

MINUTES
of the XXVII Congress
of
The International SAMBO Federation (FIAS)
Held at Littoral Hotel, Casablanca, Morocco on 12th November 2015

Present: Representatives of 70 National SAMBO Federations, as under:

57 FIAS Member National SAMBO Federations from:

Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Georgia, Greece, Great Britain, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Uzbekistan, Venezuela .

13 FIAS Candidate Member and invited National SAMBO Federations from:

Barbados, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Honduras, Ecuador, Peru, Congo Brazzaville, Vietnam, Central Africa, Canada, Macedonia, Chinese Taipei, Philippines.

10 members of FIAS Executive Committee

Mr. V. Shestakov, Mr. R. Ferraris, Mr. A. Klyamko, Mr. S. Eliseev, Mr. D. Skalli, Mr. N. Asai, Mr. M. Iliadis, Mr. M. Abdulloev, Mr. C. Moon, Mr. V. Savinov.

I. Opening of the XXVII FIAS Congress

Speaker: Mr. V. Shestakov

Mr. V. Shestakov, President of FIAS welcomed the members present at the XXVII Congress and handed over the floor to Mr. R. Ferraris, Secretary General of FIAS to proceed as per the proposed Congress Agenda.

II. Roll-call

Speaker: Mr. R. Ferraris

Mr. R. Ferraris informed the Congress that FIAS Executive Committee had elected a Congress Registration Commission, comprising of Mr. R. Ferraris of Italy as the

Chairman of the Commission with Mr. N. Asai of Japan and Mr. O. Lopera of Columbia as Registration Commission Members, empowered to monitor and record the mandated rights of members participating in the said XXVII FIAS Congress.

Mr. R. Ferraris announced that the Registration Commission had diligently verified mandates presented and had duly registered all members eligible to participate in the XXVII FIAS Congress. He detailed that participants were present from 70 National SAMBO Federations and from five continents, including:

- 57 representatives of Member National SAMBO Federations – who are full FIAS members, duly authorized to participate and vote in the Congress;
- 13 representatives of Candidate Member and invited National SAMBO Federations, duly authorized with the right to participate but without right to vote in Congress.

10 out of 17 Members of the FIAS Executive Committee were present at the Congress.

Based on the above, Mr. R. Ferraris declared that quorum for decision-making was adequate and that the XXVII Congress of International SAMBO Federation was declared open.

III. Nomination of stewards and scrutineers

Speaker: Mr. R. Ferraris

Mr. Ferraris proposed a motion that a Ballot Commission be constituted to count and record the votes of the Congress Participants and informed members present that the FIAS Executive Committee had nominated Mr. Ravshan Akhmedjanov (Uzbekistan), Mr. Vsevolod Zelonij (Latvia) and Mr. Mikhail Kozitskiy (USA) for the said Ballot Commission and requested the members present to vote and ratify the said nomination.

Ballot: 57 members voted for the Motion, Nil Against, Nil Abstained.

Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the FIAS Congress 2014

Speaker: Mr. R. Ferraris

Mr. R. Ferraris proposed that the Minutes of FIAS XXVI Congress held at Narita (Japan) on November, 24, 2014 shall be ratified and approved and requested the members present to vote and ratify and approve the said Minutes.

Ballot: 57 members voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained.
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

V. Adoption of the XXVII FIAS Congress Agenda

Mr. R. Ferraris proposed the motion that the members present adopt the Agenda for the XXVII Congress of the International SAMBO Federation, as proposed by the FIAS Executive Committee:

1.	FIAS Membership
2.	Report of the FIAS President
3.	Report by the FIAS Legal Commission
4.	Report by the FIAS Finance Commission FIAS Balance Sheet for 2015 FIAS Auditor's Report FIAS Provisional Budget for 2016
5.	Amendments to the FIAS Statutes
6.	FIAS Membership Fees
7.	Calendar of Events for 2016-2018
8.	Issues raised by FIAS National Members
9.	Issues raised by FIAS Executive Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Ratify and Re-Approve and Re-Confirm the Resolutions of the 2013 FIAS Congress at St. Petersburg. [Elections of the Executive Committee [EC] Members , Election of the FIAS President , Secretary General , Vice Presidents and all other points on the said Agenda and Minutes] • The Authority and Collective Signature of FIAS President Mr Vasily Shestakov , FIAS Secretary General Mr Roberto Ferraris , FIAS First Vice President Andrey Klyamko • The appointment of Mr. P.-O. Wellauer as the FIAS legal attorney , empowered to file all documents with the Canton Vaud Trade Register, for the registration of FIAS EC members, the Collective

	Signature rights , registration of FIAS statutes as was adopted at the XXVI FIAS Congress at Narita Japan in November 2014, XXV FIAS Congress at St. Petersburg in October 2013
10.	Date and place of the 2016 FIAS Annual Congress
11.	Any Other Business

Ballot: 57 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

Mr. R. Ferraris then proposed that the members vote to approve the Regulations for Conducting the Congress: Time limit of 15 minutes for the reports on the Agenda, time limit of up to 3 minutes for making representations.

