

IPF
2014

AGENDA

IPF – General Assembly,
Aurora, Denver/ USA

IPF

02.11.2014



Beginn: 3pm

Delegates: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Iceland, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA;

Total: 28

Executive Committee: Gaston Parage, Johnny Graham, Emanuel Scheiber, Dietmar Wolf, Alan Ferguson, Susumu Yoshida, Arnulf Wahlstrom, Robert Wilks, Robert Keller, Julio Conrado;

Total: 9

Chairman without vote: Johan Smith; Dr. Marek Kruszewski, Ralph Farquharson, Sigurjon Peturrsson;

Non Executive Members (without vote): Sabine Zangerle, Heinrich Janse Van Rensburg; Patrik Thur;

**** Total Votes: 37**

**** Simple Majority: 19**

**** 2/3 Majority: 25**

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Radisson Hotel, 3155 S, Vaughn Way

Aurora CO, 80014 USA

Sunday, 2nd November 2014 / Begin: 3:00pm

- 1. Roll call of Nations and Delegates, presentation of credentials of each Nation.**
Certification of Athletes and Referees
- 2. President's Address**
- 3. Report Vice President**
- 4. Minutes of the last General Assembly**
- 5. Report Treasurer – Report Auditors**

To examine the accounts of the previous year
To approve the budget for the forthcoming year
Fees (if requested)

6. Report Secretary General

7. Committee Reports

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| a) Technical Committee | e) Law & Legislation Committee |
| b) Medical Committee | f) Anti-Doping Commission |
| c) Disciplinary Committee | g) Doping Hearing Panel |
| d) Appeal Committee | f) Women's Committee |

8. Regional Reports

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| a) Region 1 (Europe) | d) Region 4 (North America) |
| b) Region 2 (Africa) | e) Region 5 (South America) |
| c) Region 3 (Asia) | f) Region 6 (Oceania) |

9. Elections

10. Proposals

11. New Member Applicants

12. Action on delinquent Nations

13. Hall of Fame

14. Future Championships

15. Any other Business

16. Adjournment

The IPF President opened the General Assembly at 3pm and welcomed all Delegates, Board Members, Chairmen.

Mr. Parage special welcomed the guests of honor from the IWGA Mr. Joachim Gossow (CEO) and Mrs. Patsy Dew (General Manager).

The President introduced Mr. Sigurjon Peturrsson from Iceland who will lead the General Assembly.

Mr. Joachim Gossow presented the delegates two short presentations regarding the structure of the IWGA and the situation regarding the World Games 2017 in Poland. He also presented the 3 candidates for the WG 2021.

Finally a short video clip from the last WG in Cali were shown

The IPF President thanked Mr. Gossow for his attendance and his presentation and also for the good cooperation between IWGA and IPF.

2) President's Address

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all let me welcome you to Denver for our yearly congress.

I hope you all have a good trip to this important meeting. It is essential the IPF has the full support and representation from its affiliated member nations, so thank you very much for your valued attendance. I will do my best to make sure that we will have a constructive and cooperative congress together.

I want to give you a summary of some the important work I have been engaged in this year as IPF President. My first engagement this year was to the SportAccord Convention in Antalya Belek, Turkey. I was there with

our Secretary General Emanuel Scheiber. At the convention, new elections were held for the IWGA Committee and for SportAccord. Emanuel was nominated as a candidate for the EC of the IWGA. He received 7 votes which was a good result as most of the delegates there did not know him. Even as a newcomer, he was very well prepared with a very good report prior to the elections, however he did not get enough votes to be elected as there were a lot of candidates which made it more difficult. But all in all, it was good for the IPF to put a candidate forward and they will know him in the future as a result of his representation at this convention. We had several meetings there and Emanuel will detail more about this in his report.

Importantly, we had a meeting with the officials from the IOC sports department concerning our recognition. It was recommended to us that we send our application for recognition in 2015 rather than in 2014 as we have yet to fulfil all of the criteria and thus any application this year would only be rejected again.

The biggest problem again is that we still have too many lifters returning positive doping tests. This was especially a problem last year with the RAW competition where we had a lot of lifters test positive even though they were mostly from one nation. But the same nation also had a lot of lifters test positive at the bench press world championships. This situation has hurt us badly, it is simply not acceptable because with all these positive doping results our hope of IOC recognition is destroyed. The lifters and the Federations must understand that they need to fight strongly against doping to make sure that we come down to 0 positive tests.

On a positive note, I was very happy that we had no positive drug tests from the World Games and we had a lot of lifters tested there so that was very good for the IPF. Therefore we must go forward positively in the fight against doping and we ask all our regions to do more, as some of them have not done enough in the past years. I am especially concerned when we see that in one region had 5 nations under suspension and then yet again, another nation was suspended from the same region. This is what you must know, as people are asking me all the time "why are we not yet recognized?" and I must say time and again: "when we have no more positive drug tests." Therefore everyone must fight against doping.

IOC recognition is not the work of the IPF EC members alone. It is the duty of ALL our members to contribute to this, our common goal. The anti doping fight is one of our duties. We are also trying to come forward with the Special Olympics, IPC, Commonwealth Games, University Games, SELL Games or Peace & Sport. We are taking part also last year at the IOC Sport for all. All these are steps we have taken and we are working towards reaching our goal. Another thing, sending out questionnaires and not getting an answer back from everyone is surely not in our interest to reach our goal. Also, not having enough referees at championships does not bring us forward either. All these issues are the responsibilities of all of us, from every region and every member nation.

All regions must conduct themselves and operate at a professional level. That is why Emanuel travelled to Asia to reinforce all that we discussed with them in Norway and what should be changed. He was there to help them and to see if they went in the right direction. Thus we have taken a solid step forward now with this region. Similarly, I travelled to the NAPF championships at the Virgin Island, St Croix. It was very important to them to have the IPF President there talking with them about all that needs be done in their region, and the meetings I had with several national presidents there were very worthwhile. I trust they now feel more securely a part of the IPF as previously they did not know the President in person and no President in the long years before had been to their championships. Now they know the IPF is very interested in them and they are an important part of the IPF family. We also had a referee clinic held there by Bill Clayton and Robert Keller and an anti doping seminar and a round table where they discussed with me several topics and I gave them the answers to their questions. I need to thank Robert Keller, President of the NAPF region for all he is doing to bring the NAPF forward. He has done a lot certainly but there is still a lot to do. Step by step, as I am always saying.

Then I travelled to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan to the Asian Bench Press Championships to follow up on the work they are doing to fulfil our requirements and also to have several meetings with them. It was very important to ensure that they are now going in the right direction. At the last meeting Emanuel was present, and he was working with them to get new people elected as treasurer, secretary general etc. That has all been done and now we have to make sure that in the future the rules and the IPF regulations will be followed. I am sure with the newly elected people they can reach this goal.

The last region I travelled to this year was Africa. The African Championships were held in Bejaia, Algeria. We have achieved more positive steps in this region with last year having more member federations taking part than the year before. Together with Alan Ferguson the President and Mohamed Elmamoun, Secretary General we had meetings to ascertain what we need to do to move forward here. For example, this year they should encourage more female lifters at their championships and I was told last year by Libya that they will bring women. That is a big step forward for this region. So it is my hope that the African Nations will send more female lifters to the competition and it is a positive step that the President from the Algerian Powerlifting Federation has sent a message to all of the member nations saying that they want four female lifters from each nation. If this happens then we can say we have made a significant achievement in this region. I had sent a message to them all before, to let them know that the IOC Sports department asked us this specific question about this region so we must explain how we have come forward here with this and other issues.

We have also supported all our Regions with Eleiko equipment. For the African Region we even supported two nations with equipment to help bring this region forward. All our regions including the European Region were supported with equipment as we want consistent, high standards across all of our regions. Organizers in Europe also need support from the IPF with equipment. All our organizer of World Championships received a Squat and Bench rack and an Eleiko bar with 435 kgs of weight. These are all promises we have made and we have fulfilled them.

I have worked with the commissions as promised at the congress when I did my speech before the elections. So we have started with the Coach Commission with the project of La Manga together with the EPF, Eleiko and La Manga Club as partners. Then we started the first international coaching licence. Here I want say thank you to Ralph Farquharson, Dietmar Wolf and Alain Hammang who did a great job to finalize this. This is a very good step forward to reach our goal but now it is up to the members to show us your support and send coaches to the seminar and lifters to the High Performance Centre in La Manga.

We have installed the Entourage Committee as this was a request from the IOC Sports Department to have this committee. Entourage is a French word which means around the lifters. So we have installed this committee and Ralph Farquharson is the chair of this committee. We have also started the work with this committee and the outcome you will receive from us.

I had a meeting with the Lifters Commission in Norway and we discussed several points there. They felt that they had not received enough information in the past and so we have tried to send them the information concerning changes in our rules or the fight against doping. This year they have the opportunity to propose a lifter for the EC and this position will be accepted here at the congress. We stated last year that this should be the way that we shall do it and here now we have done it.

With the Women's Committee I also had a meeting over the mail but also with the chairperson, Eva Speth. She brought up the idea about the action with the female referees what we offered you here. Also we were in contact with the African Region about the offer from Algeria to promote female lifters. There are some other topics to work out and we will come back to you with that at the next report. We have some new members for the Entourage Committee and for the Women's Committee. All was updated on our webpage.

We have forwarded one case to the Disciplinary Committee against one nation who is suspended. That is the Nigerian Federation. They remain suspended until we receive an answer from the DC on this and until the outstanding payment is made. I can just say that our Disciplinary Committee has done also an excellent job over the whole year as they have a lot of work to do.

The Media Group has done a good job, as always. I had meetings with them in Rödby and in South Africa. Several interesting points were discussed like the Webpage, an Online Magazine and so on. We have concerning the marketing, taken over part of the USAPL at the Arnolds in Columbus, also in Madrid with the Spanish Federation and the EPF, and in Brazil with the Brazilian Federation. These are big events with huge crowds where we can promote our sport. In Madrid we did it in cooperation with the IFBB President, Rafael Santonja. I made an agreement with him that we can publish free of charge two pages of IPF Powerlifting in their magazine. Their magazine has a distribution of 100 000 per month. This is not to compare both sports but to promote our sport and to show the people who read this magazine that there exists another strength sport other than their sport.

The financial situation is very good as we have got more income over the RAW worlds and we spent also much more money on our online streaming as this is one of the most important steps forward in our sport. With online streaming we can guarantee our sponsors and our viewers our sport over the whole world and it is less expensive than TV. Emanuel was taking part in Lausanne where he presented our streaming from Hungary and where he had a good and positive meeting with the responsible person from the Media Group of the IWGA. He will give you more information on this as well as the last conversation with the Director from the IOC Sports Department. Our finances have increased nearly double what we had and will be surely double with the new financial plan for 2015. That is great for us as we will then have more possibilities to present our sport better and better and to work with the commissions when we need some of them in meetings.

For the continuing development of our regions and in order to bring them to an higher standard, the fight against doping is still a priority and regarding this we have started with blood tests and we are on the way to have more and more OCT tests. The IOC recognition is the absolute priority and here we invest whatever is necessary to reach the goal to become recognized at the end of 2015. We are working with everything we can to reach this goal.

The IOC recognition costs money and surely not only for the IPF because when we ask you to participate at the coaching clinic or at the La Manga training centre then it costs the Federations money as well. Sending referees and so on also costs money. We want to reach the goal but we can reach this goal only together, the IPF is also you the Federations as we are just the officials who are working to bring everything forward and we are doing it for the lifters and so you the Federations have this responsibility as well.

With all this said I want give my thanks to all the colleagues from the EC, TC and all our commissions. Thank you all for the good cooperation and if we go forward on the same way next year then we are on the right track.

Thanks to all our Partners Titan, Inzer, Metal, Pallini, Leoko, Er-equipment. Special thanks to our main sponsors Eleiko, SBD and IMU.

But I want also express my thank to Kalevi Sorsa and Ralph Farquharson who are doing a great job for the IPF even though they are not members of the EC board.

The main work for next year is still fighting against doping. We have adopted the new WADA code and all the other information that you have received within the report of Robert Wilks, Chair of the Anti-Doping Committee.

I reiterate that it is paramount that we reach the goal of the IOC recognition. That means all of you must not be asking us what we can do for you, but you must be asking us what you can do for us to reach this goal.

The main points for you to help us are: the fight against doping on national and regional levels. Taking part at our coaching license and training centre in La Manga as we have installed this for you to make sure you all get more professional. I think all coaches need to have a certain experience and a licence to be a coach or assistant coach and so it can only be for the benefit of the lifters. The simple coaching licence should become the minimum requirement a coach has to know and from our experience we see that not all coaches have the knowledge of what their duties and responsibilities are.

There must also be an end to the underground Powerlifting image. Our sport must be presented in the best possible way at all levels and in all regions. The IPF logo should be present and visible at all levels of championships as part of the marketing of our sport at Regional, National and International Championship levels. We must show that we have pride that we are all IPF member nations.

