also possible to make it an interesting stand-alone event.
- The Media Committee Chair, Arne Madsen will take over the official selection of nominees and winners to ensure proper procedures are followed.
- It was recommended to move the Hall of Fame to the Star Awards, as this gives the players a higher profile on a larger scale.
- It was proposed that the \$40,500 fund from Zhang Jike's forfeited prize money at the 2014 Men's World Cup will be allocated as follows:
  - \$10,000 per year for 3 years to the winner of the Fair Play Award
  - \$1,500 per year for 3 years to the Junior Fair Play winners for one boy and one girl each offered as a scholarship and coordinated by the Development, Education & Training Program
  - \$1,500 for miscellaneous expenses

#### **7-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee decided on the 3-year allocation of the fund from Zhang Jike's forfeited prize money in a value of \$40,500 for Fair Play awards to Senior and Junior players.

### 8.4 Promotion & Media update:

- With the push for more usage of YouTube for live streaming events, a total of 22 live events were made on YouTube, mainly of Junior and Continental events.
- Applications for media accreditation and media scholarships for the World Championships are open. The ITTF will work with the Suzhou team for the media plan, sport presentation, and pushing stories to the media and fans. ITTF is working with the OC to allow access to blocked social media sites in China.
- Plans for 2015:
  - Reach 1 million fans on social media, just the 3<sup>rd</sup> IF to do so
  - Create Table Tennis stars, which helps to drive development of Table Tennis. This includes giving players news media training.
  - Work with OCs to improve media operations including photographers, appointing continental press officers, and **creating relationships with continent's media.**

## **9. Development Program:** the Executive Committee noted that:

### 9.1 Continental Agreements

- 5 continents are now well into their 2015 continental development agreement programs. Discussions are continuing with ATTU regarding their affiliation agreement, and in the meantime ITTF has



gone ahead with direct assistance with Asian National Associations to avoid them missing this opportunity. 10 courses are already planned for 2015 in Asia.

- A comprehensive database is available on the ITTF Website Development section to show what support has been given and will be given to the NAs, including courses and equipment. Over 100 courses are conducted each year.

#### 9.2 Dream Building

- A new initiative, Table Tennis for all, has been initiated following the worldwide expansion of Sport for All. Connected to this the inaugural World Table Tennis Day will be held on 6 April and annually thereafter. April 6 was chosen as the United Nations and International Olympic Committee has the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. A toolkit and promotional package is available on TT4All.com
- The EC members were requested to ask their NAs and use their connections to organize activities on this day.
- Special thanks to the driver of this program, Leandro Olvech, to make this possible and to Yang Caifeng for assisting with the website.

#### 9.3 ITTF Coach Accreditation

- A comprehensive database is available on the ITTF Website Development section, which lists all coaches, umpires and referees and course conductors for both. There are over 4,500 coaches.
- The Development Program currently manages the initial 2 levels for the URC databases, while the URC manages the top 2 levels. Development and URC are currently working on having one combined database, which allows easy search parameters.

#### 9.4 New members

- There will be an exceptional request from South Sudan to join as the 222<sup>nd</sup> member of the ITTF at the first EC Meeting in Suzhou and subsequently at the AGM in Suzhou. South Sudan is also applying for NOC status, and the IOC has requested our assistance with membership. Membership application was received immediately prior to the meeting, but was unfortunately incomplete.

#### 9.5 Disputed National Association

- The Niger Sports Ministry has disbanded several national associations and appointed interim national associations with new constitutions. This is against IOC regulations. The IOC is working to reinstate these NAs.

### **10. Education and Training Program:** the Executive Committee noted that:

#### 10.1 Hot Spots – Academies

- The new ITTF Academy-Hot Spot Structure with 4 levels is close to completion.

- As part of this process, Polona Cehovin recently visited Bahrain who again registered their interest to join this structure as a regional **and women's training centre**.
- Aspire in Qatar also indicated their interest recently

#### 10.2 Hopes

- The Hopes program summary is available in 4 languages on the ITTF Website. The focus is on education, training camps, challenge (tournament) and talent identification.
- **This year's World Hopes Week will be held at the Chinese Table Tennis College in Shanghai, June 29-July 5 with qualification to attend through the continents and a maximum of 16 boys and 16 girls to focus on quality and pyramid development.**
- Hopes Team will again be part of the World Cadet Challenge and selected following World Hopes Week with the aim of continental, and gender balance with a focus on developing nations.

