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INFORMATION

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The WMA Council hereby submits its report for the period of September 2013 - July 2015 covering the time span between the XX Stadia Championship in Porto Alegre, Brazil and the XXI Championship in Lyon, France.

WMA Council

During the period the Council has consisted of the following Officers:

President:	Stan Perkins, AUS
Executive Vice President:	Margit Jungmann, GER
Vice President, Stadia:	Serge Beckers, BEL
Vice President Non-Stadia:	Giacomo Leone, ITA
Secretary	Winston Thomas, GBR
Treasurer:	Jean Thomas, FRA
Women's Representative:	Selma Turkkal, TUR
IAAF Representative:	César Moreno Bravo, MEX

WMA Council Regional Delegates

Africa:	Leonie Etong, CAM
Asia: To September 2014.	Kiyoshi Konoike, JPN
	Sivasambo Sivapragasim, MAL
Europe:	Kurt Kaschke, GER
North and Central	
America & the Caribbean:	Sandy Pashkin, USA
Oceania:	Lynne Schickert, AUS
South America: To November 2014	Jorge Luis Manrique, PER
	Richard Amigo. PAR

WMA Committees

During the period the following WMA Committees were chaired by:

Stadia:	Serge Beckers
Non-Stadia:	Giacomo Leone
Doping and Medical:	Dr Steve Peters
Law and Legislation:	Jean Thomas
Records:	Sandy Pashkin
Organisational Advisory:	Margit Jungmann
Women's:	Selma Turkkal

WMA Meetings

During the period the following meetings have been held by the Council and committees

Council: Lyon, FRA, 4th June to 9th June 2014

Meetings with other Organizations

During the period WMA has met with the following organizations:

IAAF/WMA Masters Commission:	Budapest, HUN, 27 Mar 2014
IMGA General Assembly:	Belek, Turkey, 05 April 2014
IAAF/WMA Anti-doping meetings:	Monaco, MNO, 21 Nov 2014
WMRA and IAU:	Monaco, MNO, 21 Nov 2014
ASUDAVE Council and CAVRA	Medellin, COL, 4 th Nov 2014
IAAF/WMA Masters Commission:	Monaco, HUN, 21 Feb 2015
South American Federation	Lima, Peru 12-14 June 2015

Representation

During the period the following Council Members have served in other organizations:

IAAF Masters Commission	Stan Perkins, AUS
	Margit Jungmann, GER
	Serge Beckers, BEL
	Sandy Pashkin, USA

Championships

During the period the following World and Regional Championships have been organized:

Championships Indoors:	Budapest, HUN, 25-30 March 2014
WMA Ultra Marathon	Doha, QAT 21 Nov 2014

Regional Championships

Asia: Kitakami, JPN, 23-29 Sept 2014

Europe:

Stadia: Izmir, TUR Aug 22 to 31 2015

Indoors: Torun, POL, 24-30 Mar 2015

Non Stadia: Grosseto, ITA, 14-17 May 2015

North and Central America & the Caribbean:

San Jose, Costa Rica 21-24 Aug 2014

Oceania: Bendigo, AUS, 4-12 Jan 2014,

South America: Medellin, Col, 1-9 Nov 2014

WMA Affiliates and number of votes at the general assembly in Lyon, France 2015.

Affiliés WMA et nombre de votes pour l'Assemblée Générale à Lyon, France 2015.

Africa/l'Afrique	Votes	Indonesia	1
Algeria	1	Iran	1
Angola	1	Japan	2
Benin	1	Kazakhstan	1
Botswana	1	Korea	1
Cameroon	1	Kyrgyz Republic	1
Rep of Cape Verde	1	Lebanon	1
Central African Rep	1	Malaysia	1
Chad	1	Mongolia	1
Congo	1	Myanmar	1
Democratic Rep of Congo	1	Nepal	1
Djibouti	1	Pakistan	1
Egypt	1	Philippines	1
Equatorial Guinea	1	Singapore	1
Ethiopia	1	Sri Lanka	1
The Gambia	1	Chinese Tapei	1
Ghana	1	Tajikistan	1
Guinea	1	Thailand	1
Ivory Coast	1	Turkmenistan	1
Kenya	1	United Arab Emirates	1
Lesotho	1		
Liberia	1	Europe/L'Europe	Votes
Mauritania	1	Albania	1
Mauritius	1	Andorra	1
Morocco	1	Armenia	1
Mozambique	1	Austria	1
Namibia	1	Azerbaijan	1
Nigeria	1	Belarus	1
Rwanda	1	Belgium	2
Senegal	1	Bosnia Herzegovina	1
Seychelles	1	Bulgaria	1
South Africa	2	Croatia	1
Sudan	1	Cyprus	1
Togo	1	Czech Republic	2
Tunisia	1	Denmark	1
Zambia	1	Estonia	2
Zimbabwe	1	Finland	5
		France	4
Asia/l'Asie		Gerogia	1
Bangladesh	1	Germany	5
Brunei	1	Gibraltar	1
Peoples Rep, of China	1	Great Britan & NI	5
Hong-Kong	1	Greece	1
India	5	Hungary	1

Iceland	1
Ireland	1
Israel	1
Italy	5
Latvia	1
Liechtenstein	1
Lithuania	1
Luxembourg	1
Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Republic of)	1
Malta	1
Moldova	1
Monaco	1
Montenegro	1
Netherlands	2
Norway	1
Poland	2
Portugal	1
Romania	1
Russia	4
San Moreno	1
Serbia	1
Slovak Republic	1
Slovenia	1
Spain	2
Sweden	2
Switzerland	2
Turkey	1
Ukraine	1

**North and Central America
& the Caribbean. L'Amerique
du Nord et Centrale & Caraibes**

Antigua and Barbuda	1
Bahamas	1
Barbados	1
Belize	1
Bermuda	1
Canada	4
Costa Rica	1
Cuba	1
Dominican Republic	1
El Salvador	1
Guatemala	1
Honduras	1
Jamaica	1
Mexico	4
Nicaragua	1
Panama	1
Puerto Rico	2

St Kitts and Nevis	1
St Vincent	1
Trinidad & Tobago	1
Unites States of America	5
US Virgin Islands	1

Oceania/L'Oceanie **Votes**

American Samoa	1
Australia	4
Cook Island	1
Fiji	1
French Polynesia	1
Guam	1
Republic of Kiribati	1
Marshall Islands	1
Micronesia	1
Republic of Nauru	1
New Zealand	1
Norfolk island	1
Northern Marianas Island	1
Palau	1
Papua New Guinea	1
Samoa	1
Solomon Island	1
Tonga	1
Tuvalu	1
Vanuatu	1

**South America/L'Amerique
du Sud** **Votes**

Argentina	5
Aruba	1
Bolivia	1
Brazil	5
Chile	4
Colombia	4
Ecuador	0
Guyana	1
Panama	1
Paraguay	1
Peru	2
Surinam	0
Uruguay	1
Venezuela	2

AGENDA for the WMA General Assembly 13th August, 2015 Lyon, France.

Hôtel Lyon Métropole, Lyon. STARTING AT 9.00 AM

Registration from 07.30; Delegates to be seated by 08.50

1. 09.00 Opening of the General Assembly
2. 09.05 Certification of the proper calling of the General Assembly, and voting instructions
3. 09.15 Election of 2 scrutineers for the minutes
4. 09.20 Election of 4 persons to count the votes
5. 09.25 Matters arising from 2013 General Assembly Porto Alegre, Brazil.
6. 09.35 Submission and approval of reports from the:
 - President
 - Executive Vice President
 - Vice President Stadia
 - Vice President Non-Stadia
 - Secretary
 - Women's Representative
7. 10.15 Submission and approval of the auditor's report
8. 10.25 Submission and approval Treasurer Report
9. 10.40 Submission of report on IAAF
10. 11.55 Elect WMA Honorary Members
11. 11:10 Coffee Break (30 minutes - sharp)
12. 11.40 Bid presentations and voting for future WMA World Championships. - 2018 Stadia Championships
 - Malaga, Spain
 - Venice, Italy. (Jesolo, Caorle, Eraclea)
13. 12:40 Status Report Stadia Championship 2016, Perth, Australia
14. 13:00 Status Report Indoor Championship 2017, Daegu, south Korea

15. 13:15 Lunch
16. 14.45 Proposal by the Transitional Committee: Of the New WMA Constitution, Bye-Law and Championship Rules, to take effect 2016.
17. 16.55 Date of the next GA, Perth, Australia
18. 17:00 Closing of the General Assembly

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES

The General Assembly will follow *Robert's Rules of Order*, as required by the WMA Constitution.

- These call for a delegate to be recognized by the Chair before being allowed to speak. To ask to be recognized, raise your hand.
- All remarks are to be addressed to the Chair, not directly by one delegate to another.
- On all motions, the Chair will alternate between speakers in favour and those in opposition.
- A delegate may only speak a 2nd time on a motion when all other delegates wishing to speak have done so.
- Each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes per speech during debate.
- Voting shall be done electronically. If there are any difficulties with the electronic voting, either a voice vote or rising vote (the delegates stand) will be employed.
- Motions generally require a majority of those voting to be passed. Some motions, such as to close debate, require a 2\3rds approval.

Any ruling by the Chair may be appealed. It requires "a 2nd", whereby a second delegate endorses the request for an Appeal made by the first delegate. The Ruling of the Chair is then debated. The Chair is allowed to speak first and last in the debate. The decision of Chair is either upheld or overruled by a simple majority of the votes cast.

REPORT BY THE WMA PRESIDENT TO THE WMA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN LYON, FRANCE ON 13 AUGUST, 2015

This report is for the period since the Porto Alegre Stadia Championships and General Assembly held in October, 2013.

OVERVIEW

Another two years have come and gone and again it has been a very busy schedule for the WMA Council and indeed for all of the six World Regions. From an administrative perspective the major focus has been on finalising the matters outstanding from the Stadia Championships in Porto Alegre, Brazil, as well as the involvement with the 2014 World Masters Indoors championships held in Budapest, Hungary. There were also World Masters championships in Mountain Running and Ultra Running and Regional championships organized and conducted by the six WMA World regions.

Work continued on the finalization of the draft Constitution, By-Laws and Championship Rules. A meeting of the WMA Council was conducted in Lyon, France and an Executive meeting was held in Budapest. Visits were made to the host city of Lyon as preparations continued for the conduct of the championships that are now in progress, whilst bids for future Stadia championships in 2018 were inspected.

The appointment of an IAAF Masters Commission to replace the former Masters Committee was completed and two meetings of the Commission have now taken place. Relationships between WMA and the IAAF continue to strengthen and new initiatives have resulted in Masters athletics events being included in the program of the IAAF World Championships in Beijing this year. The strengthening of relationships between Masters affiliates and their IAAF counterparts across the world is another initiative that is being put into place and already we have seen some positive outcomes in this area. The IAAF Masters Athlete of the Year Awards were again presented in 2013 and 2014.

My report to the General Assembly in 2013 detailed that financial management of WMA was an ongoing priority. Actions taken to change our income structures and contain costs have been implemented and financial stability and growth is being achieved. We expect this growth to continue and expand in future years. In addition the Council has also utilized the increased funding from the IAAF to expand the financial cash grants to each Region by sixty percent.

SPECIFIC DETAILS

COMPETITIONS

2013 WMA Stadia Championships, Porto Alegre, Brazil

This was possibly the most difficult Stadia Championship that has been conducted since the beginning of World Masters Athletics. Warnings were given that this competition would be a major challenge for the Brazil organisers and hosts and these proved correct. Government elections (at three levels) and administration changes continually impacted upon preparations, particularly in respect of venues and financing. The failure to undertake venue upgrades and deferred decisions resulted in a frantic last minute effort to have the venues ready for the championships to commence.

Added to this had been administration disruptions and management issues within the LOC that at times threatened the actual conduct of the championship. These eventually led to overspending and poor financial management, resulting in a major shortfall of funding. Extensive negotiations eventually succeeded in resolving most issues but as you will see below not all matters have yet been finalized.

Outstanding Issues - WMA Stadia Championships, Porto Alegre Brazil 2013

I can report that much progress has been made towards completing outstanding matters from the Porto Alegre event. During the year negotiations continued for payment of unpaid monies and for the results booklets to be printed and posted. Finalising of the payments has progressed with the outstanding balance agreed to be paid in November, 2015. The completion of a final report is still outstanding. We continue to pursue these matters to an acceptable conclusion.

WMA Indoors Championships, Budapest, Hungary March 24 to 30, 2014

The Hungarian Athletics Federation was the LOC for this Championship and overall they organized and presented a good quality championship. A total of 3,882 athletes from 71 countries attended. Few problems were experienced, however the decision by the LOC to not utilize the main indoor athletics stadium was disappointing - apparently the result of cost cutting by the City administrators.

Outstanding Issues - WMA Indoors Championships Budapest, Hungary 2014

The financials have still not been completed to the Treasurer's satisfaction, with monies still owing to some

affiliates for their entry administration fees. There has also been no financial report submitted, nor has WMA received the final results or the overall championship report. This has been a disappointing outcome from what was a relatively well organised, conducted and managed championship. The Hungarian Federation has indicated they will attend to the outstanding matters in the next few months.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Regional championships were successfully completed during 2014.

Oceania.

This competition took place in Bendigo, Victoria, Australia and attracted athletes from throughout the Region. The city embraced the event and excellent cool weather replaced the expected high temperatures that had been planned for and is seasonal for this region. The venue and officials, plus support functions were excellent.

Asia

This championship had more than 3,000 athletes participate at Kitakami in northern Japan in what was a well organised and presented competition. For the first time athletes from other regions were allowed to compete. Facilities, officiating, transport and athlete services were all to a high standard. The General Assembly saw some major changes within the administration in the Region and perhaps a changed focus will be seen in the coming years.

Europe

The European Regional championship was conducted in Izmir, Turkey, however there were several contributing factors that adversely impacted upon the event that was beyond the control of the regional management team and resulted in lower than anticipated numbers. Reports from athletes indicated that despite the weather difficulties it was reported as an enjoyable competition.

South America

Medellin, Colombia hosted the ASUDAVE South American Championships with more than 1900 athletes participating. Almost daily tropical storms kept athletes, officials and organisers busy trying to complete the daily events but it was very successful overall.

The Regional General Assembly saw major changes with Richard Amigo being elected the new President with new appointments in all other Council positions. There is great enthusiasm within

the Council to continue growth within this Region and changes are expected in several areas of activity.

North, Central America, Caribbean

San Jose, Costa Rica hosted the North and Central America and Caribbean Regional Championships in an excellent facility. The LOC did a good job for the Region with satisfying athlete numbers in attendance. The General Assembly was well attended with only minor changes to Council representatives.

Africa

Africa conducted several competitions and whilst none was really a whole of Region event, Regional Representative Leone Etong was pleased with the growth in interest in Masters competitions. Increased awareness by athletes of the Masters movement is evident and IAAF affiliates within the Region are continuing to add Masters events into their competitions with the anticipation that this will see perhaps up to three Regional championships across this vast region in future years. This will reduce the high costs that athletes experience in trying to attend a single WMA Regional competitions.

OTHER REGIONAL MATTERS

Affiliate Disputes and Conflicts

Apart from the competition and matters related to those competitions, there were ongoing issues with several affiliates that were either resolved or are in the process of resolution. Strong co-operation between the WMA, IAAF and WMA Regional administrations has shown that by working together we can achieve successful outcomes.

Regional Grants

Following the receipt of increased funding from the IAAF, an increase in the amount of the WMA grant and the frequency of payments have been upgraded. Previously each Region received a grant of \$5000 paid once every two year period. This has been changed to an annual payment in April of each year with the funding increased to \$4000 each year. This represents a funding increase of sixty percent. Regions are required to submit details of how the grants have been used to benefit the growth of Masters within their regions.

Regional Representatives Meetings within Council Meetings

This is an initiative that was introduced during the WMA Council meeting in Sacramento and again conducted during the Council meeting in Porto Alegre. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the Regional Representatives to discuss matters of common interest and make decisions that will have impact

within their Regions. To date the meetings have proven most successful and it is intended to continue with this initiative.

FUTURE COMPETITIONS

Lyon, France WMA Stadia Championships 2015

Planning for Lyon, France in 2015 was impacted by results in government elections. Unfortunately facility upgrades that had been promised prior to the elections were not honored and the net result was that the location of the TIC and one competition venue had to be changed. WMA is fortunate that the LOC are a strong, committed and experienced group from the Regional Athletics who have worked tirelessly to ensure a good championship and environment for all athletes and supporters. Entries exceeded 8000 athletes from a record 98 countries. Four venues will be used.

Perth, West Australia Stadia Championships 2016

Planning for this event has been impacted by government elections, with the proposed (and guaranteed) new track not being constructed. Instead the event will take place on two tracks with new surfaces being installed at both facilities. Probably the strongest financial support by any previous government host has been secured for this competition that is targeting 5,000 athletes. Planning is now well underway. A visit in 2015 by the WMA Championships team will ensure that planning is on target.

Daegu, Korea Championships - Indoors 2017

The government and city administrators are providing strong support for this championship. Under their initiative the Korean Masters Athletics Association has been re-generated and it has held its first national Indoors championship. More than 850 Masters athletes took part in what was reported as a most successful competition. A follow up Indoors Championships will be conducted in November 2015.

An announcement was made during the year that an additional indoor stadium is to be constructed in close proximity to the existing (new) structure. This would ensure a huge hosting capacity in 2017.

A further visit will be completed in November 2015 to meet the new government officials who have taken office after Government elections and to consider the event planning that is being done.

FUTURE BIDS

The next competition for bidding is the 2018 Stadia Championships that will be decided during the General Assembly that will be held in Lyon, France in 2015. The bids for the 2019 Indoors Championships have been called and will be decided in Perth, 2016.

Bids for the 2018 Stadia Championships have been difficult to progress as several potential bidders were also involved in IAAF bids. Eventually two bidders were confirmed and inspection visits have been completed. Presentations will be made by the bidders to the General Assembly in Lyon and the voting delegates will determine the host location.

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE BY WMA

The continual problems experienced in the conduct of WMA Championships over recent years has been previously addressed on a gradual basis, however the experiences in Porto Alegre where problems arose in terms of event planning, financial management, competition management, officiating and general administration have seen the WMA Council address this issue to seek a permanent resolution.

This has resulted in major changes in the way entries and entry fees are received and processed, the appointment of key competition officials (who have been in place for several competitions but are now permanently appointed) and the management of results. These changes were progressed and applied in Budapest at the Indoors Championships and have been strengthened in Lyon in 2015.

These changes have not been initiated because of any lack of confidence in LOC's appointed for our competitions, rather it is accepting the reality that WMA Championships are the biggest, most challenging and difficult events to organize in the athletics world. It is expected that this policy will continue to be expanded so that the at some time in the future all major aspects of our championships will be self managed by WMA, whilst all of the local factors (venues, volunteers, transport, accommodation, functions, ceremonies, catering, support medical services and so on) will be the responsibility of the LOC. These are all responsibilities that revolve around the host location that support and complement our championships.

Championship programming continues to be a challenge due to the considerable variable venue aspect of each championship

and the changing emphasis in events depending on where in the world the championship is conducted.

MEETINGS

Council

One meeting of the Council was held in 2014 in Lyon, France. A further Council meeting will take place immediately prior to the start of the 2015 Stadia Championships.

New Regional Representatives on Council

ASUDAVE: Richard Amigo (Paraguay) has been elected as President and replaces Jorge Luis Manrique.(Peru)

ASIA: Siva Sivasambo (Malaysia) will represent in place of Kyoshi Kounoike (Japan).

We welcome the new Regional Representatives and thank both Jorge and Kyoshi. They have made a valuable contribution during their time on the WMA Council.

Executive

No formal meetings of the Executive were held during the year but as all Executive members were in attendance in Budapest the opportunity was taken to get together regularly to discuss various matters. Generally matters were discussed by email when decisions were required.

IAAF Masters Commission

Previously known as the IAAF Masters Committee, the IAAF fully appointed Commission comprising 4 members appointed by the IAAF and 4 members appointed by WMA held its first meeting in Budapest during the Indoors Championships.

The Chairman of the Commission, appointed by the IAAF is Mr. Cesar Moreno Bravo from Mexico, the IAAF representative on the WMA Council. The other IAAF appointees are Jean Gracia (France), Anna Riccardi (Italy) and Shigenobu Murofushi (Japan). The WMA representatives are Stan Perkins, Sandy Pashkin, Margit Jungmann and Serge Beckers.

After this meeting the Chairman reported to the IAAF Council on the meeting outcomes, including the details of the strategic plan that the Commission had determined at its meeting. A further meeting of the Commission took place in Monaco during February 2015.

Transition Committee

No face to face meetings took place, although George Reilly did attend the Indoors Championships in Budapest and addressed several meetings. Later in the year George resigned from this committee.

Bob Banens has continued to work on the construction of the proposed new constitution, by-laws and championship and competition rules. These drafts have now been finalized and translated for distribution to Council, the affiliates and Regional Councils. The adoption of the new constitution will be presented to the General Assembly in Lyon.

OTHER MATTERS

Masters Games

Masters Games at all levels continue to be a major concern for our organization. Whilst we have made considerable changes to our competition structure to avoid clashes, for the benefit of our members, there are still many problems.

The announcement in recent times of a Regional Masters Games to be held in 'The Americas', namely Vancouver in the northern summer of 2016, was not known to Athletics Canada nor one presumes to the rest of the Region. This mirrors the situation that was encountered in France when Nice was announced as the host venue for the 'European Masters Games' in September, 2015 - just after our WMA Championships in Lyon.

During the World Masters Games Annual General meeting in Belek, Turkey last April an announcement of a 2021 World Masters Games in the Kansai Region of Japan took all sports by surprise. There will be a 2017 World Masters Games held in Auckland, New Zealand.

Discussions are ongoing to ensure that WMA and the IAAF do not lose control of these events and in fact retain the right to ensure the rules and other acceptable aspects of our athletics competitions are applied. However recent instances where banned athletes, a positive drug test outcome that was not effectively managed or within the rules, and athletes from 'rogue' organisations have been permitted or allowed to occur/participate had raised serious concerns that must be addressed.

The Masters Commission has supported the WMA initiatives and discussions with the IAAF have also indicated their strong support to resolve the problems.

IAAF Masters Athlete of the Year Award

The 2013 winners were Charles Allie (USA) and Christa Bourignon (Canada)

The 2014 winners were Guido Mueller (Germany) and Lavinia Petrie (Australia).

Guido won the men's Award for the third time - a testament to

his ability as an athlete and his dedication to his maintaining the highest level of performance.

CONCLUSION

Overall a very busy and successful two years for WMA. Whilst there was a considerable number of other matters dealt with during this period there is no doubt that it will continue to be busier in future years. The continual growth of electronic communication has increased pressures upon Council to meet deadlines and to provide responses in a short time frame. It must be remembered that whilst the service of Masters athletes and affiliates around the world is a priority, Council members are still volunteers.

I have no doubt that it will not be too long before WMA has to face the real possibility of engaging some paid professional assistance to meet its obligations. That will be but just one of the future challenges for consideration. In the meantime I want to thank all Executive members and Regional Representatives for their dedicated and committed service over the past two years.

Stan Perkins
WMA PRESIDENT

REPORT: EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT MARGIT JUNGMAN

Dear delegates, dear friends,

Elected 1,5 years ago in Porto Alegre, I present my first report as VP. I want to thank the members of organisational committee for support and friendship during this first period of common work. A special thank goes to the president, Stan Perkins, and the secretary, Winston Thomas, for guidance in these starting times. Their guidance helped me to take over quickly my responsibilities.

Championships

The first challenge was the organisation of Indoor World Championships Indoor in March 2014 in Budapest. With only one inspection and finally 2 month of intense preparation, my first aim was to help LOC to organize a better working TIC, to have good medal ceremonies and no problems with transport.

Over all I think we had good championships of short ways for athletes. The TIC worked well, the presentation of the medal ceremonies was promptly and worthily indoor as well as on the non-stadia venues. After that experience we decided for the future to maintain ceremonies of non-Stadia on the venue. It should be on the same day of the competition. I thank Budapest, Marton Gyulai and his young team for their work and cooperation before and during the championship. We still have to finish up with the result booklet.

Budapest was also the beginning of an intense work with team manager that I consider as a very important part of the organisation and as link between athlete, LOC and WMA. We will continue this way. We made for the first time a small Team manager manual with specific information.

Already before Budapest the preparation for Lyon championships started. The intense preparation began with a WMA council inspection in November. The huge number of more than 8000 participants and the big distances between the necessary 4 venues will be the greatest challenge in Lyon. The success will depend on the working of the transport. The situation for accommodation is very good in Lyon. For the first time LOC will organize a welcome ceremony on day 4, that will include all parts of opening ceremony (march in, speeches, cultural program). We will see how Athletes accept this experiment. By this change LOC will give more athletes the opportunity to participate.

The next championships will take place in Perth. The main inspection of VP will be end of October, one year before the event, to be able to work at the same weather conditions.

A bidding inspection has taken place in April in Venice region. The region is bidding for 2018. The result of the inspection is part of a special bidding report.

Committee work

The organisational committee met for the first time in Budapest. Between championships we are working by email exchanges. The committee is preparing guidelines. The first part will be presented for approval to council in Lyon. They will be developed on the work and experience of the upcoming championships.

MARGIT JUNGSMANN

REPORT: VICE PRESIDENT STADIA SERGE BECKERS

This report concerns the period 2013-2015, from the World Championships 2013 in Porto Alegre, over the Indoor World Championships 2014 in Budapest and until the preparations of the World Championships 2015 in Lyon and Perth 2016.

World Championships 2013 Porto Alegre

These World Championships were the first for World Masters Athletics to be held in South America. The bidding, the preparation, the championship and even the results and financial aftermath of the championship has proven to be very difficult. My preparation of these Stadia events of the Championships started in 2010, when I first visited Porto Alegre. A lot was promised, but never the disappointment was greater than in the bad outcome of these promises. The recommendations and remarks I made on stadia matters during my visit in November 2010 have never been met. Those recommendations and remarks have been renewed at each visit that the WMA inspection team, myself included, made. Never was there any change in a good and forward sense. The conditions to host the championship as it should, were never met. During the 2011 Championships in Sacramento, after talks with the LOC of Porto Alegre it became very clear to me that no positive evolution had taken place in the organisation of the championships, especially in the Stadia events, and this two years after the championship had been awarded to Porto Alegre by the General Assembly.

In April 2013, a new event team had been installed to organize this championship, which resigned after our planned final inspection visit. So finally, the General Sports Organisation of the city of Porto Alegre took over and installed a new Sports Events company, as head local organizing entity of the championship. They did their best, being called upon only four (4) months before the championships took place. A late extra inspection visit by myself in September 2013 made sure that the championships could go on. The Stadia championships suffered more than the normal difficulties. The very late guaranteed involvement of the national athletics federation, in the organisation of the championships, had also a fierce negative impact. These championships were not a success.

Indoor World Championships Budapest 2014:

These championships were hosted on two indoor tracks and a throwing outfield. After only one inspection visit between the championships of Porto Alegre and Budapest and intense preparation of the Athletes Technical Manual and the detailed

Time Schedule (which were finalized during that visit at the location) these championships were very successful. As well in the number of entered athletes as in the number of broken records (personal, national, continental and worlds). However, the main track only had been built and officially endorsed the night before the championship started, with it never to be factually seen by any WMA official. Language barriers proved still to be existing amongst the officials. These championships were held without any declaration from the athletes necessary for their events, to avoid problems which had manifested themselves so numerous in Porto Alegre. The system worked, even though it meant changing the advancement system for the first round in the running events. Overall, these championships had a very positive outcome for the Stadia Chair.

World Championships Lyon 2015

Already before the Porto Alegre championships briefing and inspection visits took place in Lyon. After a visit at the French national championships in 2014, a change from three to four stadiums was decided upon. For the first time, the championships will take place in 4 stadiums simultaneously. The stadiums each have their own characteristics, with good qualities and flaws and with some times limited time of availability. This resulted in a necessary adaptation of the produced general time schedule in December 2014.