Member nations can also help by providing more referee clinics and examinations to get more referees in the regions and particularly more female referees. Also making sure that more and more lifters and officials purchase the IPF Magazine, going on our apps and watching our live streaming. All these are the contributions you all can do to bring our sport forward. You must filter information forward over your webpage's with links to the IPF news. All our members need to be always informed about what is going on. The regions need to start streaming their main events too, mindful of presenting our sport in a professional way. All this we will follow up in the future as we need to have all our regions on the same, professional level. That is a lot to do for the future but it needs to be done. When all this is fulfilled then we have again taken a big step forward.

Thank you all the member federations, the lifters and officials.

I wish us all to have a constructive congress in Denver.

I wish you all a safe trip to Denver and I wish all the lifters good luck for the competition in Denver.

****accepted unanimously**

Championship Secretary Report

Last year we installed the new nomination program and it is working even better than expected. Most of our member federations are using the program now and more will use it as they will receive the password from Alexandre Kopayev when they compete in one of our Worlds or in one of the EPF Championships. Both IPF and EPF have worked with Sacha on this to make sure that the program was prepared by Sacha. More work will be done by Sacha with the Records Certificates for the future.

We have had a lot of participants in our World Equipped and our Classic World Championships. This is a huge success and I am so happy that we have so many lifters competing in both formats. That is for the IPF and the lifters a great success, and I hope all our member nations will go forward with both formats as it is for the benefit of the lifters to have the choice of how they want to compete.

Here now are the statistics of how many lifters participated in our World Championships.

Masters World Bench press Championships - Northumberland:

73 female + 189 male = 262 Total

World Bench Press Championships - Rødby, Denmark:

110 female + 155 male = 265 Total

Classic World Championships - Potchefstroom, South Africa:

177 female + 316 male = 493

World Sub-junior & Junior Powerlifting Championships - Oroshaza:

106 female + 149 male = 255 Total

World Open Powerlifting - Stavanger 2013;

75 female + 106 men's = 181 Total

The whole year we had 1456 lifters.

We still need more referees at the major championships and it is the duty of all the member nations to ensure that adequate numbers of referees are available so that our lifters have the best standard of refereeing possible.

I have noted that some member nations have listened to my requests about this and have sent good numbers of referees to championships, so I am hopeful that this issue will be fully addressed.

Gaston Parage

IPF President

IPF Championship Secretary

****accepted unanimously**

3) Report Vice President

1. Since the last GA meeting in Stavanger, Norway, site of the Best Open World Championships, the IPF has continued its mission, to promote our Sport to the rest of the World. We have also went through some changes to represent the members of this Federation to the best of its ability. With the election of a new IWGA President, and the many World Events we have hosted, we are striving to continue to put the Lifters First in our plans for the future.
2. We have heard so much talk about what is needed for the IPF, but unless we ask, and Talk to the Lifters first, we can't decide what is best. This is where I feel we are doing better at the elected positions we are holding. We cant stop now, as any decision we and and EC makes, determines what is needed for the Lifters. This can only improve our goal of IOC recognition, as the IOC has given us more guidelines to follow. With these guidelines, the IPF EC has elected the first Female on the Board. We are very pleased to have Eva Speth, to the EC.
3. During the past year, The IPF President, and many of the EC members, have had the honor to represent the IPF at many events, and spoken with many key members of the World of Sports. During the resent Arnold Sports Festival, in Columbus, Ohio, several members of different Sports was very interested in our goal for IOC acceptance, and learned more of what we are doing as a sport. So that tells us, we are in the right direction, and we are being noticed. Besides just being noticed, we are also being taken very seriously in the International community of Sports. One of the things they have a great interest in, is our Drug testing policy

4. Along with the Sport Accord Convention, we have had several other events that continue to put Powerlifting on the map. The IPF is now competing, not only the Arnold USA, but also in Europe and Brazil. This is a Big market for us to let the rest of the World see us showcase our Sport.
5. At the recent IWGA Elections, IPF General Secretary, Emanuel Scheiber has one of the finalist for a position on the Board. This once again, shows that our sport is being recognized. As the rest of the world has had the chance to see our sport, the IWGA Board Members were impressed with the discipline, sportsmanship, and professionalism of the Lifters, and Staff within the IPF.
6. As our sport continues to grow, we have had many World events where the lifters are once again proving why the IPF is the BEST Powerlifting Federation in the World. As we continue to host more events, we are seeing changes that we must also make improvements on. With the addition of the Raw movement, we are now insuring the lifters have the chance to compete on a more natural environment at World events, and have just as high media coverage. Over 500 Lifters competed at the recent Raw Classic, showing that this movement continues to grow with our Sport. This is a continued plus for us, as once again, it shows that we have more ideas to improve the quality of lifting.
7. Along with a Great Magazine, and the hard work they put in to give us the best information of our Sport, we now have a Very Good Professional Streaming Crew to insure we have local, National, and World coverage is done with our events. We want to show the rest of the World what Powerlifting is about. With this new Streaming Crew, we have been able to reach out to the World, with a HIGH Quality production, and the numbers show that more people are watching us. I was very pleased to get a comment from a WWE Professional wrestler, that he was watching the streaming of our event from Hungary, and was pleased with not only the streaming, but how strong our young lifters were.
8. We have also made big gains in the requirements of our National coaches. Our Coaching committee has put in many long hours of hard work, to insure we not only have the best qualified Coaches for our teams, but also prepared them for training in the future. With the new Training Facility in Spain, and the hard work of Ralph Ferguson, and the coaching committee, we now have a World Class training facility, to improve our quality of coaches. More work is to be done, but this is the big step in insuring they are professional in their positions. We now need to have more of our National Team coaches to attend this Clinic.
9. As we continue to fight against Doping, we will NEVER give up until this STOPPED now! As the rest of the World continues to watch our sport grow, we as a sport must continue our fight against Doping. Make no mistake about it, the IPF WILL FIGHT AGAINST DOPING, and will take all measures to punish the ones who don't. We have increased fines, and suspensions, to show we are SERIOUS against doping. We want a Drug free Sport.
10. The members of the IPF EC, strives to do what is best for the Federation. We may not always agree, but our goals are all the same. To make the IPF the best, and work for IOC recognition, we must follow guidelines that the IOC has given us. We have worked hard to meet those standards, and with every mission the IOC gives us, we work to make this happen. However, for this to happen, we can't continue to make rule changes every year, which only confuses the lifters, and Officials. We have to have a standard the lifters and Referees can understand, and keep those standards in place for a period of time. With this being asked, we also must insure that the referees are all trained on the rules, and have the knowledge to understand and insure the standards are met. With the Raw movement growing Faster, all rules for performance, must be made for all.
11. As we continue to move forward, we will need your support for us to be successful. Everyone must remember, we are elected to serve YOU the members, and we are not here for personal, or professional gain or power. With this knowledge, we will continue to do what is best for the or professional gains. Our General Secretary, has worked many hours, finding more Corporate Sponsors for our Federation. With this hard work, we have more sponsors willing to support our Federation. This could not happen, if we didn't work together for the same common goal.

12. Every Lifter that steps or has competed on the platform, wants to insure that they are being judged fairly, and the Administration elected to serve them, is looking out for their best interest. This is what we strive to provide. As a TEAM, we will insure this effort is given to them.
13. Our President has travelled many miles to represent our Federation. With all the World Championships, meetings, and social gatherings, he continues to travel to represent our Sport in the best possible manner. The IPF EC, will also support him on this continued mission of good will to the Lifters. Our Regional Presidents must be able to support him when needed, along with the other members of the IPF. We must find a way to distribute this, so as to not tire him out. As our regions continue to grow, this adds to the burdens of travel. We want our Sport to grow, and we will support the growth of our regions. Thanks to everyone who have supported this.

JOHNNY A. GRAHAM

IPF Vice President

****accepted unanimously**

4) Minutes of the last General Assembly

See the e-mail to all member federations from 12th of November 2013 and on the IPF homepage.

****accepted unanimously**

5) Report Treasurer – Report Auditors

The IPF has a solid and healthy financial basis. The available funds are managed with responsibility, and are used as the budget has intended for 2014.

The revenue is increasing slowly from year to year, and until today, 30/08/14 we have a current surplus of about € 10,000.

Because of, that not all the Championships have been conducted or fees have been paid at the present time, it is not possible to list up the correct numbers concerning the incomes and expenses for 2014.

Some key points regarding the expenses for 2014:

1. Anti-Doping: As foreseen in the budget, most of the money was allocated to the anti-doping work, an important point for the IOC recognition.
2. Development fund: To fulfill all the requirements for the IOC recognition, the IPF used more money to support all regions to get a higher standard in general (referee education, equipment support, organization of championships etc). Focus was on the African region, since this was a subject connected to the IOC recognition; and to supply the La Manga “High Performance Centre” with equipment.
3. IOC recognition: The IPF has spent more money for to reach this goal as foreseen in the budget. In 2013 many relations/connections were made with key person/organizations. These contacts should/must be maintained for the work for the IOC recognition. These extra expenses also include attending major congresses and other activities under the IOC umbrella, and following up all the IOC requests, IOC application procedures and IOC meetings.

4. Internet streaming: The World Championships in Stavanger, Norway, have shown us that it is possible to offer an internet streaming of high quality. Due to this fact, the EC has decided to spend more money for this activity.

All these additional expenses are financially well covered, and will not have a negative impact on the approved budget for 2014. These additional expenses are covered by the extra revenue, listed up under "Profit" in the budget for 2014.

IPFs' financial main sources of incomes are e.g.:

Membership-, participation-, and anti-doping fees

Sponsors

Approval fees

Logo fees

Sanction fees

Referee examination/removal fees

The incomes concerning the approval fees have been higher till now as calculated. But on the other hand, we got lower incomes in logo fees than calculated.

I want to express special thanks our sponsors Eleiko, SBD and IMU.

I also want to thank all the manufacturers, like Leoko, Pallini, Uesaka, Ivanko, ER - Equipment, Inzer Advance Designs, Titan and GoMetal for the good cooperation during the year.

Special thanks goes to our VIP partner Eleiko, who supplies all organizers of World Championships with equipment included the transportation costs of the equipment.

Regarding the money/fee transfer to the IPF bank/ or PayPal account, we have made a step forward, because most of the affiliated nations now use this option.

A daily challenge for me as a treasurer was, that many nations didn't specify the invoice number on their payments to the IPF bank/PayPal account. This causes difficulties for me to allocate these payments to persons or affiliated nations.

Example attached:

To:
Norwegian Powerlifting Federation

Address:
Ullevål Stadion
Postboks 1
0840 Oslo
Norway

Invoice date: 11.08.2014

Payment date: 29.08.2014

INVOICE

N° 21 - 8/14

Number	Name	Individual price	Total
9	Participation Fee	€ 50,00	€ 450,00
9	Anti Doping Fee	€ 50,00	€ 450,00
WCP SBJ J 14			
Amount:			€ 900,00

The amount should be wired to the IPF account within the stipulated date or as soon as possible.
Please note that payee is obliged to pay all charges associated with the transfer of the fees Federation/or Company and listed invoice number

I also will remind all the nations that the membership fee for 2014 must be paid before the congress, at the latest by the 30th of September 2014. Nations, who have not paid their membership Fee for 2014 within the prescribed date, will not have any voting rights on Congress.

The book-keeping system will be changed from October 2014. For to be able to present the actual incomes and expenses at future congresses, the book-keeping system will be recorded from October on in the current year to September in the next year.

I want to express my thankfulness to all affiliated member nations, sponsors, my EC colleges, IPF committees and all other people in the IPF for a good cooperation during this year.

I wish you all a successful Congress and World Championship Competition.

Best wishes,

Dietmar Wolf

Treasurer - IPF

Stange - Norway, 30.8.14

****accepted unanimously**

a) To examine the accounts of the previous year

Will be sent out after the audit on 15th October together with the financial details

****accepted unanimously**

b) To approve the budget for the forthcoming year

Will be presented at the General Assembly

****accepted unanimously**

c) Fees (if requested)

** no fees

6) Report Secretary General

Dear Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen

The last year was keeping the IPF very busy. In my position as Secretary General I had a lot of work on several fields.

- Coordination of Meetings with the IOC sports department, IWGA, IPC and other umbrella federations
- Coordination of IPF EC meetings and also the minutes of them
- Coordination and preparation of the IPF General Assembly
- Meetings with IOC, Peace and Sport, SportAccord, IWGA,....
- Daily business like preparations of the promoters contracts, updating the datas of the member federations, contact to all umbrella federations

In February I had a meeting with the director of international operations of Peace and Sport, Mr. Philippe Perinet.

Peace and Sport is a social organization with the aim to bring different kind of sports to people and regions, who have not the possibilities to do a sport in the same way as we. Mostly they are working in conflict regions like Iran, Iraq, Kurdistan, or in some African countries with a high potential of conflicts. On the other hand they have also projects like in Colombia where they try to bring the kids away from the "drug barons" and guerillas.

