



14TH IWUF CONGRESS MINUTES

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. September 28th, 2017
Kazan, Russia

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am and was presided over by President Yu Zaiqing.

Item 1. Roll Call

There were 52 IWUF member national federation representatives present at the meeting out of the 65 member national federations present at the Wushu World Championships.

Item 2. Address by President Yu

First, President Yu announced the appointment of the following honorary members to the IWUF Executive Board (EB) in recognition of their contributions to the sport of wushu and the IWUF.

- Liu Ruiqi – Honorary Vice President
- Raymond Smith - Honorary EB member
- Giuseppe Falconi - Honorary EB member
- Tian Suhui – Honorary EB member

President Yu Zaiqing then expressed sincere thanks to the President of the Russian Wushu Federation, Gleb Muzrukov, for helping to organize the event and opening up the possibility of hosting more wushu events in Russia in the future. President Yu praised the city of Kazan and Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for showcasing such a beautiful city and venue.

President Yu notified the Congress that Liu Beijian would no longer be the IWUF Secretary General, but welcomed Zhang Qiuping, President of the Chinese Wushu Association, as the new Secretary General.

Wushu's Latest Development in Inclusion into Multi-sport Games

2017 saw wushu's inclusion in the 2017 Islamic Solidarity Games as well as the 2017 Taipei Summer Universiade. Looking forward, he thanked Sherif Moustafa for his efforts that resulted in bringing wushu into the 2018 African Youth Games to be held in Algiers, Algeria, and announced that wushu will also be included in the 2018 Asia Pacific Masters Games.

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Success of Events and Competitions

2016 produced many compelling and successful wushu events. Last year, Poland became the first European country to host the World Taijiquan Championships, and the 2nd World Taijiquan Championships held in Warsaw won many new fans for taiji. The 6th World Junior Wushu Championships in Burgas, Bulgaria gave evidence of the steady rise in youth wushu's talent and skill. Xi'an, China hosted the 8th Sanda World Cup, which thrilled both a sold-out live audience globally and many thousands of viewers around the globe on broadcast. The inaugural 1st Taolu World Cup was a resounding success in Fuzhou, China. Technically wushu also saw steady development with successful International Coaches Training Courses held in 2016 and 2017.

Finances

During the past two years, the IWUF has enjoyed financially sound operations for its two offices, securing the funding and sponsorships necessary to support the Federation's headquarters in Lausanne and a well-staffed office in Beijing, and to run events and activities throughout the year. The Beijing office has recently recruited more qualified staff to contribute to outreach development.

The IWUF officially inaugurated the Solidarity Fund Program in 2016, and has since arranged assistance in providing coaches and coach training courses, equipment, and travel funds for member associations.

IWUF to Establish Grading System

The IWUF is currently establishing a new Grading System which will both respect the traditions of wushu and will also be a modern system with clearly defined measurements for grading. The Grading System aims to attract not only competitors but also wushu enthusiasts at the grass-roots level. The system will be implemented step by step, style by style.

Good Governance and Improved Communication

The IWUF Secretariat, headed by Executive Vice President Anthony Goh and Secretary General Liu Beijian, works as a team to improve the management of wushu events and tournaments, expand social media and communications, and help create a more dynamic global wushu community.

The IWUF official OTT platform Wushu.tv broadcasted multiple events and competitions held in 2016 to global audiences. More efforts have been put into social media to promote wushu news and attract more people to wushu events. The 2016 official IWUF magazine and 2016 year book have been distributed, and the IWUF wushu exhibition at the Sport Accord convention promoted wushu to more than 100 international sports federations and

world sport elites.

Anti-doping and Technical Matters

The IWUF's anti-doping testing and educational programs are helping to maintain a zero-tolerance policy towards doping in wushu. The IWUF Medical Committee and Anti-Doping Disciplinary Committee have been at the forefront of innovations in this field, and the IWUF maintains a deep commitment to keeping the sport of wushu clean and drug-free.

Similarly, the IWUF Technical Committee is continually improving competition management to ensure that judging quality adheres to the principle of fair play.

Item 3. Welcome Address by Mr. Ranko Tepavcevic

Mr. Ranko Tepavcevic, Deputy Director General of the Directorate for Sports and Social Projects, addressed the Congress. First, he expressed his excitement to host the World Wushu Championships for the first time. He cited Russia's deep love for martial arts, and said that he himself was looking forward to much local spectator support for the event.

Mr. Ranko asked if any members present had questions, and President Yu took the opportunity to acknowledge Kazan's expertise and accomplishments in organizing such large-scale international competitions, noting that no question from those gathered was indicative of everyone's trust in Kazan to hold the event successfully.

Item 4. Approval of the Agenda

President Yu asked if there were any votes against the adoption of the agenda, or any abstentions.

The Agenda was approved unanimously by all representatives present.

