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FILA EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS 2013 MOSCOW (RUS)

18th May 2013

Hotel Ritz Carlton

Minutes

Total voters present at the Congress: 133

Bureau Members present (Total : 22) :

1. Nenad Lalovic	Acting President
2. Michel Dusson	General Secretary
3. Ahmet Ayik	Vice-president
4. Stan Dziedzic	Vice-president
5. Tomiaki Fukuda	Vice-president
6. Matteo Pellicone	Vice-president
7. Al Shahrani Zamel Sayyaf	Member
8. Namig Aliyev	Member
9. Theodoros Hamakos	Member
10. Csaba Hegedüs	Member
11. Ik-Jong Kim	Member
12. Mikhail Mamiashvili	Member
13. Raphaël Martinetti	Member
14. Akhroldjan Ruziev	Member
15. Daulet Turlykhanov	Member
16. Tzeno Tzenov	Member and President of the European Continental Council
17. Rodica Yaksi	Member
18. Natalia Yariguina	Member
19. Fouad Meskout	President of the African Continental Council
20. Francisco Lee Lopez	President of the Pan-American Continental Council
21. Chang Kew Kim	President of the Asian Continental Council
22. John Tarkong	President of the Oceania Continental Council
Pedro Gama Filho	Co-opted Member
Alexander Karelin	Co-opted Member
Jim Scherr	Co-opted Member
Abbas Abbasov	Member of Honour



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African Continent (Total : 20)

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|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Algeria | 8. Guinea-Bissau | 15. Namibia |
| 2. Burundi | 9. Kenya | 16. South Africa |
| 3. Botswana | 10. Libya | 17. Senegal |
| 4. Central Africa Republic | 11. Madagascar | 18. Sierra Leone |
| 5. Chad | 12. Morocco | 19. Tunisia |
| 6. Comoros | 13. Malawi | 20. Zimbabwe |
| 7. Egypt | 14. Mauritania | |

Pan-American Continent (Total : 19)

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| 1. Argentina | 8. El Salvador | 15. Puerto Rico |
| 2. Brazil | 9. Guatemala | 16. Suriname |
| 3. Canada | 10. Virgin Islands | 17. Uruguay |
| 4. Chili | 11. Nicaragua | 18. United States |
| 5. Colombia | 12. Paraguay | 19. Venezuela |
| 6. Costa Rica | 13. Peru | |
| 7. Cuba | 14. Panama | |

Asian Continent (Total : 23)

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| 1. Bangladesh | 9. Kyrgyzstan | 17. Qatar |
| 2. Chine | 10. South Korea | 18. Syria |
| 3. India | 11. Saudi Arabia | 19. Thailand |
| 4. Iran R.I. | 12. Lebanon | 20. Turkmenistan |
| 5. Iraq | 13. Mongolia | 21. Uzbekistan |
| 6. Jordan | 14. Myanmar | 22. Vietnam |
| 7. Japan | 15. Philippines | 23. Yemen |
| 8. Kazakhstan | 16. North Korea | |

European Continent (Total : 42)

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| 1. Albania | 15. Finland | 29. Montenegro |
| 2. Armenia | 16. France | 30. Netherlands |
| 3. Austria | 17. Great Britain | 31. Norway |
| 4. Azerbaijan | 18. Georgia | 32. Poland |
| 5. Belgium | 19. Germany | 33. Portugal |
| 6. Bosnia & Herzegovina | 20. Greece | 34. Romania |
| 7. Belarus | 21. Hungary | 35. Russia |
| 8. Bulgaria | 22. Israel | 36. Slovenia |
| 9. Croatia | 23. Italy | 37. Serbia |
| 10. Cyprus | 24. Latvia | 38. Switzerland |
| 11. Czech Republics | 25. Lithuania | 39. Slovakia |
| 12. Denmark | 26. Moldova | 40. Sweden |
| 13. Spain | 27. Macedonia | 41. Turkey |
| 14. Estonia | 28. Malta | 42. Ukraine |



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Oceania Continent (Total : 7)

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| 1. American Samoa | 4. Nauru | 7. Samoa |
| 2. Australia | 5. New Zealand | |
| 3. Micronesia | 6. Palau | |

TOTAL: 133

1. Welcome words by the President of the Wrestling Federation of Russia, Mr Mamiashvili, and by the representatives of the Russian government and sport authorities

Mr Mikhail Mamiashvili welcomes all delegates on behalf of the Russian Wrestling Federation. He explains the Bureau is doing everything possible to solve the global problems FILA is facing. This congress is responsible in front of this sport's history and must take decisions subsequently. Mr Mamiashvili gives the floor to the Minister of Sports of the Russian Federation, Mr Vitaly Mutko.