A current project on which the IPF is now working with Peace and Sports is one in Iran, where we send a powerlifting coach and a lifter to educate the local people in strength sport. The goal of this project is to have "friendship games" between people from Iran, Iraq and Kurdistan to show the world that sport is stronger than politics and war!

The organisation Peace and Sport has many famous ambassadors from the world of sport, but also movie stars or royals from all around the world. The honorary President is King Albert from Monaco.

During the year I had two meetings with the IOC sports department. The quint essence of the meetings was that the IPF is still on the right way for the recognition but there are also still some targets we need to fix. It is not only the doping issue or in better words the anti doping work. There are several other fields in which we need to make improvements. Two of the main issues are on the one hand the media work and on the other hand the organisation of our world championships. In the media work we are looking to improve our streaming and also a comprehensive coverage via the new medias. Our world championships are our visit cards and therefore the IPF EC is always looking to make improvements on this field. With the world's in Norway last November we all recognized how it could work for a nearly perfect organisation of a world championship and this world's should be a standard for all further organizers. Therefore the EC is working to guarantee the standard on the way that we have more detailed contracts and guidelines for the organizers and we send more staff to the worlds to assist the meet directors with men power and know how. But there are also other components which counts, like the work from the entourage committee and the other important committees. It is still recommended by the IOC to include more female persons in the federation. Only if each "wheel" in the system is working we have a realistic chance to receive the recognition. After evaluating all the different components until our next board meeting in May/June 2015, the IPF will probably send another application next year in October to the IOC.

In September I took part at a work shop from the IWGA and they invited me as a speaker regarding our new streaming system google+. It was a very fruitful workshop in Lausanne as there was also a representative from youtube present and we could discuss with him several details regarding streaming. Including all his suggestions in our system for 2015 I am sure we will do the next step forward for a perfect broadcasting of our events.

On another field it was also possible for us to generate a new IPF VIP Sponsor. The company SBD leaded by Mr. Benjamin Banks has signed a 4 years contract with the IPF. The goal from both, SBD and IPF is to bring the IPF to the next level of our evolution. Mr. Banks sees this cooperation not only for this four years

period, further more he is looking in the future and with his ideas and visions he see this as a potential cooperation for many years. At this time I want to thank Mr. Banks on behalf of the IPF Executive Board and the whole IPF community for his trust and support in our federation.

As every year I want again point out to all member federations, that if you have any changes in your federation like President or Secretary General change, please inform me as soon as possible, of the reason that I need to update our datas and mailing lists!

Finally I wish all of you a good General Assembly and a great time here in the beautiful state of Colorado and the nice city of Aurora, the organizer of the world's I wish all the best without any problems and the lifters I wish a lot of success, personal bests, world records and great battles for the medals.

Emanuel SCHEIBER
Secretary General IPF

****accepted unanimously**

7) Committee Reports

a) Technical Committee

Committee Members

Johan Hannie Smith (RSA) Chairman	Patrik Thur (SWE) Referee Registrar
Xavier de Pytorac (FRA) Member	Johnny Wiklund (SWE) Member
P.J. Couvillion (USA) Member	Myriam Busselot (BEL) Member
Steve Lousich (NZL) Member	Anatoliy Stetsenko (UKR) Member
Cliff Hayim (RSA) Member	

Another year passed and I want to thank all the EC Members, TC Members and all the Referees from all different nations who attend World Championships for their hard work on the Platform and Jury table. The selection and positioning of referees to officiate at IPF Championships has been made throughout the year, according to Nations nominations. Sometime it's long sessions but no one complain. The problem regarding the shortage of referees at World Championships still exists and we need more referees at Junior & Master World Championships.

Proposals were received and discussed by all the Commissions and final proposals were send to the Rules Group which will obviously be discussed at the General Assembly.

I received e-mails with questions sent to me, which I answered hopefully to everyone's Satisfaction.

The TC received a powerlifting rack, set of weights with bar and other lifting gear from different manufacturers which we approved. See attached Approved list.

The TC started in the beginning of the year 2014 with the examination on line with great success. The following people pass their referee examination.

Category 1		
José Luis Inguanti	Argentina	South America
John Myers	Australia	Oceania
Susanne Diter	Denmark	Europe
Serena Perry	New Zealand	Oceania
Mirosław Grzesiuk	Poland	Europe

Grzegorz Nocek	Poland	Europe
Cathleen Marksteiner	USA	America
Eliot Feldman	USA	America
Category 2		
David Jame	Australia	Oceania
Timothy Germanchis	Australia	Oceania
David Coimbra	Brazil	South America
HUANG LUNG HSIN	Chinese Taipei	Asia
Mark Wolff	Denmark	Europe
Juan Cahuasqui	Equador	South America
Gerson Lorenzo Nivelá Mesias	Equador	South America
Daniel Logelin	France	Europe
GARY HILLS	Great Britain	Europe
MICHAEL ELLENDER	Great Britain	Europe
Andrew Siu-Leung YIP	Hong Kong	Asia
Masahito Kitsui	Hong Kong	Asia
Éva Mayer	Hungary	Europe
Kári Rafn Karlsson	Iceland	Europe
MONICA DE PAOLI	Italy	Europe
Rafiq M. Bonamah	Libya	Africa
Craig Ebborn	New Zealand	Oceania
John Reginald L. Santos	Philippines	Asia
LESLIE T. EVANGELISTA	Philippines	Asia
Angelito Roel Española	Philippines	Asia
Aitken Fruean	Samoa	Oceania
Vladimír Gajdoš	Slovakia	Europe
QUINTIN KANNEMEYER	South Africa	Africa
Hesterki Range	South Africa	Africa
Cecile May Smith	South Africa	Africa
Ian Mouton	South Africa	Africa
Gordiienko Juliia	Ukraine	Europe

Practical test category 2, between 2012/01.09.2014			
	SQ maximum 40	BP maximum 30	DL maximum 30
High	40	30	30
Low	29	26	25
Median	37	29	30
Average	36,82	29,18	29,16
Number of examinations in total	54		

Average	93,94		
Written test	Paper	Computer	
	2012-2013 90% required	2014- 85% required	
Number of examinations in total	37	20	
Average	93,82	88,81	

Hannie Smith
Chairman IPF Technical Committee
****accepted unanimously**

b) Medical Committee

Greetings IPF members

Two problems dominated the work of Medical Committee International Powerlifting Federation in 2014. The first problem as in previous years concerned TUE applications. Last time MC received 10 TUE applications. The most of them came from the USA and Europe. They concerned the „Masters” age category. Most of them were well prepared in formal aspect and were accepted by NADA for national competitions. But still happen unprofessional applications with prescribed medicaments which are out of the context of disease and are taken without specialist examinations or by doctors who specialize in another medicine field than the real disease. MC didn't approve new TUE requests for growth hormone or testosterone last year.

A new problem has arrived this year which has caused a big discussion between competitors, coaches and members IPF. It has concerned people who changed their sex and possibility to obtain TUE on hormones and to take part in competitions IPF.

After a long discussion MC proposed the strategy as below:

1. Permit to compete the transgenic persons from female to male but on the same conditions as male (without possibility obtaining TUE on hormones and obligatory antidoping testing before the first international competition).
2. Not to permit to compete after changing sex from male to female.
3. Take into consideration forming separate category „transgender” and controlling regularly according to WADA code obligatory for everybody (without possibility obtaining TUE on hormones and obligatory antidoping testing especially hormone levels).

Additionally turn to WADA to make detailed rules concerning antidoping controlling for transgenders from male to female. Though, we suggest to ask member MC IPF Benedicte Le Panse (France) to take part in Symposium WADA about TUE regulations. This suggestion was accepted by IPF authorities. We are awaiting that Benedicte will ask a question and receive the precise answer as to the WADA's official rules on TUE for hormones for those who changed their sex.

Medical Committee still continue doing the best to support IPF attempts leading powerlifting to become the Olympic discipline.

Prof. nzw. dr hab. Marek Kruszewski
Chairman, IPF Medical Committee

****accepted unanimously**

c) Disciplinary Committee

International Powerlifting Federation Disciplinary Committee Annual Report 2013/2014

The Disciplinary Committee (DC) consists of the following members:

Sigurjón Pétursson (Iceland) Chairman

Gennadiy Khodosevich (Russia) Member

Jari Rantapelkonen (Finland) Member

Richard Parker (Great Britain) Substitute

The Disciplinary Committee (DC) examines and decides on disciplinary cases within the IPF. The DC must decide about all penalties except on doping related cases.

2013 Cases for the DC have come from:

- Secretary -General/IPF Executive Committee (1 case)
- National Federation (0 case)

The work of the DC has consisted of processing documents relating to doping cases as well as other disciplinary cases i.e. examining:

- Doping Control Forms
- Analysis Results Records
- TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption)
- Other documents and evidence presented to or collected by the DC

If after examining a case in detail it has been the opinion of the DC that a doping violation has occurred it has forwarded the case to the Doping Hearing Panel (DHP) for a decision.

All in all the DC has examined 16 cases during the period from 1.11.2012 to 31.8.2013. 13 of those were forwarded to the DHP. Further testing was asked for in 3 cases so these are pending. It is of major concern how long a time it has taken for the laboratories to process our further testing requests. It is very unjust to the lifters to have pending cases over their heads so to speak for a long time.

One disciplinary case from the IPF EC which is still being investigated i.e. that concerning unpaid bills by the Nigerian Powerlifting Federation in connection with the participation of Nigerian lifters at the IPF World Open in Stavanger, Norway in November 2013.

We would like to thank all the members of the Committees and the EC - members for their good cooperation and help throughout the last year.

A special thanks goes to Sabine Al-Zobaidi Assistant Secretary of the IPF for her work for the committee.

We wish you all a successful Congress and a successful World Championship Competition.

Hafnarfjordur, Iceland
August 31st 2014

**On the behalf of the IPF Disciplinary Committee,
Sigurjón Pétursson
IPF DC Chairman**

****accepted unanimously**

d) Appeal Committee Appeal Committee (AC) - annual Report

The Appeal Committee consists of the following members:

- Kalevi Sorsa (Finland), Chairman
- Patrik Björk (Sweden), Member
- Alexandra Carli (Netherlands), Member
- Eliot Feldman (United States of America), Member
- Steve Lousich (New Zealand), Member
- Jean-Claude Verdonck (Belgium), Member

The former Chairman of the Appeal Committee, Lars-Göran Emanuelsson from Sweden resigned from the Committee at the last year's General Assembly and I was appointed by the Executive Committee (EC) to replace Mr. Emanuelsson as a Chair. There are also two other new members in the Committee appointed by the EC; Patrik Björk and Alexandra Carli. So the Committee consists of a sufficient number of members now to handle the possible appeals on disciplinary cases (other than on doping related cases) and to make its decision on them.

No appeals have received during the time after the 2013 General Assembly in Stavanger, Norway. Thus there is nothing to report in that respect.

Wish you all a successful World Powerlifting Championship 2014.

**Kalevi Sorsa
IPF-AC Chairman**

****accepted unanimously**

e) Law & Legislation Committee

Members: Jean Claude Verdonck (BEL), Sandro Rossi (ITA), Emanuel Scheiber (AUT)

Dear IPF Members,

First of all many thanks to all the nations which are present this year at this IPF congress

This year the committee received 3 new constitutions.

These countries are : Singapore Powerlifting Federation,
ASALPO Powerlifting Federation,

Asian Powerlifting Federation.

The committee has examined , read and controlled these new constitutions

So, to be in order with our IPF constitution these countries must have :

1. President, Secretary and Treasurer,
2. They must follow the IPF constitution,
3. Follow the WADA code.
4. Have sanctions for the athlete who does not follow the WADA code

And these 4 points must imperatively be included in their own constitution.

One was not in order with the constitution of the IPF - ASALPO

The two other ones were accepted for the IPF that will say SINGAPORE & ASIAN Federation

Jean-Claude Verdonck
Law & Legislation Chairman

****accepted unanimously**

f) Anti Doping Commission

ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION REPORT 2013/14

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The numbers for 2013 and part 2014 testing are as follows –

1. 2014 (to 7th Sept)

ICT	301	268
OCT	<u>56</u>	<u>40</u>
TOTAL	357	308
POSITIVES	22	12 (estimate)
	6.2%	3.8% (estimate)

In comparison, the WADA figures show total positives for Olympic sports as 1.9% and non Olympic sports as 3.7%.

The ratio of OCT to total international tests over the last three years has been as follows –

1. 15.7%

2. 17.2%
3. 7.7% (full year projection 12%)

The WADA laboratory statistics for 2013 indicate an OCT ratio of c. 40% for all sports i.e. vastly more than in the case of the IPF.