#### 10.3 WFIM Olympic Solidarity Scholarships

- Over **\$350,000 in scholarships directly to the NOC's** for RIO 2016 preparation, training and qualification have been approved, while ITTF has directly selected 11 talented juniors from developing countries to receive an additional US\$110,000 as part of WFIM. More focus will be placed on educating NAs on how to apply for funding, as part of the ITTF DNA (Developing National Associations).

#### 10.4 Online Education

- ITTFEducation.com is continually expanding. Coaching videos will be progressively added in the coming months, while Dejan Papic and Polona Cehovin are developing more materials.

### **11. Professional Staff Update:**

- Raul Calin has started in the position of "Director of Operations & Olympic Games", and moved to Lausanne on 7 January 2015. He had 2 days of handover with Alison Burchell in January, and will work closely with the Administration & Finance Manager, Habiba Besic in the Lausanne office.
- Emese Barsai was hired as Program Coordinator for Para Table Tennis and other administrative responsibilities for URC, anti-doping and committees. She started in Lausanne on 1 February 2015 with part-time engagement in the first period of her contract. Responsibilities will be discussed with the CEO in more detail.
- Darren Leong, ITTF Equipment Coordinator, resumed work after returning from sick leave.
- Development, Education & Training staff team works in a new restructured model from January 2015, all changes were announced last year.

### **12. Equipment Update**

#### 12.1 Bounce test project status:

- The Equipment staff continued the work with the Equipment Committee to update the T9, however, there is a delay due to the sick leave of the key staff member.

- Together with the Institute for Sports Research (ISR) in Singapore they developed 2 versions of the device:
  - Low cost (using the concept of ball hitting the ceiling of the apparatus as a reference to determine pass/fail)
  - Premium version (using sensor) – similar to what was presented in Tokyo but with more sensors in this improved version. Tests are in progress to verify accuracy of readings.
- Research to improve the accuracy is:
  - Use of membrane on rubber to get more accurate results without needing to consider the stickiness of the rubber.
  - Use of platform (steel or acrylic) to ensure racket is fully horizontal.
  - Use of release device to ensure a consistent drop.
- The 3 fastest rubbers and blades were collected from the equipment manufacturers to test and determine the acceptable pass ceiling. This limit needs to be further developed as recent tests show that temperature affects the bounce measured.
- JTTA explained the rationale behind the bounce test. There is no checking system for boosting, except gas chromatography, and the control of rubber performance are required to promote a level playing field.
- It was suggested that the Equipment Committee coordinates with the Athletes Commission to investigate other ways as well to discover boosting.
- The general feeling was that the bounce test project is not yet ready for implementation for several reasons:
  - a) Technical problems with the device regarding membrane, platform and consistency of the measures;
  - b) Changes in environment (like temperature) could influence the measures;
  - c) Bounce limit is not yet fixed and if the Athletes Commission proposition on 4.25 mm thickness is accepted, new calibration would be necessary.

### **8-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee decided to refer the bounce test project back to the Equipment Committee for further study and experimentation, and asked to conduct tests at an ITTF event once the device and the procedure is ready. If successful, the Technical Leaflet 9 has to be updated and be presented to the next BoD in 2016 for approval.

#### 12.2 Illegal use of ITTF approval

- An e-mail advertising Topflor as an ITTF Approved floor, with a fake certificate of approval and signature was sent to the National Associations, from Mr. Shahid Anwar. Moreover they claim to be the floor sponsor for many International Table Tennis and other Major Events, including Olympic Games.
- On 30 December 2014, a warning letter was sent to Mr. Shahid Anwar asking him and Topflor to take action and stop using the ITTF trademark illegally latest by 10 January 2015.

- On 14 January 2015, follow up e-mail was sent to Topflor, without response or reaction, they even updated the certificate for 2015.
- Mr. Shi Zhihao has been asked to follow up as the company is from China.
- It was also suggested that the IOC be contacted on whether they have a standard procedure in these cases, because this company claims to be floor supplier of Olympic Games including 2008, 2012, YOG 2010 and 2016.

### **9-EC-02-2015**

- a) The Executive Committee requested the Executive Vice President, Mr. Shi Zhihao to investigate and follow up the case in China of misuse of ITTF approval based on the documents and information the ITTF staff provided.
- b) The Executive Committee asked the Director of Operations to inform the IOC on the misuse of the Olympic Games as equipment supplier references.

#### 12.3 Technical Leaflets

- Technical Leaflets with updates and modifications will be submitted to the BoD in 2015 for approval with changes highlighted in the document.
- T9 has to be overviewed by the Equipment Committee and submitted again without the bounce test proposition.

