



**UWW Athletes Commission Online Conference
United World Wrestling, Corsier-sur-Vevey (SUI)
Monday, 18 May 2020 - 14.00 - 15:30 (Zurich time)**

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a slide titled "Agenda of the day" lists the following items:

- Introduction of the UWW Webinar ‘Athletes session’ - Development Director
- Welcome - Jordan Burroughs, UWW Athletes Commission Member
- Updates and Discussions - UWW Athletes Commission Member
- IOC Athletes Global Call Updates - Arsen Julfalakyan, UWW Athletes Commission Member
- Olympism and Corona - Yuri Maier, UWW Athletes Commission Member
- Q & A

On the right, a grid of 12 video thumbnails shows participants. The names visible are: United World Wrestling, Yuri Maier, Mindaugas Ezerskis, Deqa Niamkey, Arsen Julfalakyan, Sofia MATTSSON, Melonin Noumonvi, Odunayo ADEKUORO, Rich Bender, Komeil Ghasemi, Yanan Sun, and Nenad Lalovic. The bottom of the screen shows Zoom controls: Unmute, Stop Video, Participants (62), Q&A, Chat, Share Screen, Record, and Leave.

Attendance

Athletes Commission:

- Arsen Julfalakyan (ARM), Athletes Commission Member
- Yanan Sun (CHN), Athletes Commission Member
- Komeil Ghasemi (IRI), Athletes Commission Member
- Odunayo Folasade Adekuroye (NGR), Athletes Commission Member
- Sofia MATTSSON (SWE), Athletes Commission Member
- Mélonin Noumonvi (FRA), Athletes Commission Member
- Mindaugas Ezerskis (LTU), Athletes Commission Member

UWW President and Staff:

- Nenad Lalovic, UWW President, IOC Executive Board Member
- Deqa Niamkey, UWW Development Director
- Yuri Maier, UWW Sports & Development Officer
- Lei Liang, UWW Development Manager



Excused:

Jordan Burroughs (USA), Athletes Commission Chair
Jasmine MIAN (CAN), Athletes Commission Member

Online participants:

92 participants from 45 countries signed up and attended this online conference.

Agenda

- Welcome - Nenad Lalovic, UWW President
- Introduction of the UWW Webinar ‘Athletes session’ - Deqa Niamkey, UWW Development Director
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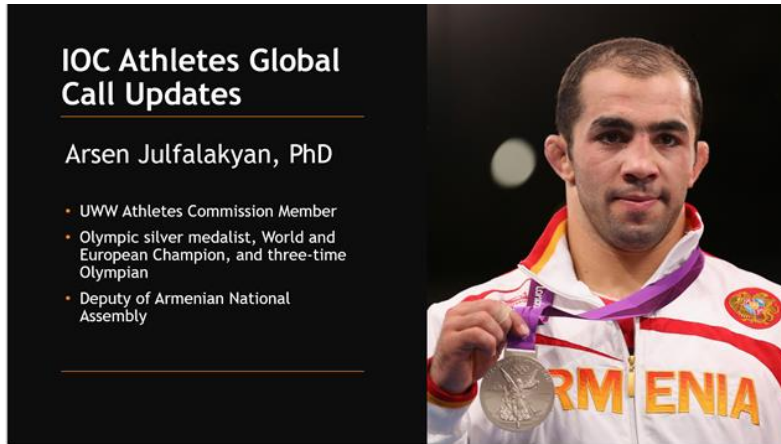
Discussions

- I. Mr. Yuri Maier shared the presentation on Olympism and Corona, and emphasized on the IOC’s crisis & post crisis management. The presentation is attached.





- II. Mr. Arsen Julfalakyan updated the commission on the latest IOC ‘Athletes Global Call on Coronavirus’ led by the IOC Athletes Commission. He also shared the information of IOC on anti-doping issues.



- III. UWW Athletes Commission Members shared the situation of their respective countries
- SWE - has currently no official restrictions on the training, however is concerned on infecting her family and peers when she will be traveling abroad.
 - FRA - Concerned of the postponement of the Games. They currently train individually at the INSEP for physical conditioning but combat sports are not permitted yet.
 - ARM - no training currently for the athletes and it is very likely that all sport including wrestling will be back to normal practice in September. He is providing recommendations to his government for the practice of combat sports in a safe environment and outdoors.
 - LTU - Training started beginning of May as the country was little affected by the COVID-19 and most likely all wrestling events will restart as of November.
 - NGR - currently the country is in total lock down, no any activities.
 - IRI - not possible to train at the time being and he also recommends for the future to host wrestling training and events in a safe environment, outdoors with a testing process.
 - USA - New York and Los Angeles are the two main areas of highest infection rates with huge impact on the practice of sports. Each state implemented its own rules and regulations and therefore, the lockdown varies from one state to the other. Smaller cities in the middle of the USA are much less affected.
 - CHN - the national team athletes have been staying in the training center since the start of the pandemic and they are able to carry out the activities in the training center only.



Welcome and updates - UWW Athletes Commission Members



Odunayo ADEKUOROYE



Arsen JULFALAKYAN



Sofia MATTSSON



Mélonin NOUMONVI



Yanan SUN



Komeil Ghasemi



Jasmine MIAN



Mindaugas EZERSKIS

IV. Words of UWW President

Mr. Lalovic thanked the Athletes Commission Members who dedicated their time in joining this discussion. The feedback provided valuable insights for facilitating the UWW Bureau and Technical commission to make necessary decisions for a speedy recovery of the sport of wrestling. The wrestling community must work together to overcome the damage this crisis may have caused and ensure wrestling will get back to the right track fast.

V. Suggestions

Mr. Komeil Ghasemi (IRI) suggested ‘open air’ wrestling competition instead of the confined space of the stadium to reduce the chances of virus transmission.

Mr. Rich Bender (USA) recommended based on a scientific sports study that athletes require ‘8-weeks’ minimum physical preparation prior any major events or competitions. He also shared the guidelines from the USAW ‘Return to Mats’ with the UWW Technical Commission and staff. Mr. Bender also suggested the possibility of testing all athletes to ensure a safe environment for training in the centres.

Note: a follow-up meeting will take place on the 3rd July 2020. An announcement of the meeting on our social media could be considered to increase the number of participating athletes online.