World Championships Perth 2016

After Lyon, the year-change over of the organisation of the championships takes place, which results in the organisation of the World Championships in Perth to be held in 2016, instead of 2017. An adaptation of the championship has already taken place, since this championship will be organised on only two tracks, instead of the three tracks that were proposed in the project at the bidding and awarding stage of these championships. It will be a huge task to fit all events in between the normal competition hours, but the LOC is working with great effort to get things done. Last May, the entry booklet of Perth has been received in first draft form. It promises to be excellent championships under the Australian sun.

Committee work - matters being scrutinized

First of all the track and field implements and their characteristics which are not defined by IAAF, have to be regulated for WMA. For instance : the hammer and weight throw do not have a minimum length of the steel cable or links , only a maximum. Those minima should be defined. The older age categories have the right to have the regulated length for

hammer or heavy weight as the younger age categories. Since the diameter of the implement itself becomes smaller, the chain or steel cable has to become longer. Some times, an LOC in continental championships has not complied with this, which has resulted in worse results.

Secondly, the Age Factors 2010 have to be further refined. They do now exist for all events and all age categories until age group 100.

Lastly, a very positive note, the IAAF will include two stadia events for masters during the Beijing World Championships in August 2015, a 400m W50+ female race and a 800m M50+ male race. We already have the promise of the IAAF that during the IAAF Indoor World Championships of 2016 in Portland, Oregon, USA, more than two masters stadia events will be organized. But the involvement and interest of IAAF also give ground for new initiatives. During the Indoor World Championships in Budapest, administrators from the IAAF, visited the competitions. Their remark on the very long duration and length of a competition day and the period during which the championships are held, needs certainly careful attention. The energy burden, which lies on the different teams of volunteers, officials, LOC and other administrators during our World Championships is very high. And of course, the most energy get consumed by our athletes that compete mostly in more than only one event. How big can our championships get? There is only a limited span of control and energy. Certainly something that needs careful consideration.

Serge

BECKERS

For my penultimate report I am taking the time to reflect a little on the past years and the number of times I have mentioned the relations with the affiliates, regional bodies and their administrators, and I have to say that things have not changed in the past 3 cycles. The relations with some regional bodies has deteriorated with several of them not communicating with me in a proper manner, and also not communicating with their own affiliates, and importantly not really looking to develop their regions. Many regional problems have been resolved by the president and me.

Notwithstanding these problems there are still many others that need to be addressed and resolved internally and a lot more action in communicating with both their registered and non registered affiliates in some regions. I have outlined some of these in my administration and affiliation section but Regional Delegates need to be doing more. My thanks to most of the Regional Secretaries for their co-operation in working together to fulfill the goals of WMA and their regions for the good of their affiliates.

As per usual I continue in three sections, namely, Administration, Affiliates and Information:

1. Administration

I start as always with the previous assembly in Porto Alegre, and give thanks to all the members present there for their input and the timely and orderly way that the meeting was handled, with the bid presentations and all other matters and just one hiccup, with the Simultaneous translation.

The last two years has really been full time and taxing, dealing with matter within council, affiliates, enquiries, LOC's and other bodies, and this is a burden that has to stop before the conclusion of my term, as there will be too much pressure on the next secretary unless they are full time. As secretary I have had to communicate and deal with many matters, and it get frustrating when it proves difficult when other are not responding, and thus affiliates, athletes and other do

not get timely or sometimes proper responses, and this is something that has continued even though changes have been made. So I make it clear that members of the council need to be more conscious of their roles and their responsibilities, as well as Affiliates and delegates need to look carefully at the persons that they select to posts on council.

Communications:

During the past two years, as usual I have had many communications from and with affiliates, athletes, advertisers and as usual an uncountable amount of junk mail which is always rising, (nothing changes. Once again a high percentage of the athletes mail was mainly directed to competition and records matters and these were in some cases dealt with by the various members. Some in a timely manner but some in a manner unacceptable to me as secretary and to many of the respondents. Following the 2013-2014 championships and the organisation of the 2015 championships I have had more competition complaints than ever before, and as I get much the same complaints over and over again from athletes, team managers and some affiliates, I can say that the WMA communication and connection with our athletes and their needs are at a low at the present time, and there is a need to address this as well. In too many cases there is also a lack of information and communication from LOC's and these things also causes many difficulties, for athletes and, officials.

Bids, Very much like the bids for our 2017 championships in Porto Alegre we have suffered for the 2018 Stadia championships with only two bids, so I would like to announce from now that we are in need of bids for the 2019 Indoor Championship and the 2020 Stadia championships, so any members that have the possibilities a bid in their area please look at starting the procedures of vetting from now.

The championship "Online registration system" has been working well, and I have to mention Keith Lively for all the work he does to make sure we run a good system. There is still one point in that we have not had the proper communication from affiliates on the persons that are supposed to validate their athletes, so I would ask

that you all please keep me informed of any change in your contacts, and please respond to the mails that are sent by the Online coordinator for your validation information.

ANTI-DOPING:

Anti-Doping matter have been regularly dealt with and upgraded by the WMA Anti-Doping and Medical Team and there is a full report in the Presidents section, so all of my communication on these matter are forwarded to the chair of ADM, Dr Steve Peters, with any sanctioned athletes details being posted on the WMA and IAAF websites.

WMA Best Master:

Dealing with the organisation of the WMA Best Master 2013 and 2014, I have to congratulate the athletes for the period, 2013 Charles Allie (USA) and Christa Bortignon (CAN), 2014 Guido Mueller (GER) and Lavinia Petrie (AUS) these athletes as usual have been a credit to WMA and masters athletics, and with Guido Mueller now winning for a 3rd time it was a great honor for him. As usual I would like to give thank the IAAF and IAF for the backing of the masters at the Gala and the presentation of their trophies by the president Lamine Diack.

2. Affiliates

The number of our Affiliates over the past two years has increased by 11, but within some regions there has been no changes or very little in regards to their IAAF members, and I have to say that following the amendment to the membership as long as Sacramento 2011 it is disappointed that there has been no increase in 3 regions, whilst there are now three regions where all the IAAF Federations are members, so we still have some way to go in these regions to match the number of IAAF members, and this is also where there has been a lack of communication from and with some of these regions. So I repeat what I have said in the previous reports, that there is still work to be done and regional associations need to be more pro-active and I feel that affiliates also have to ask questions of their regional councils as to what is being done in the region.

I note several times that there have been change in affiliates, and I would ask all affiliates that where there have been change in the association please let myself and the regional secretary knows the full details of the changes. **And at this point I would like to make very clear the position of three affiliations. Asia, the Sri Lanka Affiliate is, Masters Athletics Sri Lanka, MASL) India, Masters Athletics Federation India (MAFI) David Premnath Secretary. South America. Confederación Atletas Veteranos De La República Argentina (CAVRA) Julio Martino. It is very important that all regions and affiliates acknowledge these affiliates and do not allow athletes that are not registered with them to compete in their competitions.**

To follow the point of Affiliations, there is also a growing problem with affiliates accepting and changing athletes from other Countries without following the proper rules and any official notification, on the grounds of "Permanent Residence", this is not acceptable and there has been a warning, so in future any such infringements will render the athletes concerned ineligible and the affiliate will be sanctioned as per the Law and Legislation findings.

The present number of affiliates compared with our 2013 numbers and the IAAF on a region by region basis is as follows:

Region	WMA		IAAF
	2013	2015	
Africa	34	36	53
Asia	24	25	45
Europe	48	50	50
North and Central America & Caribbean	21	22	31
Oceania	15	20	20
South America	14	13	13
Totals	156	166	212

There is still some way to go in three regions and whilst we have looked at some regional development there has been no changes in these regions, with it seems very little will to reach out to the unaffiliated members.

3. Information

Following from my 2013 report on the use of the internet and the website for information, the WMA site has increased with more news, updates and other items to promote the championships, but in both WMA and the regions there is still more to be done, as we have become stagnant through lack of "volunteers" and the will from present members. In many regions there is still the need also to make sure their sites are more regularly updated, as some have not made any change or even updated their affiliates information.

Finally, I have to thank the President, treasurer, for the amount of work they have put in on behalf of WMA in the last period, and to all affiliates that have helped to make my life a little easier. But I do need to know when changes are made and details of the new personnel, as do your regional secretary. I look forward to the continued development of WMA over the coming period and your support.

WINSTON THOMAS

REPORT: TREASURER JEAN THOMAS:

To the General Assembly LYON 2015

First of all, I would like to welcome you in France.

My report consists in giving you some comments concerning the financial statements that you could have examined in this booklet. These documents have been audited by our new Auditors KPMG. I have provided them all accounting documents, all explanations they needed and at the end the financial statements for the two year period ending on the 31st Dec. 2014, as well as the budget for the next two-year period.

Balance sheet:

As you can see, our situation on December 31, 2014 is much better than two years ago. At the end of the two year period 2013-2014 the WMA's liquidity position amounted to \$241,919 against \$123,145 on December 31, 2012, increasing by \$118,774 during the two-year reporting period. This good result is the immediate consequence of the surplus that the Profit & Loss statement shows. Regarding the receivables, an amount of \$19,165 is still owed by the LOC of Porto Alegre. Considering the risk of non-payment, I have entered a provision for depreciation of \$19,000. About the liabilities, the performance bonds are from Lyon (\$30,000) and Daegu (\$10,000).

Profit & Loss Account:

Income:

During the accounting period 2013-2014 our revenues amounted to \$622,103, showing a sharp increase by \$288,702 compared with the previous two-year period 2011-2012. The two main increases are firstly the IAAF Grant (\$80,000 per year since 2014) and secondly the WMA entry fees: \$258,456 against \$77,710 previously. That results from a WMA Council's decision to change the policy concerning the registration fees after Sacramento WMAC.

Expenses:

The expenses amounted to \$487,771 against \$364,172 during the last period 2001-2012. In agreement with the Council, the presentation of the P&L has been modified. Rather to present the different usual categories of expenses, we have considered that it is would be better to set up a kind of "cost accounting" showing how much costs each of WMA Championship. That way we can take the most appropriate decision about the financial policy like WMA Sanction fees and WMA entry fees which are our main revenues. As a result it is not so easy to compare the two periods, however you can see firtily the significant decrease of the legal expenses, secondly the

increase of the Championships costs: \$219,689 in 2013-2014 against \$170,735 for the previous period.

As a result:

The biennial accounting period ending December 31, 2012 concluded with a surplus of \$134,332 while the expected surplus was \$83,200. I remind you the prior accounting period ending with a shortfall of \$30,771 as well as the other previous one with a shortfall of \$91,291. Due to the efforts made to control the expenses and to increase the income, we have covered the losses of four years, so we are on the right way.

Working Capital:

The Working Capital (WC) is calculated as current assets minus current liabilities. This ratio measures the capacity to cover the short term debt. It also shows how we are able to satisfy the upcoming operational expenses. At the end of December 2014 the WC amounted to \$204,627 against \$67,141 at the end of the prior two-year period 2011-2012. This amount of \$204,627 represents 5 months of operational expenses against 2.5 months previously, it is good, however, I remind you our goal that is to reach 6 months in order to ensure a real financial stability.

Budget 2015-2016:

The expected income amount to \$684,000, increasing by 10% compared with 2014-2013. As you can see, we expect an increase in the WMA entry fees with the success of the Championships in Lyon with more than 8,000 athletes. Concerning the IAAF Grant, it is two years with \$80,000 annually. About the sanction fees, we cannot compare the amounts because it depends on the time they are paid, by example POA sanction fees have been paid more than one year late. Regarding the expenses, the expected amount is \$543,700, increasing by 11.5%. You will notice a big increase of the bank charges, that is due to the new system we will set up for the Championships registration payment through Paypal. The championships expenses are expected around \$260,000 against \$219,689 due to two successive Stadia championships in Lyon and Perth. The same reason plus the distance explain the differential for the Council and Executive meetings. To conclude, we expect a surplus of \$140,300 at the end of this next accounting period, it means that we will put WMA in a strong position going into 2015-2016.

JEAN THOMAS

NOTICE TO THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET.

Following the change of auditors to KPMP the account have beed submitted and audites as in the balance sheet but has not been signed and returned to the treasurer in time for this GA draft, but will be fully enclosed in the printed GA booklet.

BALANCE SHEET

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BALANCE SHEET

	31.12.2012	31.12.2014	
	US \$	US \$	
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	96468	234945	
Cash at hand	407	7000	
Financial Investments	26270	0	
Accounts Receivable Budapest	0	2924	
Accounts Receivable (Trvl Advances)	2583	3207	
Accounts Receivable LOC POA		19165	
LOC POA Receivable depreciation		-19000	
Accruals	0		
Prepaid Expenses	0		
Total Current Assets	125728	248241	
Liabilities			
Financial liabilities		26	
Performance Bond	40000	40000	
Accruals (Accounts Payable)	18587	3588	
Total Current Liabilities	58587	43614	
Net Current Assets (Working Capital WC)	67141	204627	
Net Current Assets	end of period	67141	204627
	beg. of period	97911	85197
WC Increase/decrease during Reporting Period		-30 770	119 430
Liquidity position (Cash at Bank/Cash)			
WMA funds at beginning of period		155 547	123 145
At end of period		123 145	241 919
Increase / - (Decrease) during period		-32 402	118 774

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

period 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2014

Currency US\$	Budget	2013-2014	2013-2014
<u>Total Revenues</u>		460 000,00	622 103,65
- SANCTION FEES		180 000,00	180 000,00
- INSPECTION VISITS REFUND		10 000,00	13 771,00
- WMA FEES		145 000,00	258 456,09
- NATIONAL ADDITIONAL FEES			11 664,00
- IAAF GRANT		120 000,00	120 000,00
- FINANCIAL PROFIT		5 000,00	8 156,80
- PROFITS PREVIOUS YEARS			55,76
- RECOVER OF PROVISIONS			30 000,00
<u>Total Expenses</u>		376 800,00	487 771,54
- OFFICE EXPENSES		9 600,00	2 014,23
- RELATIONS IAAF/IMGA/REGIONS			38 291,96
- BANK CHARGES		2 800,00	4 190,14
- AUDITORS FEES		2 600,00	3 244,60
- OTHER MEETINGS TBM ...		16 900,00	8 644,01
- POSTAGE, PHONE, FAX		2 500,00	882,33
- GUESTS, GIFTS			6 643,94
- COMMUNIC° WMA WEBSITE		10 100,00	2 898,88
- COMMUNICATION		6 000,00	27 333,92
- COUNCIL MEETINGS + EXECUTIVE		91 000,00	42 732,20
- TRANSITION COMMITTEE & LEGAL EXP.		8 000,00	1 272,09
- INSURANCE PREMIUM		24 000,00	17 755,00
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS LYON 2015			1 325,37
- WMRA CHAMPIONSHIPS			2 645,68
- WMACI DAEGU 2017			6 928,71
- WMACS PORTO ALEGRE 2013			143 851,54
- WMACI BUDAPEST 2014			64 937,93
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS		164 500,00	0,00
- REGIONAL GRANTS & ASSISTANCE		38 800,00	31 400,00
- LOSSES PREVIOUS YEARS			154,01
- EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES			31 625,00
- ALLOC° PROVIS° FOR RISKS			49 000,00
Surplus / (Shortfall)		83 200,00	134 332,11

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2013-2014 VS 2011-2012

Currency US\$	2014	2013	Total 2013-2014	Total 2011-2012
Total Revenues	303 584,11	310 306,98	622 103,65	333 401,00
- SANCTION FEES	35 000,00	145 000,00	180 000,00	160 366,00
- INSPECTION VISITS REFUND	13 771,00		13 771,00	10 000,00
- WMA FEES	144 813,11	113 642,98	258 456,09	77 710,00
- NATIONAL ADDITIONAL FEES		11 664,00	11664,00	
- IAAF GRANT	80 000,00	40 000,00	120 000,00	80 050,00
- FINANCIAL PROFIT	8 156,80		8 156,80	5 275,00
- PROFITS PREVIOUS YEARS		55,76	55,76	
- RECOVER OF PROVISIONS	30 000,00		30 000,00	
Total Expenses	192 309,89	234 954,00	487 771,54	364 172,00
- OFFICE EXPENSES	442,82	1 571,41	2 014,23	8 167,00
- RELATIONS IAAF/IMG/REGIONS	22 017,51	16 274,45	38 291,96	
- BANK CHARGES	2 552,98	1 637,16	4 190,14	1 253,00
- AUDITORS FEES		3 244,60	3244,60	2 050,00
- OTHER MEETINGS TBM ...	3 158,16	5 485,85	8 644,01	7 572,00
- POSTAGE, PHONE, FAX	330,92	551,41	882,33	842,00
- GUESTS, GIFTS	4 264,55	2 379,39	6 643,94	
- COMMUNIC ^c WMA WEBSITE	1 142,91	1 755,97	2 898,88	8 665,00
- COMMUNICATION	5 600,42	21 733,50	27 333,92	2 558,00
- COUNCIL MEETINGS + EXECUTIVE	28 712,84	14 019,36	42 732,20	103 928,00
- TRANSITION COMMITTEE & LEGAL EXP.		1 272,09	1272,09	32 612,00
- INSURANCE PREMIUM	7 685,00	10 070,00	17 755,00	21 094,00
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS LYON 2015	1 325,37		1 325,37	
- WMRA CHAMPIONSHIPS		2 645,68	2645,68	
- WMACI DAEGU 2017		6 928,71	6928,71	
- WMACS PORTO ALEGRE 2013	2 340,96	141 510,58	143 851,54	
- WMACI BUDAPEST 2014	61 064,09	3 873,84	64 937,93	
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS				170 735,00
- REGIONAL GRANTS & ASSISTANCE	20 000,00	11 400,00	31 400,00	4 696,00
- LOSSES PREVIOUS YEARS	46,36	107,65	154,01	
- EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES	31 625,00		31 625,00	
- ALLOC ^c PROVIS ^s FOR RISKS		49 000,00	49000,00	
Surplus / (Shortfall)	119 431,02	14 901,09	134 332,11	(-30 771,00)

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**BUDGET 2015-2016
VS PROFIT AND LOSS 2013-2014**

Currency US\$	Budget	2015-2016	2013-2014
<u>Total Revenues</u>		684 000,00	622 103,65
- SANCTION FEES		120 000,00	180 000,00
- INSPECTION VISITS REFUND		10 000,00	13 771,00
- WMA FEES		394 000,00	258 456,09
- NATIONAL ADDITIONAL FEES			11 664,00
- IAAF GRANT		160 000,00	120 000,00
- FINANCIAL PROFIT			8 156,80
- PROFITS PREVIOUS YEARS			55,76
- RECOVER OF PROVISIONS			30 000,00
<u>Total Expenses</u>		543 700,00	487 771,54
- OFFICE EXPENSES		3 000,00	2 014,23
- RELATIONS IAAF/IMGA /REGIONS		35 000,00	38 291,96
- BANK CHARGES		16 000,00	4 190,14
- AUDITORS FEES		3 200,00	3 244,60
- OTHER MEETINGS TBM ...		18 000,00	8 644,01
- POSTAGE, PHONE, FAX		1 500,00	882,33
- GUESTS, GIFTS		10 000,00	6 643,94
- COMMUNIC° WMA WEBSITE		4 000,00	2 898,88
- COMMUNICATION		28 000,00	27 333,92
- COUNCIL MEETINGS + EXECUTIVE		85 000,00	42 732,20
- TRANSITION COMMITTEE & LEGAL EXP.		12 000,00	1 272,09
- INSURANCE PREMIUM		25 000,00	17 755,00
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS LYON 2015		120 000,00	1 325,37
- WMRA CHAMPIONSHIPS			2 645,68
- WMACI DAEGU 2017		8 000,00	6 928,71
- WMACS PORTO ALEGRE 2013			143 851,54
- WMACI BUDAPEST 2014			64 937,93
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS PERTH 2016		140 000,00	0,00
- REGIONAL GRANTS & ASSISTANCE		35 000,00	31 400,00
- LOSSES PREVIOUS YEARS			154,01
- EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES			31 625,00
- ALLOC° PROVIS° FOR RISKS			49 000,00
Surplus / (Shortfall)		140 300,00	134 332,11

REPORT: WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE SELMA TURKKAL

REPORT: WMA WOMEN'S COMMITTEE: SELMA TÜRKAL

On the occasion of the WMA General Assembly in Porto Alegre I was again elected to the position of WMA Women's Representative. Following my re-election I received many positive e-mails and phone calls. These gave me encouragement to continue to seek ways to help masters women athletes. With this purpose in mind I want to thank all delegates who voted for me and provided me with this opportunity again. I HAVE worked with all my heart and will continue the same way with my committee members.

This report contains the latest information about the WMA Women's Committee Members who are still continuing with their office and the other changes of positions.

During this period, because of the regional organisational changes in Asian Regional Masters Council, Ms.Kalaiwalli Ratnam from Malaysia replaced the position of Glory Barnabas as their women's representative. Ms Kalaivalli Ratnam was awarded the Malaysian Olympic Council 2014 Women in Sports top award on 13th December 2014, for her excellence contribution especially in women sports. This is an honour not just for AMA but also for our WMA Women's Committee. Mrs.Glory Barnabas held the position for many years and she worked with all her efforts to encourage female athletes to be involved in master athletics in the region. I wish all the best for her future life and believe that she will continue to be a role model for her region.

The Oceania region now has a new women's representative, another lady with many awards - Ms. Marie Kay from Australia. Marie, a World record holder in Pentathlon and Long Jump also received the award of IAAF Female Master of the Year in 2010. This is an honour to Oceania Region as well as to us in the Women's Committee. Mrs.Wilma Perkins was the previous women's representative of the region and her valuable work is well known by all of us as she still continues as a

member of the WMA Stadia Committee. We appreciate always her involvement in our committee. At the same time regional delegate Lynne Schickert works very hard at the administrative role in WMA as well as in Oceania.

Our African women's representative is the Nigerian Masters President Ms. Gloria Obajimi. In co-operation with the female president, she is motivating the participation of women in all competitions to increase the entries and percentage of women in the national and the regional championships. By understanding all the difficulties facing women in the area she seeks to improve their access to the sport and so gain more women athletes in the region.

Representing Europe is Valentyna Krepkina from the Ukraine. Under the leadership of Kalle Glomsaker (NOR) in the "Athlete and Coach Working Group" and EMA Academy Manager Ms. Emanuela Baggiolini (ITA); these three continue to coordinate as link persons for their European athletes and team leaders. Emanuela Baggiolini is leading the EMA Academy and follows her aim to plan seminars, lectures and training camps as an EMA Women's Representative.

For North Central America and Caribbean, Mrs. Silvia Viramontes Romero from Mexico is still their representative on our committee until this region officially announces their new elected women's representative at the General Assembly of NCCWMA in Costa Rica - Mrs. Magdalena Molina Romero (Costa Rica).

For South America; since 2006-2010 and 2010-2014 Mrs. Ester Cabrera (Bolivia) has been the regional women's representative. After structural changes, the ASUDAVE Board for 2014-2017 under new president Richard Friend (Amigo) of Paraguay, has decided to continue with the women's committee composed by Miriam Finochetti (URU) Monica Regola (ARG) and Yolanda Ramirez (COL).

When we look into masters women athletics we are proud to have very outstanding athletes in our movement. For their amazing performances during the year 2013; I want to congratulate Mrs. Christa Bortignon W75 Canada (TJ&

Hurdles) together with Allie Charles M65 USA sprints and for 2014, WMA Best Female Master of the Year Lavinia Petrie W70 Australia (Long Distance) together with Guido Muller M75 Germany Sprints/Hurdles. As usual their awards were hosted by IAF Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and IAF and IAAF President Lamine Diack (at that time) who presented the trophies to the athletes for their outstanding performances.

Another special name is Irina Mikitenko (GER, W40) bettered the marathon world record of the Russian Ludmila Petrova (2008, set in New York) from 2:25:43 to 2:24:54 hours at the Berlin Marathon (2013).

There are plenty of others that have not received the recognition they deserve, such as Harriotte Thompson (age 92), the San Diego Marathon runner.

This year, as a result of the IAAF and WMA working together, two masters track events will be held at the IAAF World Championships in Beijing on the 29th August 2015. One of the two events is the W50+ 400m requiring times faster than 65 seconds and WMA selected the master athletes who will compete in both the men's and women's races. Selected masters women athletes are: Renee Henderson/Shepherd (USA); Sally Reid-Cayton (GBR); Geel Simone (NED); Elizabeth Wilson (Gale) (NZL); Gianna Mogentale (AUS); Marie Cederberg (SWE); Mayka Emmi Garoglio (ARG); Yukkiko Usui (JPN); a representative from China or Virginia Mitchell (GBR) . We wish these outstanding athletes all the best and good luck to all of them in the Masters Exhibition events at Beijing World .

As a contrast to other committees the women's committee is very dynamic and very energetic. My aim with my committee is to help women athletes with all aspects of our sport, to work together to achieve great performances and overcome all difficulties and all problems that they face in master athletics. I am more than thankful to previous women's representatives who completed their tasks and made a big effort to help their women athletes. I am very happy to see that my vision is becoming a reality by having all regions

provide the opportunity for women to have positions on their councils and committees. I would also like to thank the WMA council and committee members one by one for their support and understanding.

Selma TÜRKKAL

WMA Women's Representative

REPORT OF THE IAAF REPRESENTATIVE CESAR MORENO-BRAVO

Introduction

The 2011 IAAF Congress in Daegu elected the IAAF Masters' Committee for two years, instead of the usual four. In those two years, the Committee would elaborate a plan to create the IAAF Masters' Commission, which would follow up the integration of the Masters' Athletes into the IAAF Family.

The requested plan was presented by the former Committee and approved by the 2013 IAAF Congress in Moscow. At its first meeting, November 2013, the newly elected IAAF Council appointed the members of the new IAAF Masters Commission; half of them being proposed by the World Masters' Athletics (WMA).

Masters' Commission Members:

Serge BECKERS	BEL)
Jean GRACIA	FRA)
Margit JUNGMAN	(GER)
César MORENO BRAVO, Chairman	(MEX)
Shigenobu MUROFUSHI	(JAP)
Sandy PASHKIN	(USA)
Stanley PERKINS	(AUS)
Anna RICCARDI	(ITA)

Commission Meetings

The IAAF Masters Commission had its first meeting in Budapest, Hungary, in occasion of the Fifth WMA World Indoor Championships, on 26-27 March 2014. The second meeting took place in Cap d'Ail, France, on 13 February 2015.

Masters' Commission Strategic Plan

>VISION

To contribute to the premise "Athletics for Life" by having all Masters' athletes in the world, regardless of age, gender or race, integrate and bond into the World Athletics family.

>MISSION

The unification of Masters' affiliates and IAAF members worldwide.

>OBJECTIVES

- o To encourage the integration of Masters' organisations into IAAF Member Federations.

- o To establish and strengthen the relationship between the IAAF areas and WMA regional organisations in each world area/region.
- o To ensure that the founding principles of World Masters Athletics are safeguarded.
- o To assist WMA in striving to increase its membership and participation.
- o To assist the development of the sport of Masters' athletics in all its forms worldwide.

The Master Games. A potential conflict

This issue has been presented to the IAAF Council and to the IAAF Congress.

The International Masters Games Association (IMGA), apparently sheltered by the IOC, normally approaches potential organising City Mayors and decide on the World or Regional Games without the participation of National Federations, at least in the case of Athletics.

Even though Athletics is the core in the games, Nice, France is organising the European Masters Games on October, 2015, without the Fédération Française d'Athetisme having been informed, as it happened in Torino, Italy 2013, and is happening in Auckland, New Zealand for 2017. Technical matters seem not to be important and doping control gets rather lousy, but worst of all, clashes in the masters athletics program become a real issue.

It has been demonstrated that WMA is willing to help. WMA already moved the Masters World Championships from odd to even years, and also the Regional Championships were moved in order to avoid very damaging clashes

WMA seeks the support of the IAAF to coordinate efforts with IMGA in order that:

- o The IAAF Athletic structure participates in the decisions on relevant issues,
- o WMA and IAAF Rules are respected
- o Avoid conflict on dates on top competitions,
- o Participant athletes to be properly protected.
- o Competition properly officiated.
- o The Merging of National Masters and IAAF Associations.