Ballot: 57 members voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained.
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

VI. FIAS membership

Speaker: Mr. S. Gopi

Mr. Suresh Gopi informed the Congress that FIAS has today 84 Full National Members [NSF] and 21 Candidate Members on its rolls and that in his capacity as the Chairman of the FIAS legal Commission, he proposed to submit the following MEMBERSHIP approvals to the FIAS Congress , after careful due diligence and legal verification of all membership documents as submitted by the parties concerned :

Approval for grant of Full FIAS Membership is proposed as under to :

1. MACEDONIAN SAMBO Federation : Republic of Macedonia [Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia FYROM] headed by its President Mr. Erdal Fakic

The Federation is already a member of European SAMBO Federation and was recognized by the **Macedonian Ministry of Sports** on 25th April 2013 and By the **Macedonian Olympic Committee** on 24th December 2014.

2. VIETNAM SAMBO ASSOCIATION [VSA] : Vietnam , headed by its President **Prof. Hoang Vinh Giang** , Vice President of Olympic Council of Asia and Vice President of Vietnam NOC and by its General Secretary , **Mr. Nguyen Huu An**, Director of Judo in the Vietnam Sports Ministry.

The Vietnam SAMBO Association was accorded full recognition by the Vietnam Olympic Committee on 22nd October 2015.

Mr. Gopi informed the Congress that sports SAMBO is included as an integral event of the 2016 Asian Beach Games at that will be held at Danang Beach , Vietnam in September 2016. and that both the Vietnam SAMBO Association President Prof. Hoang and the VSA General Secretary Mr. An are members of the Organizing Committee of the 2016 Asian Beach Games

3. FEDERATION OF AMATEUR SAMBO , PERU : headed by its President **Mr . Carlos Manzanares.**

Mr. Gopi reported that this Federation is legally registered under the Registrar of Public Records and r Peruvian Registry of Sports and that it is recognized by the Peruvian Sports Authority, Lima

4. THE CHINESE TAIPEI SAMBO AND MMA FEDERATION, headed by its President **Prof. Huang Shu Chen** , of Tung Hai University and by its Secretary General **Dr. Vita Wang Kuei Yuan** , a well-established Combat Sports Administrator and an Associate Professor in The National University of Sports, Taiwan .

Mr .Gopi informed Congress that the NSF is legally registered with the Ministry of Justice and is recognized by the Govt. Sports Authority .

The Executive Board of this Federation is currently working with the Organizing Committee of the 2017 UNIVERSAIDE , that will be held at Taipei, Taiwan and with senior Government officials, so as to try secure inclusion of SAMBO in the 2017 Universaide

He added that the Federation has been assured of Chinese Taipei NOC membership and support , once it secures FULL FIAS membership .

CANDIDATE MEMBERS

Mr. Gopi reported that from 2013 to date, FIAS has officially granted Candidate [Provisional] Membership to 21 National SAMBO Federations.

Regrettably some of these Candidate NSF have NOT so far fulfilled the criteria for full FIAS membership and in some Nations there has been no SAMBO development whatsoever

Mr. Gopi informed Congress that from 2016 onwards , FIAS will initiate the requisite remedial and penal action for countering such inactivity.

Subsequent to the investigations and findings of the FIAS Legal Commission , Mr. Gopi proposed that the **Membership** as accorded by Congress in 2013 to the following nations be hereby revoked and that New Candidate Membership be accorded as under :

Philippines : Mr. Gopi informed Congress that subsequent to the visit of the FIAS Legal Commission to the Philippines , it was determined that there has not been any SAMBO activity in that nation for several years and that there is no longer any legally registered or functional SAMBO federation in the Country.

Accordingly Mr Gopi proposed that the FIAS Membership as accorded to the non existing Philippines NSF , headed in the past by Mr. Raymond Nunieza and subsequently by Mr. Mike Plata, be hereby irrevocably revoked and that FIAS Congress kindly approve the grant of new Candidate Membership and FIAS recognition to The PIILIPINAS SAMBO FEDERATION Inc., legally registered at Davao, Philippines and headed by President Mr. Pedro A. Quitain , a well established business personality and by its Secretary General Mr. Paolo Tancotian, a renowned Martial Artiste and the current head of Judo and Wrestling in the Davao region of Philippines.