## **13. Athletes' Commission**

### 13.1 Report

- An explanation has been given to Vladimir Samsonov and Dimitrij Ovtcharov regarding the 10% administration fee when prize money is paid from the Lausanne office, which was interpreted by the AC as a penalty. The prize money is normally paid by organizers and tax deducted from prize money as per local laws. If the ITTF pays it from Lausanne, the ITTF has to pay 7.5% VAT in Switzerland and 2.5% are calculated for bank charges and administration costs. An official letter will be sent from the ITTF President to the Athletes Commission chair, and he is requested to share this information with players.
- The Athletes Commission was informed that the colour of the flooring in Rio 2016 would be green to match the Rio "Look of the Games" concept.
- The Athletes Commission submitted a resolution to the BoD to have 2 Deputies in the Commission, but without specifying the reason to have 2 persons.

### 13.2 IOC letter

- A letter was received from Claudia Bokel, **IOC Athletes' Commission** Chair regarding voting rights of the Athlete Commission Chair at the EC and AGM. The ITTF President will reply that a proposition for the same was made by the Athletes Commission and will be presented to the AGM for discussion and decision, and that this is contrary to the Constitution of the ITTF, which is based on elections by member national associations.

### 13.3 Ranking compression

- After the 2015 World Ranking System was published, the Athletes Commission submitted a request to the Executive Committee to cancel the compression of the January 2015 ranking with the reason not to have any change, even minor, prior to the Olympic Games.
- There was discussion on the topic with common agreement to accept the request, however, it was mentioned that hopefully there would not be any complaints from those affected negatively by not implementing this decision. It was agreed that compression would have had positive effect on the lowest ranked and new players.
- It was suggested that the discussion resumes when the general review of the ranking is discussed from January 2017.

#### **10-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee rescinded the decision of compression the January 2015 ratings after a request from the Athletes was received.

### **14. Para Table Tennis:** the Executive Committee noted that:

#### 14.1 Update on January meeting

- The Para TT Division meeting went smoothly and focused on the future. The Para TT Division is eager to integrate more and is satisfied with the help provided by the ITTF staff. One good example was the contribution from Yang Caifeng and Leandro Olvech at the PTT World Championships 2014 in Beijing.
- Emese Barsai, as Para TT Division member at that time, took the meeting minutes.
- The budget for 2015 was concluded, and the Program Coordinator was requested to update the Chair and EVP in charge of finances on a monthly basis.
- A working group was created for classification at Tokyo 2020.

#### 14.2 New position

- The position “**Program Coordinator**” offered to Emese Barsai on an initial part-time was ratified by the EC and accepted by Emese Barsai, with the main responsibility of working for Para TT Division programs and activities.

### **15. Any other business:** the Executive Committee noted that:

#### 15.1 Eligibility

##### 15.1.1 Eligibility case - Canada

- A father appealed regarding the eligibility of his son (Alexander Bu) to play for Canada. As the boy was born in the USA, he needed to be registered but the father misunderstood that an entry into an event is considered as a registration. Table Tennis Canada has registered the player, and he needs to wait 3 years to be eligible at World title events.

### **11-EC-02-2015**

The Executive Committee decided not to grant exceptional permission to Alexander Bu for World title event representation.

#### 15.2 ATTU affiliation progress:

- Two meetings were held in Shanghai during the World Junior Championships, further progress is expected in the next weeks.

#### 15.3 SportAccord & ASOIF meetings

- The SportAccord will be held in Sochi, Russia, 19 to 24 April 2015. As it is in conflict with the Suzhou World Championships, ITTF President and ITTF CEO will attend the first part consisting of the SportAccord Congress, while the ITTF Chairman, Adham Sharara, will attend the ASOIF Congress and Olympic Funding distribution discussion.

#### 15.4 Anti-doping program

- Raul Calin was tasked with contacting SportAccord to restart negotiations started earlier by the ITTF President and ITTF CEO. Based on the offer for outsourcing, the ITTF will discuss in Suzhou with the anti-doping Chief how to run the anti-doping program.
- A meeting with WADA staff is also planned before the next EC meeting.
- At the World Championships in Suzhou, anti-doping tests will be conducted as usual.