Half of the IAAF Membership has already included the masters into its structure. However, the other half has not. See Appendix.

Sharing facilities, equipment, technical personnel and, above all, ideals, merging is highly recommended. Besides, all anti-doping procedures cannot be applied outside the IAAF structure.

A clear success of this partnership is shown in the Argentina case. A difficult disruption within the Argentinean Masters Association could be solved only with the open support of the Confederación Argentina de Atletismo, the IAAF Member.

The Masters Commission presents the following guidelines that might help such merging:

- a) The relationship between the IAAF Member and the WMA Affiliate is based on mutual respect and understanding;
- b) IAAF Member Federation recognises in the WMA Affiliate the branch that takes care of all master athletes;
- c) The WMA Affiliate recognises in the IAAF Member Federation, the National Governing body of the Country for the sport of athletics;
- d) The IAAF Member Federation supports and represents the WMA Affiliate when needed in national and international affairs;
- e) When representing its country, the WMA Affiliate also represents its IAAF Member;
- f) Anti-doping programmes are the same for both bodies, but the IAAF member is the one national authority in front of the IAAF.

The Lima, Peru, experience

The 49th South American Championships, the most important CONSUDATLE's competition, took place in mid June, in Lima, Peru. Stan and I managed to be invited to talk to the leaders of the competing teams. A special meeting was organised at the competition venue and the outcome became a clear success. From certain scepticism, the atmosphere turned to be a frank and enthusiastic acceptance.

Recognition

Following a tradition initiated by the former Masters Committee, the IAAF, at the World Athletics Gala in Monaco, every November, makes recognition to two Masters Athletes nominated by WMA as the best male master athlete and the best female master athlete of the year. Those were:

In 2013, Charles ALLIE (USA), 65, sprinter, and Christa BORTINGTON (CAN), 75, hurdler and jumper.

In 2014, Guido MÜLLER, 75, (GER), sprinter and hurdler and Lavinia PETRIE (AUS), 70, long distance runner.

Masters' Races Exhibition

For the first time in the history, two Masters Athletes races have been part of the IAAF World Championships: W50 400m and M50 800m.

Those races took place the same session where another seven finals take place, the 4x100 metres relays amongst them.

I appreciate the assistance and the good will of the IAAF Technical Delegates, the Local Organising Committee, the Chinese Athletic Association and the IAAF staff. It was their full support, which made this project possible.

WMA selected 9 women and 10 men, 50 plus, who would run 400m and 800m respectively. These master athletes, in addition to being some the best in the world, were to afford their own transportation and accommodation costs.

The Masters' Commission expects that the Beijing experience will be followed in other IAAF World Championships and Cups, a way to show the real dimensions of the World Athletics Family.

Future IAAF World Championships

- o 2015, 22-30 August, Beijing, CHN, IAAF World Championships.
- o 2016, 17-20 March, Portland, USA, IAAF World Junior Championships.
- o 2016, 07-08 May, Cheboksary RUS IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships.
- o 2016, 26 March, Cardiff, GBR, IAAF World Half Marathon Championships.

Thank you very much for your kind attention

César Moreno Bravo
IAAF Representative

INFORMATION / INFORMATIONS

WMA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
13 AUGUST/ AOÛT 2015
METROPOLE HOTEL, LYON

WMA COMMITTEE AND REGIONAL MEETINGS /
COMITE DE LA WMA ET REUNIONS REGIONALES
08 AUGUST/ AOÛT 2015

09.30h Europe, N&C America and Caribbean
Europe, Amérique du Nord et Centrale & Caraïbes.
Africa, Asia, Oceania, and South America.
Afrique, Asie, Océanie Amérique du Sud

11.00h WMA Council and Regional Council meeting

11.40h. Coffee break as and when (Possible but not totally
sure "costs")

12.00h Law and Legislation
Comité Législation

12.00h Organizational and Advisory Committee
Comité Consultatif chargé de l'Organisation

12.00h Anti-Doping & Medical Committee;
Comité Antidopage et Médical

12.00h Records Committee
Comité des Records

13.00h Stadia Committee
Comité pour les épreuves sur Piste

14.00h Non Stadia Committee
Comité pour les épreuves hors Stade

14.00h Anti-Doping & Medical Committee CLOSED MEETING;
Comité Antidopage et Médical

15.30h Women's Committee
Comité des Femmes

INTRODUCTION GÉNÉRALE

Le Conseil de la WMA vous présente son rapport concernant la période allant Sept 2013 et Juni 2015 située entre les XX Championnats sur Piste à Porto Alegre, Brazilet les IXX Championnats sur Piste à Lyon, France

WMA Conseil

Au cours de cette période le Conseil était composé comme suit:

Président:	Stan Perkins, AUS	
Vice-Président Exécutif:	Margit Jungmann, GER	
Vice-Président Sur Piste:	Serge Beckers,	BEL
Vice-Président Hors Stade:	Giacomo Leone,	ITA
Secrétaire:	Winston Thomas, GBR	
Trésorier:	Jean Thomas, FRA	
Représentante des Femmes:	Selma Turkkal, TUR	
Représentant de l'IAAF:	César Moreno-Bravo,	MEX

WMA Conseil Représentants Continentaux:

Afrique:	Leonie Etong, CAM	
Asie:	Kiyoshi Konoike, JP	
à Sept 2014	Sivasambo Sivapragasim, MAL	
à partir de Sept 2014		
Europe:	Kurt Kaschke, GER	
Amérique du Nord et Centrale & les Caraïbes:	Sandy Pashkin,	USA
Océanie:	Lynne Schickert,	AUS
Amérique du Sud:	Jorge Luis Manrique, PER	
à Nov 2014		
à partir de Nov 2014	Richard Amigo. PAR	

Comités de la WMA

Au cours de cette période les Comités de la WMA étaient les suivants:

Sur Piste:	Serge Beckers	Personne	Présidente
Epreuves hors Stade :	Giacomo Leone	Personne	Présidente
Antidopage et Médical	Dr Steve Peters	Personne	Présidente
Législatif :	Jean Thomas	Personne	Présidente
des Records :	Sandy Pashkin	Personne	Présidente

Consultatif chargé de l'Organisation,

	Margit Jungmann	Personne	Présidente
des Femmes, Présidente:	Selma Turkkal	Personne	Présidente

Les Réunions de la WMA

Au cours de cette période les réunions suivantes du Conseil et

des Comités ont eu lieu:

Conseil: Lyon, FRA. 4-9 Juni 2014

Exécutif Budapest, HUN, 23-25 Mars 2014

Réunions avec d'autres Organisations

Au cours de cette période la WMA a rencontré les organisations suivantes :

Rencontres Commission Masters IAAF: Budapest, HUN, 27 Mars 2015

l'Assemblée Générale IMGGA Belek, Turkey, 07 avril 2014

Réunion Antidopage IAAF/WMA Monaco, MNO, 21 Nov 2014

WMRA and IAU: Monaco, MNO, 21 Nov 2014

ASUDAVE Conseil et CAVRA Medellin, COL, 4th Nov 2014

Rencontres commission Masters IAAF: Monaco, 21 Feb 2015

Réunion Sud Amerique Fédérations: Lima, Peru 12-14 June 2015

Au cours de cette période, les membres du Conseil ci-dessous ont servi dans d'autres organisations :

Commission IAAF Masters : Stan Perkins, AUS
Margaret Jungmann, GER
Serge Beckers, BEL
Sandy Pashkin, USA

Au cours de cette période, les championnats du monde et les championnats continentaux suivants ont été organisés:

Championnats du monde

Championnats sur Piste: Budapest, HUN. 25-30 Mars

Championnats 100km ultra: Doha, QAT 21 Nov 2014

Championnats Continentaux

Asie: Kitakami. JPN, 23-29 Sept 2014

Europe:

Sur Piste: Izmir, TUR Aug 22 to 31 2014

En Salle: Torun, POL, 24-30 Mar 2015

Hors Stade: Grosseto, ITA, 14-17 May 20

Amérique du Nord et Centrale & les Caraïbes:

San Jose, Costa Rica 21-24 Aug 2014

Oceania: Bendigo, AUS, 4-12 Jan 2014,

Amérique du Sud: Medellin, COL, 1-9 Nov 2014

Ordre du jour de l'Assemblée Générale de WMA le 13th AOÛT
2015.Lyon, France

Le Hotel Metropole:

À 09H00.

1. 09.00 Commencer de l'Assemblée Générale
2. 09.05 Vérification de la convocation de l'Assemblée Générale, et les instructions de vote
3. 09.15 Election de 2 examinateurs pour le procès-verbal
4. 09.20 Election de 4 controleurs de votel Ouverture de l'Assemblée Générale
5. 09.25 Les questions soulevées à partir de 2013 Assemblée Générale, Porto Alegre,Brazilia
6. 09.35 Présentation et approbation des rapports du:
Président/
Vice-Président Exécutif
Vice-Président Stade
Secrétaire
Représentante des Femmes
7. 10.15 Présentation et approbation du rapport de l'expert-comptable
- 8 10.25 Présentation et approbation des rapports du Trésorier
9. 10.00 Présentation du rapport sur l'IAAF
10. 11.55 Election WMA Honoraire Membre
11. 11.10 Coffee break, (30 forte)
12. 11.40 Présentations des candidatures des Championnats futures de la WMA 2018 Championnats du Monde en Stade.
 - Malaga, Espagne
 - Venise, Italie. (Jesolo, Caorle, Eraclea)
13. 12.40 Rapports en Stade 2016, Perth, Australia
14. 13.00 Rapports en Salle 2017 Daegu, Korea

- 15 13.20 déjeuner
- 16. 14.45 Proposition par le comité de transition, de la Nouvelle WMA Statuts, des Règlements et des Règles des Championnat, pour prendre effet 2016.
- 17.00 16 date de la prochaine, Perth, Australie
- 19. 17.00 Clôture de l'Assemblée Générale

PROCÉDURES ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE DE PORTO ALEGRE

- L'Assemblée Générale se déroulera suivant les procédures du *Robert's Rules of Order* conformément à la Constitution de la WMA.
 - Cela signifie qu'un délégué doit être reconnu par le président avant d'être autorisé à prendre la parole. Pour être reconnu, il convient de lever la main.
 - Toutes les remarques doivent être adressées au Président, et non directement d'un délégué à l'autre.
 - Pour chaque motion, le Président alternera les partisans et les adversaires de cette motion.
 - Un délégué ne pourra s'exprimer une seconde fois sur une motion que lorsque tous les délégués le souhaitant auront pris la parole.
 - Pendant le débat, le temps de parole de chaque délégué sera limité à 2 minutes par discours.
 - Le vote s'effectue électroniquement. Si des problèmes se produisent au niveau de l'électronique, il sera procédé à un vote à haute voix ou à un vote par assis et levé (les délégués se lèvent).
 - Pour être adoptée, une motion doit généralement obtenir la majorité des suffrages. Pour certaines motions, dans le cas d'un débat serré par exemple, les deux tiers des suffrages exprimés sont nécessaires.

Il peut être fait appel de tout jugement pris par le Président. Dans ce cas un « second » est nécessaire, à savoir qu'un second délégué doit appuyer la demande d'Appel faite par le premier délégué. Il y a alors un débat sur le jugement du président. Celui-ci est autorisé à s'exprimer un premier et en

dernier lors du débat. Le jugement du président est ensuite maintenu ou rejeté à la majorité simple des suffrages.

RAPPORT DU PRÉSIDENT DE LA WMA À L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE DE LA WMA : A LYON EN FRANCE LE 13 AOUT 2015

Ce compte-rendu couvre la période débutant après les championnats sur piste de la WMA de Porto Alegre et l'Assemblée Générale d'octobre 2013.

VUE D'ENSEMBLE

Deux années se sont écoulées et elles ont été très intensives pour le Conseil de la WMA et les six régions du monde. Au niveau administratif, une des priorités a été de régler les questions en suspens concernant les championnats sur piste de Porto Alegre au Brésil et les championnats du monde en salle des maîtres à Budapest, en Hongrie. Il y a eu aussi les championnats du monde de la WMA de course en montagne et d'ultra marathon, ainsi que des championnats régionaux organisés par les six régions du monde de la WMA.

Le travail de rédaction de la nouvelle constitution, des statuts et des règlements des compétitions et des championnats a été poursuivi. Le conseil de la WMA s'est réuni à Lyon en France et un conseil de l'Exécutif s'est tenu à Budapest. Des visites ont été effectuées, à Lyon, la ville hôte des championnats actuels pour vérifier l'avancement des travaux ; et aussi dans les villes candidates aux futurs championnats sur piste de 2018.

Le Comité des Maîtres de l'IAAF a été remplacé par la Commission des Maîtres de l'IAAF, qui s'est déjà réunie à deux reprises. Les relations entre la WMA et l'IAAF ont été renforcées et des nouvelles initiatives ont permis d'inclure des compétitions d'athlétisme des Maîtres dans le programme des championnats du Monde de l'IAAF à Pékin cette année. Une autre initiative qui commence à porter ses fruits est la consolidation des relations entre les affiliés des maîtres et leurs homologues de l'IAAF dans le monde. Les trophées du meilleur athlète Maître de l'Année de IAAF ont été remis pour 2013 et pour 2014.

En 2013, dans mon rapport à l'Assemblée Générale, je soulignais que la priorité numéro un était la gestion financière de la WMA. Les mesures prises pour modifier la structure de nos revenus et réduire les coûts ont permis de parvenir à une stabilité financière et à une certaine croissance. Nous espérons que cette croissance va se

poursuivre et même augmenter dans les années à venir. De plus, le conseil a utilisé la hausse du budget accordé par l'IAAF pour augmenter de 60 % l'aide financière qu'elle accorde à toutes les régions.

DETAILS SPÉCIFIQUES : COMPÉTITIONS

Championnats 2013 sur piste de la WMA à Porto Alegre au Brésil

Ce championnat a probablement été le championnat sur piste le plus difficile qui ait été organisé depuis le début des championnats du monde d'athlétisme des maîtres. Nous avons été avertis que cette compétition serait un défi majeur pour les organisateurs et hôtes brésiliens, et ceci s'est révélé vrai. Des élections gouvernementales (à trois niveaux) et des changements au sein de l'administration ont eu des répercussions continuelles sur les préparatifs, en particulier en ce qui concerne les sites et le financement. En raison de l'impossibilité de moderniser les sites et du report de décisions, il a fallu des efforts désespérés de dernière minute pour que tout soit prêt avant le début des championnats.

S'y sont ajoutés des problèmes au niveau de l'administration et des problèmes de gestion au sein du comité local d'organisation qui ont failli empêcher le championnat d'avoir lieu. Tout ceci a entraîné un dépassement de budget et une mauvaise gestion financière, et par conséquent un manque de fonds. Suite à des négociations intensives, la plupart des problèmes ont pu être résolus, mais comme vous pourrez le voir par la suite, tous n'ont pas encore été réglés.

Problèmes non réglés - Championnats sur piste de la WMA à, Porto Alegre au Brésil en 2013

Il convient de mentionner que la recherche de solutions pour résoudre tous les problèmes qui restent en suspens concernant ces championnats de Porto Alegre a bien progressé. En ce qui concerne le paiement des arriérés et le financement des livrets des résultats qui ont été imprimés et envoyés par courrier, des négociations se sont poursuivies pendant toute l'année. Les discussions ont progressé et un accord prévoit le paiement des sommes dues au mois de novembre 2015. Par contre, le rapport final n'est toujours pas achevé. Nous poursuivons nos efforts pour parvenir à une conclusion acceptable.

Championnats en Salle de la WMA à Budapest, en Hongrie du 24 au 30 mars 2014

Pour ces championnats, c'est la fédération hongroise d'athlétisme qui était le comité local d'organisation, et elle a mis sur pied un championnat globalement bien organisé et de bonne qualité. Au total, 3,882 athlètes venant de 71 pays ont

participé. Peu de problèmes ont été rencontrés. Néanmoins, ce qui était décevant, c'est la décision du CLO de ne pas utiliser le principal couvert stade couvert, et ce apparemment parce que les administrateurs de la ville voulaient réduire les coûts.

Problèmes non réglés - Championnats en Salle de la WMA à Budapest, en Hongrie en 2014

Les aspects financiers ne sont pas totalement réglés de manière satisfaisante, de l'argent devant encore être versé à certains affiliés pour les frais administratifs concernant les inscriptions.

De même, le rapport financier n'a pas été remis, et ni le rapport global du championnat, ni les résultats définitifs n'ont été communiqués à la WMA. C'est quelque chose de décevant pour un championnat relativement bien organisé et bien géré. La fédération hongroise a fait savoir qu'elle réglerait ces problèmes dans les mois à venir.

CHAMPIONNATS RÉGIONAUX

En 2014, tous les championnats régionaux se sont bien déroulés **Océanie.**

La compétition s'est déroulée à Bendigo, Victoria, en Australie et elle a attiré des athlètes venant de toute la région. L'accueil de la ville a été fort chaleureux et même le temps était de la partie, un temps frais remplaçant les hautes températures saisonnières prévues pour cette région. Le site, les responsables et les fonctions de soutien étaient excellents.

Asie

Plus de 3000 athlètes ont participé à ce championnat qui s'est tenu à Kitakami dans le nord du Japon. C'était une compétition bien organisée et bien présentée. Pour la première fois, des athlètes venant d'autres régions ont été autorisés à participer. Les installations, le transport et les services aux athlètes étaient de haut niveau. L'Assemblée Générale a constaté des changements majeurs au niveau de l'administration de cette région, et peut-être les années à venir verront-elles une modification de l'orientation.

Europe

Le Championnat régional de l'Europe s'est déroulé à Izmir en Turquie. Malheureusement, plusieurs facteurs indépendants de la volonté des organisateurs régionaux ont eu une incidence défavorable sur ce championnat, d'où un nombre de participants plus faible que prévu. Les athlètes ayant participé ont néanmoins témoigné d'une compétition agréable bien que le

temps n'ait pas été de la partie.

Amérique du Sud

C'est à Medellin, en Colombie que se sont déroulés les championnats de l'Amérique du sud, avec plus de 1900 athlètes. Ce championnat a été particulièrement réussi malgré des tempêtes tropicales presque quotidiennes.

Avec l'élection de Richard Amigo comme président ainsi que d'autres nominations à toutes les autres positions du Conseil, des changements majeurs ont été constatés par l'Assemblée générale régionale. C'est avec un grand enthousiasme que le Conseil veut poursuivre la croissance dans la région et des changements sont attendus dans différents domaines d'activité.

Amérique du Nord, Amérique Centrale et Caraïbes

Les championnats d'Amérique du Nord, d'Amérique du Sud et des Caraïbes se sont déroulés à San Jose, au Costa Rica sur un site excellent. Le Comité local d'organisation a fait un excellent travail au niveau du service des athlètes. L'Assemblée Générale a été bien fréquentée et il n'y a eu que des changements mineurs concernant les représentants du Conseil.

Afrique

Plusieurs compétitions ont été organisées en Afrique. Aucune d'entre elle n'a vraiment eu le caractère de championnat régional. Néanmoins, la représentante de la région, Leone Etong, est satisfaite par le développement de l'intérêt suscité par les compétitions des maîtres. On remarque une évidente sensibilisation des athlètes au mouvement des maîtres. Les affiliés de l'IAAF dans la région continuent à ajouter des championnats des maîtres à leurs compétitions, dans la perspective de pouvoir organiser jusqu'à trois championnats régionaux dans cette vaste région dans les années à venir. Ceci permettait de réduire les couts élevés payés par les athlètes pour participer à une seule compétition régionale de la WMA

AUTRES SUJETS RÉGIONAUX

Disputes et Conflits au niveau des affiliés

Outre les compétitions et les questions qui s'y réfèrent, certains problèmes avec les affiliés ont pu être réglés ou sont en cours de règlement. Une collaboration étroite entre la WMA, l'IAAF et les administrations régionales de la WMA a montré que travailler ensemble permettait d'obtenir des résultats positifs.

Subventions régionales

L'IAAF ayant augmenté le montant du budget alloué à la WMA, cette dernière a été en mesure d'accorder de plus larges subventions et d'accroître la fréquence de ses versements. Par le passé chaque région recevait tous les deux ans une subvention de \$5000. Maintenant les régions reçoivent une somme annuelle de \$4000 qui leur est versée au mois d'avril. Cela représente une augmentation de soixante pour cent. En contrepartie, les régions sont tenues d'informer la WMA de la manière dont elles utilisent ces subventions pour développer l'athlétisme des maîtres dans leur région.

Réunions des représentants régionaux lors des réunions du Conseil

C'est une initiative qui avait été introduite lors de la réunion du Conseil de la WMA à Sacramento et qui a été reprise lors de la réunion du Conseil de la WMA à Porto Alegre. Le but de ces réunions est de permettre aux représentants régionaux de discuter sur des sujets d'intérêt commun et de prendre des décisions ayant une incidence sur leur région. Jusqu'à présent ces réunions se sont révélées très concluantes et cette initiative va se poursuivre.

CHAMPIONNATS A VENIR

Lyon, France 2015 Championnats sur piste de la WMA

La planification des championnats de 2015 à Lyon, en France a été affectée par le résultat des élections gouvernementales. Malheureusement, les promesses faites avant les élections concernant une modernisation des installations n'ont pas été tenues. C'est la raison pour laquelle il a fallu trouver un nouvel emplacement pour le centre d'information technique ainsi qu'une compétition. Heureusement pour la WMA, le Comité local d'organisation est un groupe à la fois fort, engagé et expérimenté d'athlètes de la région ; ils ont travaillé sans relâche, dans le but de garantir un championnat de qualité dans un cadre de qualité pour tous les athlètes et les supporters.

Plus de 8000 athlètes venant de 98 pays (un record) sont inscrits. Le championnat se déroulera sur quatre sites.

Perth, Australie 2016 - Championnats sur piste

La planification de ce championnat a été affectée par des élections gouvernementales, la nouvelle piste proposée (et garantie) n'ayant pas été construite. Le championnat se déroulera donc sur deux pistes, équipées de nouveaux revêtements. L'aide financière considérable promise par le gouvernement précédent est garantie pour ce championnat qui devrait attirer dans les 5 000 athlètes. La planification est déjà bien avancée. L'équipe des championnats de la WMA se rendra sur les lieux courant 2015, afin de s'assurer de la

bonne progression des travaux.

Daegu, Corée 2017 - Championnats en salle

Le gouvernement et les administrateurs de la ville soutiennent activement ces championnats. A leur initiative l'association coréenne d'athlétisme des Maitres a été totalement régénérée, et elle a organisé ses premiers championnats nationaux en salle. Plus de 850 athlètes vétérans ont participé à ce qui s'est révélé être une compétition très réussie. Un autre championnat en salle aura lieu au mois de novembre 2015.

La construction d'un stade couvert supplémentaire a proximité de la (nouvelle) structure déjà existante a été annoncée cette année. Cela permettrait d'accueillir un grand nombre d'athlètes en 2017.

Une autre visite sera effectuée en novembre 2015 pour rencontrer les nouveaux responsables gouvernementaux qui sont entrés en fonction suite aux élections gouvernementales, et pour évaluer la progression de la planification.

CANDIDATURES POUR LES CHAMPIONNATS A VENIR

La candidature retenue pour le prochain championnat, le championnat sur piste de 2018, sera décidée lors de l'Assemblée générale qui se tiendra à Lyon en France en 2015. L'appel de candidatures pour les championnats en salle de 2019 est ouvert, et la décision sera prise à Perth en 2016.

L'appel de candidatures pour les championnats sur piste de 2018 a été très complexe, plusieurs villes candidates ayant aussi présenté leur candidature pour des championnats de l'IAAF. Finalement deux candidatures ont été confirmées et des visites d'inspection ont eu lieu. Ces candidatures seront présentées à l'Assemblée Générale de Lyon en vue de leur examen et d'une prise de décision.

INITIATIVE DE GESTION DE LA COMPÉTITION PAR LA WMA

Par le passé, les problèmes rencontrés lors du déroulement des championnats de la WMA étaient traités au fur et à mesure de leur apparition. Néanmoins, les expériences faites à Porto Alegre, où des problèmes se sont posés à la fois au niveau de la planification des championnats, de la gestion financière, de la gestion de la compétition, des officiels et de l'administration générale, ont contraint le Conseil de la WMA à aborder le problème de la recherche d'une solution définitive.

Ceci a entraîné des changements importants au niveau de la

gestion des inscriptions et des frais de participation, au niveau de la gestion de la compétition avec la nomination de responsables clés (qui étaient en place depuis plusieurs compétitions et ont maintenant un poste permanent) et aussi au niveau la gestion des résultats. Ces réformes ont appliquées aux championnats en salle de Budapest et elles ont été renforcés aux championnats 2015 de Lyon.

Les réformes ainsi mises en place ne résultent pas d'un manque de confiance dans les Comités locaux d'organisation nommés pour nos compétitions. Elles sont le résultat d'une prise de conscience de la réalité, à savoir, que les championnats de la WMA sont les compétitions les plus grandes, les plus complexes et les plus difficiles à organiser dans le monde de l'athlétisme. C'est la raison pour laquelle il faut s'attendre à ces mesures soient encore étendues, et qu'à l'avenir, tous les aspects principaux de nos championnats soient gérés par la WMA elle-même ; tous les facteurs locaux (sites, bénévoles, transport, logements, fonctions, restauration, cérémonies, assistance médicale, etc.) restant à la charge des C.L.O. puisqu'il s'agit là de domaines relatifs à la ville hôte qui nous soutient et complète notre travail.

La programmation des championnats continue à être très complexe, et ce en raison des particularités des différents sites de chaque championnat et de l'importance variable de la compétition, selon la partie du monde dans laquelle elle se déroule.

RÉUNIONS

Conseil

Le Conseil s'est réuni une fois à Lyon en France en 2014. Une autre réunion du Conseil aura lieu juste avant le début des championnats sur piste de 2015.

Nouveaux représentants régionaux au Conseil

Amérique du sud (ASUDAVE): Richard Amigo (Paraguay) a été élu président. Il remplace le Péruvien Jorge Luis Manrique.

ASIE: Siva Sivasambo (Malaysie) remplace Kyoshi Kounoike (Japon).

Nous souhaitons la bienvenue aux nouveaux représentants régionaux et remercions Jorge and Kyoshi pour le travail qu'ils ont effectué au Conseil de la WMA au cours de leur mandat.

Exécutif

Aucune réunion formelle de l'exécutif ne s'est tenue cette année, mais tous les membres de l'Exécutifs étaient présents à Budapest et ils ont saisi l'opportunité pour se rencontrer

régulièrement et pour discuter de divers sujets. Plus généralement, lorsque des décisions étaient nécessaires, les sujets ont été discutés par courriel.

COMMISSION DES MAÎTRES DE L'IAAF

Précédemment connue sous le nom de Comité des Maîtres de l'IAAF, la Commission nommée par l'IAAF comporte 4 membres proposés par l'IAAF et 4 membres nommés par la WMA. Elle a tenu sa première réunion lors des championnats en salle de Budapest.

Le Président de la Commission, nommé par l'IAAF est M. César Moreno Bravo du Mexique. Il est le représentant de l'IAAF auprès du conseil de la WMA. Les autres membres nommés par l'IAAF sont le Français Jean Gracia, l'Italienne Anna Riccardi et le Japonais Shigenobu Murofushi. Les représentants de la WMA sont Stan Perkins, Sandy Pashkin, Margit Jungmann et Serge Beckers.

Suite à la réunion, le président a transmis un rapport au conseil de l'IAAF, présentant les conclusions de la réunion et les détails du plan stratégique fixé par la Commission. Une autre réunion s'est tenue à Monaco en février 2015.

Comité de transition

Aucune rencontre n'a été organisée, et ce bien que George Reilly ait été présent aux Championnats en salle de Budapest et qu'il ait participé à différentes réunions. Par la suite, George a démissionné de ce comité.