IPF NATIONAL TESTING

The IPF requires each national federation to report on its national testing programme for each calendar year. It is, of course, compulsory for each nation to conduct a testing programme. The figures for 2013 and prior are –

	2011	2012	2013
IPF Member Nations	94	93	91
National Reports Lodged	85	81	81
Nations Not Reporting	9	12	10
Nations Reporting But Not Testing	<u>43</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
Fully Compliant (Reporting & Testing)			
Nations	41	46	46

Thus the number of testing nations remains at about half of the total IPF nations. It is clear from examination of the lists that it is mostly smaller or less well-off nations that do not test, although there are a few surprising absences, e.g. Ukraine, Hong Kong.

Actual statistics for national-level tests, according to the IPF figures, for calendar 2013 and immediately prior years are as follows –

	2011	2012	2013
National ICT	1188	1107	1110
National OCT	<u>812</u>	<u>1010</u>	<u>832</u>
Total National Tests	2000	2117	1942
Positives	88	79	115
	4.4%	3.7%	5.9%

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GLOBAL TESTING

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Positives	22	+	115	= 137
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NATION SANCTIONS

Three or more positives in any 12 month period can bring on National Federation fines and/or suspensions. In 2013 to 2014 the IPF actually had only one new nation enter suspension, namely Uzbekistan. However, Afghanistan had its 2013 suspension prolonged due to non-compliance with the terms of suspension (e.g. conduct of OCT) whilst India has its clearance from suspension pending. Iraq and Kazakhstan successfully completed their 2013/14 suspension and are back in good standing.

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4. **2014 (to 8th Sept)**

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OCT	<u>60</u>	<u>43</u>
TOTAL	374	315
POSITIVES	22	11 (estimate)
	5.9%	3.5% (estimate)
		(50 tests pending)

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Robert Wilks

Chairman IPF Anti-Doping Commission

****accepted unanimously**

g) Doping Hearing Panel

2014 Doping Hearing Panel Report

The Doping Hearing Panel (“DHP”) consists of the following members:

James Cirincione (USA)	Janie Soubliere (Canada)	Hugo Velasquez (Costa Rica)
Norbert Wallauch (Austria)	David Sperbeck (USA)	

Since September 2013, the DHP has delivered judgments in approximately two dozen doping cases. This number of cases is consistent with our past average of doping cases per year. We examine each of these cases in detail and issue a reasoned judgment in support of each decision.

In November 2013, the World Anti Doping Agency unanimously adopted the proposed 2015 Code. The new version of the Code will become effective on January 1, 2015. There are a number of significant changes in the new version of the Code. We raised awareness of these differences in last year’s report to the Executive Committee, but they bear repeating because they are important. The main changes to the Code are to impose longer periods of ineligibility on athletes who knowingly cheat and to allow more flexibility in sanctioning rule violations for which an athlete can establish no significant fault or negligence. We urge national federations to review the new Code and ensure that their members are informed of the changes.

Rule 10.2 now will impose a four-year period of ineligibility for a first offense in two types of cases: (1) those that involve the use of Prohibited Substances, unless the athlete can establish that the ADRV was unintentional, and (2) those that involve a Specified Substance and the anti-doping organization can establish the use was intentional. In those types of cases, the presumptive sanction for a first offense will be

a four-year period of ineligibility. If the athlete establishes that an ADRV involving a Prohibited Substance was not intentional or the ADO cannot establish intentional use of a Specific Substance, the default sanction is two years of ineligibility. Rule 10.6 provides reasons that may justify a lesser sanction, such as substantial assistance in uncovering other anti-doping rule violations and prompt admission of guilt by the athlete upon notice of an ADRV.

Rule 10.4, which allows sanctions to be eliminated upon a showing of “no fault or negligence,” will continue to be restricted to “exceptional circumstances,” such as sabotage by a competitor. Rule 10.5 allows the reduction of sanction in cases involving “no significant fault or negligence” and “contaminated products.”

The concept of “contaminated products” is a new introduction to the Code. WADA has defined a “contaminated product” as: “A product which an Athlete or other Person could not have known, with the exercise of care appropriate in the circumstances, contained a Prohibited Substance.” Under the Code, an athlete who ingests a “contaminated product” will not be able to escape fault completely (consistent with the strict liability set forth in the Code). However, it might be possible for the athlete to show that his or her fault is not

“significant.” Cases involving claims of contaminated supplements involve many unique facts and circumstances, and the result in each case will depend on the facts and evidence.

The Code also introduces a “prohibited association” violation. Under the new Code, an athlete can be sanctioned for associating with athlete support personnel who are serving sanctions for an anti-doping rule violation, who have been sanctioned in the past for an anti-doping rule violation, or who are serving as an intermediary or representative of such a person. WADA attempted to address the stakeholders’ fair notice concerns by requiring the athlete to have been given written notice of the personnel’s suspension and by providing that this prohibition will not be enforced when the athlete cannot reasonably avoid the association.

We will keep fighting against doping in Powerlifting to bring recognition and respect to all of the tremendous athletes of our great sport. We also will strive to fairly and reasonably interpret and apply the Code and the Anti-Doping Rules to reach correct and just results in

every case. There are many changes to the 2015 Code. We hope the member federations take steps to inform their members of the changes to the Code and to educate and assist their athletes in meeting their obligations under the 2015 Code and the Anti-Doping Rules.

We thank all the members of the Committees and the Executive Committee members for their excellent support and help throughout the last year.

We wish you a successful Congress and World Championship Competition.

Best wishes,

James Cirincione

DHP Chairman

****accepted unanimously**

h) Women Committee

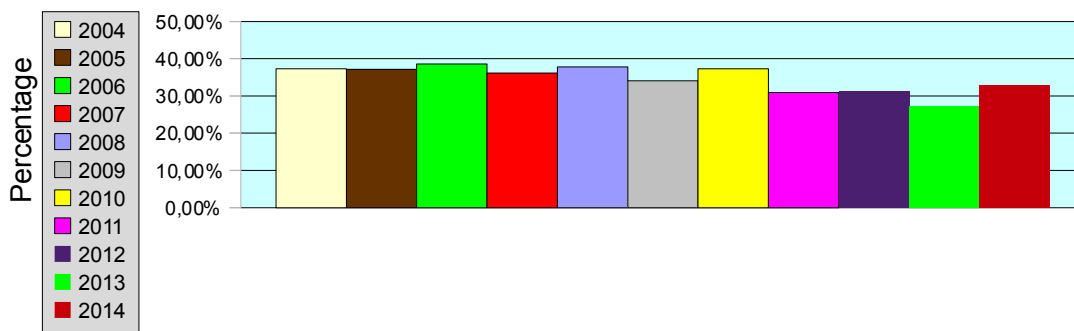
Report of the Women's Committee 2014

Like all the years before, female lifters in powerlifting have been fully integrated and on all championships women have had equal rights. Women are widely accepted within the IPF. This is not only shown at the IPF website (gallery, promotion video etc.) but mainly at all championships.

The statistics and graphics below give an overview about the number and percentage of female lifters from 2004 until 2014 that took part in Open World Championships in Powerlifting and Benchpress. You can see this number is nearly constant, differences may be a result of the host city and the costs of all athletes to go there. On average, 30% - 45% took part in these competitions.

A very big and important event this year have been the first Raw Powerlifting World Championships for all age categories. For this reason I added a graphics to show the percentage of women that took part in the open category of this championship. Because this was the first Raw World Championship there are no numbers for comparison available, the only ones are from the equipped championships held in 2013. The

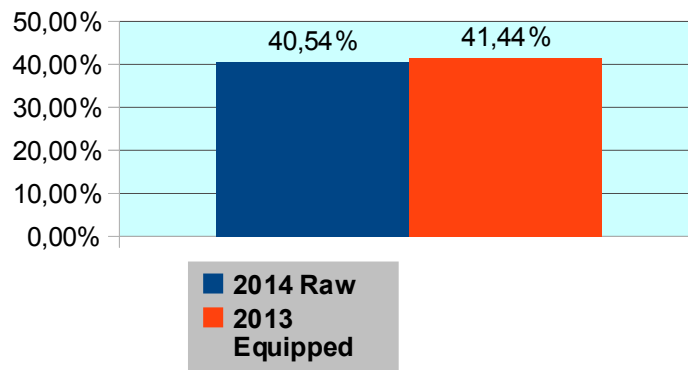
Percentage of Women in Benchpress



World Powerlifting Championship 2014 will be held in November this year, so this can not be considered this time.

A percentage of approximately 40% women is very good. Let's see, how the numbers will develop during the next years.

Percentage of Women in PL RAW and Equipped



Another interesting point is the number of nations, that send female and male athletes to international Powerlifting Championships. The numbers below represent the nations at World Championships in Powerlifting.

	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	N.	A	N.	A	N.	A.	N.	A	N.	A	N.	A	N.	A	N.	A	N.	A.	N	A
M	27	143	38	160	37	144	34	162	32	118	28	106	30	119	36	142	38	133	28	106
W	25	100	21	95	27	89	31	112	27	95	21	67	22	84	29	88	27	81	23	75
N: Nations		A: Athletes																		
M: Men		W: Women																		

Table 1: Statistics Open Powerlifting World Championships

The comparison show, that the number of nations that sends female athletes to world championships is still at a high level, but there is still a difference. That mean, not all nation send out a mixed team. The next step should be to encourage women from countries, where gender equqlity is not a matter of course, to take part in international championships.

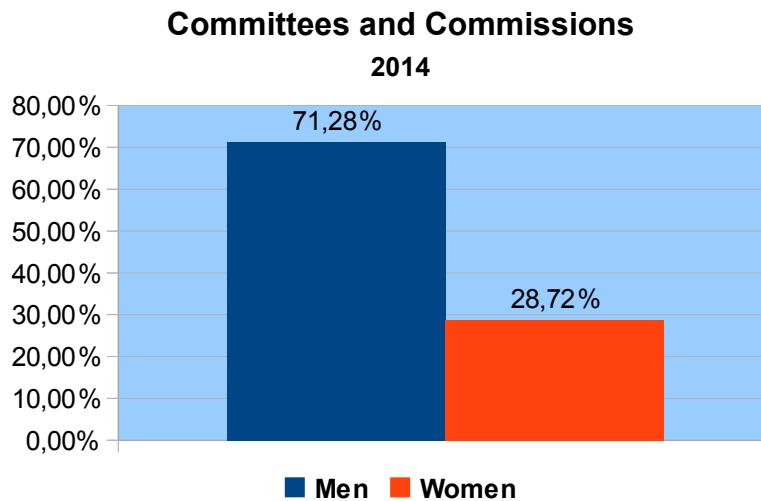
Having a look to the committees and commissions, the situation has been improved during the last year. A positive example is the new founded Entourage Committee, that consists of 9 women and 8 men. Another one is the Athletes Commission, that consists of 3 female and 3 male athletes.

But there are only few women in top positions in the IPF, the head of most committees or commissions is a men.

Number of Committees and Commissions (incl. EC)	Members	Men	Women
13	94	67	27

Table 2: Female and Male members in Committees and Commission in 2014

Some of the members work in more than one committee or commission.



In many countries, especially in the European Union, there is a discussion about a quota for the managing board in quoted companies. In my eyes such a quota is not the solution, but women should be asked to take more responsibility. I speak from personal experience when I say that mixed teams are the most successful teams. Here the IPF has got a backlog demand.

The situation concerning the referees has been improved during the last year. The statistic says that we have a few more females referees and they took responsibility on international championships. But there are still too less female referees on duty to nearly all World Championships. A good way to improve the situation are the proposals for the rule change concerning the referees.

And I hope also, that the rules clinic for female referees will be a success. If not, we have to promote it and bring it to the member federations.

Improvements during the last year:

2. The new Entourage Committee consists of 9 women and 8 men. This is a good way for the future. It shows, that women are ready to take responsibility and ready to be active in commissions.

3. In most cases female referees do the weigh in for female lifters. This is very important, because this is a an intimate situation.

Incidents

- e) No incidents happened in the last year at international championships.

Main priorities and general steps for the future:

5. We still have to promote and educate more female referees. On all championships there are only a few female referees with IPF I or IPF II license available. A good way to get this goal are the proposals for rule changes for the Congress.
6. More women should be encouraged to take responsibility in committees. We have women in almost every commission, but too often only one and not at the top position. The hope is, that vacancies will be filled with more women.
7. We have a lot of Masters in Powerlifting and Benchpress, the number of active Masters lifters increases year by year. They are not represented in any committee in the IPF, but I think they should. On the other side there is no need to instantiate a special „Masters Commission“. What we have in many companies and governments and what I know from my work for international companies is an Anti-Discrimination Agency. The Women's Committee should be extended to a committee of gender and age equality.

Eva Speth

Chairwoman of the Women's Committee

****accepted unanimously**

8) Regional Reports

a) Europe



Regional Report from Europe 2014

EPF General Assembly.

EPF has all together 32 member federations fulfilling all EPF and IPF membership obligations.

The EPF General Assembly was staged in Sofia in Bulgaria 6 May and delegates from 21 member nations were present at the meeting as well as all the 6 Executive members.

European lifters.

In January this year the Executive appointed following lifters as *European lifters 2013*:

Anna Ryzhkova from Russia and Kjell Egil Bakkelund from Norway.