Mr Vitaly Mutko addresses the Congress and points out that the decision that will be taken will decide of FILA's future. According to him the IOC's decision has been incomprehensible for the world sports community but reactions have been strong. Wrestling is a sport easy to practice and has a social vocation especially for the young. Its place in the Olympics is thus essential. He adds that the President of the Russian Federation Mr Putin supports all efforts for the return of wrestling in the program. Many contacts have been taken with sports ministers to build a network for wrestling and FILA must be united.

Mr Mamiashvili then gives the floor to the President of the Russian Olympic Committee, Mr Alexander Zhukov.

Mr Zhukov greets all delegates and Bureau members and looks forward to the holding of this congress in Russia where wrestling is very popular. FILA has to build a road map for the future. It must reorganize itself deeply. He adds that many supports have been found on the state level.

The floor is given to Mr Alexey Vorobiev, Sports Minister of the city of Moscow. Mr Vorobiev joins in what has been said and welcomes all the delegates of the Congress in Moscow.

Finally the floor is given to Mr Vitaly Smirnov, President of Honour of the Russian Olympic Committee. In his sense, wrestling will find the way to overcome this obstacle and will remain as one of the most spectacular sports in the Olympic program.

2. Opening of the Extraordinary Congress 2013 by the acting President Mr Nenad Lalovic

Mr Lalovic opens the Congress and points out that that this day is important for FILA and what will be decided at this extraordinary Congress will determine whether wrestling will find its place back in the Olympics after 2016. We must demonstrate to the IOC that wrestling is strong and can take wise and common sense decisions.

Three dates are extremely important for the history of wrestling: 28th May 2013, the day when the IOC Executive Committee will select the sport(s) in the shortlist for the general assembly; 5th



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September 2013, the day when the IOC session will decide which sport will be integrated in the 2020 Olympic program; and today, the day that FILA determines its future.

3. Appointment of the Extraordinary Congress working committee:

Proposition is made to the Extraordinary Congress to appoint the working bodies as follows:

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| - Writer of the minutes | Mr Dusson |
| - Proof-reader of the minutes | English version: Mr Dziedzic
French version: Mr Dusson |
| - Elections commission | Mr Tzenov, Mr Kim, Mr Tarkong, Mr Lee, Mr Meskout |
| - Scrutineers | Mr Tzenov, Mr Kim, Mr Tarkong, Mr Lee, Mr Meskout |

This nomination is approved by the Congress.

4. Report on the actions taken by FILA for the reintegration of wrestling in the 2020 Olympic Games program. Various presentations

Mr Lalovic thanks the delegates for their attendance. The large number of delegates shows the commitment in such a difficult time. He also thanks the Russian Wrestling Federation for the excellent organization of the Congress.

Mr Lalovic points out that the presentation of St-Petersburg is also prepared thanks to this extraordinary congress which will take decisions on the Constitution and on the wrestling rules. He also explains that many companies have taken contact with FILA to assist in getting back its place in the Olympic Games. Two companies have been selected in this regard: Teneo and TSE.

Mr Lalovic also underlines that FILA has greatly improved in its media management and this work has to be improved. The FILA website has also been modernized and will be ready for the end of May.

He adds that the presentation to the IOC Executive Committee in St-Petersburg will be carried out by individuals from the FILA. The aforementioned companies are only assisting FILA in the preparation of its presentation.

Mr Lalovic gives the floor to Mr Haue-Pedersen, Director of TSE Consulting, for a short presentation.

According to Mr Haue-Pedersen, an action of two fronts must be engaged simultaneously: public relations and lobby to the IOC and its members must be carried out to convince them to reintegrate wrestling in the Olympics; improvement and reinforcement of wrestling and its organisation.

A world plan for wrestling must be set up to gather all ideas, structure them and set priorities.

Two axis must be followed:

1. Demonstrate to everyone – and not only the IOC – that FILA has a plan for the future;
2. Reinforce wrestling and organise it to avoid being in this situation in the future.



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There are four points for the world wrestling plan :

1. Have a vision of our sport in the future
2. Create a strategy for improvement and reinforcement
3. Set objectives
4. Enforce the plan

Reports, questionnaires, inputs from outside wrestling (television, sports managers, etc), group meetings, interviews and an online questionnaire will be compiled and used to set this plan. This plan will be presented during the world championship in Budapest.

5. Amendments to the FILA Constitution

A copy of the Constitution with the amendments proposals has been distributed beforehand to all national federations for their review. It is asked to the Congress whether the Constitution must be reviewed article by article or whether the Congress adopts them globally. As no delegate asks for their review article by article the amendments are adopted globally by the Congress without further remarks.