Bod Banens a continué à travailler à l'élaboration de la nouvelle constitution proposée, des statuts et des règlements des compétitions et des championnats. Les avant-projets ont été terminés et traduits, afin d'être distribués au Conseil, aux affiliés et au conseils régionaux. La nouvelle constitution sera présentée à l'Assemblée Générale de Lyon pour y être votée.

SUJETS AUTRES

Les Jeux des Maîtres

A tous les niveaux, les jeux des maîtres continuent à être une source de préoccupation pour notre organisation. Bien que nous ayons entrepris de nombreux changements au sein de notre structure de compétition afin d'éviter les conflits - et ce dans l'intérêt de nos membres - de nombreux problèmes restent à régler.

Pour citer un exemple récent : La fédération d'athlétisme du Canada n'a pas été mise au courant que des Jeux régionaux de Maîtres se dérouleraient dans « les Amériques », et plus

précisément à Vancouver, en été 2016 ; le reste de la région ne le savait probablement pas non plus. Une situation assez similaire s'est déjà produite en France quand la ville de Nice a été choisie pour accueillir les Jeux de Maîtres européens en septembre 2015 - c'est-à-dire juste après nos championnats de Lyon.

Lors de leur réunion générale annuelle à l'occasion du championnat du monde des Jeux de Maîtres qui se sont déroulés à Belek en Turquie en avril dernier, la décision d'organiser des championnats du monde des Jeux de Maîtres dans la région du Kansai au Japon en 2021 a étonné tout le monde du sport. Les championnats du monde des Jeux de Maîtres de 2017 se dérouleront à Auckland en Nouvelle-Zélande.

Des discussions sont en cours, afin de s'assurer que ni la WMA ni l'IAAF ne perdent le contrôle de ces championnats, et même, qu'elles conservent le droit de veiller au bon respect des règlements et autres aspects de nos compétitions d'athlétisme. Dans le même temps, nous avons été récemment confrontés à des cas d'athlètes suspendus ; de contrôle antidopage positif n'ayant pas été bien géré ou ayant été gérés de manière non conforme au règlement ; ou encore, à des cas d'athlètes provenant d'organisations malhonnêtes et qui ont été autorisés à participer à des compétitions. Ce sont des problèmes graves qu'il convient absolument d'aborder.

La Commission des Maîtres apporte son soutien aux initiatives de la WMA, et les discussions avec l'IAAF ont montré que nous pouvons aussi compter sur son soutien solide pour résoudre ces problèmes.

Le meilleur athlète Maître de l'Année nommé par IAAF

Les vainqueurs de l'année 2013 sont l'Américain Charles Allie et la Canadienne Christa Bourtignon

Les vainqueurs de l'année 2014 sont l'Allemand Guido Mueller et l'Australienne Lavinia Petrie.

Guido a remporté ce titre pour la troisième fois - c'est une preuve de sa grande capacité d'athlète et de son engagement à conserver un haut niveau de performance.

CONCLUSION

Ces deux dernières années ont été très intensives et très réussies pour la WMA. De nombreux sujets ont été traités. Néanmoins la charge de travail va continuer à s'intensifier dans les années à venir. L'augmentation du volume des communications électroniques accroît la pression exercée sur le Conseil pour respecter les délais et fournir des réponses dans un laps de temps court. Bien que ce soit une priorité

pour nous d'être au service des athlètes membres et des affiliés dans le monde entier, il ne faut pas oublier que les membres du Conseil sont des bénévoles.

Je suis persuadé que, dans un avenir proche, la WMA aura la possibilité d'engager des professionnels rémunérés pour faire face à ses engagements. C'est un des challenges qui devront être pris en considération à l'avenir. En attendant, je tiens à remercier tous les membres de l'exécutif et les représentants des régions pour leur grand engagement et leurs services dévoués durant les deux dernières années.

Stan Perkins
PRÉSIDENT DE LA WMA

RAPPORT DU VICE-PRÉSIDENT DE L'EXÉCUTIF :MARGIT JUNGMAN

Chers délégués, chers amis,

Elue à Porto Alegre il y a un an et demi je présente mon premier compte-rendu en tant que Vice-Présidente.

J'aimerais remercier les membres du comité consultatif chargé de l'organisation du soutien et de leur amitié pendant cette première période de travail commun. Je dis merci surtout au Président Stan Perkins et au secrétaire Winston Thomas pour leurs conseils et soutien au début de mon mandat. Cela m'a permis d'entrer rapidement dans mes responsabilités.

Championnats

Mon premier devoir fut l'organisation des Championnats du Monde en Salle au mois de mars 2014 à Budapest. Avec une seule inspection et finalement deux mois de préparation intense mon premier but était d'aider le COL (Comité d'organisation locale) à organiser un meilleur fonctionnement du TIC, des cérémonies de podium pour les athlètes et un transport sans problèmes.

En fin de compte, on a eu de bons championnats avec des trajets courts pour les athlètes. Le TIC a bien travaillé, la remise des médailles a eu lieu immédiatement et digne aussi bien en salle qu'à l'extérieur sur les lieux de compétition hors stade. Après cette expérience nous avons décidé qu'à l'avenir on maintiendrait les cérémonies sur les lieux de compétition hors stade. Elles devraient normalement se passer le jour même de la compétition. Je félicite Budapest, Marton Gyulai et sa jeune équipe pour leur travail avant et pendant les championnats. Le livret/la brochure des résultats est encore à finaliser.

A Budapest on a commencé aussi une coopération intense avec les dirigeants des équipes que je considère comme primordial pour l'organisation et comme lien entre les athlètes, le COL et la WMA. Nous allons poursuivre cette voie. Nous avons élaboré pour la première fois un petit manuel pour les capitaines qui contient des informations les concernant spécifiquement.

Les préparatifs pour Lyon ont commencé déjà avant Budapest. La période de préparation intense a débuté au mois de novembre par l'inspection du comité du WMA. Le nombre énorme de plus de 8.000 participants et les grandes distances entre les

inévitables quatre lieux de compétition, ce seront les plus grands défis à Lyon. Tout dépend du bon fonctionnement des transports. A Lyon, l'hébergement ne pose aucun problème avec un grand choix d'hôtels.

Pour la première fois le COL va organiser la cérémonie de bienvenue seulement le 4^{ème} jour des championnats tout en maintenant les éléments traditionnels d'une cérémonie d'ouverture (marche d'entrée, allocutions, programme culturel etc.). Par ce changement, le COL veut permettre à un plus grand nombre d'athlètes d'y participer. On verra, si les athlètes vont accepter ce changement et comment ils vont réagir.

Les prochains championnats auront lieu à Perth. L'inspection principale se fera fin octobre 2015, un an avant l'événement pour qu'on puisse travailler dans des conditions climatiques et météorologiques semblables.

Au mois d'avril 2015, il y a eu une inspection de candidature dans la région de Venise. Cette région a soumis sa candidature pour l'été 2018. Le résultat de l'inspection est présenté dans un rapport spécial / à part.

Travail du comité consultatif

Le comité consultatif a fait sa première réunion pendant les championnats de Budapest. Dans la période entre les championnats les échanges ont eu lieu par email. Le comité prépare des Guidelines d'organisation. La première partie sera présentée au conseil de Lyon pour être approuvé. Ils seront développés au fur et à mesure des futurs championnats.

MARGIT JUNGMANN

Rapport de la Vice-Présidence Stade

Ce rapport couvre la période de 2013 à 2015, dès les Championnats du Monde 2013 à Porto Alegre, par les Championnats du Monde en Salle 2014 à Budapest jusqu'aux préparations des Championnats du Monde 2015 à Lyon et 2016 à Perth.

Les Championnats du Monde 2013 à Porto Alegre

Ces Championnats étaient les premiers du World Masters Athletics sur le territoire de l'Amérique du Sud. La candidature, la préparation, les championnats eux-mêmes, les résultats et l'épilogue financier ont été extrêmement difficile. La préparation des épreuves Stadia commençaient en 2010, lors de ma première visite à Porto Alegre. Beaucoup était promis, mais la déception n'a jamais été plus grande quant au mauvais résultat de ces promesses.

Les recommandations et les remarques qui ont été renouvelées lors de chaque visite d'inspection de l'équipe d'inspection de la WMA, moi-même inclus, n'ont jamais été valorisées. Jamais, il y a un changement dans la bonne direction. Les conditions pour organiser de bons championnats ont en effet jamais été présentes. Pendant les Championnats 2011 à Sacramento lors des entretiens avec le COL de Porto Alegre, il devenait clair qu'il y avait eu aucune évolution positive dans l'organisation de ces championnats, spécialement dans les épreuves Stadia, et ceci deux ans après que les championnats ont été attribués à Porto Alegre par l'Assemblée Générale. En Avril 2013, une nouvelle équipe d'organisation de l'événement était installé afin d'organiser ce championnat, laquelle démissionnait directement après notre visite d'inspection finale.

Finalement, l'Organisation Générale du Sport de la ville de Porto Alegre c'est mis à la tête de l'organisation et a installé une nouvelle firme d'Événements Sportifs, comme entité principale pour l'organisation du championnat. Elle a fait de son mieux, à savoir qu'elle avait que quatre (4) mois pour rectifier l'affaire. Une visite d'inspection finale en surplus par moi en Septembre 2013 sécurisait que les championnats pouvaient avoir lieu. Les championnats Stadia ont soufferts plus que les difficultés normales. La participation très tardive de la fédération nationale d'athlétisme dans l'organisation de ces championnats avait aussi un impact très négative. Ces championnats n'étaient pas un succès.

Championnats du Monde en Salle 2014 à Budapest :

Ces championnats avaient deux piste en salle disponible et un terrain à l'extérieur pour les lancers d'hiver. Après seulement une visite d'inspection entre les Championnats du Monde de Porto Alegre et Budapest et une préparation intense du Manuel Technique de l'Athlète et l'horaire détaillé (lesquels était établie pendant cette inspection sur les lieux) ces championnats étaient un grand succès. Le nombre des participants et le nombre des records battus (personnel, national, continental ou mondial) était très haut. Néanmoins, la piste principale était seulement construite et certifiée officiellement la nuit juste avant le début du championnat, sans qu'un administrateur de la WMA l'avait vue en état établie avant. Les barrières de langage existait toujours parmi les juges. Ces championnats étaient tenus sans déclaration nécessaire pour les athlètes pour leur participation dans une discipline, afin d'éviter les problèmes nombreux qui se sont manifestés tout le long des championnats de Porto Alegre. Le système sans déclaration marchait bien, alors que le système d'avancement devait être changé pour le premier tour dans les courses. En général, ces championnats était très satisfaisante dans le domaine Stadia.

Les Championnats du Monde 2015 à Lyon

Déjà avant les championnats de Porto Alegre des réunions de planification et des visites d'inspection étaient tenues à Lyon. Après la visite aux Championnats nationaux des Masters de la France en 2014, un changement de trois vers quatre stades afin d'organiser les compétitions Stadia était décidé. Pour la première fois, ces championnats vont avoir lieu en quatre (4) stades différents simultanément. Tout les stades ont leur propre caractéristiques avec de bons et de faibles qualités et avec une disponibilité parfois assez limitée. Ceci a resulté dans une adaptation de l'horaire général produit.

Les Championnats du Monde 2016 à Perth

Après Lyon, la WMA change d'année pour organiser ses championnats mondiaux, ce qui résulte dans l'organisation des Champoinnats du Monde à Perth en 2016 au lieu de 2017. Une adaptation de l'organisation du championnat est déjà effectuée quant au nombre de stades. Il y aura seulement deux stades, au lieu des trois prévus lors de la candidature et l'attribution de ces championnats. Un grand défi de planification attend pour que tous les disciplines sauraient être organisées pendant les heures normales de compétition, mais le COL travaille de plein effort afin de réussir cette tâche. En Mai dernier, le livret d'inscription pour Perth a été reçu en première version. On peut envisager des championnats excellents dans un temps ensoleillé en Australie.

Travail du Comité Stadia - des matières d'études

En premier, les engins de lancer et leur caractéristiques qui ne sont pas définis par l'IAAF, doivent être régulé par la WMA. Par exemple : le marteau et le marteau lourd n'ont pas une longueur minimum défini pour le câble et la chaîne, alors que le maximum est bien défini. Ces minima devaient être établie. Les catégories d'âge plus vieux ont droit à une même longueur approximative de l'engin que les plus jeunes. Le diamètre de l'objet lui-même devient plus petit, ce qui fait que le câble et la chaîne doit devenir plus long. On s'est aperçu que parfois les COL dans les championnats continentaux ne respectait pas ce principe établi, ce qui résultait dans des performances moins bonnes.

En second, les Coéfficients d'Âges 2010 doivent continuellement être raffinés. Maintenant ils existent pour tout les épreuves et tous les catégories d'âges jusqu'au catégorie d'âge de 100.

En dernier, quelque chose de très positive. L'IAAF organisera lors de ces Championnats du Monde IAAF à Beijing en Août 2015 deux épreuves de stade pour les masters, une course 400m W50+ pour les femmes et une course 800m M50+ pour les hommes. On a déjà reçu la promesse que pendant les Championnats du Monde IAAF en Salle en Mars 2016 à Portland, Oregon, USA, plus que deux compétitions seront planifiées. Mais, le plus grand intérêt et collaboration de l'IAAF aussi donnent de base pour des initiatives nouvelles. Pendant les Championnats du Monde à Budapest, des administrateurs de l'IAAF ont visité les compétitions. Leur remarque sur la durée très longue, la longueur d'une journée de compétition et la période pendant laquelle un championnat des masters est tenu doit certainement être considérée. Le nombre d'énergie nécessaire et consommé par les différentes types de personnes comme les volontaires, les juges et autre administrateurs pendant nos Championnats est très élevé. Et bien sûr, le plus d'énergie et utilisé par nos athlètes qui participent en plus qu'une discipline. Quel est la dimension auquel la championnat peuvent grandir? Il y a toujours des limites à la gestion et l'énergie. Ceci sont des considérations qui doivent être bien étudiées.

SERGE BECKERS

Vice Président pour les Epreuves de Stade

Pour mon avant-dernier rapport, je prends le temps d'un retour en arrière sur les années écoulées et sur le nombre de fois que j'ai mentionné les relations avec les affiliés, les organes régionaux et leurs administrateurs. Je dois dire que les choses n'ont pas changé pendant les trois derniers cycles : les relations avec certains organes régionaux se sont détériorées, plusieurs d'entre eux ne communiquant pas avec moi de manière appropriée, ne communiquant pas non plus avec leurs propres affiliés et - plus grave encore - ne cherchant pas vraiment à développer leurs régions. Ce sont le président et moi-même qui avons résolu de nombreux problèmes régionaux.

Outre ces difficultés, il reste beaucoup de problèmes à traiter et à résoudre au niveau interne et un plus grand investissement est nécessaire en faveur de la communication avec les affiliés inscrits aussi bien que les non-inscrits dans certaines régions. J'ai souligné certains de ces problèmes dans mes sections Administration et Affiliés. Il n'en reste pas moins que les délégués régionaux doivent être plus pro actifs. Je tiens à remercier la majorité des secrétaires régionaux pour leur coopération et le travail effectué pour atteindre les objectifs de la WMA et de leurs régions, et ce, dans l'intérêt des athlètes et des affiliés.

Comme de coutume, j'ai divisé le rapport ci-dessous en trois sections : Administration, Affiliés et Information.

1. Administration

Comme toutes les autres années, je commence par l'assemblée précédente, qui s'est tenue à Porto Alegre : je voudrais tout d'abord remercier tous les membres présents pour leurs contributions et pour le bon déroulement de la réunion avec les présentations des candidatures et tous les autres sujets. Nous n'avons eu qu'un seul contretemps à déplorer avec les traductions simultanées.

Les deux dernières années ont vraiment été très prenantes et très complexes, avec les questions à l'intérieur du conseil, les affiliés, les demandes de renseignements, les C.L.O. et autres organes. C'est un fardeau qu'il convient d'alléger d'ici à la fin de mon mandat, car il constitue une trop forte pression pour les secrétaires à venir - à moins d'un temps plein.

En tant que secrétaire, je me dois de communiquer et de traiter nombres de sujets. Ce qui est frustrant, c'est quand la difficulté est due à un manque de réponse de la part des interlocuteurs - avec comme conséquence que les affiliés, athlètes ou autres ne reçoivent pas de réponse à temps, ou reçoivent une réponse qui n'est pas appropriée. C'est malheureusement une situation qui perdure malgré les changements qui ont été effectués. C'est la raison pour laquelle je voudrais insister sur le fait que les conseils doivent avoir une plus grande conscience de leurs rôles et de leurs responsabilités ; de même les affiliés et les délégués doivent examiner avec soin les personnes qu'ils choisissent pour occuper des postes au sein des conseils.

Communications :

Durant ces deux dernières années comme par le passé, j'ai été en contact étroit avec les affiliés, les athlètes et des annonceurs publicitaires, mais j'ai aussi reçu un nombre croissant de spam (rien n'a changé). Une fois encore le courrier des athlètes portait principalement sur des questions de compétition et de records. Elles ont été en partie traitées par les différents membres - certaines fois dans des délais acceptables, mais dans d'autres cas de manière inadmissible pour moi en tant que secrétaire et aussi pour les personnes en attente de réponse. Suite aux championnats de 2013-14 et à l'organisation des championnats de 2015, j'ai reçu plus de plaintes que jamais concernant les compétitions. Ce sont en général des plaintes similaires qui reviennent d'une fois sur l'autre de la part des athlètes, des directeurs d'équipe et de certains affiliés, ce qui me fait dire que nous nous trouvons actuellement dans le creux de la vague en ce qui concerne la communication de la WMA et les relations avec nos athlètes et leurs besoins. C'est un sujet qu'il est indispensable de traiter. Trop souvent, il y a aussi un manque d'information et de communication de la part des CLO, ce qui est aussi à l'origine de nombreuses difficultés pour les athlètes et les officiels.

En ce qui concerne les soumissions de candidatures, nous sommes dans une situation similaire à celle de nos championnats de 2017 à Porto Alegre avec uniquement deux candidatures pour les championnats sur piste de 2018. Je voudrais annoncer que le dépôt de candidatures pour les championnats en salle de 2019 et les championnats sur piste de 2020 est ouvert. Si par conséquent un membre a une éventuelle candidature dans sa région, prière de démarrer la procédure d'examen dès maintenant.

Le "système d'inscription en ligne" aux championnats fonctionne très bien et je tiens à mentionner Keith Lively qui fait un très gros travail pour garantir le bon fonctionnement du système.

Pour terminer, il me faut signaler que nous n'avons pas eu une communication correcte de la part des affiliés en ce qui concerne les personnes qui sont supposées valider leurs athlètes. C'est la raison pour laquelle je vous demande de m'informer de tout changement au niveau de vos contacts, et, s'il vous plait, de répondre aux courriels qui sont envoyés par le coordinateur en ligne en ce qui concerne vos informations de validation.

Anti-dopage:

Les questions liées à la lutte antidopage sont régulièrement traitées et actualisées par l'équipe médicale antidopage de la WMA. Vous trouverez un compte-rendu complet dans le rapport des présidents. Toutes mes communications à ce sujet sont transmises au président du comité Médical Antidopage, le Dr Steve Peters. Les données sur les athlètes sanctionnées sont postées sur les sites Internet de la WMA et de l'IAAF.

Le meilleur athlète de l'Année de la WMA:

Ayant pris en charge l'organisation du titre de meilleur Athlète de l'Année de la WMA pour 2013 et 2014, je voudrais féliciter Charles Allie (USA) et Christa Bortignon (CAN) pour l'année 2013 ainsi que Guido Mueller (GER) et Lavinia Petrie (AUS) pour l'année 2014. Ces athlètes sont une source de fierté pour la WMA et l'athlétisme des maîtres. Guido Mueller a remporté ce titre pour la troisième fois, ce dont il peut vraiment être fier. Comme de coutume, je tiens à remercier l'IAAF et la Fondation Internationale d'Athlétisme (IAF) pour leur soutien lors du gala et la remise des trophées par le président Lamine Diack.

2. Affiliés

Durant les deux dernières années, le nombre de nos affiliés a augmenté de 11, mais il n'y a aucun ou très peu de changement dans certaines régions comparés aux membres de l'IAAF. Je dois dire que, suite à l'amendement des adhésions voté à Sacramento en 2011, il est décevant qu'il n'y ait pas eu d'augmentation dans trois régions alors qu'il y a maintenant trois régions où toutes les fédérations de l'IAAF sont membres. Nous avons donc encore un long chemin à parcourir dans certaines régions avant d'égaliser le nombre des membres de l'IAAF. Il y a eu là aussi un manque de communication avec ces régions. Je ne peux donc que répéter ce que j'ai déjà dit dans les rapports précédents, à savoir qu'il

reste encore du travail à effectuer et que les associations régionales doivent s'investir plus activement ; j'ai le sentiment qu'il faut que les affiliés posent des questions à leurs conseils régionaux comme par exemple la question de savoir ce qui est fait dans la région.

J'ai pu remarquer plusieurs fois qu'il y avait eu des changements au niveau des affiliés. Je voudrais insister auprès de tous les affiliés pour qu'ils me tiennent informés de tous les détails et qu'ils informent aussi le secrétaire régional en cas de changement au sein de l'association. **Et à ce sujet je voudrais indiquer clairement la position de trois affiliés. En Asie, l'affilié du Sri Lanka est le Masters Athletics Sri Lanka, (MASL) ; En Inde, c'est la Fédération indienne d'athlétisme des maîtres (MAFI) avec comme secrétaire David Premnath ; En Amérique Latine, c'est la Confédération des athlètes vétérans de la République Argentine (CAVRA) et Julio Martino. Il est très important que toutes les régions et tous les affiliés reconnaissent ces affiliés et qu'ils n'autorisent pas des athlètes non-inscrits chez eux à participer à leurs compétitions.**

Toujours au niveau des affiliés, nous sommes confrontés à un problème croissant, à savoir des affiliés qui acceptent des athlètes changeant de pays sans respecter les règles appropriées et sans aucun préavis officiel, en invoquant une cause de « domicile légal ». Ceci n'est pas acceptable. Un avertissement a été prononcé et à l'avenir toute infraction sera pénalisée : les athlètes concernés seront déclarés inéligibles et l'affilié sera sanctionné par la loi et législation en vigueur.

Les chiffres actuels des affiliés par région, en comparaison avec les chiffres de 2013 et ceux de l'IAAF sont les suivants :

Région	WMA		IAAF
	2013	2015	
Afrique	34	36	53
Asie	24	25	45
Europe	48	50	50
Amérique du Nord/ Centrale et Caraïbes	21	22	31
Océanie	15	20	20
Amérique du Sud	14	13	13
Total	156	166	212

Il reste encore du chemin à parcourir dans trois régions. Certes nous avons été témoins de quelques développements régionaux ; néanmoins il n'y a pas eu de changements dans ces régions, et il semble qu'il n'y ait pas une grande volonté d'atteindre les membres non affiliés.

3. Information

Un des points de mon rapport de 2013 portait sur l'utilisation d'Internet et de nos sites Internet comme moyen d'information. A ce sujet, je dois dire que le site Internet de la WMA s'est agrandi, avec plus d'informations, de mises à jour et d'autres éléments visant à promouvoir les championnats. Il reste néanmoins beaucoup à faire à la fois au niveau de la WMA et des régions ; nous n'avons pas réellement progressé en raison d'un manque à la fois de « volontaires » et de volonté de la part des membres actuels. Dans de nombreuses régions, il est nécessaire de faire en sorte que les sites Internet soient plus régulièrement mis à jour, certains n'ayant effectué aucun changement ni même actualisé leurs informations pour les affiliés.

Pour terminer, je voudrais adresser un grand merci au Président et au trésorier pour la considérable somme de travail qu'ils ont investie au niveau de la WMA pendant ces deux dernières années et aussi remercier tous les affiliés qui ont contribué à me faciliter un peu la vie. Mais il me faut aussi insister sur le fait que les secrétaires régionaux et moi-même devons absolument être informés de tout changement et que les données concernant les nouveaux venus doivent nous être communiquées.

C'est un grand plaisir pour moi de continuer à participer au développement de la WMA pour la période à venir et je vous remercie à l'avance de votre collaboration.

WINSTON THOMAS

RAPPORT à l'AG LYON 2015 par le TRESORIER JEAN THOMAS

Tout d'abord, je voudrais vous souhaiter à tous la bienvenue en France.

Mon rapport consiste à vous faire quelques commentaires sur les états financiers dont vous avez pu prendre connaissance dans ce livret. Ces documents ont été vérifiés par le cabinet KPMG, notre nouveau Commissaire aux Comptes. Je leur ai fourni tous les documents comptables, toutes les explications dont ils ont eu besoin, les états financiers de l'exercice comptable d'une durée de deux ans se terminant le 31 décembre 2014, ainsi que le budget pour le prochain exercice de deux ans.

Bilan :

Comme vous pouvez le constater, notre situation au 31 décembre 2014 est nettement meilleure qu'il y a deux ans. A la fin de l'exercice comptable 2013-2014 les liquidités de la WMA s'élevaient à \$241,919 contre \$123,145 au 31 décembre 2012, en augmentation de \$118,774 pendant cette période de deux ans. Ce bon résultat est la conséquence directe de l'excédent qui ressort du compte de résultats. Concernant les créances, une somme de \$19,165 est encore due par le COL de Porto Alegre. Prenant en considération le risque de non-recouvrement, j'ai comptabilisé une provision pour dépréciation de \$19,000. Concernant les dettes, les « Performance bond » proviennent de Lyon (\$30,000) at Daegu (10,000).

Compte de résultat :

Recettes :

Pendant l'exercice comptable 2013-2014 nos recettes se sont élevées à \$622,103, en forte hausse de \$288,702 par rapport au précédent exercice 2011-2012. Les deux principales hausses sont premièrement la subvention de l'IAAF (\$80,000 par an à partir de 2014) et ensuite les droits d'entrée de la WMA : \$258,456 contre \$77,710 précédemment. Cela résulte d'une décision du Conseil de la WMA de modifier sa politique concernant les droits d'entrée après les Championnats de Sacramento.

Dépenses :

Les dépenses se sont élevées à \$487,771 contre \$364,172 pendant la période 2011-2012. En accord avec le Conseil, la présentation du compte de résultat a été modifiée. Plutôt que

de présenter les différentes catégories de dépenses traditionnelles, nous avons pensé qu'il était préférable d'utiliser une sorte de comptabilité analytique montrant quel était le coût de chaque championnat. De cette façon nous pouvons prendre les décisions les plus appropriées en matière de politique financière comme fixer les droits d'attribution ou encore les droits d'entrée qui sont nos principales sources de revenus. A cause de ce changement de présentation, il n'est pas très facile de comparer les deux exercices comptables, cependant vous pouvez constater tout d'abord la forte baisse des dépenses dans le domaine juridique, et deuxièmement l'augmentation du coût des championnats : \$219,689 en 2013-2014 contre \$170,735 pour l'exercice précédent.

Résultat :

La période comptable de deux ans qui s'est terminée le 31 décembre 2014 fait apparaître un résultat bénéficiaire de \$134,332 alors que le budget prévisionnel présentait un excédent de \$83,200. Je vous rappelle que la précédente période s'était terminée avec une perte de \$30,771 et que l'exercice encore avant présentait une perte de \$91,291. Ainsi grâce aux efforts faits pour maîtriser les dépenses et pour augmenter les recettes, nous avons couvert les pertes de quatre années, nous sommes donc sur la bonne voie.

Fonds de Roulement (FdR)

Le Fonds de Roulement est calculé par différence entre l'actif circulant et le passif circulant. Ce ratio mesure la capacité à couvrir les dettes à court terme. Il indique aussi notre capacité à faire face aux dépenses de fonctionnement à venir. A la fin décembre 2014 le FdR s'élevait à \$204,627 contre \$67,141 à la fin de la précédente période 2011-2012. Ce montant de \$204,627 représente 5 mois de dépenses de fonctionnement contre deux mois et demi au 31 décembre 2012, c'est un bon ratio, cependant je vous rappelle que notre objectif est d'atteindre un FdR de 6 mois afin d'assurer véritablement notre stabilité financière.

