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CONGRESS 2010

ANTALJA (TUR) – February 6th 2010

| Welcome speech by the president of the Turkish Softball Federation.

| Speech of the ISF president, Don Porter.

I. Roll Call

Affiliated Federations represented by Accredited Delegates with Credentials:

AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, SPAIN, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, RUSSIA, SLOVENIA, SAN MARINO, SERBIA, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, TURKEY, UKRAINE.

Affiliated Federations absent:

ARMENIA, FINLAND, GEORGIA, GREECE, GUERNSEY, HUNGARY, JERSEY, MOLDOVA, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA.

Each present Federation has provided a proof of payment of its Membership Fee.

There are 35 Federations affiliated, 22 Federations duly represented, 22 Federations with the right of vote, the Congress is quorate.

II. Approval of the Minutes of 2009 Congress

The Minutes of 2009 Congress are approved by unanimity.

III. Admission of new Federations

The Secretary General informs the Congress that he has received all necessary documents for the affiliation of MALTA and that the Executive Council has affiliated MALTA on a provisional basis in its meeting of the previous day, contingent to confirmation by the Congress.

The final affiliation of MALTA to the ESF is approved by unanimity.

IV. Suspension or exclusion of Federations

None.

V. Approval of the activities report 2009

The activities report is approved by unanimity.

VI. Approval of the financial report 2009

The financial report is approved by unanimity.

VII. Approval of the budget 2010

The budget 2010 is approved by unanimity.

VIII. Appointment of the Auditor

On the proposal of the Treasurer, Mr. Mark de Permentier is re-appointed as Auditor by unanimity.

IX. Membership fees and special contributions

Unchanged.



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X. Approval of activities to be carried out

Intervention of the ISF 1st Vice President, Dale Mc Mann.

XI. Amendments to the Statutes

- Motion EC-11 (amendment of artt. 5.2 – Secr.Gen.): adopted by unanimity
- Motion EC-12 (amendment of art. 5.3.4 – Treasurer): Intervention of GBR. Adopted by 14 votes in favour, 2 against, 6 abstentions.
- Motion EC-13 (amendment of artt. 1.8 – Official Emblem and Denominations): adopted by unanimity
- Motion EC-14 (new art. 5.4.3 – First Vice President): Intervention of GBR. Adopted by 18 votes in favour, 1 against, 3 abstentions.
- Motion EC-15 (amendment of art. 1.6.4 – Financial Year): adopted by unanimity.
- Motion EC-16 (amendment of art. 6.6.1 – Technical Commission): adopted by unanimity.

XII. Motions and other Matters

XII. 1 – MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS proposed by Affiliated Federations.
Gabriel WAAGE presents the amendments to the regulations as approved the day before by the Competitions and Technical Committee. Report attached to the Congress Minutes.

XII. 2 – MOTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS proposed by the Executive Council.
As above.

XII. 3 – MATTERS BY CONGRESS COMMITTEES
As above.
NED representative introduces the Bee-Ball.

XII. 4 – HALL OF FAME
Massimo ROMEO (ITA) is admitted to the ESF Hall of Fame, category Administrator.

XIII. Appointment of Organizers of Competitions

Calendar of 2010 Events:

The Championship Elite Women is not allotted due to lack of Organizers.

The Championship Coed Slowpitch, after the withdrawal of Amstelveen (NED), is allotted to Prague (CZE), Jul. 6th -10th.

The Cup Women A - ECWA is allotted to Haarlem (NED), Aug. 15th-21st.

The Cup Winners Cup Women A – ECWCWA is allotted to Haarlem (NED), Aug. 15th-21st.

The Cup Women B - ECWB : there are two candidates for the organization of the ECWB: San Marino (SMR) and Dupnitsa (BUL). After ballot the ECWB is allotted to San Marino (SMR), Aug. 16th-21st.

The Cup Winners Cup Women B – ECWCWB is allotted to TURKEY, Aug. 16th-21st, subject to submission to the Secretary General of the pre-inspection form duly filled in. Location to be announced within 14 days.

The Cup Men – ECM is allotted to Ronchi de' Legionari (ITA), Aug. 23rd-28th.

The Cup Winners Cup Men – ECWCM is allotted to Prague (CZE), Aug. 23rd-28th.



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The Cup Coed Slowpitch – ECCS : there are two candidates for the organization of the ECCS: Ljubljana (SLO) and Dupnica (BUL). After the withdrawal of Dupnica (BUL) the ECCS is allotted to Ljubljana (SLO), Aug. 3rd-7th.

Calendar of 2011 Events:

The Championship Women A – EChWA is allotted to Friuli Region (ITA), Jul. 25th-30th.

The Championship Women B - EChWB is allotted to Friuli Region (ITA), Jul. 25th-30th.

The Championship Cadets Girls – EChCG is allotted to Deurne, Antwerp (BEL), Aug. 8th-14th.

The Championship Junior Boys – EChJB is allotted to Kostelec nad Orlici (CZE), Jul. 11th-16th.

The Championship Coed Slowpitch – EChCS is allotted to Dupnitsa (BUL), Jul. 19th -23rd.

Nominations remain open for the organization of: Championship Elite Women 2011.

XIV. Election to the Executive Council

Patrice BIENFAIT presents to the Congress his retirement from the position of Secretary General.

Upon nomination by the Executive Council, the Congress grants by unanimity the title of Member of Honour of the ESF to Patrice BIENFAIT.

ISF president PORTER presents to Patrice BIENFAIT the ISF Medal of Honour.

Francesca FABRETTO is appointed by the Executive Council as Secretary General until the next Congress where an election for this position will take place, pursuant to the Statutes of the ESF.