#### 15.5 PASO General Assembly

- LII General Assembly of the Pan American Sport Organization (PASO) took place in the city of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, during the period of 11 to 14 January 2015. Melecio Rivera represented the ITTF.
- Delegates of the Pan American Confederations of Olympic Sports, and representatives of 15 International Federations were present.
- PASO informed on its role as coordinator with the Organizing Committee of the XVII Pan American Games "Toronto 2015".
- The 2019 Pan American Games were awarded to the city of Lima, Peru.
- Pan American Olympic Solidarity was developed by PASO in helping their NOC members, and includes Technical Courses of High Level, Continental Scholarships for Athletes, and Special Support Program for the Athletes preparation.
- The Assembly results could be considered very positive due to the information received which contributes more to the support of the National Federations of Table Tennis of America.
- Next PASO General Assembly will take place in Toronto on 6 and 7 July 2015.
- It was recommended to always have an ITTF representative, as the information given has been very important.

15.6 ASOIF – ISIS project

- The ASOIF General Assembly agreed to create a unified database for all summer Olympic sports. ASOIF will start working with the IOC from Tokyo 2020, to commercialize the data that the IFs will provide to ASOIF.
- The ITTF has been asked to sign the letter of intent and then the licensing agreement. There might be a royalty fee but not specific amounts were discussed.
- The possible cooperation raised legal, technical and commercial questions with several unknown elements at this stage.
- Raul Calin was tasked with asking other IFs on their position and input.

15.7 ATTF Congress

- An African TTF Congress was conducted in Cairo, Egypt; Cherif Hajem represented the ITTF.
- Olympic qualifications were discussed and it was decided that the African Games would qualify 4 players (4M, 4W) while the Olympic Qualification Tournament would qualify 2 more players (2M, 2W).
- It was noted that Morocco and South Africa would not participate in the African Games for political reasons, which means that they can only qualify through the ITTF-ATTF qualification tournament.

15.8 Next EC meeting (date and place)

- The next EC meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in Suzhou, China, at 09h00.

**16. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting ended at 17h15.

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Thomas Weikert  
President

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Date

ITTF Executive Committee 2013-2017 Functions  
updated - 7 February 2015

<b>Area of FOCUS</b>	<b>EC members and Chair</b>	<b>Committee Chair or other</b>	<b>Professional Staff Primary</b>	<b>Professional Staff Secondary</b>
Africa (communications)	Cherif Hajem	Khaled El-Salhy	Michael Brown	Glenn Tepper
AGM & Elections Procedures	Adham Sharara	Rudi Sporrer	Judit Farago	Raul Calin
Asia (communications)	Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Cai Zhenhua	Steve Dainton	Glenn Tepper
ASOIF & SPORTACCORD	Thomas Weikert	<b>Adham Sharara</b>	Judit Farago	Glenn Tepper
Athletes Commission	Shi Zhihao	Vladimir Samsonov	Karl Jindrak	Raul Calin
Calendar	Cherif Hajem	(Multi)	Judit Farago	Etsuko Enami
Committee Structure	Petra Sörling	ALL	Judit Farago	Raul Calin
Commonwealth Games & TT Champs	Bruce Burton	Alan Ransome	Raul Calin	Ian Marshall
Constitutional Review	Adham Sharara	R. Sporrer, W. Rönmar	Judit Farago	Alison Burchell
Continental Affiliation Agreements	Thomas Weikert	CFs	Glenn Tepper	Leandro Olvech
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Development Program	Melecio Rivera	(Multi)	Leandro Olvech	Glenn Tepper, Michael Brown
Education & Training Program	Shi Zhihao	(Multi)	Polona Cehovin	Glenn Tepper, Dejan Papic
Eligibility matters	Bruce Burton	Rudi Sporrer	Judit Farago	Zoltan Bencsik, Etsuko Enami
Equipment Committee	Masahiro Maehara	Federico Lineros	Vicky Eleftheriade	Darren Leong
Europe (communications)	Petra Sörling	Ronald Kramer	Glenn Tepper	Judit Farago, Leandro Olvech
Finance	Petra Sörling	Finance Committee	Habiba Besic	Raul Calin
General Responsibilities	Thomas Weikert	(Multi)	Judit Farago	(Multi)
General Responsibilities/Deputy	Khalil Al-Mohannadi	(Multi)	Judit Farago	(Multi)
Global Junior Program	Patrick Gillmann	Dennis Davis	Mohamed Dawlatly	Karl Jindrak
Information Technology	Bruce Burton	ALL	Matt Pound	Mohamed Dawlatly
IOC Relations	Thomas Weikert	(Multi)	Judit Farago	Glenn Tepper, Raul Calin
ITTF Planning (P5 and DBI)	Adham Sharara	<b>Executive Committee</b>	Judit Farago	Glenn Tepper
ITTF-Continental Events	CH/KAM/PS/MR/BB/PC	(Multi)	Karl Jindrak	Raul Calin, Mohamed Dawlatly
ITTF-Continental Marketing Agreements	Thomas Weikert	CFs	Steve Dainton	TMS International
Junior Commission	Patrick Gillmann	Dennis Davis	Mohamed Dawlatly	Polona Cehovin
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Legal matters	Thomas Weikert	<b>Executive Committee</b>	Claudia Vatheuer	Judit Farago
Marketing Income	<b>Petra Sörling</b>	TMS International	Steve Dainton	
Marketing Planning & Advisory	Adham Sharara	TMS International	Steve Dainton	
Media	Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Arne Madsen	Matt Pound	Ian Marshall, Yang Caifeng
Multi-Sport Games	Shi Zhihao	Graeme Ireland	Raul Calin	Judit Farago
Museum	Shi Zhihao	<b>Executive Committee</b>	Chuck Hoey	Yao Zhenxu
NOC relations	Melecio Rivera	(Multi)	Glenn Tepper	Raul Calin
Nominations Committee	Cherif Hajem	Chan Foong Keong	Raul Calin	Judit Farago
North America (communications)	Bruce Burton	North America TTU	L.Olvech, S.Dainton	Glenn Tepper