Budget 2015-2016

Les recettes attendues s'élèvent à \$684,000, en augmentation de 10% par rapport à 2013-2014. Comme vous pouvez le constater, nous prévoyons une augmentation des droits d'inscription revenant à la WMA grâce au succès des Championnats à Lyon avec plus de 8000 athlètes. Concernant la subvention de l'IAAF, il s'agit de deux années avec \$80,000 par an. Concernant les droits d'attribution, on ne peut pas comparer les montants car cela dépend de la date à laquelle ils sont versés, par exemple ceux de Porto Alegre ont été payés plus d'un an en retard. Pour ce qui est des dépenses, le

montant prévisionnel est de \$543,700 en augmentation de 11.5 %. Vous noterez une forte augmentation des charges bancaires, cela est dû au nouveau système que nous allons mettre en place pour le paiement des inscriptions aux championnats par l'intermédiaire de Paypal. Les dépenses prévisionnelles pour les championnats s'élèvent à \$260,000 contre \$219,689, ceci étant dû aux deux championnats sur piste successifs à Lyon et à Perth. Pour cette même raison et aussi à cause de la distance, il y a une grande différence pour les dépenses de réunion du conseil et de l'exécutif. En conclusion, nous prévoyons un excédent de \$140,300 à la fin de cette période comptable, ce qui signifie que nous pourrons ainsi placer la WMA dans une position solide pour les années 2015-2016.

JEAN THOMAS

BALANCE SHEET

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BALANCE SHEET

	31.12.2012	31.12.2014	
	US \$	US \$	
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	96468	234945	
Cash at hand	407	7000	
Financial Investments	26270	0	
Accounts Receivable Budapest	0	2924	
Accounts Receivable (Trvl Advances)	2583	3207	
Accounts Receivable LOC POA		19165	
LOC POA Receivable depreciation		-19000	
Accruals	0		
Prepaid Expenses	0		
Total Current Assets	<u>125728</u>	<u>248241</u>	
Liabilities			
Financial liabilities		26	
Performance Bond	40000	40000	
Accruals (Accounts Payable)	18587	3588	
Total Current Liabilities	<u>58587</u>	<u>43614</u>	
Net Current Assets (Working Capital WC)	<u>67141</u>	<u>204627</u>	
Net Current Assets	end of period	67141	204627
	beg.of period	97911	85197
WC Increase/decrease during Reporting Period		-30 770	119 430

Liquidity position (Cash at Bank/Cash)

WMA funds at beginning of period	155 547	123 145
At end of period	123 145	241 919
Increase / - (Decrease) during period	-32 402	118 774

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

period 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2014

Currency US\$	Budget	2013-2014	2013-2014
<u>Total Revenues</u>		460 000,00	622 103,65
- SANCTION FEES		180 000,00	180 000,00
- INSPECTION VISITS REFUND		10 000,00	13 771,00
- WMA FEES		145 000,00	258 456,09
- NATIONAL ADDITIONAL FEES			11 664,00
- IAAF GRANT		120 000,00	120 000,00
- FINANCIAL PROFIT		5 000,00	8 156,80
- PROFITS PREVIOUS YEARS			55,76
- RECOVER OF PROVISIONS			30 000,00
<u>Total Expenses</u>		376 800,00	487 771,54
- OFFICE EXPENSES		9 600,00	2 014,23
- RELATIONS IAAF/IMGA/REGIONS			38 291,96
- BANK CHARGES		2 800,00	4 190,14
- AUDITORS FEES		2 600,00	3 244,60
- OTHER MEETINGS TBM ...		16 900,00	8 644,01
- POSTAGE, PHONE, FAX		2 500,00	882,33
- GUESTS, GIFTS			6 643,94
- COMMUNIC° WMA WEBSITE		10 100,00	2 898,88
- COMMUNICATION		6 000,00	27 333,92
- COUNCIL MEETINGS + EXECUTIVE		91 000,00	42 732,20
- TRANSITION COMMITTEE & LEGAL EXP.		8 000,00	1 272,09
- INSURANCE PREMIUM		24 000,00	17 755,00
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS LYON 2015			1 325,37
- WMRA CHAMPIONSHIPS			2 645,68
- WMACI DAEGU 2017			6 928,71
- WMACS PORTO ALEGRE 2013			143 851,54
- WMACI BUDAPEST 2014			64 937,93
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS		164 500,00	0,00
- REGIONAL GRANTS & ASSISTANCE		38 800,00	31 400,00
- LOSSES PREVIOUS YEARS			154,01
- EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES			31 625,00
- ALLOC° PROVIS° FOR RISKS			49 000,00
<u>Surplus / (Shortfall)</u>		83 200,00	134 332,11

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2013-2014 VS 2011-2012

Currency US\$	2014	2013	Total 2013-2014	Total 2011-2012
Total Revenues	303 584,11	310 306,98	622 103,65	333 401,00
- SANCTION FEES	35 000,00	145 000,00	180 000,00	160 366,00
- INSPECTION VISITS REFUND	13 771,00		13 771,00	10 000,00
- WMA FEES	144 813,11	113 642,98	258 456,09	77 710,00
- NATIONAL ADDITIONAL FEES		11 664,00	11664,00	
- IAAF GRANT	80 000,00	40 000,00	120 000,00	80 050,00
- FINANCIAL PROFIT	8 156,80		8 156,80	5 275,00
- PROFITS PREVIOUS YEARS		55,76	55,76	
- RECOVER OF PROVISIONS	30 000,00		30 000,00	
Total Expenses	192 309,89	234 954,00	487 771,54	364 172,00
- OFFICE EXPENSES	442,82	1 571,41	2 014,23	8 167,00
- RELATIONS IAAF/IMG/REGIONS	22 017,51	16 274,45	38 291,96	
- BANK CHARGES	2 552,98	1 637,16	4 190,14	1 253,00
- AUDITORS FEES		3 244,60	3244,60	2 050,00
- OTHER MEETINGS TBM ...	3 158,16	5 485,85	8 644,01	7 572,00
- POSTAGE, PHONE, FAX	330,92	551,41	882,33	842,00
- GUESTS, GIFTS	4 264,55	2 379,39	6 643,94	
- COMMUNIC* WMA WEBSITE	1 142,91	1 755,97	2 898,88	8 665,00
- COMMUNICATION	5 600,42	21 733,50	27 333,92	2 558,00
- COUNCIL MEETINGS + EXECUTIVE	28 712,84	14 019,36	42 732,20	103 928,00
- TRANSITION COMMITTEE & LEGAL EXP.		1 272,09	1272,09	32 612,00
- INSURANCE PREMIUM	7 685,00	10 070,00	17 755,00	21 094,00
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS LYON 2015	1 325,37		1 325,37	
- WMRA CHAMPIONSHIPS		2 645,68	2645,68	
- WMACI DAEGU 2017		6 928,71	6928,71	
- WMACS PORTO ALEGRE 2013	2 340,96	141 510,58	143 851,54	
- WMACI BUDAPEST 2014	61 064,09	3 873,84	64 937,93	
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS				170 735,00
- REGIONAL GRANTS & ASSISTANCE	20 000,00	11 400,00	31 400,00	4 696,00
- LOSSES PREVIOUS YEARS	46,36	107,65	154,01	
- EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES	31 625,00		31 625,00	
- ALLOC* PROVIS* FOR RISKS		49 000,00	49000,00	
Surplus / (Shortfall)	119 431,02	14 901,09	134 332,11	(-30 771,00)

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**BUDGET 2015-2016
VS PROFIT AND LOSS 2013-2014**

Currency US\$	Budget	2015-2016	2013-2014
<u>Total Revenues</u>		684 000,00	622 103,65
- SANCTION FEES		120 000,00	180 000,00
- INSPECTION VISITS REFUND		10 000,00	13 771,00
- WMA FEES		394 000,00	258 456,09
- NATIONAL ADDITIONAL FEES			11 664,00
- IAAF GRANT		160 000,00	120 000,00
- FINANCIAL PROFIT			8 156,80
- PROFITS PREVIOUS YEARS			55,76
- RECOVER OF PROVISIONS			30 000,00
<u>Total Expenses</u>		543 700,00	487 771,54
- OFFICE EXPENSES		3 000,00	2 014,23
- RELATIONS IAAF/IMGA /REGIONS		35 000,00	38 291,96
- BANK CHARGES		16 000,00	4 190,14
- AUDITORS FEES		3 200,00	3 244,60
- OTHER MEETINGS TBM ...		18 000,00	8 644,01
- POSTAGE, PHONE, FAX		1 500,00	882,33
- GUESTS, GIFTS		10 000,00	6 643,94
- COMMUNIC° WMA WEBSITE		4 000,00	2 898,88
- COMMUNICATION		28 000,00	27 333,92
- COUNCIL MEETINGS + EXECUTIVE		85 000,00	42 732,20
- TRANSITION COMMITTEE & LEGAL EXP.		12 000,00	1 272,09
- INSURANCE PREMIUM		25 000,00	17 755,00
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS LYON 2015		120 000,00	1 325,37
- WMRA CHAMPIONSHIPS			2 645,68
- WMACI DAEGU 2017		8 000,00	6 928,71
- WMACS PORTO ALEGRE 2013			143 851,54
- WMACI BUDAPEST 2014			64 937,93
- WMA CHAMPIONSHIPS PERTH 2016		140 000,00	0,00
- REGIONAL GRANTS & ASSISTANCE		35 000,00	31 400,00
- LOSSES PREVIOUS YEARS			154,01
- EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES			31 625,00
- ALLOC° PROVIS° FOR RISKS			49 000,00
Surplus / (Shortfall)		140 300,00	134 332,11

RAPPORT DE LA PRÉSIDENTE DU COMITÉ DES FEMMES SELMA TÜRKAL

A l'occasion de l'Assemblée Générale de la WMA à Porto Alegre j'ai été reconduite dans ma fonction de représentante des femmes à la WMA. Les nombreux courriels et coups de téléphone que j'ai reçus suite à ma réélection me confortent dans ma détermination à poursuivre ma recherche de moyens afin d'aider les athlètes femmes de la WMA. C'est dans cet esprit que je tiens à remercier tous les délégués qui, en ayant voté pour moi, m'ont offert cette opportunité. C'est avec ardeur que je me suis attelée à cette tâche et je vais continuer le travail avec les membres de mon comité.

Ce rapport contient les dernières informations sur les membres du comité des femmes de la WMA qui restent en fonction et sur les remaniements de poste.

Pendant cette période, en raison de changements organisationnels régionaux au sein du Conseil régional asiatique des maîtres, Mme Kalaivalli Ratnam de Malaisie a remplacé Glory Barnabas au poste de représentante des femmes. Mme Kalaivalli Ratnam s'est vue décerner le prix 2014 de la meilleure sportive femme par le Conseil olympique de Malaisie le 13 décembre 2014, pour son excellente contribution spécialement dans les sports féminins. C'est un honneur, non seulement pour la fédération australienne d'athlétisme (AMA) mais pour le comité des femmes de la WMA. Mme Glory Barnabas a occupé cette fonction pendant de nombreuses années et elle a effectué un très grand travail pour encourager les athlètes femmes à participer aux championnats d'athlétisme des Maîtres dans la région. Je lui souhaite bonne chance pour l'avenir et suis persuadée qu'elle continuera à jouer un rôle de modèle pour sa région.

La région de l'Océanie a maintenant une nouvelle représentante femme, l'Australienne Marie Kay, elle aussi une femme plusieurs fois médaillée. Marie, recordwoman de pentathlon et de saut en longueur, a reçu le titre de meilleure athlète femme de l'IAAF pour l'année 2010. Ceci un honneur, non seulement pour la région de l'Océanie mais aussi pour nous tous au comité des femmes de la WMA. Elle succède à Mme Wilma Perkins dont personne ici n'ignore le remarquable travail. Elle poursuit son engagement en tant que membre du Comité sur Piste de la WMA. Nous lui sommes très reconnaissants pour son engagement dans notre comité. Dans le même temps, la déléguée régionale Lynne Schickert fait un très grand travail administratif au sein de la WMA et de l'Océanie.

La représentante des femmes pour la région de l'Afrique est la présidente des maîtres du Nigéria, Mme Gloria Obajimi. Elle

travaille en coopération avec la présidente des femmes dans le but de motiver le plus grand nombre de femmes possible à participer à toutes les compétitions. Son objectif est d'augmenter le nombre des participantes et d'accroître ainsi le pourcentage des femmes présentes dans les championnats nationaux/régionaux, en cherchant à comprendre les difficultés auxquelles les femmes doivent faire face dans la région, et en améliorant leur accès au sport.

La représentante de l'Europe est l'Ukrainienne Valentina Krepkina. Sous la direction du Norvégien Kalle Glomsaker du "Groupe de Travail Athlète et Coach » et en coopération avec Mme Emanuela Baggiolini (Italie) de l'Association européenne d'athlétisme des maîtres, elle effectue un travail de coordination et joue un rôle de lien entre les athlètes européens et les directeurs d'équipe. Mme Emanuela Baggiolini dirige l'académie de l'Association européenne d'athlétisme des maîtres et, dans le cadre de sa fonction de représentante des femmes en Europe, elle poursuit son travail d'organisation de séminaires, de conférences et de camps d'entraînement.

En ce qui concerne l'Amérique du Nord, l'Amérique Centrale et les Caraïbes, Mme Silvia Viramontes Romero (Mexique) demeure la représentante de la région à notre comité jusqu'à l'annonce officielle de l'élection de la nouvelle représentante, Mme. Magdalena Molina Romero (Costa Rica) à l'Assemblée générale de la NCCWMA.

Dans la région de l'Amérique du Sud, Mme Ester Cabrera (Bolivie) a occupé la fonction de représentante des femmes de 2006 à 2010 puis de 2010 à 2014. Suite à des changements structurels, le conseil de l'ASUDAVE - l'association sud-américaine des athlètes vétérans - et son nouveau président, le Paraguayen Richard Amigo, ont décidé de continuer avec un comité des femmes composé par l'Uruguayenne Miriam Finochetti, l'Argentine Monica Regola et la Colombienne Monica Regola.

Pour ce qui est de l'athlétisme féminin des masters, nous pouvons être très fiers d'avoir des athlètes hors-série dans notre mouvement. Dans cette optique, je tiens à féliciter pour leurs performances exceptionnelles en 2013 la Canadienne Christa Bortignon (F75 - triple saut et courses de haies) ainsi que l'Américain Allie Charles (M65 - course de vitesse) ; et pour le titre de meilleur athlète de l'année 2014 l'Australienne Lavinia Petrie (F70 - longue distance) ainsi que l'Allemand Guido Muller (M75 course de vitesse/haies). Comme de coutume, les trophées leur ont été remis par le président de l'Association internationale des Fédérations d'Athlétisme (IAAF), à cette époque Lamine Diack,

lors du gala mondial de l'athlétisme organisé par la Fédération internationale d'athlétisme, en présence de son président honoraire, S.A.S. le Prince Albert II de Monaco.

Un autre nom à retenir est celui de l'Allemande Irina Mikitenko (F40) qui a réussi un temps de 2h24'54 au marathon de Berlin en 2013, battant ainsi le record du monde féminin, en améliorant de près d'une minute le précédent record, qui appartenait à la Russe Ludmila Petrova, 2h25'43 (2008 à New York).

Il y a beaucoup d'autres athlètes qui n'ont pas reçu la reconnaissance qu'ils auraient mérités, comme par exemple la marathonnienne de 92 ans, Harriotte Thompson (San Diego).

Cette année, dans le cadre de la coopération entre l'IAAF et la WMA, deux épreuves sur piste des maîtres sont prévues aux championnats du monde d'athlétisme de l'IAAF qui vont se dérouler à Pékin le 29 août 2015. L'un d'entre eux est le 400 mètres femmes dans le groupe d'âge 50+, une épreuve qui exige des temps inférieurs à 65 secondes. La WMA a sélectionné les athlètes maîtres qui vont participer à la fois aux épreuves hommes et aux épreuves femmes. Les athlètes femmes ayant été retenues sont : Renee Henderson/Shepherd (USA); Sally Reid-Cayton (Grande-Bretagne); Geel Simone (Pays-Bas); Elizabeth Wilson (Gale) (Nouvelle-Zélande); Gianna Mogentale (Australie); Marie Cederberg (Suède); Mayka Emmi Garoglio (Argentine); Yukkiko Usui (Japon); une représentante de Chine ou or Virginia Mitchell (Grande-Bretagne).

Nous souhaitons bonne chance à ces toutes athlètes exceptionnelles pour ces épreuves des maîtres aux championnats du Monde à Pékin.

Contrairement à d'autres comités, le comité des femmes est très dynamique et très pro actif. Au sein de ce comité, mon objectif est d'aider les athlètes femmes dans tous les aspects de leur sport, de travailler ensemble afin de leur permettre de réaliser de grandes performances et de surpasser toutes les difficultés et les problèmes auxquelles elles sont confrontés dans l'athlétisme des maîtres. Je tiens à exprimer tous mes remerciements à toutes les anciennes représentantes des femmes qui ont travaillé dans ce sens et qui se sont investies pour soutenir les athlètes femmes. Je suis très heureuse de voir que ma vision est en train de devenir réalité et que toutes les régions offrent aux femmes des opportunités d'occuper des postes au sein de leurs conseils et de leurs comités Je tiens à remercier le conseil de la WMA et tous les membres du comité pour leur soutien et leur compréhension.

Selma Turkkal

RAPPORT DU REPRESENTANT DE L'IAAF : CESAR MORENO BRAVO
l'Assemblée Générale de la WMA LYON, FRANCE - le 13 Août 2015

Introduction

Lors du Congrès de l'IAAF à Daegu en 2011, le Comité des Maîtres de l'IAAF a été élu pour une période de deux ans, au lieu des traditionnelles quatre années. Au cours de ces deux années, le travail du Comité a consisté à élaborer un plan ayant pour but de créer la Commission des Maîtres de l'IAAF, qui ferait suite à l'intégration de l'athlétisme des Maîtres dans la famille de l'IAAF.

Ce plan a été présenté par l'ancien comité et approuvé par le Congrès de l'IAAF à Moscou en 2013. Lors de sa première réunion en novembre 2013, le Conseil de l'IAAF nouvellement élu a désigné les membres de la nouvelle Commission des Maîtres de l'IAAF, et ce sur proposition de la WMA pour la moitié d'entre eux.

Membres des la Commission des Maîtres:

Serge BECKERS	(BEL)
Jean GRACIA	(FRA)
Margit JUNGMAN	(GER)
César MORENO BRAVO, Président	(MEX)
Shigenobu MUROFUSHI	(JAP)
Sandy PASHKIN	(USA)
Stanley PERKINS	(AUS)
Anna RICCARDI	(ITA)

Réunions de la Commission

La première réunion de la Commission des Maîtres de l'IAAF s'est tenue à Budapest en Hongrie à l'occasion des cinquièmes championnats du monde en salle de la WMA, le 26 et 27 mars 2014.

Une deuxième réunion a eu lieu en France au Cap d'Ail le 13 février 2015.

Plan stratégique de la Commission des Maîtres

>VISION

Aider à matérialiser la prémisse de « l'Athlétisme pour la Vie », en réunissant tous les athlètes du monde entier, sans distinction d'âge, de sexe ou de race, dans une seule et unique grande famille de l'athlétisme.

>MISSION

Unifier les affiliés des Maîtres et les membres de IAAF dans le monde entier.

>OBJECTIFS

- o Encourager l'intégration des organisations des maîtres dans les fédérations de l'IAAF
- o Etablir et renforcer les relations entre les régions de l'IAAF et les organisations régionales de la WMA, et ce, dans toutes les régions du monde.
- o Veiller à ce que les principes fondateurs de l'athlétisme des maîtres soient préservés.
- o Assister la WMA dans ses efforts pour augmenter le nombre de ses membres et le taux de participation.
- o Contribuer au développement à l'athlétisme des maîtres sous toutes ses formes dans le monde entier.

Les Jeux des Maîtres, un conflit potentiel

La question a été abordée au Conseil de l'IAAF et au Congrès de l'IAAF.

L'Association internationale des Jeux des maîtres (IMGA), apparemment sous la protection du Comité International Olympique, contacte les maires des villes susceptibles de pouvoir organiser des championnats et décide des championnats du monde et/ou des championnats régionaux sans associer les fédérations nationales à la prise de décision, au moins en ce qui concerne l'athlétisme.

Bien que l'athlétisme soit au centre des jeux, la ville de Nice, en France, organise les Jeux européens des Maîtres en octobre 2015, sans en avoir informé au préalable la Fédération Française d'Athlétisme. Nous avons déjà été confrontés à une situation similaire à Turin, en Italie, en 2013 ; cette situation est également en train de se reproduire à Auckland en Nouvelle-Zélande pour 2017.

Les aspects techniques ne semblent pas être importants et les contrôles antidopage laissent à désirer. Mais ce qui est le plus grave, c'est que les différends au niveau du programme d'athlétisme des maîtres sont en train de devenir un sérieux problème.

La WMA a clairement montré qu'elle était disposée à coopérer. Ainsi, la WMA a déjà déplacé ses championnats du monde des maîtres des années impaires aux années paires, et même les championnats régionaux ont été déplacés pour éviter les conflits.

La WMA a fait appel à l'IAAF pour qu'elle apporte son soutien, afin de coordonner les efforts avec l'IMGA, et ce dans le but

- o d'associer l'IAAF aux prises de décision sur les points essentiels
- o de veiller au bon respect des règlements de l'IAAF et de la WMA
- o d'éviter des conflits en ce qui concerne les dates des grandes compétitions
- o de protéger les athlètes de manière adéquate
- o de mieux organiser les compétitions

Fusion entre les affiliés des Maîtres et les associations de l'IAAF

La moitié des membres de l'IAAF a déjà inclus les maîtres dans sa structure... Néanmoins, l'autre moitié ne l'a pas encore fait. (Voir annexe).

Dans la mesure où nous partageons les mêmes sites, le même équipement, le même personnel technique et surtout dans la mesure où nos idéaux sont les mêmes, fusionner ne peut que présenter des avantages. De plus, les procédures antidopage ne peuvent pas être appliquées en dehors du cadre de l'IAAF.

L'exemple de l'Argentine montre le grand succès de ce partenariat. Des problèmes graves au sein de l'association argentine des maîtres ont pu être réglés grâce à l'intervention de la confédération argentine d'athlétisme, elle-même membre de l'IAAF.

Dans le but de de faciliter une telle fusion, la Commission des Maîtres présente les lignes directrices suivantes :

- g) Les relations entre le membre de l'IAAF et l'affilié de la WMA sont basées sur un respect et une compréhension mutuels ;
- h) La fédération membre de l'IAAF reconnaît dans l'affilié de la WMA la structure responsable des tous les athlètes maîtres ;
- i) L'affilié de la WMA reconnaît dans la fédération membre de l'IAAF l'organe dirigeant au niveau national pour tout ce qui a trait à l'athlétisme ;
- j) La fédération membre de l'IAAF apporte son soutien à l'affilié de la WMA et le représente, si besoin est, dans des affaires nationales et internationales ;

k) En représentant son pays, l'affilié de la WMA représente aussi son membre de l'IAAF;

l) Les programmes antidopage sont les mêmes pour les deux entités, mais le membre de l'IAAF fait partie de l'autorité nationale face à l'IAAF :

L'expérience faite à Lima, au Pérou

Les 49^{èmes} championnats d'Amérique du sud, la plus grande compétition de la confédération sud-américaine d'athlétisme (CONSUDATLE) se sont déroulés à Lima au Pérou à la mi-juin. Stan et moi avons réussi à être invités à parler aux leaders des équipes en compétition. Une réunion spéciale a été organisée sur le site de la compétition, et elle a eu un franc succès. Empreinte d'un certain scepticisme au début, l'atmosphère est devenue fort positive et enthousiaste.

Trophée du meilleur athlète de l'année

Comme c'est la tradition, lors du gala mondial d'athlétisme qui s'est tenu à Monaco au mois de novembre, l'IAAF a récompensé deux athlètes maîtres nominés par la WMA, à savoir le meilleur athlète homme et la meilleure athlète femme de l'année.

Il s'agit, pour l'année 2013, de l'Américain Charles ALLIE, 65 (course de vitesse) et de la Canadienne Christa BORTINGTON (triple saut et courses de haies) ; et pour l'année 2014, de l'Allemand Guido MÜLLER, 75 (course de vitesse / haies) et de l'Autrichienne Lavinia PETRIE, 70, (longue distance).

Epreuves des Maîtres

Pour la première fois dans l'histoire, deux compétitions d'athlétisme des maîtres ont été incluses dans les championnats du monde de l'IAAF, à savoir, le 400 mètres femmes dans le groupe d'âge 50+, et le 800 mètres hommes dans le groupe d'âge 50+.

Ces deux épreuves ont lieu au cours de la même session, avec sept autres finales. Parmi elles l'épreuve de relais de 4x 100 mètres.

Je tiens à remercier les délégués techniques de l'IAAF, le comité local d'organisation l'association chinoise d'athlétisme ainsi que l'équipe de l'IAAF pour leur assistance et leur bonne volonté. Sans leur précieuse collaboration, la réalisation de ce projet n'aurait pas été possible.

La WMA a sélectionné 9 femmes et 10 hommes âgés de plus de cinquante ans pour participer aux épreuves du 400 mètres

respectivement du 800 mètres. Non seulement ces athlètes maîtres font partie des meilleurs athlètes du monde, mais de plus, ils ont dû financer eux-mêmes leurs frais de transport et de logement.

La Commission des Maîtres estime que cette expérience faite à Pékin va être renouvelée lors d'autres championnats du monde et coupes de l'IAAF ; c'est une excellente occasion de montrer quelles sont les vraies dimensions de la grande famille mondiale de l'athlétisme.

Futurs championnats du monde de l'IAAF

- o 22-30 août 2015, championnats du monde de l'IAAF à Pékin (Chine),
- o 17-20 mars 2016, championnats du monde junior de l'IAAF à Portland (USA),
- o 07-08 mai 2016, championnats du monde de marche athlétique par équipe de l'IAAF à Cheboksary (Russie),
- o 26 mars 2016, championnats du monde de semi-marathon de l'IAAF à Cardiff (Royaume-Uni).

Je vous remercie de l'attention que vous m'avez témoignée.

César Moreno Bravo
Représentant de l'IAAF

CONSTITUTION

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PART-A: DECLARATION, INTERPRETATION AND OBJECTS

1. Name, Identification and Registered Office

- 1.1 The name of the association of which this is the Constitution shall be "World Masters Athletics" (WMA).
- 1.2 WMA is a not-for-profit organisation that is neutral regarding politics, religion, ethnicity and gender.
- 1.3 WMA is registered in the Principality of Monaco as an Association under the laws of Monaco (Act No. 1.355 of December 23, 2008) and is subject to the requirements of that Act.
- 1.4 The WMA headquarters are located at 17 rue Princesse Florestine, Monaco, but may be transferred to any other place in the Principality by resolution of Council.
- 1.5 WMA is the world-governing body for the sport of masters athletics, and operates in coordination with IAAF.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 In this Constitution of World Masters Athletics, and in the By-Laws and Rules the words and phrases set out below have the meanings given in this Clause, except where a different meaning is clearly intended, and when used in the plural have corresponding meanings.

Anti-Doping Rules means anti-doping rules and policies adopted under the By-Laws.

Athletics means the sport of track and field, road running, race walking, cross country running and mountain running.

By-Laws mean the laws that have been adopted under this Constitution.

Committee means a standing or ad hoc committee established under this Constitution or the By-Laws.

Council means the body responsible for the administration of WMA consisting of the elected members of the Executive, the IAAF Representative and the Regional Representatives.

Country means a self-governing geographical area of the world recognized as an independent

state by international law and international governmental bodies.