Item 5. Approval of 33th IWUF Congress Minutes

President Yu asked if there were any votes against the minutes, or any abstentions.

The Minutes were approved unanimously by all representatives present.

Item 6. Work Report (2015-2017) by the Secretary General

Mr. Anthony Goh, Executive Vice President, gave the report on behalf of the Secretary General due to the transition of the Secretary Generals. The report covered the following

topics:

6.1 Competition & Events

Anthony Goh began by acknowledging that once again the standards for the World Wushu Championships had been raised, this time in Kazan, and said he was looking forward to the event continuing to grow in the future.

- The 13th World Wushu Championships were held from November 13-18, 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia. A total of 914 participants from 81 countries/regions took part in the Championships.
- The 6th World Junior Wushu Championships were held from September 26 – October 2, 2016 in Burgas, Bulgaria. A total of 695 participants from 51 countries/regions took part in the Championships.
- The 2nd World Taijiquan Championships were held from October 14-20, 2016 in Warsaw, Poland. A total of 305 participants from 32 countries/regions took part in the Championships.
- The 8th Sanda World Cup was held from November 4-6, 2016 in Xi'an, China. A total of 66 athletes from 20 countries/regions took part in the World Cup.
- The 1st Taolu World Cup was held from November 18-20, 2016 in Fuzhou, China. The inaugural event saw a total of 80 athletes from 23 countries/regions take part.

6.2 Wushu in Multisport Games

The following multisport games saw wushu included:

- The 4th Islamic Solidarity Games, held from May 12-22, 2017 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- 29th Summer Universiade from August 26-29, 2017 in Taipei, Chinese Taipei.

The goal is for wushu to be included in three consecutive University World Championships, because if this happens wushu will be able to be included as a permanent addition in the Universiade Games.

The 2018 African Youth Games in Algiers, Algeria from July 17-17 will also see wushu on the roster.

6.3 International Courses

- The International Judges Examination Course was held in Wudang Mountain, Shiyan City, China from May 31-June 4, 2016. A total of 187 judges from 41 countries

participated in the event.

- The 2017 Coaches Training Course was held in Macau, China from August 10-15, 2017. The six-day course was attended by 70 coaches from 13 different countries/regions.

6.4 Anti-doping

Mr. Goh reported that the IWUF was taking steps to ensure that wushu stays a clean sport and that testing will be carried out meticulously during the 14th WWC.

6.5 Solidarity Program

Thus far, the IWUF has sent coaches for a period of 2 months to the following countries through the Solidarity Program in 2017: Poland, Latvia, Tunisia, and Bolivia. Overall, the IWUF Solidarity Program consists of five different categories of support:

- Athletes & Coaches Training Program;
- Equipment Support Program;
- Team Support Grant Program;
- World Championships Host Subsidy Program;
- Continental Program

4 NFs have thus far received coaching and training support, and 20 have applied for equipment assistance. In addition, the IWUF Solidary Program also provided financial support directly to the CFs. In 2016, all Federations who received support expressed their sincere appreciation for the IWUF's assistance.

The Program will continue to provide support for NFs, particularly in the area of coaches and judges training.

6.6 Media and Broadcasting Development

Media developments include more presence on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube, and the IWUF will be launching a new website soon that will facilitate enhanced communications between IWUF members and the larger community as a whole. Anthony Goh asked that NFs be willing to work with the Secretariat as it launches new marketing initiatives.

Additionally, it was announced that future IWUF events will be streamed through YouTube for audiences outside of China through the same company that produced for the 13th WWC, and Chinese platforms like Lesports and Sina Live for those inside China. For the 14th WWC, Iranian TV would be broadcasting live during the final two days.

With all these developments, Anthony Goh encouraged members to make full use of all online IWUF resources.

6.7 Administration and Management

Anthony Goh informed the Congress of the expansion of the Secretariat team in Beijing, now consisting fully of administration, communication, event, project, finance, and media departments.

6.8 IWUF to Establish Grading System

The 1st IWUF Grading Commission Meeting was held in Beijing from September 2-4, 2017. The meeting's purpose was to lay the groundwork for the developing the IWUF Grading System.

6.9 Sponsorship

Anthony Goh was pleased to announce that the IWUF renewed its cooperation agreement with WESING.

Item 7. Financial Report (2015-2017) by the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Mr. Krebs, gave the financial report as follows:

The 2017 Financial Report shows the year 2016 compared with 2015. The main sources of income were sponsorships that amounted to CHF 447'266.16 and donations from the Chinese Olympic Committee with a total amount of CHF 1'788'800.68. While we received more income from our Sponsors the amount from the Chinese Olympic Committee differs because in 2015 we also had included donations from previous years which mainly explains the difference of CHF 1'202'366.62 with the previous year (3'001'816.75).