International championships.

In 2014, 5 European championships and one Western European Championship are/will be organized.

Host nations were, Bulgaria (Open), Russia (Sub Junior and Juniors), Czechia (Masters and Open Bench), Bulgaria (Masters Bench), Luxembourg (Masters Bench) and Italy (Western Europeans).

In addition, 4 World Championships as well as the Arnold Classic Europe and the Sell Students Games were organized in Europe.

Most organizers of international championships in Europe have great experience and the technical standard is high. All together, more than 900 lifters take part yearly at European championships.

From each Europeans, internet streaming is provided. The quality varies as the capacity of the internet lines and the capacity of the internet host also varies.

EPF is working together with IPF to better the conditions from 2015 on. Internet streaming is important for our sport as long as the television companies show low interest.

General.

EPF officials have for years worked close to every organizer of European championships. This to secure that all specifications contracted in the documents named: Promoters Contract, Organizing Checklist and the Antidoping Control Agreement are fulfilled.

EPF also support economically organizers if they need to buy IPF recognized equipment to meet the standard requested for the warm up room and the competition platform.

Antidoping.

In year 2013, EPF made 69 doping tests at European championships and this means that about 7,5% of all lifters were tested. 1 lifter tested positive.

In 2014, EPF will carry out about the same number of tests and transfer money to IPF for OC testing.

The fight against doping abuse to create fair play for all lifters has still the highest priority within EPF.

Classic Europeans.

The EPF General Assembly 2014 decided to start European Classic championships for Open, Junior and Sub junior division from 2015 and the Czech PF will be the organizer.

EPF Officials.

No federation or company is better than people doing the work and I am proud to state that EPF has dedicated and hardworking officials that cooperate perfect in the leading team as well with the member federations.

Competition Secretary Jiri Hofirek is working untiring and accurate with championship preparations and he takes part at all Europeans.

Treasurer Alain Hammang conducts the economy carefully and secure that all federations get what belongs to them and collect what they have to pay.

Ralph Farquharson takes excellent care of the *General Secretary* work as well as the *Media*.

Myriam Busselot supervises referees and jury work and *Jari Rantapelkonen* looks after the Law and legislation matters.

Vice President Sandro Rossi checks the hotel standard and prices at all Europeans besides other delegated tasks.

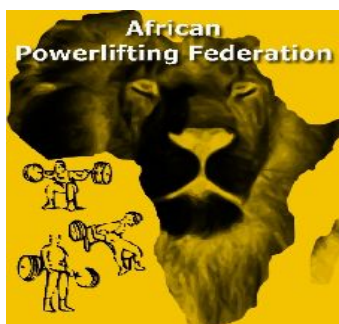
Record registrar Anatoliy Stetsenko works excellent by updating all European records and issuing record diplomas. The good work of *Olexandre Kopaev*, running the computer competition program at European championships, is highly appreciated. In addition, the remaining EPF officials do their work in a perfect manner.

They are all a great team that deserves a great Thank You for running European powerlifting.

**Arnulf Wahlstrom,
President EPF**

****accepted unanimously**

b) Africa



2014 African Powerlifting Federation Regional Report

Since the last congress in Stavanger the African Championships took place in Khanifra, Morocco. These championships were staged during December and attended by Gaston Parage the IPF President.

A reasonable turn out was experienced with lifters and officials from Egypt, Algeria,

Libya, Cameroon and of course Morocco. South Africa unfortunately once again declined to send any lifters preferring to send them to the Commonwealth championships in New Zealand. It is a great pity that South Africa did not support this event as it would have provided their lifters with a wonderful opportunity to get more experience in a different environment.

The African Powerlifting Federation was extremely happy to have both Egypt and Libya back in the fold after a number of troubled years in their respective countries.

A referees clinic was conducted with 12 participants and referees exams were held at the conclusion with interpreters assisting.

A fruitful African Federation congress meeting was held with representatives from Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Morocco and Cameroon.

A number of very important issues were discussed including the participation of female lifters and it was agreed that they will be invited to attend the 2014 championships.

Algeria submitted a bid to host the next African Championship which was successful and as a result these will be held in Algeria

As Powerlifting in Cameroon is in its infancy with no equipment in the country apart from home made bars and weights it was decided to ask the IPF for support with development equipment. This has been forthcoming and a full set of Eleiko equipment has been sent to the Cameroon Federation.

South Africa staged the 2nd Classic World Championships in Potchefstroom from the 1st to the 8th June with great success. This was one of the largest IPF World Championships ever staged with over 500 lifters from Sub Juniors, Juniors, Masters and Seniors taking part. Although the size of the competition provided a challenge it proved once again that South Africa can successfully stage good World Championships and well done to Hannie Smith, the meet director and his team, for their efforts.

Our General Secretary Elmamoun Mohamed has maintained a good working relationship with our member nations resulting in what I believe will be a bumper turnout for our forthcoming African Championships.

As mentioned previously these championships will take place in Bejaia, Algeria from the 9th to the 11th October.

Entries have been received from Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Cameroon, Ghana, Sierra Leon and South Africa and for the first time women lifters have been nominated and will be taking part.

Nigeria has been suspended from the IPF at this time for disciplinary reasons and therefore will not be able to take part in these championships which is unfortunate as they would have provided quite a large number of lifters.

The importance of the African Championships is underlined by the attendance once again of the IPF President, Gaston Parage and we believe that a good turnout and success of these championships will help the IPF in its bid for IOC recognition.

All in all I believe the Federation has had a reasonably successful year and we look forward to the new Powerlifting year with the objective for 2015 to grow our membership base by adding at least another two members.

Alan Ferguson,
APF President
****accepted unanimously**

c) Asia



Asian Report 2013-2014

By Susumu Yoshida, President of Asian Powerlifting Federation

Hard year for Asia

2013 was a very troublesome year for Asia.

So many positives of the doping test had found at the Asian Championships. This fact resulted the many suspended member federations. Such as India, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan. We had been doing the doping tests for more than 20 years but we realized that were not enough. We need more education for the Anti-Doping. We Asian members need to work hard to do the national level doping test in each countries.

Final shock to us was the sudden resignation of the General Secretary, Treasurer, and Chairman TC.

We APF asked member federations to assemble for the urgent meeting at the 2013 Asian Classic Powerlifting Championships in Philippines. At this meeting we decided interim officials such as General Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman TC.

We elected Eddie Torres of Philippines for General Secretary, Ramon Debuque of Philippines for Treasurer, Ms.Ip of Hong Kong for Chairman TC.

Next year at the 2014 Asian Powerlifting Championships again in Philippines, we officially confirmed these officials until 2015 General Assembly.

Eddie Torres for General Secretary

Ramon Debuque for Treasurer

Hisako Yoshida for Chairman TC. Record Register and Referee Register.

(Ms.Ip of Hong Kong resigned just before the congress)

President of APF and Chairman Medical Committee were not changed.

(Susumu Yoshida and Motohisa Kojo)

2013 Asian Frist Classic Powerlifting Championship

2013 Asian Classic Powerlifting Championship was held in Philippine, on December. Originally this championship was planned to be held in India but with the suspension from IPF, India could not host this championship. Philippine stepped forward to host this championship. There was not enough time but they did wonderful and professional works.

We did all the age categories for men and women. Almost 200 lifters were present even though this championship was the first event in Asian.

We were surprise with classic's popularity.

Of course we did doping tests.

2014 Asian Powerlifting Championship

At May of the 2014 we again gathered in Philippine, Same hotel, same venue.

Emanuel Scheiber the General Secretary of IPF was present to this championship.

Preparation was complete. Many lifters were different from last December. But some member federation's lifters were almost same. We will see what will happen in near future.

The number of participants was below 200. This was less than usual year because of the suspension of the big members like Iran, India, Kazakhstan, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Every year we officials of APF worked from early morning to late night. But this year we had enough time and our work were not beyond human limit. (I mean comfortable)

It is true we still not have enough international referees. Our next important work is to make many working international referees.

Come Back

I am writing this report at the end of August. Within 10 days we will have Asian Benchpress Championship in Kyrgyzstan. This country is exotic and unknown for us. Many members of Asia want to visit and enjoy the championship. Good news is that 3 of the suspended member federation will come back to this championship. Welcome back Iran, Kazakhstan, and Iraq.

We expect every lifter will come back dope free

Huge Championships

2014 December we will go to Australia to participate "Oceania + Asia combined classic Powerlifting and Benchpress Championship".

The first idea came from Robert Wilks and we soon agreed this will be a very interesting championship. This championship is combined with 4 different championships.

- 1, Asian Classic Powerlifting Championship.
- 2, Oceania Classic Powerlifting Championship.
- 3, Asian Classic Benchpress Championship.
- 4, Oceania Classic Benchpress Championship.

Every championship will have all age categories for men and women. We estimate around 600 to 800 lifters will participate.

What will happen we cannot predict. But these championships will be very interesting and exciting. To communicate with different region will be nice. To promote huge championships will be hard work but this new type of championships will be our progress we all believe.

**Susumu Yoshida,
President Asia**

****accepted unanimously**

d) North America



North American Powerlifting Federation Regional Report IPF General Assembly – Denver, Colorado

My Dear Friends.

During the course of the past twelve (12) months the NAPF has been vibrant and very active. This is attributed to the leadership staff of the federation. They work exceptionally hard each year making our regional federation one of the best in the IPF. I send to each of them my sincere and special thanks!

Vice-President: Fernando Baez
Secretary General: Sergio Centeno
Treasurer: Mike Licciardi
Technical Chairman: Bill Clayton
Board Member: Larry Maile
Caribbean Representative: Robert Massey
Central American Representative: Hugo Velasquez
Records Manager: Ivan Cancel
Webmaster: Tony Cardella

North America

USA Powerlifting continues to direct one of the premier powerlifting championship in the World -- The Arnold Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio. This year, USA Powerlifting invited 200+ athletes from over 10 countries to participate in this year's championship. Prize monies awarded this year topped 32,000 USD, a record number and I believe 3rd or 4th largest at the Sports Festival. USA Powerlifting continues to invite international lifters from the member federations of the NAPF. The NAPF sanctions the Raw Challenge on Friday, Pro-Equipped American Open Powerlifting Championships and the Pro Deadlift Championships. Over 100,000 spectators attended this year's Arnold Sports Festival. Congratulations, once again go out to Larry Maile and Priscilla Ribic for overseeing the competition. The staff assembled for the ASF is one of the very best you will ever see. Lastly, special thanks go out to Gaston Parage, Emanuel Scheiber and Sabine Zangerle for attending once this year. They come a long way to participate and contribute to the success of this event. Important, during this year's Arnold Sports Festival, members of the IPF Executive members were able to meet with Mr. Ivan Lincir from Ivanko Barbell to create new business opportunities.

Last year's NAPF Pan-American Regional Powerlifting Championships was combined with the Caribbean Championships and drew 160+ lifters from 14 countries. Ecuador won both the Men's and Women's Pan-

American Team Titles. Sergio Centeno conducted a Scoring Manager training seminar for the NAPF Member Federations. Best lifters were Johanna Aguinaga and Jose Castillo, both from Ecuador.

This year's NAPF North American Powerlifting Championships took place on July 8 – 13, 2014 on the island of St. Croix, located in the US Virgin Islands. We had 150 athletes from 10 countries take part this year. Puerto Rico won the Men's Team Title and the USA the Women's Title. Mr. Robert Massey, the President of the USVI Powerlifting Federation was inducted into the NAPF Hall of Fame for his work in the Caribbean Region. Gaston Parage, the President of the IPF attended this year's championship. The first time ever in our 12 year history, the IPF President has attended this championship. The St. Croix Department of Tourism sponsored this year's championship. Special thanks go out the Staff of the Carambola Beach Resort and Spa for making us feel so welcome. An Anti-doping seminar, referee recertification seminar and scoring manager seminar were completed. Special thanks go out to Bull Clayton and Mike Zawilinski. Special thanks go to the IPF for sending one (1) Eleiko Rack and one (1) set of Eleiko Weights that was donated to the US Virgin Islands Powerlifting Federation. Next year's NAPF Championship will be take place in Moose Jaw, Canada, under the direction of Ryan and Rhea Stinn. Moose Jaw has been the site of several World Championships in the past and the NAPF Executive is excited in going to Canada for this Championship. Last but not least, I need to commend and praise Ivan Cancel for his exceptional work on updating the NAPF Records and I want to send my sincere thanks to Tony Cardella for creating the database to house the NAPF Records. Discussions are now taking place on establishing NAPF Classic Records.

Last year's NAPF Bench Press Championships was held at the Deauville Beach Resort and Spa located on Miami Beach, Florida, USA. The Deauville Hotel is one of the oldest and most historical hotels on Miami Beach. Overall 36 lifters from 6 countries attended the championship. Low turnout. However the quality of the lifting was very high. Our friends from Sweden once again came to our competition as guest lifters – Thank you. The USA won both team titles and the best overall lifters were Kimberly Eastin and Jeff Snyder from the USA.