- Delegate** means a representative of a Member eligible to speak and vote at a General Assembly.
- Executive** means the Officers plus the IAAF Representative.
- Formal Notice** means official notification by personal delivery, mail, electronic mail, facsimile, telegram or any other means of written communication.
- Formal Policies** means policies adopted by Council or the Executive to govern the activities of Council, the Executive and Committees.
- General Assembly** means a meeting of Council and Delegates.
- IAAF** means the International Association of Athletics Federations.
- IAAF Representative** means the member of Council appointed by the IAAF.
- Majority** means a vote of more than 50 per cent of Valid Votes.
- Masters Athlete** means any male or female participating in Athletics who has attained the age of 35 years who is currently registered or licenced by a Member. A **masters athlete** (all lower case) shall refer any male or female participating in Athletics who has attained the age of 35 years but who is not registered with a Member (such as some Masters Games competitors).
- Member** means an athletics organisation affiliated with WMA which is responsible to represent all Masters Athletes of a Country or Territory; and **Membership** shall have a corresponding meaning.
- National Governing Body** means the organisation in a Country or Territory which is responsible for Athletics and which is affiliated with IAAF.
- Objects** means the purposes for which WMA is established as stated in this Constitution.

Office Bearer means an individual elected or appointed to Council or to a Committee or to represent WMA on an external body.

Officer means an individual elected or appointed to fill a vacancy as the President, the Executive Vice-President, the Vice-President Competition, the Secretary, the Treasurer or the Women's Representative; and **Office** has a corresponding meaning.

Original WMA means the entity established in Sweden in 1977 under the name World Association of Veteran Athletes which now continues there under the name World Masters Athletics.

Quorum means the minimum number of persons who need to be present to constitute a valid meeting.

Region means each of the six geographical areas into which the world has been divided for the purposes of the administration of WMA and for the grouping of Members, being Africa; Asia; Europe; North and Central America & the Caribbean; Oceania; and South America; and **Regional** has a corresponding meaning.

Regional Association means the organisation responsible for coordinating and fostering masters athletics in a Region.

Regional Representative means the person appointed to Council by a Region.

Rules mean the Rules of Competition for the conduct of masters athletics, the Championship Rules for the conduct of WMA Championships, and the Anti-Doping Rules.

Special Majority means at least two-thirds of the Valid Votes.

Territory means any semi-autonomous territory or dependency recognised by international law and international governmental bodies.

Valid Votes means all votes cast except:

- (i) blank votes, or
- (ii) votes for more candidates than the number required.

WADA means the World Anti-Doping Agency.

WMA means World Masters Athletics, of which this is the Constitution.

WMA Meeting means a General Assembly or a meeting of Council, of the Executive or of a Committee.

2.2 The By-Laws, the Rules of Competition, the Championship Rules, the Anti-Doping Rules and Formal Policies made under this Constitution are not part of this Constitution but provide further detail or expand on elements of the Constitution or address matters not specifically dealt with in the Constitution.

2.3 In this Constitution, the By-Laws, the Rules and the Formal Policies the masculine gender includes the feminine gender. However specific reference to the feminine gender means only the feminine gender.

3. Objects

3.1 The Objects of WMA are:

- (i) to develop, regulate, promote and manage all aspects of the sport of masters athletics at the world level for the Members,
- (ii) to establish, coordinate, and foster masters athletics through Regional Associations,
- (iii) to safeguard, act in the interests of, and maintain the reputation and integrity of masters athletics,
- (iv) to foster a supportive and non-discriminatory environment for athletes, officials, support staff and administrators involved in masters athletics throughout the world, regardless of age, gender, sexual preference, race, religious, political or other orientation or ability,
- (v) to sanction, promote and ensure the conduct of WMA championships and other competitions as determined from time to time,
- (vi) through the IAAF, to sanction or conduct, either by WMA or through its Regional Associations, any masters athletics competition scheduled by any non-IAAF/WMA affiliated

- organisation, in particular "Games organisations",
- (vii) to foster friendly and cooperative masters athletics competition at the national level and between Members at the Regional level,
 - (viii) to work in co-operation with the IAAF, and to ratify and implement IAAF rules, regulations, directives and sanctions as they apply to masters athletics,
 - (ix) to work in co-operation with other organisations that are engaged in the sport of masters athletics,
 - (x) to implement WADA/IAAF anti-doping regulations as they are deemed to apply to masters athletics,
 - (xi) to ratify and maintain World Masters Athletics records and best performances,
 - (xii) to liaise with Members directly and through their Regional Associations in relation to masters athletics and the interests of athletics more generally,
 - (xiii) to establish standards of conduct expected of Office Bearers, Masters Athletes, officials, support staff and administrators and disciplinary procedures for breaches of these standards,
 - (xiv) to succeed to the position, authority, activities, affiliations, assets, obligations, and outcomes of Original WMA, and towards that end, but without limitation:
 - (a) to enter into an appropriate agreement with Original WMA,
 - (b) to implement any outcomes, sanctions, decisions or agreements made by Original WMA that may derive from prior outdoor and indoor WMA Championships,
 - (c) to recognize as members of Council, and of Committees the persons holding corresponding positions in Original WMA on the date this Constitution comes into effect,
 - (d) to recognize the honours granted by Original WMA,

- (e) to enact, adopt or otherwise bring into effect Championship Rules, Rules of Competition, Anti-Doping Rules, Formal Policies and other enactments identical to those of Original WMA in effect on the date this Constitution comes into effect,
- (f) to take into account the terms of office of office of Original WMA's Council members in determining eligibility for election to Council under this Constitution, and
- (g) to cooperate with Original WMA in all matters relating to its winding up and dissolution.

PART-B: WMA MEMBERSHIP

4. Membership

- 4.1 Only one properly constituted association or organisation that represents Masters Athletes for each Country or Territory is eligible for Membership in WMA; this may be a National Governing Body or an independent national masters body that is approved by the National Governing Body.
- 4.2 Membership of WMA shall not be available to any prospective member whose constitution is inconsistent with the Objects or spirit of this Constitution.
- 4.3 Applications for Membership shall be endorsed by a Regional Association and forwarded to the WMA Secretary.

5. Termination of Membership

- 5.1 Where the affiliation of a National Governing Body to IAAF is terminated (for whatever reason) in accordance with the IAAF constitution then WMA Membership of the Member from the corresponding Country or Territory is simultaneously terminated.
- 5.2 A Member may resign from WMA and thereby cease to be a Member of WMA by following the procedure provided in the By-Laws.
- 5.3 The Council may recommend suspension or termination of a Member or its officers, to a General Assembly if it is of the opinion that the Member has:
 - (i) refused or neglected to comply with the provisions of this Constitution, the By-Laws, the Rules or other valid WMA resolutions or

directives after being given notice to do so,
or

- (ii) continued to act in a manner prejudicial to the interests or reputation of WMA and masters athletics after being given notice to desist from any such act, or
- (iii) become inactive or is no longer a properly constituted national association or an organisation that represents Masters Athletes, or
- (iv) fails to act in accordance with their own constitution, in the interest of their athletes and in accordance with good practice that befits the position of the office they are elected to.

5.4 The procedure for suspension or termination of a Member or its officers is provided in the By-Laws. Any decision for suspension or termination of a Member or its officers shall be by a Special Majority.

6. Membership Fees

6.1 WMA may charge Members Membership fees, and the amount of the Membership fee and its method of determination shall be proposed by Council and must be approved by a General Assembly and specified in the WMA By-Laws.

7. Rights and Obligations of Members

7.1 Members are entitled to propose motions and vote at General Assemblies.

7.2 Members are entitled to nominate eligible individuals to be Office Bearers.

7.3 Members are entitled to nominate host cities for WMA Championships.

7.4 Members shall regulate, administer and support masters athletics in their jurisdiction and otherwise operate in a manner that is consistent with the Objects.

7.5 Members shall promptly provide to the secretary of their Regional Association and the WMA Secretary the contact information for their organisation and any changes or updates to that information and should respond within 30 days to any reasonable request from the Secretary for information relating to the

Member's organisation and activities relating to masters athletics.

- 7.6 Members shall, if requested, provide a biennial report to their National Governing Body and to the secretary of their Regional Association.
- 7.7 Members shall ensure the payment of their Membership fees, if any, as well as facilitating the payment of any other fees such as WMA championship fees or competitor levies collected on behalf of WMA by a championship hosting organisation in their jurisdiction.

8. Information

- 8.1 The Secretary shall promptly notify Members of any changes to this Constitution, the By-Laws, the Competition, Championship and Anti-Doping rules and Formal Policies, and of the availability of any new editions of WMA documents and of any changes to Council membership.
- 8.2 The Secretary shall provide timely administrative information to Members as required by this Constitution and the By-Laws.

PART-C: ADMINISTRATION

9. Management Structure

- 9.1 The affairs of WMA shall be the responsibility of the General Assembly, Council and the Executive. The General Assembly is the supreme decision making body of WMA. Council and the Executive are responsible for the day-to-day management of WMA's affairs.

10. General Assembly

- 10.1 The General Assembly shall consist of:
- (i) the Council, and
 - (ii) Delegates.
- 10.2 The number and eligibility of Delegates at a General Assembly shall be determined on the following basis:
- (i) each Member shall be entitled to one Delegate,
 - (ii) each Member shall be entitled to one additional Delegate for each 100 of the total of its competitors at the last three outdoor WMA Stadia Championships, to a maximum of four additional Delegates,

(iii) the competitors referred to in Clause 10.2 (ii) shall mean eligible competitors registered as entered and fully paid up regardless of whether they start their events or not,

(iv) a Delegate must be a Masters Athlete who is a member in good standing of the Member which they represent or an office bearer of that Member. Proxies or delegating representation by a Member to any individual from another Member is not permitted, and

(v) each Delegate present is entitled to one vote on any motion.

10.3 Each Council member present is entitled to one vote on any motion.

10.4 Non-voting observers, including Honourees, Bidding Delegations, members of the Press, athletes and members of the public may be permitted to attend a General Assembly, but shall be physically separated from Delegates, and may not participate in any manner unless specifically requested to do so by the Chair.

10.5 The names of Delegates including any substitutes shall be provided in writing by Members to the Secretary at least 30 days before the General Assembly.

10.6 The nomination of substitute Delegates to replace previously nominated Delegates must be made in writing by Members on their official letterhead, and lodged with the WMA Secretary not less than 24 hours in advance of the opening of the General Assembly.

10.7 Where a special General Assembly is held, the number of Delegates for each Member shall be those of the preceding General Assembly, except that, if the special General Assembly is held less than 120 days before an upcoming General Assembly or concurrent with a General Assembly the number of each Member's Delegates for the upcoming or concurrent General Assembly shall be its entitlement for the special General Assembly.

11. Powers of the General Assembly

11.1 The powers of the General Assembly are:

(i) to elect the Officers,

- (ii) to receive and vote upon the reports submitted by the President, Secretary, Treasurer and IAAF Representative,
- (iii) to receive and vote upon the audited financial report and the budget for the next accounting period,
- (iv) to hear bid proposals and vote on the venues for the hosting of WMA championships in accordance with the Championship Rules,
- (v) to approve the amount of any WMA membership fees,
- (vi) in accordance with Formal Policies, to confer honours upon any individual for outstanding service to the administration of WMA and the Objects,
- (vii) to approve amendments to the Constitution by Special Majority,
- (viii) to adopt By-Laws and Rules and approve amendments thereto,
- (ix) to dissolve or transform WMA into another legal form or to merge with another organisation by Special Majority,
- (x) to adjudicate in accordance with natural justice in relation to any Council recommendation upon any disciplinary charge relating to a Region, Member or other masters associations, and
- (xi) to suspend a Member or terminate a Member's Membership as provided in the By-Laws.

12. Council and Executive

12.1 Council shall consist of:

- (i) the Officers,
- (ii) the IAAF Representative, and
- (iii) six Regional Representatives, one from each Region.

12.2 The Executive shall consist of:

- (i) the Officers, and
- (ii) the IAAF Representative.

12.3 To be eligible to be a member of the Council an individual must have attained the age of 35 and have

full civil rights; any member of the Council no longer fulfilling these conditions is deemed to have resigned.

13. Powers of Council and Executive

13.1 The powers and responsibilities of Council and the Executive are:

- (i) to undertake the day-to-day management of WMA and implement General Assembly resolutions,
- (ii) to act in the interests of masters athletics consistent with this Constitution and to develop strategic directions for WMA,
- (iii) to represent WMA interests to the IAAF and other external organisations,
- (iv) to propose changes to the Constitution, the By-Laws, the Rules or any other matters for consideration by the General Assembly,
- (v) to acquire by purchase, lease, exchange, gift or donation property of any kind that in the opinion of the Council may be necessary or useful to carry out the Objects, and to dispose of such property,
- (vi) to seek donations, sponsorship, grants or financial loans and to engage in commercial activity by or on behalf of WMA for the development or support of world masters athletics and related activities,
- (vii) to invest and deal with the funds of WMA in such a manner as they think fit in the interests of WMA,
- (viii) to determine the amount of WMA championship fees and competitor levies,
- (ix) to establish standing and ad hoc Committees, and to appoint, co-opt, or invite members as needed to such Committees,
- (x) to make, amend and cancel Formal Policies, Anti-Doping Rules and TUE Regulations adapted from IAAF's regulations,
- (xi) to appoint independent auditors,
- (xii) to review and decide upon items referred to them by Office Bearers or Committees,

- (xiii) to take or ensure disciplinary or legal actions in relation to alleged offences by Masters Athletes and deal with un-sportsman-like conduct at WMA authorised championships so as to ensure fair play in masters athletics,
- (xiv) to adopt a Common Seal for use by WMA when required in the execution of documents and, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, to regulate such use,
- (xv) with the approval of IAAF, to modify the grouping of Members within the Regions, and
- (xvi) to act on other matters relating to masters athletics not reserved for the General Assembly.

PART-D: MEETINGS

14. Convening a General Assembly

- 14.1 A General Assembly shall be convened, normally biennially, in conjunction with the WMA Stadia Championships, and shall be conducted as specified in the By-Laws.
- 14.2 *The inaugural General Assembly shall be held in Perth Australia in 2016 during the WMA Championships as scheduled by the Original WMA.*
- 14.3 General Assemblies shall be convened in English, although French, Spanish and other translations may be provided. At the General Assembly, each Delegate may speak in his own language but must arrange for the translation of his address into English if such service is not otherwise provided.
- 14.4 Prior to each General Assembly the Secretary shall give Formal Notice to Members:
 - (i) of any Officers whose term will be expiring at the time of the General Assembly and who is willing to stand for re-election, such notice to be given no less than 180 days prior to the opening date of the General Assembly,
 - (ii) of the opening date and venue of the General Assembly and of the deadlines specified in Clause 14.6, such notice to be given no less than 120 days prior to that opening date.

- (iii) (a) the agenda and any standing orders proposed by Council,
- (b) any candidates for election to the Executive with their curriculum vitae and any supporting information addressing the requirements for the position they are seeking election to,
- (c) the inspection reports prepared with respect to Bid Cities under the Championship Rules,
- (d) all other documents to be received, approved and/or voted on, and
- (e) the number of Delegates to which the Member is entitled,

14.5 Formal notices under Clause 14.4 (iii) shall be given no less than 45 days prior to the opening date of the General Assembly except that, in the case of a special General Assembly, short notice may be given as early as possible but within 14 days after the opening date is set.

14.6 Prior to each General Assembly each Member shall give Formal Notice to the WMA Secretary:

- (i) of any resolutions to be considered at the General Assembly, such notice to be given at least 90 days prior to the opening date of the General Assembly,
- (ii) of candidates it nominates in accordance with the By-Laws for election to the Executive, such notice to be given at least 90 days prior to the opening date of the General Assembly, and
- (iii) the names of its Delegates and substitutes such notice to be given no less than 30 days prior to the opening date of the General Assembly.

14.7 The Secretary shall not later than 60 days after any General Assembly give Formal Notice of Minutes, signed by the President, Secretary and note takers, including any amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules, to all Members and members of Council.

15. Special General Assembly

15.1 A Special General Assembly may be convened by a majority of Council or upon request of at least one fifth of WMA Members, or by at least 3 Regional

Associations to deal with one or more specific items under the Constitution or By-Laws.

15.2 The President in consultation with Council shall determine the date of the Special General Assembly.

15.3 A Special General Assembly shall only deal with the specific items for which the meeting was called.

16. Conduct of General Assembly, Council and Executive Meetings

16.1 The details relating to the holding and conduct of General Assembly, Council and Executive meetings are specified in the By-Laws.

17. Voting

17.1 At any WMA Meeting, resolutions and elections shall require a Majority unless otherwise specified in this Constitution or in the By-Laws.

17.2 Any motion or matter requiring decision at any WMA Meeting which is not held by electronic means shall take place openly determined by voice or by a show of hands, unless a formal count or a secret ballot is requested by two thirds of those present and eligible to vote.

17.3 Where a resolution concerns a member of Council, the member being considered shall not be present and shall have no vote. Where the President or Chair is involved, a temporary Chair shall be appointed for the duration of that matter.

17.4 In the case of a tied vote at any WMA Meeting, the Chair may use an additional vote to break the tie.

17.5 Elections to Council shall be by secret ballot, except for an Office for which there is only one candidate.

17.6 Where no candidate for election to Council gains a Majority, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be excluded and a further vote taken. This voting process shall continue until one candidate receives a Majority.

18. Eligibility and Election of Officers

18.1 The procedure for the nomination and election of Officers is provided in the By-Laws.

18.2 No more than two Officers may come from the same Member.

- 18.3 No individual shall hold more than one Office.
- 18.4 An individual may only be nominated for election to Council by the Member country or Territory of which he is a citizen, or where he is a permanent resident in that country or Territory, and for which he is eligible to compete for that country or Territory. Any subsequent change in permanent residency and nomination for Council by another Member must first be reported to and confirmed in writing by the WMA Secretary.
- 18.5 No Council member shall hold a management position in another organisation that promotes any international masters athletics event that is not specifically authorised by WMA or that are in direct competition with WMA championships.
- 18.6 The IAAF Representative shall be appointed by IAAF.
- 18.7 The roles and responsibilities of the Officers are provided in the By-Laws.
- 18.8 The By-Laws provide circumstances in which and procedures by which persons may be removed from Office or disqualified from seeking Office.
- 19. Elections and Term of Office**
- 19.1 The election of Officers shall be staged, with the Executive Vice President, Vice President Competition and Secretary being elected at the *inaugural* General Assembly; and President, Treasurer and Women's Representative being elected at the following General Assembly.
- 19.2 Officers shall serve an initial term commencing at the close of the Stadia Championships at which they are elected and ending at the close of the second Stadia Championships following their election. They may be re-elected only once to the same office.
- 19.3 No person may serve more than a total of 16 years in any capacity on Council nor is any person eligible to be appointed or elected to Council if on completion of the term that person would have served a total of more than 16 years on Council.
- 19.4 A single partial term which was served or which is to be served to fill a vacancy on Council shall not be taken into account for the purposes of Clause 19.3.
- 19.5 No person may serve more than a total of 12 years in the capacity of a Regional Delegate on Council.

19.6 For the purposes of Clauses 19.3 and 19.5 all terms served on Council shall be deemed to commence on and include July 1 and to end on and include June 30, regardless of the day or month on which they actually commence or end. Terms spent on Original WMA's Council shall be taken into account in determining eligibility under Clauses 19.2, 19.3 and 19.5.

PART-E: FINANCIAL MATTERS

20. Finances

20.1 WMA is a not-for-profit organisation.

20.2 WMA's financial resources shall be derived from:

- (i) championship fees paid by WMA championship host organisations,
- (ii) competitor levies at WMA championships and other sanctioned masters athletics competitions,
- (iii) grants from other organisations,
- (iv) interest and other income generated by WMA assets,
- (v) donations from sponsors and others,
- (vi) commercial activity consistent with and in support of the Objects, and
- (vii) membership fees, if applicable.

20.3 The financial resources of WMA shall be used only to further the Objects.

20.4 No person who can materially influence the payment of income, benefit or advantage shall derive any income, benefit or advantage from WMA except where this is derived from professional services to WMA rendered in the course of business and is charged at no more than current market rates.

21. Accounts

21.1 The Executive, through the Treasurer, shall be responsible for the management of WMA finances, accounts, receipts and payments.

21.2 All funds received by WMA shall be deposited in approved bank instruments and accounts in the name of WMA.

- 21.3 The Treasurer and the President shall be registered signatories on WMA accounts and shall each be entitled to have access to the accounts.
- 21.4 The President shall be a co-signatory with the Secretary or Treasurer on all payments and contracts over US\$10,000.
- 21.5 WMA accounts shall be recorded in American currency, regardless of the currency in which the funds are held.
- 21.6 WMA's accounting period shall normally be of two years duration commencing on the first day of January preceding the date of holding a General Assembly, and ending on the last day of December preceding the next General Assembly.

22 Liability

- 22.1 The liability of WMA shall be limited to WMA's assets.
- 22.2 The liability of a Member to contribute to the payment of debts and liabilities of WMA, or the costs, charges and expenses in the dissolution of WMA is solely limited to the amount of outstanding membership fees if any, or other monies payable by that Member to WMA.
- 22.3 WMA shall maintain the following insurances to protect WMA and its Office Bearers against any claims resulting from its activities and their participation in those activities:
- (i) travel and professional indemnity insurance for its Officers, and
 - (ii) professional indemnity insurance for its Office Bearers.

PART-F: GENERAL

23. Breaches of Standard of Conduct

- 23.1 The By-Laws provide procedures and adjudication processes to deal with allegations of breaches of the standard of conduct established in the By-laws, Rules and Formal Policies.
- 23.2 A person accused of a breach of such standard of conduct shall not be a member of the Committee considering the case.
- 23.3 Where more than one person is accused and the Committee is hearing the charges consecutively during

the same meeting of the Committee, none of the accused persons shall be members of the Committee whether cleared of the charges or not.

24. By-Laws, Rules and Formal Policies

- 24.1 The By-Laws, Rules and Formal Policies developed under this Constitution shall be subordinate to and not part of this Constitution.
- 24.2 Amendments to By-Laws and Rules of Competition shall be effective when approved by a General Assembly.
- 24.3 Amendments to Championship Rules and Anti-doping Rules shall be effective when approved by Council.
- 24.4 Formal Policies may be developed by Council or the Executive and shall be endorsed by Council.

25. Changes to this Constitution

- 25.1 This Constitution shall be amended only by Special Majority at a General Assembly.
- 25.2 Where an amendment to this Constitution, the By-Laws or Rules of Competition is defeated at a General Assembly a similar amendment cannot be raised until the second following General Assembly unless proposed by the Council.

26. Commencement and Dissolution

- 26.1 Members of Original WMA on the date this Constitution comes into effect shall automatically become Members of WMA.
- 26.2 The members of Original WMA's Council on the date this Constitution comes into effect shall automatically become members of Council holding the same Office or appointed in the same Representative capacity as on Original WMA's Council.
- 26.3 The first General Assembly of WMA will be held in Perth, Australia during the 2016 Championships scheduled by Original WMA.
- 26.4 The General Assembly may at any time by a Special Majority decide to dissolve WMA or to transform WMA into another legal form or to merge WMA with another organisation.
- 26.5 In the event of WMA being dissolved the dissolution shall be carried out and any assets remaining shall be transferred to the IAAF or other world organisation for use in support of masters athletics,

in accordance with the directives of the General Assembly.

26.6 In case of a transformation of WMA into another legal form or a merger with another organisation, the General Assembly, upon proposal of the Council, shall by a Special Majority determine the modalities.

27. Language and Interpretation

27.1 The language of reference for this Constitution is the language of the jurisdiction where WMA is registered. For all other WMA documents and activities, the language of reference is English. In cases of a difference in interpretation of these documents, the English version shall apply.

27.2 If any question arises as to the meaning of any provisions in this Constitution, the By-Laws or the Rules of Competition, Championship Rules or Anti-Doping Rules, the Council shall rule on the matter.

27.3 If there is any conflict between the Constitution and the By-Laws created under the Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail.

27.4 In the event of a dispute concerning the meaning of any part of this Constitution that cannot be resolved, the laws of the jurisdiction where WMA is registered shall govern.

27.5 Where a dispute remains unresolved under Clause 27.4 it shall be settled by arbitration through the Law & Legislation Committee. That arbitration shall be conducted in English and the arbitration decision shall be final and binding.

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Date

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A. INTRODUCTION

1. Authority and Purpose

- 1.1 These are the By-Laws referred to in the Constitution of World Masters Athletics (WMA).
- 1.2 These By-Laws provide further detail, expand on elements of the Constitution or address matters not specifically dealt with in the Constitution including:
 - (i) the roles and responsibilities of Office Bearers,
 - (ii) the nature and responsibilities of WMA Committees,
 - (iii) the Regions, and
 - (iv) disciplinary processes relating to Members, Office Bearers, Masters Athletes, officials, support staff and administrators.
- 1.3 These By-Laws should be read in conjunction with the WMA Constitution, particularly:
 - (i) Clause 2.1 dealing with definitions,
 - (ii) Clause 27 dealing with interpretation, as well as
 - (iii) the Rules of Competition, Championship Rules and Anti-Doping Rules.
- 1.4 In case of discrepancies in the wording of any translated By-Laws the English version shall prevail.

(iii) OFFICERS

2. Nominations for Election of Officers

- 2.1 Subject to Clauses 12.3, 18 and 19 of the Constitution, Members may nominate individuals as candidates for election to Offices by Formal Notice to the Secretary within the time provided in the Constitution, and each nomination shall state the Office for which the candidate is nominated and shall be accompanied by a curriculum vitae of the candidate, and supporting information addressing the requirements for the position they are seeking election to.
- 2.2 Individuals may only be nominated for election by the Member of which they are a member.

3. Vacancies on Council

3.1 A vacancy on Council shall occur if a member of Council:

- (i) dies,
- (ii) ceases to be a member in good standing of his Member,
- (iii) resigns from office,
- (iv) is removed from office,
- (v) becomes an un-discharged bankrupt,
- (vi) suffers from mental or physical incapacity that prevents him from performing his duties,
- (vii) is absent without consent for two successive meetings of Council and/or the Executive, or
- (viii) is removed from office pursuant to the By-Laws for conduct prohibited in the By-Laws.

3.2 Should a vacancy occur in any Office, the President, in consultation with the Council shall first seek to fill the position by an appointee from Council, but may appoint from without if a suitable appointee cannot be appointed from the Council.

3.3 Any Officer appointed under Clause 3.2 shall, subject to this Constitution, hold office until the end of the next General Assembly at which that specific position is due for re-election.

4. General

4.1 All members of the Executive should attend all General Assembly, Council and Executive meetings.

4.2 Elected or appointed Officers shall:

- (i) exercise care and diligence in undertaking their WMA duties and responsibilities,
- (ii) act in good faith in the interest of WMA and all its Members, and shall put WMA's interests ahead of their own interest, or the interest of their Member or Regional Association,
- (iii) retain discretion and not disclose confidential information, and
- (iv) avoid conflicts of interest or act for an improper purpose.

4.3 Any document or publication produced on behalf of WMA by a member of the Council shall become the

intellectual property of WMA, and can be used by WMA in whatever way it sees fit.

5. Roles and Responsibilities of the President

- 5.1 The President is the chief executive officer of WMA and shall carry the ultimate responsibility for the good management of its internal and external business, and the conduct of any WMA Meetings in accordance with the Constitution, the Objects, the By-Laws, Rules and Formal Policies.
- 5.2 The President has primarily responsibility to set WMA's priorities and to guide its business and activities, subject to Council approval, and has primary responsibility to set Council and Executive meeting agendas.
- 5.3 The President shall chair all General Assembly, Council and Executive meetings.
- 5.4 The President shall formally report on his and WMA's activities and business at General Assemblies and at Council and Executive meetings. In addition the President shall formally report on WMA's activities to the IAAF-WMA Annual Co-Ordination meeting and the IAAF Masters Commission meeting and all similar meetings.
- 5.5 The President shall be the chair of the Media-Marketing & Communications Committee and, in consultation with the Council, shall appoint:
 - (i) the Chairs of all other Committees, except for the Organisational Advisory Committee, the Technical Committee and the Women's Committee which shall be chaired by the Executive Vice-President, the Vice-President Competition and the Women's Representative respectively, and
 - (ii) the WMA website manager from among the members of the Media-Marketing & Communications Committee.
- 5.6 The President shall ex-officio have the right to sit on any Committee or nominate a deputy to sit thereon.
- 5.7 The President may instruct the Secretary to call meetings of the Council and Executive as and when necessary, or required by the Constitution.
- 5.8 The President shall be a co-signatory with either the Secretary or Treasurer to all payments and contracts with a value greater than US\$10,000 or when the Common Seal is affixed to any document.