As we also had lower expenditures in 2015 (CHF 1'614'427.80) compared with CHF 2'755'390.50 in 2016 a loss of CHF 159'270.33 resulted for 2016. The much higher costs compared with 2015 can be explained with the costs of the newly launched Solidarity Program. In 2015 we had a profit of CHF 2'173'548.94.

With regular revenue streams and after establishing structures with the offices in Lausanne and Beijing we are able to estimate marketing and Solidarity Program expenditures. This gives us the security to further plan investing in developing our sport worldwide. Currently we are working with Lausanne and Beijing offices to establish processes to set up an annual budget based on the departmental needs in the Lausanne and Beijing offices.

Item 8. New Membership

The following five federations had applied and met the requirements to become member federations of the IWUF, and had been approved by the IWUF Executive Board the

previous day.

- Burundian Wushu Federation (BDI)
- Kung Fu Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIH)
- Cyprus Wushu Kung-fu Federation (CYP)
- Republic of Moldova Wushu Federation (MDA)
- Federation of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (MKD)

BDI, BIH, MDA, and MKD were unanimously approved as full members, and CYP was approved with one abstention. The MKD was approved under the condition that the federation name must be adjusted to align with the United Nations naming convention.

Item 9. Approval of Amendment to the Constitution

Amendments to Article 36 of the Constitution (Ethics, Arbitration and Discipline) were proposed to the EB for approval. Specifically, it was proposed that an Ethics Commission be established to handle Code of Ethics violations during events, and that no member of the Commission, Disciplinary Committee, Technical Committee, or Jury of Appeal overlap.

The goal of such an amendment is to provide any party accused of violations with a fair and transparent due process.

As such, it was also proposed and approved that the IWUF abides by the IOC Code of Ethics.

There was also one further suggestion that members appointed by the president should also be free from the dispute itself.

The proposed amendment to constitution was unanimously approved.

Item 10. Date & Location of the 15th World Wushu Championships & 15th Congress

Mr. Zhang Qiuping, President of the CWA and Secretary General of the IWUF, presented to the Congress on behalf of the 15th World Wushu Championships candidate city of Shanghai, China, along with Zhao Guangsheng, the Deputy Director General of the Shanghai Administration of Sports. The two presenters welcomed Congress attendees to attend the 15th WWC in Shanghai in 2019.

The EB unanimously recommended to award the right to host the 15th WWC to Shanghai, and Congress unanimously approved this decision and to hold the 15th IWUF Congress in Shanghai during the 15th WWC in 2019.

Item 11. Dates & Places of the IWUF Events in 2018 & 2019

11.1 7th World Junior Wushu Championships

The 7th World Junior Wushu Championships will be held from July 10-17, 2018 in Brasilia, Brazil. This will mark the first time an IWUF event will be hosted in South America. Mr. Rodrigo Carazzato, Secretary General of the Brazilian Wushu Confederation, updated the IWUF on preparations for the Championships, reporting that it was expected that up to 70 countries will attend due to the large number of South American countries' proximity to the event.

It was mentioned that there had been some safety concerns raised at the EB presentation, but the concerns were addressed and the EB is convinced that Brasilia is prepared to host a successful and safe event.

11.2 7th 3rd World Taijiquan Championships

The 3rd World Taijiquan Championships will be held from September 26-30, 2018 in Burgas, Bulgaria. The Bulgaria Federation is committed to delivering a successful event, and is fully aware of organizational concerns raised regarding past events held.

11.3 9th Sanda World Cup and 2nd Taolu World Cup

Host cities for the 9th Sanda World Cup and 2nd Taolu World Cup are still awaiting confirmation, and the IWUF hopes to announce the decision later this year.

11.4 8th World Kungfu Championships

Indonesia has proposed Bali as host for 8th WKFC, and the IWUF is currently waiting for all further bids before making any decisions.

Item 12. IWUF Grading System

The Congress was informed that the IWUF Grading Commission is working to establish an international grading system for wushu, as well as about the Grading Commission's inaugural meeting and initial decisions. Ms. Yvonne Li and Mr. Urs Krebs of the IWUF Grading Commission presented a general outline of possible grading system guidelines to the Congress, though emphasized that no formal decisions had been made yet.

The Commission is preparing to launch a pilot project to implement the new grading system soon, and is working on developing detailed structures and content that will be widely understandable and accessible. For actual content and curriculum, the Grading Commission will establish sub-technical committees for various styles and categories.

Item 13. Miscellaneous

13.1 World Kungfu Day

The EB recommended pursuing an IWUF World Kungfu Day, and asked that all members and member federations support the initiative. Congress unanimously approved this recommendation.

13.2 14th World Wushu Championships Supervisory Committee

It was announced that President Yu had appointed 3 members to the 14th WWC Supervisory Committee: Mahdi Alinejad (Chair), Petru Grindeanu (member), Marcus Alves (member).

President Yu thanked Congress members for attending, and the 14th IWUF Congress was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.