6. Amendments to the Wrestling Rules

Mr Dzedzic presents the proposals that have been sent to the Federations beforehand. These proposals are the result of a compilation of the proposals received and reflect a general consensus. The main changes are mainly the cumulative score, the periods (2 periods of three minutes) and the incentives for a more active wrestling. Mr Dzedzic notes that for practical reasons the Bureau did not approve the new rules line-by-line, instead these main changes constitute a foundation on which the rules may still evolve.

Mr Dzedzic adds that no agreement could be found by the Bureau on the separation of the best wrestlers (separation of 2 or 4 best wrestlers from the previous year) and the competition format.

In addition Mr Dzedzic points out that these rules will be enforced immediately after the Congress.

7. New structure and functions of the FILA Bureau and its auxiliary bodies

The FILA new structures are presented to the Congress. A call for nominations will be sent to all Federations to compose the new commissions. The composition will be decided at the Bureau meeting in Budapest.

The Congress approves this new structure.

8. Congress decision on the non-Olympic styles associated to FILA

The reasons why FILA will stop governing Grappling and MMA are presented to the Congress delegates. Indeed the IOC has let FILA know that this type of sports cannot have its place in the Olympic family. The Congress approves the proposition not to keep on managing grappling and MMA within FILA. The current contracts will be fulfilled and this decision will take effect by the end of 2013.



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9. Information on the FILA-CELA Specialized School project for the training of professional coaches Information on the World Wrestling Academy in Moscow

Mr Tzenov explains that the FILA Bureau had approved the creation of the FILA-CELA specialized school in 2011 and that a presentation has been made in 2012 in London. This course aims at training coaches on a professional way. It has been created jointly with the Bulgarian Wrestling Federation and the Bulgarian Academy of Sports. This training will start in 2014. Mr Tzenov points out that the interested national federations may address their national Olympic committee to be granted a financial assistance for this training. The CELA website presents all necessary information.

Mr Tzenov adds a few words on the World Wrestling Academy in Moscow. This academy is opened to all federations and beneficiaries from excellent equipment and qualified coaches.

10. Report on the verification of powers

The number of national federations represented at the Congress is 111.

The Bureau members, comprising the Presidents of the Continental Councils, are 22.

Total : 133

Mr Pellicone asks for the floor. He explains that the Bureau meeting on the day before has made an excellent work and he thanks the acting President as well as all Bureau members. He also thanks Mr Martinetti and emphasizes that the latter has dedicated his entire life to wrestling. Mr Pellicone thanks Mr Martinetti for his contribution during the Bureau meeting on 17th May.

11. Presentation of the candidate for the election of the FILA President

Mr Dusson explains the reasons that motivate the FILA Bureau to nominate Mr Lalovic for the presidency. The steps and actions taken by Mr Lalovic from his appointment as the acting President are presented to the Congress.

Mr Abbas Abbasov asks for the floor and expresses his gratitude to Mr Martinetti for his actions for wrestling and for his decision to resign from the FILA presidency. He proposes to elect the new President until the 2016 Olympic Games.

Mr Lalovic thanks Mr Abbasov for his words. He explains that the Constitution provides that the agenda of the extraordinary congress may not be modified.

Many delegates intervene on the issue of the immediate enforcement of the new rules and a long debate starts on this question.

It is finally decided to apply the resolution taken by the Bureau on 17th May and apply the new rules immediately.



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12. Election of the FILA President with mandate until the 2014 Congress

The election of the nominee Mr Lalovic is carried out by secret ballot.

Results:

- 132 valid votes
- 125 votes for Mr Lalovic
- 7 votes against Mr Lalovic

Mr Lalovic is elected FILA President until the 2014 Congress.

Mr Lalovic expresses his deep gratitude to all delegates for their confidence.

13. Miscellaneous

Mr Dusson announces that the Refereeing Commission meeting will take place in Poland in November.

Advanced Schools for Coaches:

- LL : USA – Los Angeles
- LF : JPN - Tokyo
- GR : a candidate must be found

2014 Calendar:

- World Championship Cadet: Slovakia – adopted

The other competitions will be decided during the FILA Calendar meeting in Budapest on the occasion of the 2013 World Championship.

Mr Dusson asks the Federations to inform FILA of the number of licensed wrestlers in their federation.

14. Closing of the Congress

Mr Lalovic thanks the delegates. He adds that the delegates have an important role to play in the current situation and everybody must move forward towards the same goal.



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As no other item is on the agenda and nobody asks for the floor, the Extraordinary Congress is adjourned.

Michel Dusson
FILA General Secretary

Nenad Lalovic
FILA President

Corsier-sur-Vevey, 30th May 2013/cr