- 5.9 The President shall speak on behalf of WMA in any forum or to the media or may assign these duties to another member of the Council where appropriate.
- 5.10 The President shall be the WMA representative to all external organisations and, on any external committees, boards and other bodies where WMA representation is required or appropriate, or may assign these duties to another member of Council.
- 5.11 The President shall as Chair of the Finance Committee:
- (i) assist in the preparation of annual budgets,
 - (ii) undertake expenditure reviews,
 - (iii) undertake strategic financial planning and target setting,
 - (iv) undertake financial risk analysis,
 - (v) review proposed contract and commercial agreements, and
 - (vi) undertake financial impact analysis of proposed policies.
- 5.12 The President's portfolio responsibilities shall also include:
- (i) networking and liaison with external organisations,
 - (ii) marketing and promotion, including the promotion of host cities for newly awarded WMA championships,
 - (iii) development of sponsorships,
 - (iv) researching and developing potential future host cities and sites for WMA championships,
 - (v) ensuring implementation of WMA contracts,
 - (vi) fixing the dates of General Assemblies.
- 5.13 The President shall liaise co-operatively with Office Bearers, Members, Regional Representatives and external parties in carrying out the Objects.

6. Roles and Responsibilities of the Executive Vice-President

- 6.1 The Executive Vice-President shall assist the President and deputise for him and undertake any co-signatory functions if the President, because of illness or other reason, is unable to perform his duties.

- 6.2 The Executive Vice-President shall chair General Assembly, Council and Executive meetings in the absence of the President.
- 6.3 If the President dies, resigns, or is removed from office between General Assembly meetings, the Executive Vice-President shall assume the office of President until the next General Assembly where the position of President comes up for election. The vacant Executive Vice-President's position shall be filled according to By-Laws 3.2 and 3.2.
- 6.4 The Executive Vice-President shall be the Chair of the Organisational Advisory Committee.
- 6.5 The Executive Vice-President's responsibilities shall also include:
- (i) aiding in the drafting of contracts and other documents,
 - (ii) ensuring compliance of Local Organising Committees with contract provisions,
 - (iii) undertaking pre-bid evaluations of venues and facilities for WMA championship bidding candidates,
 - (iv) dealing with non-technical organisational matters,
 - (v) ensuring the setup and usage of the WMA athlete online registration system with Members,
 - (vi) together with the Vice-President Competition ensuring the approval of the Local Organising Committee's Entry Booklet and Competitors Handbook based on supplied templates,
 - (vii) undertaking pre-championship meetings with the Local Organising Committee, and ensuring the preparation and organisation of social activities related to WMA championships,
 - (viii) ensuring the organisation and conduct of daily team managers meeting at championships,
 - (ix) co-chairing with the Vice-President Competition and others the daily team managers meeting at championships,
 - (x) ensuring the preparation of critical non-technical organisational analyses after WMA championship events,
 - (xi) ensuring the preparation and publication of WMA championship results,

- (xii) ensuring the preparation and distribution of any championship audio-visual material,
- (xiii) ensuring the review and approval of the WMA Handbook and General Assembly Handbook, and
- (xiv) convening and setting the agenda for Organisational Advisory Committee meetings.

7. Roles and Responsibilities of the Vice-President Competition

- 7.1 The Vice-President Competition shall be the Chair of the Competition Committee, and shall be responsible for all WMA competition matters.
- 7.2 The Vice-President Competition shall Chair the Stadia Sub-Committee, the Non-Stadia Sub-Committee, and the WMA Championship Management Team.
- 7.3 The Vice-President Competition shall be a signatory to all WMA Championship contracts.
- 7.4 The Vice-President Competition is the primary WMA technical delegate to all WMA sanctioned world championships, and shall be responsible for all competition organisation, track and field and non-stadia matters, subject to any instruction from Council.
- 7.5 The Vice-President Competition shall liaise with Local Organising Committees of all outdoor and indoor WMA championships on the technical arrangements and the conduct of the technical aspects of the championships, and shall be responsible for the final determination on all technical matters at such championships.
- 7.6 The Vice-President Competition shall make regular reports to Council on the progress of each WMA championship and on other competition matters.
- 7.7 The Vice-President Competition may nominate other technical appointees, subject to Council approval, to act on his behalf at WMA sanctioned world championships.
- 7.8 The Vice-President Competition shall nominate the Chief Race Walk Judge at all WMA championships, subject to approval by the Council. The Vice-President Competition and the Chief Race Walk Judge shall approve the race walk judges in compliance with the IAAF rules and in consultation with the Local Organising Committee.
- 7.9 The Vice-President Competition's responsibilities shall also include:

- (i) convening and setting the agenda for Competition Committee meetings,
- (ii) liaising with the Organisational Advisory Committee,
- (iii) undertaking pre-bid evaluations of venues and facilities for WMA championship bidding candidates,
- (iv) undertaking pre-championship meetings with the Local Organising Committee in relation to track, field, track walks, road walks, cross country, competition officials, safety officials, and their accommodation,
- (v) agreeing entry closing dates, athletes entry and event detail, including competition schedules for preliminary rounds and combined events,
- (vi) together with the Executive Vice-President ensuring the approval of the Local Organising Committees Entry Booklet and Competitors Handbook based on supplied templates,
- (vii) selecting WMA technical appointees to WMA championships, and liaising with the Local Organising Committee on the invitation of international officials,
- (viii) together with the Executive Vice-President and others, convening and co-chairing the daily team manager meetings at WMA championships,
- (ix) ensuring the timely publication of a WMA championship competition timetable,
- (x) undertaking a technical review after WMA championships,
- (xi) ensuring timely results posting at WMA championships, and reviewing and approving the championship results booklet prior to publication,
- (xii) evaluating proposed changes to the Rules of Competition,
- (xiii) reviewing and approving any computerized meet management system,
- (xiv) ensuring the periodic updating of Age-Graded Factors Stadia and Age-Graded Factors Road, and
- (xv) liaising with the IAAF Competition Committee on WMA-IAAF rules changes.

8. Roles and Responsibilities of the Secretary

- 8.1 The Secretary shall be directly responsible for the day-to-day workings and administration of WMA.
- 8.2 The Secretary shall create and maintain full records including all incoming and outgoing correspondence and notices of motion, and undertake all administration on behalf of the WMA, Council and the Executive, and shall:
- (i) keep the President informed on all relevant WMA matters in a timely manner,
 - (ii) keep the Council and Executive informed of correspondence received or sent on such matters that he or the President considers is appropriate, and
 - (iii) keep all Members informed of WMA business as appropriate.
- 8.3 The Secretary shall convene meetings of the General Assembly, Council and Executive at the direction of the President and in accordance with the Constitution, and these By-Laws.
- 8.4 The Secretary shall, prior to each General Assembly, Council and Executive meeting, comply with the requirements imposed on the Secretary by the Constitution which include:
- (i) producing and distributing an agenda and the relevant documentation,
 - (ii) notifying Members of candidates for election to Council with their curriculum vitae and supporting information, and
 - (iii) advising Members of resolutions.
- 8.5 The Secretary shall record or have recorded clear, accurate and complete minutes in English of all General Assembly, Council and Executive meetings.
- 8.6 The Secretary shall provide new editions of WMA documents and policies to all Members and Council in printed and/or electronic format.
- 8.7 The Secretary shall submit to each General Assembly a report of WMA's activities for the period since the preceding General Assembly.
- 8.8 The Secretary shall submit to each meeting of the Council or Executive a report on the WMA's activities for the period since the previous Council or Executive meeting.

- 8.9 The Secretary or the Treasurer shall be a co-signatory with the President to all payments and contracts with a value greater than US\$10,000 or when the Common Seal is affixed to any document. Full details of any payments made by the President and the Secretary shall be recorded and promptly provided to the Treasurer.
- 8.10 The Secretary shall together with the President and Treasurer be a member of the Finance Committee, and shall:
- (i) assist in the preparation of annual budgets,
 - (ii) undertake expenditure reviews,
 - (iii) undertake strategic financial planning and target setting,
 - (iv) undertake financial risk analysis,
 - (v) review proposed contract and commercial agreements, and
 - (vi) undertake financial impact analysis of proposed policies.
- 8.11 The Secretary's responsibilities shall also include:
- (i) maintaining a register of all Members including a database of all championship competitors as required to determine the number of Delegates to which each Member is entitled at a General Assembly,
 - (ii) preparing, printing and distributing an annual report on WMA activities to the IAAF,
 - (iii) organizing the preparation, printing, translation and distribution of the General Assembly Handbook,
 - (iv) organizing the updating, including translation of the electronic WMA Handbook, generally biennially,
 - (v) maintaining an updated Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Anti-Doping Rules and Formal Policies,
 - (vi) organizing Council's and the Executive's travel plans,
 - (vii) organizing social functions during Council meetings and the Best Masters IAAF Gala, in consultation with the Treasurer,
 - (viii) assisting in provision of information for the maintenance and update of the WMA website,
 - (ix) assisting in provision of information to the WMA Media-Marketing & Communications Committee,

(x) reporting to governmental authorities in accordance with legal requirements.

9. Roles and Responsibilities of the Treasurer

- 9.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of WMA's finances and accounting and shall collect all moneys due to WMA, and pay all accounts owed by it in a timely manner.
- 9.2 The Treasurer shall keep and maintain true and orderly records and accounts of WMA's financial affairs including:
- (i) moneys received and expended,
 - (ii) full details of the matters in respect of which such transactions have taken place, and
 - (iii) WMA's assets and liabilities.
- 9.3 Between General Assemblies the Treasurer, in consultation with the President and the Secretary as members of the Finance Committee, shall prepare an interim annual budget for the Executive for the next financial year, in accordance with the approved biennial budget, anticipated revenues and expenditure, and which includes an assessment of any changes to WMA's financial well-being. This shall be provided for consideration by the Executive, and Council.
- 9.4 The Treasurer shall together with the Executive prepare for Council at its regularly scheduled meetings a detailed biennial budget based on anticipated income, revenues and expenditure, Officer's budgets and travel, for the next two calendar years, and an assessment of WMA's financial well-being.
- 9.5 The Treasurer shall submit to Council an audited report and detailed statement of income and expenditure for the preceding accounting period promptly following the end of the accounting period, and in any event no later than 90 days prior to the next General Assembly.
- 9.6 The Treasurer shall present to the General Assembly for approval the audited balance sheet and statement of income and expenditures for the preceding accounting period, and the proposed biennial budget. Where a General Assembly meeting is held in an adjacent year, the audited balance sheet and detailed statement of income and expenditures shall be for the preceding year only.

- 9.7 The Treasurer or the Secretary shall be a co-signatory with the President to all payments and contracts with a value greater than US\$5,000 or when the Common Seal is affixed to any document.
- 9.8 The Treasurer shall liaise with the appointed independent auditors in relation to the preparation of each audit report of WMA's finances, generally biennially.
- 9.9 The Treasurer shall together with the President and Secretary be a member of the Finance Committee, and shall:
- (i) undertake expenditure reviews,
 - (ii) undertake strategic financial planning and target setting,
 - (iii) undertake financial risk analysis,
 - (iv) review proposed contract and commercial agreements, and
 - (v) undertake financial impact analysis of proposed policies.
- 9.10 The Treasurer's responsibilities shall also include:
- (i) maintaining bank accounts in the name of WMA,
 - (ii) collecting funds from championship hosting organisations, such as rights fees for WMA championships and competitors' entry fees at such championships,
 - (iii) providing reconciliation requirements of any grants made to WMA,
 - (iv) managing WMA's accounts and investments as approved by the Executive, and
 - (v) preparing and filing tax returns.
- 9.11 The Treasurer shall be bonded to a value of US\$250,000 or as determined by Council.

10. Roles and Responsibilities of the Women's Representative

- 10.1 The position of the Women's Representative shall be filled by a woman.
- 10.2 The Women's Representative shall:
- (i) ensure that due consideration is given at all times to the particular interests of female Masters Athletes, officials and administrators of the Members in all Regions,

- (ii) co-ordinate the development and implementation of strategies that encourage and facilitate the engagement and the retention of women in masters athletics as athletes, officials and administrators,
- (iii) liaise with Regional Associations to ensure the interests of female Masters Athletes, officials and administrators are being given appropriate recognition and attention, and that strategies adopted at the WMA level are being implemented at the Regional level,
- (iv) liaise with appropriate IAAF personnel to encourage the inclusion of female Masters Athletes, officials and administrators in IAAF coaching, education and administrative programs conducted at the IAAF regional level, and
- (v) encourage the conduct of medical research projects that include female specific issues such as (but not limited to) ageing and strength factors.

10.3 The Women's Representative responsibilities shall also include:

- (i) being the Chair of, convening and setting the agenda for the Women's Committee,
- (ii) being a member of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee,
- (iii) being a member of the Organisational Advisory Committee,
- (iv) mentoring Women's Committee Regional Representatives to assist them in promoting and engaging more women as officials, administrators and athletes in the Regions,
- (v) undertaking from time to time, surveys in various age groupings on involvement, event preference and technical requirements for women's participation,
- (vi) liaising with WMA championship Local Organising Committees to include activities that promote the status of women's athletics and stimulate their participation, and
- (vii) as a member of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee, exploring and investigating the relevant medical requirements for women.

11. Roles and Responsibilities of the IAAF Representative

- 11.1 The IAAF shall appoint the IAAF Representative.
- 11.2 The IAAF Representative's key responsibility is liaison between WMA and IAAF, in particular to ensure that the IAAF's interests are adequately represented to the WMA and that WMA's specific interests are adequately represented to IAAF.
- 11.3 The IAAF Representative's responsibilities shall include:
 - (i) convening and chairing the IAAF Masters Commission meetings,
 - (ii) promoting effective co-operation and exchange of information between IAAF and WMA,
 - (iii) timely communication to Council of all important IAAF developments that affect WMA or masters athletics, and
 - (iv) ensuring that WMA adheres to IAAF rules where appropriate.

C. MEETINGS

12. General Assembly and Special General Assembly

- 12.1 The business of the General Assembly, in order taking precedence over all other business unless otherwise resolved, shall be, when required, to:
 - (i) approve, amend or reject any standing orders issued by the Executive relating to the conduct of the General Assembly, and to approve or amend the content and sequence of the agenda,
 - (ii) confirm the minutes of the previous General Assembly,
 - (iii) deal with any business arising out of the minutes,
 - (iv) receive, and if thought fit, adopt the annual reports,
 - (v) receive, and if thought fit, approve the audited financial statement and the proposed budget,
 - (vi) appoint the host cities for the World Masters Athletics championships,
 - (vii) elect the Officers,
 - (viii) note the appointment of the Regional Representatives and the IAAF Representative,
 - (ix) confer honours as provided for in By-Law 12.2,

- (x) consider and decide on proposed changes to the Constitution, the By-Laws and the Rules of Competition,
 - (xi) in the case of a special General Assembly, to deal with the matters for which it was called, and
 - (xii) deal with other matters and, emergency and election issues.
- 12.2 On the recommendation of Council, in recognition of valued services given to the WMA, and its Regional and Member associations, the General Assembly may designate the following:
- (i) past Council Presidents as Honorary Life Presidents,
 - (ii) past Council members as Honorary Life Personal Members, and
 - (iii) other persons as Honorary Personal Members for long and meritorious service to the cause of masters athletics.
- 12.3 A suitable WMA diploma and pin will be presented to all recipients of the above awards. Pins granted under By-Laws 12.2 (i), (ii) and (iii) shall be designated as Gold, Silver and Bronze respectively.

13. Council Meetings

- 13.1 Council meetings should preferably be held annually, but shall be held not less than once every two years.
- 13.2 The President, Secretary and Treasurer jointly may call for additional Council meetings as deemed necessary.
- 13.3 Any 6 members of Council other than the President, Treasurer and Secretary may call for additional Council meetings for specified WMA matters, subject to any financial constraints. Alternatively any member of Council may by electronic means submit a matter of concern via the Secretary to the Executive for consideration or decision by electronic means.
- 13.4 Council meetings shall be convened by the Secretary by giving Formal Notice and stating the agenda at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
- 13.5 The Council meeting minutes shall be provided to all Council members within 45 days of the meeting.

14. Executive Meetings

- 14.1 Executive meetings should be held annually.
- 14.2 The President, Secretary and Treasurer jointly may call for additional Executive meetings as deemed necessary.
- 14.3 Any 4 members of the Executive may call for additional meetings for specified matters. Alternatively, any member of the Executive may by electronic means, submit a matter of concern to the Executive for consideration, and for decision by a vote by electronic means.
- 14.4 The Executive shall undertake the role of Council between Council meetings.
- 14.5 Executive meetings shall be convened by the Secretary generally at least 30 days prior to the meeting by giving Formal Notice and stating the agenda.
- 14.6 The Executive meeting minutes shall be provided to all Council members within 30 days of the meeting.
- 14.7 Executive meetings may be held by electronic means.

15. Conduct of Meetings

- 15.1 The President shall Chair all meetings of the General Assembly, Council and Executive. In the President's absence, the Executive Vice-President shall take the Chair. Where both are unavoidably absent, those present and eligible to vote shall elect a Chair for the duration of the absence.
- 15.2 A quorum for a General Assembly or Special General Assembly meeting shall be two thirds of the Delegates and members of Council present at the meeting at any time.
- 15.3 A quorum for a Council meeting shall be two thirds of the members of Council.
- 15.4 A quorum for an Executive meeting shall be two thirds of the members of the Executive.
- 15.5 For Council and Executive meetings, if within one hour of the time notified for a meeting it appears that it will not be possible to achieve a quorum, the Chair, in discussion with those present, shall:
 - (i) adjourn the meeting and attempt to re-convene the meeting later in the day or on the following day or, failing that, on another date, or
 - (ii) dissolve the meeting.

- 15.6 The Chair may adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place, and no business shall be transacted at a resumed meeting other than the unfinished business of the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- 15.7 For the General Assembly the Chair shall appoint two note-takers for the minutes and at least two scrutineers for counting of votes.
- 15.8 The conduct of Council and Executive meetings shall be conducted according to any standing orders attached to the agenda, or in their absence the most recent edition of Roberts "Rules of Order".
- 15.9 Council, Executive and Committee meetings may be conducted by means of telecommunication where this has been agreed by the Chair.

D. COMMITTEES

16. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

- 16.1 The Council shall establish the following standing Committees:
- (i) Competition Committee,
 - (ii) Anti-Doping & Medical Committee,
 - (iii) TUE Sub-Committee,
 - (iv) Law & Legislation Committee,
 - (v) Records Committee,
 - (vi) Organisational Advisory Committee,
 - (vii) Women's Committee,
 - (viii) Media-Marketing & Communications Committee, and
 - (ix) Finance Committee.
- 16.2 The Council may from time to time establish ad hoc committees for specific purposes.

17. General Rules for Committees

- 17.1 Persons appointed to Committees may be appointed for a term of up to 4 years, and may be re-appointed indefinitely.
- 17.2 Chairs and members of a Committee shall be appointed on the basis of the Committee's required expertise and experience and a willingness to work to achieve the Objects. Ad hoc appointments to meet specific targeted requirements or expertise within a Committee

may be made by the President in consultation with the Committee Chair and/or the Executive.

- 17.3 The Chair of a Committee with the permission of the President may invite an individual with specific expertise in relation to the responsibilities of a Committee, to assist members in their consideration of issues or to sit with the Committee as an observer. The expert so invited is not a Committee member.
- 17.4 Much of Committee business, particularly where critical time frames are involved, will be conducted through electronic means, and in such cases the Chair shall coordinate the responses to the issues under consideration.
- 17.5 The Chair shall chair all formal meetings of a Committee, however, in the Chair's absence those present shall agree on a Chair.
- 17.6 All Committee meetings or deliberations should whenever possible be conducted informally and seek to achieve a consensus rather than a formal vote on issues.
- 17.7 Committee meetings may be held face-to-face at WMA Stadia Championships, but ad hoc meetings dealing with urgent matters may also be convened by the Chair on short term notice and may be held face-to-face or by electronic means.
- 17.8 Face-to-face Committee meetings shall be convened by the Chair at least 45 days prior to the meeting, by giving notice specifying the agenda for the meeting.
- 17.9 Issues for Committee consideration may be proposed by the Chair, other Committee members, or by the President.
- 17.10 Minutes, formal records or outcomes shall be kept for Committee meetings and deliberations, and the outcomes shall be circulated to the Council.
- 17.11 Any document or publication produced on behalf of WMA by an Office Bearer shall become the intellectual property of WMA, and can be used by WMA in whatever way it sees fit.

18. Competition Committee

- 18.1 The Competition Committee shall have jurisdiction over all indoor and outdoor WMA Championships, subject to any decision by Council.
- 18.2 The Competition Committee shall consist of:

- (i) the Vice-President Competition as Chair,
 - (ii) a Stadia Sub-Committee and a Non-Stadia Sub-Committee, each consisting of three members, and a WMA Championship Management Team consisting of up to 6 persons, and
 - (iii) a stadia and a non-stadia representative appointed by the Local Organising Committee of the next outdoor WMA championships.
- 18.3 The Stadia Sub-Committee shall be responsible for the following events as part of a championship:
- (i) all events held on a track except race walks,
 - (ii) all field events, and
 - (iii) all combined events competitions.
- 18.4 The Non-Stadia Sub-Committee shall be responsible for the following events as part of a championship:
- (i) all road-running and mountain running events,
 - (ii) all cross-country events, and
 - (iii) all race walks.
- 18.5 The WMA Championship Management Team shall work with the Local Organising Committee as part of the WMA Championship team to ensure the management of all the events on Track, Field, Non-Stadia, the Technical Information Centre, the Call Room, and safety.
- 18.6 The Committee members shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Council based upon nominations submitted to him by the Vice-President Competition in relation to their specific experience in stadia and non-stadia events.
- 18.7 The Championship Management Team shall be appointed by the President and Vice-President Competition in consultation with the Council.
- 18.7 Meetings of the Competition Committee at WMA Stadia Championships shall be "open" to attendance by any athletes.
- 18.8 The Competition Committee shall consider any proposal relating to the Rules of Competition made by the Council, a Member, a Region or the Vice-President Competition. The Chair shall submit the Competition Committee's recommendations relating thereto to Council for approval and consideration by the General Assembly.
- 18.9 The Vice-President Competition with the Competition Committee shall coordinate the periodic updating of Age-Graded Factors Stadia and Age-Graded Factors Road.

19. Anti-Doping & Medical Committee

- 19.1 The Anti-Doping & Medical Committee shall have jurisdiction over all WMA activities relating to doping and medical matters, subject to any decisions of Council.
- 19.2 The Anti-Doping & Medical Committee shall work in close co-operation with the IAAF Medical & Anti-Doping Commission.
- 19.3 The Anti-Doping & Medical Committee shall consist of:
 - (i) an appointed Chair,
 - (ii) the Women's Representative, and
 - (iii) six additional members, one from each Region, four or more of whom shall have medical backgrounds and one or more of whom shall have legal experience.
- 19.4 The Chair shall be appointed, preferably but not necessarily from amongst the Council's ranks, by the President in consultation with the Council.
- 19.5 The Chair of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee shall be the "WMA Anti-Doping Administrator" as identified in Anti-Doping Rules.
- 19.6 The six additional Committee members shall be appointed by the President in consultation with Council based upon nominations submitted to him by the Chair of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee.
- 19.7 The Anti-Doping & Medical Committee shall be responsible for the coordination and oversight of doping control at all WMA championships and for implementing the Anti-Doping Rules.
- 19.8 The Anti-Doping & Medical Committee shall be responsible for the coordination and oversight of all medical and first-aid requirements at a WMA championship.
- 19.9 The Anti-Doping & Medical Committee shall advise the Council and the Law & Legislation Committee on all general matters and specific matters relating to doping under WMA jurisdiction.
- 19.10 The Chair of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee shall provide an annual report to Council that addresses the range of issues considered by the Committee and by the TUE Sub-Committee.

20. TUE Sub-Committee

- 20.1 The TUE Sub-Committee shall be a sub-committee of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee and shall be responsible for the management of all Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) applications
- 20.2 The TUE Sub-Committee shall consist of the Chair of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee and five medical practitioners with a sound knowledge of clinical, sports and exercise medicine.
- 20.3 Other than the Chair, no more than two members of the TUE Sub-Committee may come from the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee, and other members shall be appointed by the President in consultation with Council based upon nominations submitted to him by the Chair of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee or Council. The Chair of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee with the permission of the President may appoint an additional person or persons to the TUE Sub-Committee.
- 20.4 The TUE Sub-Committee shall promptly evaluate any TUE application in accordance with TUE Regulations.
- 20.5 Where the TUE Sub-Committee grants or rejects a TUE exemption on behalf of WMA, it shall report their decision promptly to the athlete and the athlete's Member Federation.
- 20.6 The TUE Sub-Committee may consider and grant a late or retrospective TUE if it is satisfied that good cause exists, and that if the application had been lodged in a timely fashion as per the TUE Regulations, the application would have been granted.

21. Law & Legislation Committee

- 21.1 The Law & Legislation Committee shall be responsible for:
 - (i) reviewing all proposed changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules for clarity of language and for any inconsistency with the provisions elsewhere in the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules, but shall not modify the intention of any proposed change without the written permission of the author,
 - (ii) dealing with discipline or misconduct matters, or breaches of the IAAF Code of Ethics involving athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and administrators at WMA championships,

- (iii) dealing with doping-related allegations under WMA's jurisdiction involving athletes, support staff and administrators at WMA championships,
- (iv) participating in the adjudication of disciplinary matters as provided in By-Laws 33, 34 and 35, and
- (v) dealing with matters of arbitration.

21.2 The Law & Legislation Committee shall consist of five members:

- (i) a Chair, preferably but not necessarily, an individual amongst the Council's ranks, appointed by the President in consultation with the Council, and
- (ii) four additional members of whom some should have legal experience.

21.3 The four additional members shall be appointed by the President in consultation with Council based upon nominations submitted to him by Council.

21.4 The Law & Legislation Committee shall report back to Council in a timely manner in relation to any proposed changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules, as well as the outcome of any disciplinary matters which it adjudicates.

22. Records Committee

22.1 The Records Committee shall be responsible for the checking and approval of applications for world masters five-year age group records and best performances by Masters Athletes.

22.2 The Records Committee shall consist of at least seven members:

- (i) a Chair, preferably an individual from amongst the Council's ranks,
- (ii) a WMA Statistician, who may also be the Chair, and
- (iii) six regional statisticians, one from each of the Regions.

22.3 The Chair shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Council.

22.4 The Chair shall have the right to nominate the WMA Statistician whose appointment shall be ratified by the Council.

22.5 Each Region shall have the right to nominate one regional statistician to the Records Committee. If a

Region does not do so, the President can nominate an individual from that Region on its behalf.

- 22.6 In conjunction with the Records Committee, the WMA Statistician shall maintain an up-to-date database of world masters records and best performances and shall coordinate and publish an updated record register on the WMA website.
- 22.7 The Records Committee shall be responsible for the rigorous technical basis for the recognition of world records and best performances by Masters Athletes , and that the application procedure for these is consistent with the Rules of Competition so as to ensure the recognition and standing thereof.
- 22.8 The Chair shall report to Council on new world records and best performances, and issues that need to be addressed in relation to record keeping, and identify WMA variations to IAAF rules regarding world records and best performances.
- 22.9 The WMA Statistician shall also liaise with the Vice-President Competition to ensure the appropriate technical standards and officiating for the recognition of world records and best performances set at WMA championships.

23. Organisational Advisory Committee

- 23.1 The Organisational Advisory Committee shall coordinate all organisational matters pertaining to the non-technical competition aspects of WMA championships, and shall act as liaison between the Council and the Local Organising Committee in relation to such matters.
- 23.2 The Organisational Advisory Committee shall consist of six members:
 - (i) the Executive Vice-President as Chair,
 - (ii) the Vice-President Competition,
 - (iii) the Women's Representative,
 - (iv) one Regional Representative, and
 - (v) two additional members who shall not be members of Council.
- 23.3 The Regional Representative and the two additional members shall be appointed by the President in consultation with Council from nominations submitted to him by the chair.