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Oceania (communications)	Patrick Gillmann	James Morris	Glenn Tepper	Steve Dainton, Michael Brown
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Olympic Games	Melecio Rivera	Olympic Commission	Raul Calin	Judit Farago
PAC & Special Advisors	Thomas Weikert	George Segun	Judit Farago	Raul Calin, Habiba Besic
Para TT Division, Paralympics	Petra Sörling	Dorte Kronsell	Emese Barsai	Raul Calin
Promotion Program	Bruce Burton	<i>EC members</i>	Matt Pound	Steve Dainton
Publications & eNews	Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Arne Madsen	Ian Marshall	Matt Pound
Racket Control	Masahiro Maehara	Federico Lineros	Vicky Eleftheriade	Darren Leong, Emese Barsai
Ranking	Shi Zhihao	Graeme Ireland	Judit Farago	Zoltan Bencsik
Representation	Thomas Weikert	Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Judit Farago	Raul Calin
Research	Masahiro Maehara	Miran Kondric	Vicky Eleftheriade	Emese Barsai
Results and Statistics	Cherif Hajem	Arne Madsen	Zoltan Bencsik	Matt Pound
Rules Committee	Cherif Hajem	Rudi Sporrer	Judit Farago	Raul Calin
Sport Science & Medical	Masahiro Maehara	Miran Kondric	Raul Calin	Emese Barsai
Staff Contracts	<b>Petra Sörling</b>	<i>Thomas Weikert</i>	Judit Farago	G.Tepper, S. Dainton (Singapore)
Staff structure	Petra Sörling	<i>Thomas Weikert</i>	Judit Farago	Glenn Tepper
Technical Commissioner	Cherif Hajem	Graeme Ireland	Karl Jindrak	(Multi)
Umpires & Referees Committee	Bruce Burton	Ronald Wee	Raul Calin	Emese Barsai
Veterans Committee	Melecio Rivera	Reto Bazzi	Etsuko Enami	Emese Barsai
Veterans World Championships	Masahiro Maehara	Reto Bazzi	Etsuko Enami	Emese Barsai
WADA / Anti-Doping	Thomas Weikert	Miran Kondric	Raul Calin	Etsuko Enami, Emese Barsai
Women in Sport program	Petra Sörling	Hajera Kajee	Vicky Eleftheriade	Glenn Tepper
World (Pro) Tour	Masahiro Maehara	(Multi)	Karl Jindrak	Judit Farago, Didier Leroy
World Championships (Administrative)	Khalil Al-Mohannadi	(Multi)	Judit Farago	Raul Calin, Didier Leroy
World Championships (Technical)	Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Graeme Ireland	Karl Jindrak	Didier Leroy
World Club Championships	Shi Zhihao	Graeme Ireland	Karl Jindrak	Didier Leroy
World Cups (Men, Women, Team)	Khalil Al-Mohannadi	Graeme Ireland	Karl Jindrak	Judit Farago
World Junior Championships	Patrick Gillmann	Dennis Davis	Mohamed Dawlatly	Raul Calin
Youth Olympic Games	Patrick Gillmann	Olympic Commission	Raul Calin	Judit Farago