This year's NAPF Pan-American Bench Press Championships will be held on November 22- 24, 2014 in Acapulco, Mexico. We're expecting well over 100 lifters for this year for the championship. Member federations from both North and South American are expected to attend the competition. Special thanks again go out to the IPF for providing the Mexican Powerlifting Federation with a new Eleiko Rack and weights.

During August 2014, the NAPF made a sponsor contribution to the Arnold Sports Festival – Europe championship that takes place in Madrid, Spain. Athletes from the NAPF are now allowed to take part in this festival in Madrid. Special thanks go to our friend, Mr. Luis Tudela, President of the Spanish Powerlifting Federation for his invitation. Likely, we will not be able to take part this year; however, plans are in the works for sending a team next year.

Central America

Dr. Hugo Velasquez, the NAPF Central American Representative, has performed exceptional work with bringing back the Central American countries that were purged several years ago for lack of payment on their membership fees. Last month, El Salvador took the first to step forward and submitted their constitution and membership application to the IPF. The documents from the El Salvador are currently being reviewed by the IPF. Additional information, requested by the IPF remains pending. Nicaragua and Honduras are pending and waiting in the wings. It is questionable, at this time, if they plan to return or not to the IPF. The NAPF remains optimistic. An NAPF Sub-junior/Junior Classic/Raw Powerlifting Championship is being planned for Central American during 2015 or 2016.

Caribbean

The Caribbean has been quite active and lively the past couple of months. The Bahamas has reconstituted their powerlifting federation under the new leadership of Mr. Robert Brown. Recently, their federation received NOC recognition and they signed an agreement with their NADO last year. During February 2013, the IPF and NAPF, jointly, held seminars with the Bahamas Federation targeting Anti-doping and organizational development. During August 2014, training and coaching seminars have been scheduled and will be provided to the Bahamian athletes and their coaches in Nassau. Finally, the Bahamas federation is scheduled to bring as part of their delegation to St. Croix, eight (8) national level Referees for re-certification.

During May 2013, the NAPF conducted a 3-day training and coaching seminar in conjunction with the Trinidad and Tobago National Junior Championships. This was a highly successful event and the Trinidad and Tobago Federation athletes showed marked improvement at the 2014 NAPF Pan-American Championships this past July. During the course of the visit to Trinidad and Tobago, a courtesy call was made to the Minister of Sport. Discussions were positive and supportive. Finally, a set Ivanko weights were donated to the Trinidad and Tobago. Subsequently, during early 2014, they have purchased additional weights and ER racks for their National Training Center and for the several championships they host yearly.

During February 2014, I traveled to the St. Croix to perform a site visit of the facilities for the 12th NAPF Championships. After the site visit, I paid a courtesy call to the British Virgin Islands Powerlifting Federation. The meeting with the BVI centered on the difficulties of obtaining travel visas, etc. The following day, I traveled to Anguilla and met Mr. Joseph Pradel. Mr. Pradel is the current President of the Anguilla Powerlifting Association. Discussions centered on the criteria for becoming a member of the IPF. It was discovered during a site visit of their athletic facilities, the Anguilla Powerlifting Federation is in desperate need of powerlifting equipment to begin having competitions and training their athletes. The NAPF shall work closely with the Anguilla Powerlifting Federation and their Ministry of Sport during the remainder of this year to see what can be done. The following day, I traveled to St. Maartin and visited both the Dutch and French Powerlifting Associations. The discussions centered on the criteria for becoming a member of the IPF and the potential of the NAPF coming back to the island to perform a powerlifting demonstration at the 3rd Caribbean and Central American Bodybuilding Championships. Athletes from the USA were invited to attend. Special thanks go out to Mr. Javier Pollack, Vice-President of the IFBB and Ms. Denise Williams, Secretary General of the Caribbean Bodybuilding Association, for their assistance in coordinating this trip.

Technology Advancements

During October 2013, the NAPF purchased the IPF mobile cellular application for the NAPF Website. During February 2014, the NAPF also purchased the PRAS Wireless Lighting System from the Ukraine. The NAPF Website is kept current by Mr. Tony Cardella. Also, Sergio Centeno, the NAPF Secretary General, oversees the NAPF Facebook Account, which now boasts over 600 friend subscribers.

Future Development

The NAPF Administration has identified the following areas requiring improvement. The following three (3) topics were discussed at the NAPF General Assembly in St. Croix.

1. NAPF Member Federations not conducting drug-testing tests on their athletes at the national level.
2. More training and development seminars
3. New Member Federations.
4. New Locations for Championships.
5. Certification of more referees.
6. Build Streaming Team (added after GA in St. Croix).

Dr. Robert Keller
President NAPF

****accepted unanimously**

e) South America



Dear colleagues,

Ref .: "FESUPO Report 2014 – President"

More one year with hard work for South American.

After receiving the World Games, the city of Cali, in 2013, we consolidated our know-how with many glories never got.

Our athletes were overcome once more and won several medals and records. A true success.

Of course, all this could not come without great job and a wide effort directive.

Special thanks to the South American athletes receiving medals: Vilma Ochoa and Jose Castillo of Ecuador and Brazil's Ana Castellain, true champions that led to South America at the highest point of our sport.

The FESUPO together Ecuador Federacion American Power hosted the South American Powerlifting 2014 in Guayaquil, Ecuador, a beautiful city.

The city of Guayaquil, Ecuador's capital is a city that lives on tourism and trade.

We hosted 5 countries (Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Peru, Ecuador) and over 100 lifters participated. Unfortunately we had no opportunity of host Venezuela and Colombia because economic troubles.

One more South American Championships with good organization like in 2013. FEDERACION SUDAMERICANA DE POTENCIA

The competition will have widely on television and in the newspaper every day.

Many records were broken, including five world records.

By second time, we host the South America Competition RAW together equipped. One true success !

I would like to congratulate all FESUPO directive, to Mr. Inguanti for their hard work, but special to Federation Ecuadorian President, Mr. Juan Paredes who spared no efforts to get everyone in the best possible way

We had elections for the biennium 2015-2016.

The following persons were elected:

President	JULIO CONRADO-Brazil,
Vice President for	JUAN PAREDES-Ecuador,
Secretary General	JOSEPH INGUANTI-Argentina,
Technical Director	JUDITH Reitman-Uruguay, SANDRA Conrado, Brazil,
Treasurer and Media	EDUARDO RODRIGUES-Uruguay

We started planning for marketing and attracting sponsors. We confirmed our calendar event until 2016.

For 2015, the congress changed the Powerlifting Championships from Peru to Brazil, and the Bench Press from Venezuela to Peru.

In 2016, the Powerlifting Championships changed from Venezuela to Peru and Bench Press remain in Brazil.

We are working on final details for application in Chile FESUPO going to Buenos Aires for our event of bench press as FESUPO member.

Supported by Juan Paredes, we gonna start contacts with Bolivian Federation for recognition and affiliation with the FESUPO ASAP.

FEDERACION SUDAMERICANA DE POTENCIA

I think that South America needs to walk a lot, however, this year got jump strides.

**Julio Conrado,
FESUPO President**

****accepted unanimously**

f) Oceania



OCEANIA REPORT 2013/14

MEMBERS

As of 1 September 2014 the OPF has as members the following nations –

Australia	Fiji	Marshall Islands	Nauru	New Zealand	Niue	New Calendonia
Papua New Guinea		Samoa	Tahiti	Kiribati (Provisional)		Tuvalu (Provisional)

Over the last year;

- f) the New Calendonia and Tahiti Federations have re-organized and strengthened themselves, following internal difficulties.
- g) Kiribati and Tuvala have achieved Provisional IPF membership and will advance to full membership in 2014/15.
- h) Tonga has failed to renew as an OPF/IPF member and can be considered lapsed.

ADMINISTRATION

The December 2013 General Meeting of the OPF held in Auckland, New Zealand set the OPF office bearers as:

President & IPF Board Member	Robert Wilks
Vice President	Julian Perry
Secretary	Pam Cutjar
Treasurer	Steve Lousich
Committee	Jason Wharton
Recordkeeper	Aitken Fruen
Referees Director	Pam Cutjar
WebMaster	Aitken Fruen

At that General Meeting the conduct of a combined Asian and Oceania Raw Championships in Melbourne in December 2014 was confirmed. It was also voted in principle to pursue, in due course, the concept of a restructuring of IPF Regions to include an Asia Pacific region, as separate from a possible Middle East Region. This was considered to represent a better balancing of nations across those areas of the globe.

COMPETITIONS

In December 2013 the Oceania Championships were held in Auckland New Zealand, in combination with the Commonwealth Championships. 461 lifters took part, a number of World Records were set, as were many Regional Records. Lifting was approximately three quarters in the Raw category and sessions ran from 7 am to 3 am on almost all days.

In April 2014 a feature international event was held at the Australian Fitness and Health Expo in conjunction with the Australian Championships. Some 1000+ spectators saw the Raw Pacific Invitational 12 lifter event produce World Records from Ray Williams (USA) and others, with a total of 35,000 persons attending the Expo and being exposed to Powerlifting over 3 days. The Expo organizers reported favourably on the commercial value of Powerlifting to them and shortly after April an agreement was signed for a series of four international Raw events to be held at Expos in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in 2014 to 2015.

FUTURE EVENTS

In October 2014 the Pacific Challenge feature event will be held as part of the Sydney Fitness Expo. This will, similar to the April Melbourne event, involve over 30,000 attendees. Krzysztof Wierzbicki (Poland) and Kimberley Walford (USA) will be attending and hopefully setting World Records.

Then in December 2014 Melbourne will host the largest event in Oceania and possibly IPF history, the combined Oceania Asian Raw Championships. An estimated 600 + lifters will take part over 7 days of lifting.

In 2015 feature events will continue with –

4 Fitness Expo showcase events to be held in Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Sydney. Subject to contractual arrangements with Diversified Communications, the owner of those events, there will be in each city the format of 2 to 3 full days of lifting with a feature international event within that.

The Pacific Games are the Olympics of Oceania, with Powerlifting confirmed in the programme for August 2015. In April 2014 Robert Wilks attended a conference of Games Sport delegates in Port Moresby, where it was clear that the Games faces challenges with time and facilities but Powerlifting has a secure venue.

In December 2015 the Commonwealth Championships will be held in Vancouver, Canada, with most Oceania nations eligible.

ANTI-DOPING

Australia and New Zealand continue to have strong government anti-doping programmes. All athletes in those federations lodge whereabouts and are subject to in and out of competition testing. In 2013 to 2014 Australia has had three positive test cases, involving methyl hexamine from supplements, cannabis and an inadequate TUE. New Zealand had zero positives.

In Australia particularly, the subject of drugs in sports and in the fitness industry has remained headline news. Powerlifting Australia has throughout maintained its standing as an upholder of drug free sport.

The Pacific Island nations have remained resource-poor in implementing anti-doping programmes. Oceania competition-testing thus prioritizes those nations. Also some IPF out-of-competition testing has been conducted on Pacific athletes.

DEVELOPMENT

The Oceania region has experienced great growth in lifter participation in the last two years, that due to the opening up of Powerlifting to the fitness marketplace via the introduction of Raw. That in turn has stimulated commercial interest in Powerlifting, as suddenly there is a worthwhile population of spending athletes to pursue. Traditional Powerlifting suppliers such as Eleiko, SBD and Titan have remained involved and supportive of Oceania Powerlifting, but now larger fitness industry companies have indicated interest and the potential for our sport in this region is great.

**Robert Wilks,
OPF President**

****accepted unanimously**

9) Elections

Athletes Speaker: Candidates: Pjoter van der Hoek (NED)
Nominated and elected by the Athletes Commission according to the decision of the GA 2013.
Ratification of the elected candidate by the IPF GA 2014.

**** Voting: 38/1/1**

Mr. Van der Hoek was ratified by the GA and is the new Athletes Speaker in the IPF EC

10) Proposals

Anti Doping Rules

Please see appendix #1: (IPF Anti Doping Rules Draft 2015)

****accepted unanimously**

Constitution

Proposal Australia:
CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

1.7.2.13 Ratify new IPF Anti-Doping Rules and pass complementary ByLaw 104.9 (under section bylaws), Code of Ethics (attachment #2: Code of Ethics) and Technical Rule amendments (as attachment #3: Technical Rules 2015)

Reason The WADA Code was significantly revised at WADA's December 2013 Congress, the changes to take effect 1/1/2015. IFs have until that date to prepare their revised Anti-Doping Rules, have those approved by WADA and have them formally adopted. If the IPF does not complete this process by 1/1/2015 it will risk its Code-compliant status, with extraordinarily significant legal and political consequences for it. By the date of Congress WADA will have reviewed the IPFs Anti-Doping rules (and there may be ADR amendments flowing from that), but the final step of Congress ratification is essential for the IPF to meet the 1/1/2015 deadline

****accepted unanimously**

Proposal Australia:

Article 11.6 (*Reason: conforming the revised Anti-Doping Rules, see the red colored text*):

6. Anti-Doping Commission

6.1. Responsibility for IPF Testing, Anti-Doping Commission, Duties of Anti-Doping Commission

6.2. The IPF Anti-Doping Commission shall be responsible for drawing up a test distribution plan for the sport of Powerlifting and for the implementation of that plan, including overseeing all *Testing* conducted by or on behalf of the IPF. Testing may be conducted by members of the Anti-Doping Commission or by other persons so authorized by the IPF.