- 23.4 The Organisational Advisory Committee Chair, or an alternate nominated by the Chair and approved by the Council, shall be the primary WMA organisational delegate to all WMA championships.
- 23.5 The non-technical competition aspects of the WMA championships shall include, but not be limited to the entry booklet, pre-championship promotional material, accommodation, transportation, opening and closing ceremonies, competitor's handbook, results booklet, media, award ceremonies and contractual compliance.
- 23.6 The Organisational Advisory Committee shall submit to the Council for approval all questions of policy regarding the non-technical competition aspects of WMA championships and shall provide a report to the President on the status of the work required to be done by the Local Organising Committee.

24. Women's Committee

- 24.1 The Women's Committee shall represent the interests of female Masters Athletes.
- 24.2 The Women's Committee shall consist of seven members:
- (i) the Women's Representative as Chair, and
 - (ii) six additional female members, one from each of the Regions.
- 24.3 Each of the Regions shall have the right to appoint one member to the Women's Committee. Where a Region does not appoint a member the President can then appoint a member on its behalf.
- 24.4 The Women's Committee shall develop strategies that encourage and facilitate the engagement and the retention of women in masters athletics as athletes, officials and administrators, particularly for those Members where there is a significant imbalance between the number of male and female athletes, officials and administrators.
- 24.5 The Women's Committee shall liaise with championship Local Organising Committees to include activities which promote the status of women's athletics and stimulate their participation, and will undertake surveys from time to time in various age groupings on involvement, event preference and technical requirements for women's participation.
- 24.6 Meetings of the Women's Committee at Stadia Championships shall be "open" to attendance by any athletes.

25. Media-Marketing & Communications Committee

- 25.1 The Media-Marketing & Communications Committee shall assist the President and the Executive in the promotion and marketing of WMA and the identification of potential sponsors.
- 25.2 The Media-Marketing & Communications Committee shall consist of five members:
- (i) the President as Chair, and
 - (ii) four additional members, one of whom shall be the WMA website manager.
- 25.3 The four additional members of that Committee shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Council based on their expertise and experience in the areas of that Committee's responsibilities.
- 25.4 The Media-Marketing & Communications Committee shall:
- (i) develop a communications plan for WMA,
 - (ii) identify and recommend specific activities or opportunities for the promotion of WMA,
 - (iii) prepare regular media releases that address topical masters athletics issues and/or maintain WMA's media profile for consideration by the President and the Executive,
 - (iv) assist with the drafting of other promotional materials as directed by the President,
 - (v) develop a marketing strategy for WMA and masters athletics throughout the world,
 - (vi) explore and develop specific commercial and sponsorship opportunities for WMA,
 - (vii) liaise with the Secretary and other Committees as appropriate,
 - (viii) monitor WMA's profile in the media and report to the Executive thereon,
 - (ix) maintain and update the WMA website, and
 - (x) ensure that information as to significant events, financial and otherwise, occurring between General Assemblies, is made available to Members by posting on the website or by electronic means.
- 25.5 The website manager may be supported by assistant website managers appointed by the President in consultation with the website manager, for the day-to-day management of the WMA website.

25.6 The WMA website shall provide news and technical, administrative and other information relating to masters athletics at the world level.

26. Finance Committee

26.1 The Finance Committee shall assist the Treasurer in the oversight of WMA's financial affairs, financial planning and related matters to ensure balance, transparency and integrity, and WMA's ongoing financial viability.

26.2 The Finance Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members:

- (i) the President as Chair,
- (ii) the Treasurer,
- (iii) the Secretary, and

26.3 Additional ad hoc members may be coopted to the Finance Committee by the President in consultation with the Treasurer and Secretary based on the areas of expertise required by the Committee.

26.4 The Finance Committee's responsibilities shall be to:

- (i) periodically review WMA's expenditure, revenues, balance sheet, investments and other matters related to its financial wellbeing,
- (ii) endorse an annual budget for submission to Council,
- (iii) develop a financial planning and investment strategy, and set financial objectives and targets that will ensure WMA's ongoing financial viability,
- (iv) develop strategies for the management and investment of WMA's assets,
- (v) review WMA's financial and other risks and potential liabilities, and develop strategies to address these,
- (vi) review and advise in relation to any proposed contract commercial agreement or to any business opportunity available to WMA,
- (vii) review and recommend internal financial procedures and policies,
- (viii) monitor and report upon performance in relation to WMA's financial objectives, targets and budgets,
- (ix) recommend external independent auditors,

- (x) undertake an economic assessment of policy proposals involving or that may involve financial expenditure, and
- (xi) report six-monthly or otherwise as may be requested by the Council.

E. FINANCIAL

27. Auditors

- 27.1 Independent Auditors shall be appointed by the Council to audit the financial accounts.
- 27.2 The auditors shall be appointed for a term that shall commence at the close of the Championships at which they are appointed and that shall end at the close of the second Championships following. The auditors may be reappointed.
- 27.3 The financial statements shall be audited prior to each General Assembly in compliance with this Constitution and the By-laws, and the laws of the jurisdiction in which WMA is registered, and the result of such audit shall be reported in writing to the General Assembly.
- 27.4 The Auditors shall be given all necessary access to the accounts, financial reports and bookkeeping to enable them to perform their task, and shall also be given the opportunity to obtain clarifications and explanations from the Treasurer or other Officer.
- 27.5 The audit shall be the subject of a written audit report provided to the Council prior to presentation to the General Assembly.
- 27.6 The extent of the audit work performed shall be summarised and detailed in the report, which shall provide an opinion as to the financial statements.

F. MEMBERSHIP

28. Eligible Masters Organizations

- 28.1 Clause 4.1 of the WMA Constitution only permits one properly constituted association or organization that represents Masters Athletes for each Country or Territory to be eligible for Membership of WMA. However, where an association or organization recognized by or affiliated with IAAF applies to be a

Member in a Country or Territory where there is already an existing Member, the Council shall, taking into account any advice from the IAAF, rule on the application and decide which association or organization should be the Member and refuse or terminate the Membership of the other.

- 28.2 Where an applicant has not been accepted as a Member, or where a former Member's Membership is terminated, they may appeal the decision to the Law & Legislation Committee.
- 28.3 Any such appeal under By-Law 28.2 shall be provided in writing to the Secretary within 30 days from receipt of the decision of the Council.

29. Termination of Membership

- 29.1 Where the Council recommends suspension or termination of a Member's Membership or its officers under Clause 5.3 of the Constitution, the Secretary shall as soon as practicable give Formal Notice to the Member or its officers at the Member's last known contact address:
- (i) setting out the notice of motion to the General Assembly and the grounds on which it was based
 - (ii) stating the date, place and time of that General Assembly, and
 - (iii) informing the Member or its officers that their Delegate(s) may:
 - (a) attend and speak to the motion at that General Assembly, but if they speak in a language other than English, they must arrange for a translator to translate into English, and/or**
 - (b) submit through the Secretary at or prior to that General Assembly written representations relating to the notice of motion.**
- 29.2 Subject to any statutory requirements of the jurisdiction in which WMA is registered, the General Assembly:
- (i) shall give the Member or its officers mentioned in By-Law 29.1 an opportunity to make oral representations as aforesaid,
 - (ii) shall give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the General Assembly by the Member or its officers at or prior to the General Assembly, and

(iii) may decide by a Special Majority, either to terminate or to suspend that Member's Membership or suspend its officers and, if to suspend, the terms of that suspension.

29.3 Where the General Assembly has voted to terminate or suspend membership or officers under By-Law 29.2 (iii), the Secretary shall within two weeks of the passing of the resolution:

(i) give Formal Notice to the Member of the passing of that resolution, stating that the decision will come into effect in 30 days from the date of the resolution, and advising of the Member's or its officers right of appeal to the Law & Legislation Committee within that period, and

(ii) advise the IAAF secretary of the resolution.

29.4 Any decision to terminate the Membership of a Member under By-Laws 28.1 or 29.2 (iii), or to issue any other sanction, shall be subject to an appeal to the Law & Legislation Committee.

29.5 The decision of the Law & Legislation Committee shall have immediate effect and shall be final and binding on the parties with no further right of appeal.

29.6 Any Member resigning their Membership in WMA or having that Membership terminated shall have no right to WMA's assets, but shall be liable to pay any outstanding membership fees or other monies payable to WMA.

29.7 A Member may resign from WMA by giving written notice to the Secretary on that Member's official letterhead.

30. Membership Fees

30.1 Membership fees referred to in Clause 6.1 of the Constitution are currently set at zero.

G. REGIONS

31. Regional Associations

31.1 The Members in each Region shall have or establish a Regional Association, adopt a constitution and by-laws, elect a Regional council and hold Regional assembly meetings.

- 31.2 The constitutions and by-laws of Regional Associations shall be consistent with and shall not be in conflict with WMA's Constitution or these By-Laws.
- 31.3 Regional championships shall be considered WMA sanctioned and shall be conducted in accordance with the WMA Rules of Competition.
- 31.4 Regional Associations may conduct Regional and inter-Regional competitions.
- 31.5 Only members of Members shall be permitted to participate in Regional and inter-Regional championships.
- 31.6 All Masters Athletes who are members of a Member shall be allowed to compete in any Regional championships subject to any requirements or sanctions imposed under these By-Laws; however, any Region may limit the number of participants from other Regions.
- 31.7 The Regional Associations shall each appoint a Regional Representative to the Council, who shall be a member of good standing of a Member of that Region.

32. Regional Representatives

- 32.1 The duties of each Regional Representative are to:
- (i) represent the Region and its interests and those of its members,
 - (ii) report to the Council on the status of the Region and masters athletics in the Region,
 - (iii) keep the Secretary updated on changes in their Region's contacts, and provide biennial updates on the Region's membership details to the Secretary,
 - (iv) report to the Regional Association in relation to general and Region-specific WMA matters and engage in liaison between the Regional Association and WMA as required,
 - (v) participate in all WMA Council meetings, serve on Committees and other groups as needed from time to time, and undertake any other WMA roles and responsibilities as required,
 - (vi) facilitate the correct nomination and registration of Delegates representing Members in the Region to General Assemblies in compliance with requirements,

- (vii) liaise with the Regional Association's treasurer on the timely application for WMA regional grants and the reconciliation of such grants,
- (viii) attend all Team Manager meetings at WMA Stadia Championships and as much as possible represent the interests of those Members from the Region that have not appointed Team Managers, and try to ensure that their athletes are made aware of the business determined at each such meeting, and
- (ix) undertake any other assigned tasks in furtherance of WMA's Objects.

32.2 Each Regional Representative shall also:

- (i) with the assistance of the relevant Member, provide a brief assessment to Council of the strength of a city's bid to host a WMA championship within their Region, along with the initial proposal from the bid city,
- (ii) liaise between the Council, the Regional Association and the Local Organising Committee in the event of a successful WMA Championship hosting bid from their Region, and
- (iii) assist the Member making a successful bid and Local Organising Committee with the successful planning and conduct of such championships.

H. DISCIPLINE MATTERS

33. Standard of Conduct of Office Bearers, Procedures and Sanctions

33.1 All Office Bearers, as well as athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and administrators, shall abide by the IAAF's Code of Ethics.

33.2 No Office Bearer shall:

- (i) improperly exercise powers conferred upon him, or
- (ii) fail to carry out duties properly delegated to him, or
- (iii) act contrary to the Objects, or
- (iv) display conduct prejudicial to the good name of WMA or the sport of masters athletics, or
- (v) promote, organise, conduct or advertise any international masters athletic competition not sanctioned by WMA that is in direct competition with a WMA event, or

- (vi) breach the IAAF Code of Ethics.
- 33.3 Allegations of any breach of By-Law 33.2 shall be made in writing to the Secretary, who shall promptly report all such allegations to Council or, if the allegation relates to a member of Council, to the members of the Law and Legislation Committee, which in either case, shall determine whether the allegation warrants further action. Where such an allegation is found to warrant further action it shall be adjudicated as follows:
- (i) by Council if it relates to a member of the Law and Legislation Committee,
 - (ii) by the Law and Legislation Committee if it relates to any other Office Bearer, or
 - (iii) by an ad hoc Committee consisting of four persons who have no conflict of interest, one of whom shall be designated as Chair and all of whom shall be appointed by the President in consultation with unaffected members of Council, if it relates to a person who is a member of both Council and the Law & Legislation Committee.
- 33.3 Those responsible to adjudicate allegations under By-Law 33.3 are herein referred to as the Adjudicating Committee.
- 33.4 The accused person shall be fully informed by Formal Notice of:
- (i) the allegations made under By-Law 33.3,
 - (ii) whether the Adjudicating Committee will meet in person and if so the date, time and place of that meeting, and
 - (iii) the correct means of delivering any defence.
- 33.5 Any and all documents, evidence and other material, favourable or unfavourable to the accused that may be used in any deliberation, shall be given to the accused before any consideration of the allegations by the Adjudicating Committee takes place. The accused shall also be given a copy of the relevant parts of these By-Laws.
- 33.6 The accused shall be given the opportunity to:
- (i) provide a written defence to the Chair of the Adjudicating Committee, or
 - (ii) where the Adjudicating Committee meets in person, to appear personally and/or be represented by another person to answer the charge.

- 33.7 Where more than one individual is accused and the Adjudicating Committee is hearing the charges consecutively at the same meeting, none of the accused persons shall be members of the Adjudicating Committee whether cleared of the charges or not.
- 33.8 Any written defence from the accused must be lodged with the Chair of the Adjudicating Committee within 30 days of the sending of documentation regarding the allegation, who shall within 7 days send it on to each member of the Adjudicating Committee.
- 33.9 Where such allegations are made against the President or the Secretary, their duties while such proceedings continue shall be carried out by the Executive Vice-President.
- 33.10 An Office Bearer adjudicated to have been in breach of By-Law 33.2 may:
- (i) be removed from Office, and/or
 - (ii) be suspended from any role in masters athletics for a period to be determined by the Adjudicating Committee, and/or
 - (iii) be reprimanded in writing, and/or
 - (iv) be subjected to any other sanction that the Adjudicating Committee sees fit, including without limitation, publication of particulars on the WMA website.
- 33.11 Each member of the Adjudicating Committee, shall within 15 days of receipt of the defence of the accused (or, if no written defence is received, within 15 days of the expiration of the 30 day period within which the accused was entitled to respond), and in accordance with the principles of natural justice, submit written recommendations to the Chair of the Adjudicating Committee as to whether the allegation or allegations are to be dismissed or upheld and, if upheld, as to what the sanctions listed in By-Law 33.10 should be applied.
- 33.12 Any upholding of an accusation by the Adjudicating Committee shall be by a Special Majority in accordance with the principles of natural justice by correspondence, in person or by electronic means. The Chair of the Adjudicating Committee shall promptly notify the Secretary of the decision of the Adjudicating Committee.
- 33.13 Within 15 days of having received such notification from the Chair of the Adjudicating Committee the WMA Secretary shall:

- (i) inform the President and Council of the decision of the Adjudicating Committee,
- (ii) advise the accused by e-mail and registered mail of the outcome of the allegation and of any sanctions imposed, and shall also outline any procedures and right to appeal the determination, and
- (iii) where an allegation is upheld, advise all Members of the offending individual, the nature of his offence, the outcome of the review and any sanctions imposed.

33.14 Any Office Bearer removed or suspended under By-Law 33 shall automatically become ineligible to be or become a Member officer or Delegate which in the case of a suspension, shall be for the duration of such suspension.

33.15 A person ceasing to be an Office Bearer must within 30 days promptly hand over all material directly relevant to his former role to the new incumbent or to the Secretary and otherwise comply with any agreement signed on his assumption of office.

34. Sanctions Involving Breaches of Championship Rules

34.1 Allegations that an athlete, coach, official, support staff or administrator has been in breach of Rule 9.1 and/or Rule 10.1 of the Championship Rules shall be adjudicated by the Council or Law & Legislation Committee as determined by the President, which shall be referred to as the Adjudicating Committee in this context.

34.2 Within 15 days of the receipt of such an allegation the Secretary shall send a copy of the allegation to the Chair of the Adjudicating Committee who in turn shall by Formal Notice send it to each member of the Adjudicating Committee, and to the accused. In dealing with such matters the natural justice procedures outlined in By-Law 29 shall be followed.

34.3 An athlete, official, support staff or administrator adjudicated to have been in breach of Rule 9.1 of the Championship Rules may:

- (i) be suspended from any role in masters athletics for a period determined by the Adjudicating Committee, and/or
- (ii) be reprimanded in writing, and/or

- (iii) be subjected to any other sanction that the Adjudicating Committee sees fit, including without limitation, publication of particulars on the WMA website.
- 34.4 An athlete, coach, official, support staff or administrator adjudicated to have been in breach of Rule 10.1 of the Championship Rules may:
- (i) be suspended from any role in masters athletics for a period of two years for a first offence, or for life or such other term as is determined by the Adjudicating Committee for a subsequent offence, and/or
 - (ii) be reprimanded in writing, and/or
 - (iii) be subjected to any other sanction that the Adjudicating Committee sees fit, including without limitation, publication of particulars on the WMA website.
- 34.5 Any suspension imposed under By-Laws 34.3 or 34.4 shall be observed by Member of which the individual is a member and by the relevant Regional Association and shall apply to all masters athletics competitions and activities including masters games.
- 34.6 Any individual suspended by their National Governing Body shall become ineligible to participate in any Member events during their suspension, and the individual's Member shall notify the WMA Secretary within 15 days of the suspension, who shall notify all Members of the details of the individual and the suspension.
- 34.7 Masters Athletes convicted of a first offence relating to the improper use of prohibited substances shall not automatically be reinstated at the end of their 2-year suspension period until they have made themselves available for out-of-competition testing by the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee or other competent testing authority approved by the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee. Any testing shall be at the athlete's cost and the athlete shall provide information on their whereabouts to the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee or the testing authority for this purpose.
- 34.8 The lifting of the suspension shall be dealt with as provided in By-Law 34.7 with the results reported to the Chair of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee, the athlete's Member Federation and the Secretary, who shall notify all other relevant persons.

35. Appeals

- 35.1 Any Member or individual sanctioned under By-Laws 33 or 34 shall have the right to appeal the determination and sanction to the Law & Legislation Committee, or, in the case of a sanction imposed by the Law & Legislation Committee, to the International Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- 35.2 Any appeal shall be conducted in English and the arbitration decision shall be final and binding on all parties.
- 35.3 WMA shall seek costs or contribution to costs incurred by it in any appeals to the Law & Legislation Committee or International Court of Arbitration for Sport.
- 35.4 The place of any arbitration before the International Court of Arbitration for Sport may be in Lausanne, Switzerland; Sydney Australia; or New York Unites States of America as appropriate.

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CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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A INTRODUCTION

1. Authority and Purpose

- 1.1 These Championship Rules are established under the Constitution of World Masters Athletics (WMA).
- 1.2 These Championship Rules are applicable to:
 - (i) bidding procedure for championship competitions,
 - (ii) eligibility for competitions, and
 - (iii) conduct of athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and administrators.

B PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

2. World Championships

- 2.1 WMA conducts world championships (WMA Championships) in the following areas:
 - Stadia,
 - Indoor,
 - Non-Stadia,
 - Mountain running, and
 - Ultra running.
- 2.2 WMA through the General Assembly will sanction World Stadia Championships normally held in each even-numbered year starting in 2016.
- 2.3 WMA through the General Assembly will sanction World Indoor Championships normally held in each odd-numbered year starting in 2017.
- 2.4 Non-Stadia championship events are allocated to both Stadia and Indoor WMA Championships.
- 2.5 WMA mountain running championships are conducted annually on behalf of WMA by the World Mountain Running Association (WMRA).
- 2.6 WMA ultra-running championships are conducted annually on behalf of WMA by the International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU).

3. Identification of Potential Championship Bid Candidates

- 3.1 Each Regional Representative should try to identify at least one potential Championship host (Bid Candidate),

which may be a city, or nearby cities or municipalities, that can meet the venue, organisational, and financial requirements for hosting a WMA stadia or indoor championship, so as to facilitate rotation of WMA Championships among the Regions.

- 3.2 The Regional Representative should include in its notification to Council a preliminary assessment of the potential Bid Candidate's strengths, prepared with the assistance of the relevant Member.

4. Applications to Host WMA Championships

- 4.1 Applications to stage stadia or indoor WMA Championships shall be submitted with the agreement of the relevant WMA Member.
- 4.2 The Vice-President Competition may assist in initial assessments and meetings in determining the overall suitability of each potential Bid Candidate.
- 4.3 A bid application, duly signed by the government representatives of the Bid Candidate, the Local Organising Committee, the National Governing Body and the Member must be forwarded to the Secretary not later than 1 September in the year prior to the General Assembly at which the bid is to be considered.
- 4.4 Should there be no bids which are regarded by Council as being acceptable by 1 September; Council shall call for additional bids.
- 4.5 No more than one Bid Candidate may be supported by a Member for a given Championship, although one or more nearby cities or municipalities may group together as a Bid Candidate.
- 4.6 Applications to stage WMA mountain running championships or WMA ultra-running championships should be directed to WMRA or IAU respectively, who will be wholly responsible for the selection and conduct of these championships.

5. Bidding Evaluation

- 5.1 Following the delivery of the written bid application as per Rule 4.3, a contract must be signed by the Member; the Bid Candidate's Local Organising Committee; the nominated government representative of the Bid Candidate; and the country's National Governing Body. The contract must be delivered to the Secretary at least 60 days before the General Assembly in order for the bid to be considered.

- 5.2 Inspection visits to the sites of all prospective bidders shall take place not less than 90 days and not more than 180 days prior to the General Assembly.
- 5.3 The inspection shall be made by a WMA inspection team of not more than 4 Council members for whom airfares, food and accommodation for 3 nights each, shall be provided by the prospective Bid Candidate at its cost.
- 5.4 The WMA inspection team visiting the Bid Candidates shall compile a report following each inspection visit that shall be sent to the relevant Bid Candidate for its review and comment.
- 5.5 When comments have been received from each Bid Candidate, the inspection reports together with the comments shall be provided to Council members for Council's evaluation and grading of the Bid Candidates.
- 5.6 The inspection reports referred to in Rule 5.5 together with any amendments approved by Council as well as an evaluation are to be circulated by the Secretary to Members at least 45 days before the General Assembly.

6. Presentation and Selection

- 6.1 The Bid Candidates shall present their bids to the Council during the Championships in advance of the General Assembly, at which the Council may recommend a Bid Candidate revise its presentation to the General Assembly for its decision.
- 6.2 Following the presentations by the Bid Candidates to the General Assembly, the Assembly shall vote, and where there are two Bid Candidates only, the Bid Candidate with the highest number of votes cast shall be awarded the rights to stage the Championship.
- 6.3 Where there are more than two Bid Candidates an elimination voting process shall be undertaken with the Bid Candidate with the lowest number of votes eliminated until only two Bid Candidates remain after which Rule 6.2 applies. However, should a Bid Candidate in the elimination voting process achieve an absolute majority of votes, that Candidate shall be declared the winner and no further voting shall be undertaken.
- 6.4 Voting shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one bidder, in which case a show of hands may be made. Should there be less than a 50% vote for a sole Bid Candidate, Council shall seek further bids, and shall as soon as practicable make a decision through an electronic vote of Members.

C ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

7. General Eligibility

- 7.1 All Masters Athletes registered with a Member shall be eligible to compete in any WMA or Regional Championship subject to compliance with entry requirements and subject to any imposed sanctions.
- 7.2 No Masters Athlete shall be refused entry on grounds of race, religion, politics, nationality or place of residence.
- 7.3 On the grounds of safety, and in consultation with the World Mountain Running Association, special age-category limitations may be set for mountain running events.

8. Country Designation for Competition

- 8.1 An individual shall compete in WMA or Regional championships only for a Country or Territory of which he is a citizen or permanent resident unless permitted under Rule 8.3.
- 8.2 An individual who is a citizen of two Countries or Territories or who has a permanent place of residence in a Country or Territory of which he is not a citizen may first compete for the Country or Territory of his choice and shall thereafter compete only for that Country or Territory unless otherwise allowed under Rule 8.3.
- 8.3 An individual who is a citizen or permanent resident of two Countries or Territories and who has competed for one of those Countries or Territories may thereafter compete for the other Country or Territory, only when an official written request from the individual to the two Members has been agreed and confirmed in writing by the WMA Secretary.
- 8.4 The request from the individual shall be forwarded by his present Member to the new Member, the Regional Secretary and WMA. A written agreement by both Members must be sent to the WMA Secretary, who shall confirm or deny the request and notify the Members and the Regional Secretary accordingly. A term of non-eligibility as per the IAAF rules may apply to any approval.
- 8.5 An individual granted dispensation under Rule 8.3 requesting a subsequent change in Member status, shall be considered by Council, on request from their present Member stating all reasons therefor together with evidence from the proposed Member concerned. A term of non-eligibility as per the IAAF rules may apply to any approval.

8.6 Where an individual lives or temporarily works in a country that is not their country of citizenship or permanent residency, and who has registered with a Member association for the purpose of competing in that country, they shall not be deemed to be a bona-fide member of that Member or having changed citizenship, for the purposes of entry into WMA or Regional championships, but must compete for the Country of which he is a citizen or permanent resident.

D DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

9. Misconduct

9.1 Athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and administrators at WMA sanctioned championships shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings, adjudication and sanctions for any of the following prohibited conduct:

- (i) an incorrect statement of age or competing or attempting to compete in an incorrect age group,
- (ii) competing or attempting to compete as a member of the opposite sex, or as another athlete,
- (iii) unsportsmanlike conduct,
- (iv) competing or seeking to compete under a Member other than that of the athlete's country of citizenship or permanent residency, or failing to register and compete via their Member as determined by citizenship or permanent residency or as brought about by Rule 8.3,
- (v) seeking to compete while under suspension,
- (vi) inappropriate interpersonal conduct,
- (vii) displaying conduct prejudicial to the good name of WMA or conduct bringing the sport of masters athletics into disrepute,
- (viii) behaviour that infringes, denigrates or otherwise interferes with the rights of sponsors, or
- (ix) conduct that violates the IAAF Code of Ethics.

9.2 Allegations of breaches of Rule 9.1 shall be made in writing and sent to the Secretary as soon as possible, but not more than 30 days after the date of the alleged offence. The adjudication of any allegation and the imposition of any sanctions shall be by the Council or Law & Legislation Committee as specified under By-Law 34.

10. Anti-Doping Matters

10.1 Athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and administrators at WMA sanctioned championships shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings, adjudication and sanctions for any of the following prohibited conduct:

- (i) improper use of prohibited substances,
- (ii) refusing to submit to drug testing when requested to do so, or
- (iii) tampering or other anti-doping matters.

10.2 Allegations of breaches of Rule 10.1 shall be made in writing and sent to the Chair of the Anti-Doping & Medical Committee who shall send all details to the Chair of the Law & Legislation Committee which Committee shall adjudicate the allegation according to WMA By-Law 34, WMA's Anti-Doping Rules, and any relevant IAAF By-Laws and Rules.

E GENERAL PROVISIONS

11. Settlement of Disputes

11.1 In the event of disputes concerning the contents, interpretation and implementation of these Championship Rules, the parties involved shall endeavour to reach an amicable settlement. Should no settlement be reached the matter will be referred to the Law & Legislation Committee for their consideration and decision.

11.2 Should the decision of the Law & Legislation Committee fail to satisfy, the dispute may be finally settled by appeal to the International Court of Arbitration for Sport.

11.3 Any International Court of Arbitration for Sport appeal shall be conducted in English and the arbitration decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

11.4 WMA shall seek costs or contribution to costs incurred by it in any appeal to the International Court of Arbitration for Sport.

11.5 The place of arbitration before the International Court of Arbitration for Sport may be Lausanne, Switzerland; Sydney, Australia; New York, United States of America or other location specified by the Court.

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