XV. Place of 2009 Congress

The location of the next Congress is open. The dates will be February 4th-6th, 2011.

XVI. Various

None

Closing of the Congress

André VAN OVERBEEK
President

Patrice BIENFAIT
Outgoing Secretary General

Francesca FABRETTO
Elected Secretary General



Attachment to the 2010 CONGRESS MINUTES

TECHNICAL AND COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Friday, Febr. 5th, 2010

Chair ESF: Gabriel WAAGE

Co-Chair ESF: Michael SCHMIDT

Present 28 people; 15 federations (AUT, BEL, CZE, GER, ISR, UKR, FRA, ESP, GBR, DEN, ITA, SWE, CRO, SUI, IRL).

Procedure: all the motions referred to the Competitions Regulations, if agreed, will not be discussed in congress on Saturday February 5th.

MOTION EC-01 and EC-02 - New Competitions Structure

Clarification 1: when an tournament organizer is confronted with more teams then what the bid was originally based on, the organizer can withdraw without penalty.

Clarification 2: motion concerns fastpitch only.

As there are still many doubts on the new Format introduced, the new Format will be adopted only for the 2010 EChJG in Vienna on experimental basis. Afterwards it will be used to receive more information to evaluate the system. When no major issues will occur, the system will take place from 2011 competitions.

MOTION EC-03 - European Competitions Definition

Agreed and adopted.

MOTION EC-04 - Choice of Organizers of European Competitions

Clarification – Only the entered teams to a Competition can appoint an Organizer.

Agreed and adopted.

MOTION EC-05 - Candidates for Organizing a Competition

Agreed and adopted.

MOTION EC-06 - Scorekeeping System Requirements

Rewording is needed. Agreed and adopted.

MOTION EC-07 - Bat control

All Federations present are in favour of safety aspect. Therefore, the motion of EC is changed in:

“A bat should have an ISF logo and/or ASA logo and may not be on the ASA non-approved bat list.”

Agreed with the amendment and adopted.

MOTION EC-08 - European Championship U22 in odd years

After discussion, withdrawn.

MOTION EC-09 - Players – Pick-up players fee

Agreed and adopted.

MOTION EC-10 – Ratings

Agreed and adopted.

MOTIONS from EC-11 to EC16 – goes to the Congress as refers to the ESF Statutes amendment.



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MOTION EC-17 - Obligations and Duties of Participating Teams – Umpires

Federations need to know as fast as possible the locations where their umpires will be assigned, for budget reasons. Agreed and adopted.

MOTION EC-18 - Eligibility Cup Competitions

Amended: in 2010 no penalty.

Rewording is needed.

Agreed with the amendment and adopted.

AMENDMENT Nr 1 to the Competitions Regulations - Slowpitch

- 41.04.01 needs rewording that the starting day of the competition will be based upon the number of entered teams.

- Slowpitch will adopt cross play-offs.

Agreed with the amendments.

AMENDMENT Nr 2 to the Competitions Regulations - Elite Cup (EECW).

Agreed.

AMENDMENT Nr 3 to the Competitions Regulations - Additions to Playing Field Requirements.

Amended with "main field has adequate lights".

Clarification: the inspector of the competition grounds will also be the TC of the same tournament.

Agreed with the amendments.

Motions from Federations

Motion BELGIUM 1 - Competition System : withdrawn

Motion BELGIUM 2 – Players : withdrawn

Motion GREAT BRITAIN 1 - Press and Media : agreed and adopted as recommended by the EC (art. 09.01 and 09.05 only)

Motion GREAT BRITAIN 2 - Cup Coed Slowpitch : agreed and adopted

Motion GREAT BRITAIN 3 - Lights in the Playing Fields : agreed and adopted

Competitions 2010 and 2011

2010

ECHEW, less than 4 teams entered and no organizer: competition is cancelled.

EChU22: 9 teams entered, tournament will be held in Prague (CZE) Aug. 2- 7.

EChJG: 17 teams entered, tournament will be held in Vienna (AUT) Jul. 25 – 31.

EChMG: 4 teams entered, tournament will be held in Ankara (TUR) Jul. 5/6 – 10.

EChM: 8 teams entered: tournament will be held in Havlickuv Brod (CZE) Jul. 26-31.

EChCS: 13 teams entered. Organizer withdrawn: new candidate organizer Sabat-Prague (CZE). Nominations open until congress.

ECWA: 10 teams entered, tournament will be held in Haarlem (NED) Aug. 15-21 Final approval by congress.

ECWCWA: 10 teams entered, tournament will be held in Haarlem (NED) Aug. 15–21 Final approval by congress.

ECWB: 13 teams entered. Two candidates SMR and BUL. When all papers are complete before congress, there will be a vote at congress. Nominations open until congress.

ECWCWB: 9 teams entered. No nominations as organizer received. Nominations open until congress.

ECMA: 7 teams entered. Candidate Ronchi de Legionari (ITA). Nominations open until congress.

ECWCMA: 7 teams entered. Candidate Prague (CZE). Nominations open until congress.

ECCS: 8 teams entered. Two candidates SLO and BUL. When all papers are complete before congress, there will be a vote at congress. Nominations open until congress.



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EChWA organizer Friuli region (ITA). Final approval by congress.

EChWB organizer Friuli region (ITA). Final approval by congress.

EChU22 cancelled due to withdrawal of motion EC-08.

EChCG organizer Deurne, Antwerp (BEL). Final approval by congress.

EChJB organizer Kostelec Nad Orlici (CZE) Nominations open until congress.

EChCS No nominations received. Nominations open until congress.