6.3. The Anti-Doping Commission must base the Test Distribution Plan on the criteria set out at Section 4.0 of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

6.4. The Anti-Doping Commission consists of a Chair and a minimum of five and a maximum of eight other members with experience in anti-doping. The Anti-Doping Commission shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

6.5. The Anti-Doping Commission shall arrange, coordinate and supervise doping testing for all IPF World Championships and other International Events where the IPF is the ruling body for the Event, and for Out-of-Competition Doping Control Sessions initiated by the IPF. The main duties of the Anti-Doping Commission are:

- α. to establish and maintain a system for collecting details regarding the Sample Collection Sessions;
- β. to establish criteria for who may be authorised to be present during a Sample Collection Sessions;
- χ. to cooperate with the organisers/promoters of World Championships and other International Events where the IPF is the ruling body for the Event in preparing the Sample Collection Sessions;
- δ. to ensure that the Doping Control Stations meet the minimum criteria prescribed in Clause 6.3.2 of the International Standard for Testing **and Investigations**;
- ε. to make contracts with an Anti-Doping Agencies/Organizations to carry out the sampling at all World Championships and other International Events where the IPF is the ruling body for the Event;
- φ. to make contracts with an Anti-Doping Agencies/Organizations to carry out the sampling at Out-of-Competition Doping Control Sessions;
- γ. to provide an appropriate sample collection equipment and documents to the Doping Control Stations, or to ensure that the appointed Doping Control Officer are equipped with relevant sampling kit and documents;
- η. to ensure that Sample Collection Equipment used meets the minimum criteria prescribed in Clause 6.3.4 of the International Standard for Testing **and Investigations**;
- ι. to ensure that the Sample Collection procedures, Security/Post-test administration and Transport of Samples and documentation substantially complies with the requirements prescribed in **sections 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0** of the International Standard for Testing **and Investigations**.

6.6. The Anti-Doping Commission shall also review and update the criteria for inclusion in a Registered Testing Pool; and

6.7. Collect, maintain and monitor sufficient athlete whereabouts information;

6.8. Develop and document a test distribution plan;

6.9. Select athletes for Out-of-Competition doping control;

6.10. Report to the WADA clearinghouse all In-Competition and Out-of-Competition tests on athletes included in the IPF Registered Testing Pool as soon as possible after such tests have been conducted.

6.11. In the Regional Events where the ruling body for the Event is the IPF Region, the relevant body of the IPF Region concerned with shall, in consultation with the IPF Anti-Doping Commission, organize and supervise doping Testing for the Event.

****accepted unanimously**

Proposal Luxembourg

Add. To 8.1 also a female board member as representative of the women

8.1

Executive

Elected Members:

- The President
- The Vice President
- The Secretary General
- The Treasurer

- A male or female member as a lifters' speaker (first time he or she is appointed by the Executive in 2013. From 2014 the male or female member will be proposed by the Athletes Commission and ratified by the General Assembly).
- A female member as a women's speaker (first time she is appointed by the Executive in 2014. From 2015 the female member will be elected by the General Assembly).

Six members determined by the Regions (Continents).

There shall be at least a quorum of five members. In the event of an impasse (stalemate), the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Motivation: To have a standing female board member who represents the women in the EC. Further more this is also recommended by the IOC.

Norway made the following amendment: 8.1 The President, the Vice President, The Secretary General, The Treasurer, The Lifters Speaker

Minimum on person of the above must be of the opposite gender.

Secunder for the amendment: Denmark; Voting: 4/24/2 amendment failed

Voting original proposal from Luxembourg: 28/3/4 proposal axepted

Proposals Norway

Changed item->7.3.6.3 All amendments to the Constitution and the By Laws must be submitted to all national affiliates and the appropriate committee before it can be acted upon at the annual meeting of the IPF. Such proposed amendments **must be in the hands of the the President, Secretary General and the chairman of the Law and Legislation Committee** at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the General Assembly. A national federation, a regional federation or the appropriate committee, can submit all such amendments. The Secretary General shall send out all such amendments at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the General Assembly for the attention of all national affiliates.

Reason: Add more transparency to the process of changing the Constitution.

****accepted unanimously**

Proposal Australia:

Delete

8.3.9 The executive with 2 members of the technical committee, 2 members of the women's committee, 2 members of the coach commission and 2 members of the athletes' commission have the authority to modify the Technical Rules. Such modifications must have a two-thirds majority of votes cast. Any modification will be effective from 1st of January and must be presented to the annual IPF congress before the Technical rules is modified.

****accepted unanimously Therefore the rest of the proposal was withdrawn**

7.2.10 Delete "To establish, define and enforce rules for the government of international powerlifting". This would also require **ByLaw 109** to be amended to delete the words "Technical Rules"

and

8.3.9 Delete "and must be presented to the annual IPF congress before the Technical rules is modified" (sic)

Reason There has been confusion as to the relative powers of the “rules group” and Congress to propose, establish or amend Technical Rules. This has been because of the following conflicting rules and opinions –

1. IPF Constitution 7.2.10 empowers the Congress to “establish, define and enforce rules for the government of international powerlifting”
2. IPF ByLaw 109 sets out a series of procedures for Congress proposals to amend the Technical Rules, thus establishing or at least presupposing such a power
3. IPF Constitution 8.3.9 gives a so-called rules group the power to modify the Technical Rules, but does not exclude Congress from also having the power to modify Technical Rules
4. 8.3.9 does not give the rules group unfettered power to amend Technical Rules, but requires the rules group to “present” any such possible amendments to the Congress; implicit therein is a subjugation of authority to the higher entity being presented to i.e. Congress
5. since 8.3.9 was introduced in late 2011 the 2012 and/or 2013 Congresses have passed or modified Technical Rules, which have been applied in IPF competition and endorsed, in one instance at least, as operative by the IPF President to an assembly of IPF nations (probably correctly so) i.e. practice has been consistent with the view that Congress has the authority to amend Technical rules
6. various opinions have been put forth as to whether Congress can or can't pass Technical Rule amendments, based on interpretations of the above facts and/or higher principles of jurisprudence. However the layman simply looking at the Constitution & ByLaws as currently written would very likely assume that Congress still has the power to amend Technical Rules directly (& therefore Nations can submit proposals to that Congress) and also that Congress has higher authority than the rules group.

Any confusion on these matters should be removed by a clear vote of Congress, in terms of the above two options i.e. either only Congress only can establish new Technical Rules or only the rules group can establish new Technical Rules

Proposal Norway

Changed item->9.2.3 Nominations of candidates for each IPF offices shall be received by the **President, IPF Secretary General and the chairman of the Law and Legislation Committee** at the latest 45 days prior to the date of the General Assembly where the election shall take place. Later nominations shall not be accepted, except there is no nomination for an IPF-Office. **All nominations must be posted on IPF Homepage at least 40 days prior to the General Assembly.**

****accepted unanimously**

Reason: Add more transparency to the nomination process.

Changed item->11.5.4 Shall study the Constitutions of new applicant nations and report the results to the **President and Secretary General.**

****accepted unanimously**

New item-> 11.5.5 Evaluate proposed changes to the Constitution and report the result to the **President and the Secretary General. The reported result shall be included in the distribution of proposed amendments, as mentioned in 7.3.6.3**

New item-> 11.5.6 Evaluate candidates nominated for elections and report the result to the President and the Secretary General

****accepted unanimously**

European Powerlifting Federation (EPF)
IPF Constitution 12.1 Regional Federations.

12.1.5.

They (Regional federations) cannot issue permits for competitions other than their own regional championships **and regional events open for two or more nations of that Region**

Amendment EC: ...nations of that Region and must be also sanctioned by the IPF

Secunder Amendment: Switzerland Amendment accepted unanimously

Proposal accepted unanimously

Reason: (New text underlined) It should not be necessary that IPF must sanction minor Regional and Sub-Regional competitions. Regional federations can easily handle this and save work for the IPF administration.

Proposals Australia:

14.16.3 Add "All funds received by the IPF through the exercise of Article 12 of the IPF Anti-Doping Rules shall be retained in a separate ledger or account and applied in that or subsequent years, only to in and out of competition drug testing conducted by the IPF and/or activities directly related to the conduct of such testing"

Reason: The cost of the IPF testing programme, now including the Athlete Biological Passport, the WADA Powerlifting Test Menu of 30% blood tests and so on, is accelerating. Also Article 12 fines from athletes and nations have reached significant amounts in recent years. The expectation of IPF athletes and officials is that doping fines as used to remedy the doping problem and it is also now a practical necessity that the more complex WADA/IPF system has a source of funding. That is a critical matter for the future of the IPF and anti-doping funding should be secured Constitutionally

Voting: 2/27/6 proposal failed

Article 14.9 (New sub-article 14.9.1, reason: the IOC requirement)

Participating in Non-IPF Competition

Any lifter, coach, referee or official who competes or participates in an international Powerlifting or Bench Press competition not organised, sanctioned or approved by the IPF shall not be permitted to take part in any IPF international or regional competition for a period of 12 months from the date of that non-approved competition.

14.9.1 **Notwithstanding article 14.9 the lifter, coach or official may participate in multi-sport international games, e.g. the Commonwealth Games, the University Games, or the Students' international or regional multi-sport games that is not sanctioned by the IPF, however provided that there is not any athlete or other person participating in such games in any capacity who is serving his/her Ineligibility period for a doping related offence.**

Voting: 34/1/1 proposal accepted

Article 15.1 (Reason: conforming the revised Anti-Doping Rules, see the red colored text):

DC ARTICLE 1. 15.1 Scope of the Anti-Doping Rules

The Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to the IPF and to each of its *National Federations*. They also apply to the following *Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel* and other *Persons*, each of whom is deemed, as a condition of his/her membership, accreditation and/or participation in the sport, to have agreed to be bound by the Anti-Doping Rules, and to have submitted to the authority of the IPF to enforce the Anti-Doping Rules and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels specified in Article 8 and Article 13 to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under the Anti-Doping Rules:

- a. all *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* who are members of the IPF, or of any *National Federation*, or of any member or affiliate organization of any *National Federation* (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues);
- b. all *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* participating in such capacity in *Events, Competitions* and other activities organized, convened, authorized or recognized by the IPF, or any *National Federation*, or any member or affiliate organization of any *National Federation* (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues), wherever held;
- c. any other *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Personnel* or other *Person* who, by virtue of an accreditation, a license or other contractual arrangement, or otherwise, is subject to the jurisdiction of the IPF, or of any *National Federation*, or of any member or affiliate organization of any *National Federation* (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues), for purposes of anti-doping;
- d. to be eligible for participation in *International Events*, a competitor must have an IPF license issued by his or her *National Federation*. The IPF license will only be issued to competitors who have personally signed the Appendix 3 consent form, in the actual form approved by the IPF. All forms from *Minors* must be counter-signed by their legal guardians, and
- e. *Athletes* who are not regular members of the IPF or of one of its *National Federations* but who want to be eligible to compete in a particular *International Event*. The IPF may include such *Athletes* in its *Registered Testing Pool* so that they are required to provide information about their whereabouts for purposes of *Testing* under the Anti-Doping Rules for at least six months prior to the *International Event* in question.

Within the overall pool of *Athletes* set out above who are bound by and required to comply with the Anti-Doping Rules, the following *Athletes* shall be considered to be *International-Level Athletes* for purposes of the Anti-Doping Rules, and therefore the specific provisions in the Anti-Doping Rules applicable to *International-Level Athletes* (as regards *Testing* but also as regards *TUEs*, whereabouts information, results management, and appeals) shall apply to such *Athletes*:

- a. Any Event listed on the IPF Calendar of Events, see <http://www.powerlifting-ipf.com/5.html> is an International Event and any athlete who enters or competes in any of those International Events for Sub-Junior, Junior or Open categories is an International-Level Athlete.

****accepted unanimously**

By-Laws

Finish Powerlifting Federation:

[Amendment to the By-Laws: 104.8 Categories of World Records](#) as follows:

The IPF recognizes world records in the following categories: Men's Open **and** Women's Open, Juniors Men and Women, **Sub-Juniors** Men and Women, **Youth (Boys and Girls 12 - 15 years of age)**, and Masters

Men and Women. Single lift Bench press: Open Men's **and Women's Open**, Open Women's, **Juniors Men and Women, Sub- Juniors Men and Women, and** Masters Men and Women.

Reason: Young people grow up faster nowadays. To start powerlifting in the 14 years of age is too late compared to other sports. Also powerlifting has a potential to have more lift-ers while downgrading lifters' minimum age to 12 instead of 14 years.

Finland withdrew the proposal after a long discussion and of the reason that in many countries are legal problems to implement such a rule as in many countries it is not allowed to compete on championships with 12 years.

Proposal Australia:

Article 104.9 (*Reason: Conforming the revised Anti-Doping Rules*)

Recognition of World Records

104.9.1 World records as referred to in article 5.1.1.2 of the IPF Anti-Doping Rules will only be accepted from competitions where doping testing is carried out according to the IPF Anti-Doping Rules and the lifter returns a negative test result. This must be done strictly in accordance with the IPF Anti-Doping Rules and WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations including the analysis of samples in a laboratory accredited at the time of analysis by WADA.

****accepted unanimously**

104.9.2 Where a lifter is found to have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and the penalty for that violation is confirmed by the Doping Hearing Panel as 2 years or more suspension that lifter shall suffer the loss of all World, Regional and any other international Records set by them since 1st of January 2011. In such cases the Record(s) shall be held open for a period of 30 days and new applications for those Record(s) may be received re performances which were set under all World Record conditions (international meet, drug-test, etc.). At the end of that 30-day period the Record(s) in question shall revert to the higher of any new applications or the performance of the holder of the Record previous to the performance of the suspended lifter.

****accepted unanimously**

105.9.3 Delete

~~All members of national teams taking part in world or international competition must be in possession of a valid passport of the country they are to represent. Failing this, proof of a two-year period of residence in that country will be accepted.~~

New:

105.9.3 (i) All individual competitors taking part in international competitions must be nationals of the country of the National Powerlifting Federation entering or sanctioning the participation of those competitors.

(ii) A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he or she may elect. However, after having represented one country in an international event he or she may not represent another country unless he or she meets the conditions set forth in (iii) next

(iii) A competitor who has represented one country in an international event and who has changed nationality, or acquired a new nationality, may participate in subsequent International events as a representative of his or her new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented their former country. This period may be reduced or cancelled with the agreement of the national federations concerned and the agreement of the IPF

(iv) All cases and all matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in an international competition shall be resolved by the IPF Executive Committee. In resolving such matters the IPF Executive Committee may make all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues of nationality for any competitor”.

Reasons – I was instructed by the 2013 Congress to draft a nationality ByLaw consistent with the IOC Charter. That instruction was in line with IPF Constitution 3.2, which requires the IPF to “accept and recognize the statutes and aims of the IOC” and is also consistent with the rules of many IFs which mostly just take up the IOC Charter. The proposed ByLaw thus simply applies IOC Charter ByLaw 41. Note that the definition of “national” is left to common usage (such as dictionary definitions) and also that all cases can be simply resolved by agreement of the two NFs concerned or failing that, the IPF.

Voting: 33/0/2 proposal accepted

(3) **105.9.3** Subject to the new 105.9.3 being adopted – Amend 105.9.3 to add “(v) The national affiliation of any Referee, Coach or other official of a country or of the IPF shall be determined in accordance with the principles applied to competitors by virtue of (i) –(iv)”

Reason Nationality of officials is equally important as the nationality of competitors and should be equally regulated

Voting: 33/0/2 proposal accepted

European Powerlifting Federation (EPF):

105.5.2.

Latest date of withdrawal of any lifter from the nomination list, to avoid paying the fees for those, is ~~7~~ 14 days prior to the technical meeting for this competition.

Voting: 35/1/0 proposal accepted

105.4.3.

At all World Championships the accommodation fee shall be payable by bank transfer or credit card as follows (Exceptions may be granted by the IPF EC):

1) By bank transfer as specified by the organizer in the invitation for each World Event, latest 14 days prior to the competition.

Reason 105.5.2 and 105.4.3: (New text is underscored). Organizers need to book a certain number of hotel rooms and it will be easier for a hotel management to accept that rooms are cancelled with 14 days notice rather than 7 days notice. This has been a request from several organizers of World championships.

Voting: 33/0/1 proposal accepted

Ukraine

105.4 Invitation and Accommodation

105.4.3 At all World Championships the accommodation fees shall be payable by:

a) bank transfer and/ or

b) credit card and/ or

c) **cash**

as specified in invitation by the Organizer.

Reason: It's better to give a Organizer opportunity to chose way of acceptance of payment for accommodation.

Proposal withdrawn

105.15 Eligibility to Represent a National Federation

105.15.1 A person (athlete or official) can represent **only one** National federation.

105.10.2 If a person becomes a member of another National Federation he or she may represent it at international events not earlier than two years following the date of the last international event where he or she represented the previous National Federation. Exceptions can be made if a person receives the permission for participation from the National Federation he or she represented before.

105.10.3 A permission for participation in an international event must be submitted to the IPF Championship Secretary together with the nomination.

Reason: It's not good when an athlete or official change National Federation in a moment.

Proposal withdrawn

European Powerlifting Federation (EPF):

(New 105.14) Including a Referee in National Teams, Fine, Restriction

Any nation, being a member of IPF for more than 5 years, participating with more than 4 lifters in IPF championships or IPF cups, as nominated at the final entry form and not withdrawn 7 (14) days prior to the Technical Meeting for this championship, should include at least one international referee among its team officials available for refereeing or being a member of the jury.

In combined championships/cups (men and women) the 4 lifters include the total number of lifters from one nation. If a referee from that nation is not present or, if present, is not available to act in the capacity of either referee or member for jury during the championship/cup, the lifters are allowed to take part, but a fine of Euro 500 has to be paid by the nation. The IPF treasurer must receive such payment before lifters from that nation are allowed to take part in any further IPF championships or cups.

105.14.1 Each national federation must specify on the nomination form the weight categories in which their referees are available for refereeing. After the final nomination date, the IPF Technical Committee Chairman issues a referee list for the whole championship. Any changes of a referee's duty may be reported to the Technical Committee Chairman until 7 (14) days prior to the championship. After that date the referees cannot expect to officiate in other duties than specified on the referees' duty list.

Reason: To increase the number of referees taking part in World championships. More referees are strongly needed at most Worlds except the Open.

Voting: 27/7/4 proposal accepted

Article 108.6 (*Reason: Entourage Commission's report should be added here*)

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| 6. Committee Reports | | |
| (a) Technical Committee | (b) Medical Committee | (c) Disciplinary Committee |
| (d) Appeal Committee | (e) Law & Legislation Committee | (f) Anti-Doping Commission |
| (g) Doping Hearing Panel | (h) Women's Committee | (i) Entourage Commission |

****accepted unanimously**

Technical Rules

will be presented at the GA

Technical Rules were presented by the Secretary General to the Delegates and will be published on the IPF webpage after implementing the new rules in the rulesbook

General Proposal

The IPF Executive Board propose to vote for a moratorium of a “frozen IPF approved list” for a 4 years period (01.01.2015 – 31.12.2018).

Reason: To give all parties (lifters, manufacturers) the insurance that during this period of 4 years no new equipment will be added on the IPF approved list.

The IPF will give all manufacturers a license (contract) from 01.01.2015 until 31.12.2018.

If a manufacturer makes any kind of doctoring or modification on a specific product after the approval, this product will be deleted immediately from the list and the manufacturer will be fined (the fine will be EUR 10.000,--).

Voting: 24/4/5 proposal accepted

11) New Member Applicants

Full members: ---

Provisional members: Kiribati, Tuvalu, Afghanistan (currently suspended regarding doping failures), Lebanon, Dominican Republic, Pakistan, Croatia, Cameroon, Egypt, “New” Serbian Powerlifting Federation (Srpska Powerlifting Federacija);

Amendment IPF Secretary General:The “new” Serbian Powerlifting Federation does not fulfill the requirements and therefore this new federation will be not accepted.

****accepted unanimously**

12) Action on delinquent Nations

Ireland;

****accepted unanimously**

13) Hall of Fame

Will be announced at the General Assembly!

Male lifter: Annibal Coimbra (LUX)

Official: Peter Fiore (AUS)

14) Future Championships

2015				
15. February	NAPF-Pro Bench Press Championships - Aurora Sports Festival	NAPF	Aurora/Denver	USA
21. - 22. February	Nordic Junior Championships	NPF		Finland
21. - 28. March	EPF Classic Open Junior & Sub Junior	EPF	Pilsen	Czech Republic
19. - 22. March	9th Annual NAPF Caribbean Powerlifting Championships	NAPF	TBA	TBA
08. - 12. April	European Junior & Sub-Junior Powerlifting Championship	EPF		Hungary
16. - 19. April	World Masters Bench Press Championships	IPF	Denver/Aurora	USA
08. - 18. May	5th IBSA World Games Powerlifting Championships	IBSA	Seoul	South Korea
06. - 09. May	European Open Powerlifting Championship	EPF	Chemnitz	Germany
20. - 24. May	World Bench Press Championships for Women&Men: Open, Sub-Junior & Junior	IPF	Sundsvall	Sweden
TBA May	5th IBSA World Games Powerlifting Championships	IBSA	Soul	South Korea
05. - 14. June	IPF RAW Classics Powerlifting World Championships	IPF	Salo	Finland
07. July	13th NAPF North American Regional Powerlifting Championships	NAPF	Moose Jaw	Canada
08. - 11. July	13th NAPF North American Regional Powerlifting Championships	NAPF	Moose Jaw	Canada
14. - 18. July	European Masters Powerlifting Championship	EPF	Pilsen	Czech Republic
06. - 08. August	European Open Bench Press Championship	EPF	Pilsen	Czech Republic
31. August - 6. September	World Sub-Junior & Junior Championships	IPF	Prague	Czech Republic
03. - 06. September	15th NAPF/FESUPO Pan-American Powerlifting Championships	NAPF	Ribeirao Preto	Brazil
11. - 13. September	Western European Powerlifting Championship	EPF	La Manga	Spain
28. September - 04. October	World Masters Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Aurora/Denver	USA
09.-10. October	Danube Cup	EPF	Salzburg	Austria
16. - 18. October	European Masters Bench Press Championship	EPF	Talin	Estonia
09. - 15. November	Men's and Women's World Championships	IPF	Hamm	Luxembourg
22. - 23. November	9th Annual NAPF Caribbean Powerlifting Championships	NAPF	TBA	
2016				
TBA February	Nordic Junior Championships	NPF/EPF		Sweden
07.-12. March	EPF Classic Open, Junior & Sub Junior	EPF	Tartu	Estonia
13. - 17. April	European Junior and Sub Junior Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Malaga	Spain
TBA April	World Masters Bench Press Championships	IPF	Rødby	Denmark
10. - 14. May	European Open Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Plzen	Czech Republic
TBA May	World Open, Sub Junior & Junior Bench Press Championships	IPF	Potchefstrom	RSA
TBA June	IPF RAW Classic Open, Sub Juniors & Juniors World Powerlifting Championship	IPF	Killeen	USA
12. - 16. July	European Masters Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Plzen	Czech Republic
18. - 20. August	European Open Bench Press Championships	EPF	Røedby	Denmark
TBA August	NPF Congress - Nordic Open Powerlifting & Bench Press Championships	NPF/EPF		Denmark
TBA August	World Sub Juniors & Juniors Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Wraclaw	POL
08. - 10. September	Western European Powerlifting Championships	EPF		Italy
TBA October	Men's and Women's Masters World Powerlifting Championships	IPF	Talin	EST
13. - 15. October	European Masters Bench Press Championships	EPF	Hamm	Luxembourg
TBA November	Men's and Women's Powerlifting World Championships	IPF	Paris	FRA
2017				
TBA February	Nordic Junior Championships	NPF/EPF		Iceland
14.-19. March	EPF Classic Open, Junior & Sub Junior Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Thisted	Denmark
04.-08. April	European Juniors & Sub Juniors Powerlifting Championships	EPF		Czech Republic
19.-22. April	World Masters Bench press Championships	IPF	Bid Kaunas	Lithuania
10.-14. May	European Open Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Malaga	Spain
23.-27. May	World Open, Sub Junior & Juniors Bench press Championships	IPF	Bid Kaunas	Lithuania
11.-15. July	European Masters Powerlifting Championships	EPF	Pilsen	Czech Republic
11.-13. August	European Open Bench Press Championships	EPF	Ylitornio	Finland
14.-16. September	Western European Powerlifting Cup	EPF	Hamm	Luxembourg
06.-07. October	Danube Cup	EPF	Venue Requested	
13.-15. October	European Masters Bench Press Championships	EPF	Malaga	Spain

15) Any other Business

The IPF President welcomes also the representatives from the SOI with which the IPF has a fruitful relation.

Mr. Chip Hultquist and Mr. Paul Whichard expressed their best wishes to the IPF and informed the delegates that the SOI is still working to continue the good cooperation with the IPF.

The representative from the VIP Sponsor ELEIKO, Mr. Andreas Andreen had a small presentation regarding the company Eleiko and new improvements in their equipment section for powerlifting and also education

16) Adjournment

The IPF President thanked all delegates and guests for the good and constructive General Assembly and closed the GA at 7.30pm