Mr. Gopi also made it a point to inform Congress that the **Indonesia SAMBO Federation** , conducted an extraordinary General Body Meeting at Jakarta in September 2015 and elected new office bearers to its Executive Committee. Subsequently the NSF was granted FULL Recognition by the Indonesia Olympic Committee. He further added that the newly elected Vice President of the Indonesia SAMBO Federation, Mr Krisna Bayou [a 3 time Judo Olympian] , was last week duly elected as an Executive Member the Indonesia Olympic Committee , representing the Athletes Commission.

REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

Mr . Gopi informed Congress that as the **Austria SAMBO Federation** , presided by Ms. Swetlana Neubauer –SOKOLIK , has submitted a letter dated 10/05/15 , irrevocably withdrawing their Full FIAS membership and all membership rights from FIAS for their own reasons, it is also proposed that the Congress hereby approve the removal of the said NSF from the Membership Rolls of FIAS in its totality.

Mr. Gopi also proposed that the FIAS ASSOCIATE Member “ **The Foundation for SAMBO Support and Development** “ be also removed as a FIAS Associate Member , as they are No longer active and No Longer contribute to SAMBO

development. Mr. Gopi then expressed FIAS gratitude to the said Foundation for their Past Services to SAMBO which was prior to the Presidency of Mr Shestakov.

Accordingly, Mr. R. Ferraris proposed the motion that the Congress approve :

- the inclusion of the following National SAMBO Federations as FULL Members of FIAS

1. Macedonian SAMBO Federation : Presided by Mr. ERDAL FAKIC
2. Vietnam SAMBO Association : Presided by Prof. Hoang Vinh Giang
3. Chinese Taipei SAMBO & MMA Federation : Presided by Prof. Huang Shu Chen
4. Amateur SAMBO Federation of Peru : Presided by Mr. Carlos Manzanares

- the revocation of FIAS membership of the erstwhile **Philippines SAMBO Federation** presided by Mr Raymond Nunieza and Mr Mike Plata and the **Austrian SAMBO Federation** .

- grant Provisional Candidate Membership to **Pilipinas SAMBO Federation Inc.**, headed by its President Mr Pedro Quitain

- exclude The Foundation for Development and Support for SAMBO as a FIAS Associate Member

Ballot: 57 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

VII. FIAS President's report

Speaker: Mr. V. Shestakov

Mr. V. Shestakov, FIAS President, spoke in length informing the members present of various aspects of SAMBO development on a global level.

Mr. R. Ferraris proposed that the motion that the members present adopt the FIAS President's report, he also expressed his appreciation to the President on the high achievements made by FIAS in this year.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

VIII. Report by the FIAS Legal Commission

Speaker: Mr. S. Gopi

Mr. S. Gopi informed the Congress that the FIAS legal Commission Members have met on 4 occasions during 2015 , thrice in person and once via Skype internet Conference.

He reported that the FIAS legal Commission has given legal guidance and documented several legal documents , so as to ensure Dispute Resolution is achieved in Asia and in Pan America.

He commended and praised the dedicated efforts of the FIAS Legal Commission members , namely Mr. Arthur Melikyan , Mr. Maxim Borisov and the Swiss Lawyers Mr. Wellauer and Mr. Netzle

He informed Congress that the Global Settlement Agreement between FIAS and other parties was signed On 2nd November 2015 and that all amendments and addenda have been submitted to the Courts at Switzerland .

Mr . Gopi took this opportunity to express FIAS appreciation to Mr. David Rudman and to Mr. Shultz and to their respective lawyers Mr. Ramoni and to Mr Magdanyuk , for their valued cooperation in signing this Global Settlement Agreement.

Mr . Gopi reported that the Agreement will ensure that by the end of the year, all litigation , Criminal , Civil and Arbitration Cases will be closed and irrevocably withdrawn from the respective courts and tribunals ,without any rights to further appeal by any parties .

He added that the Sole goal of such agrrement is for FIAS to secure IOC recognition of SAMBO

He added that as The FIAS Registered Office is at Lausanne Switzerland , FIAS will now have to file our latest Statutes as was already proved by the Congresses at Narita and St. Petersburg, along with all the Amendmends that may be approved today . These Documents along with the list of our Elected Executive Committee Members will also have be filed with the Trade Register at Lausanne .

The next task of the FIAS Legal Commission will be to ensure and assist all NSF members of FIAS to become Legally Compliant as regards to FIAS Statutes and also be fully compliant to their National Laws for functioning as an NSF.

He added that the FIAS legal Commission will in 2016 work closely with the FIAS Diciplinary Commission and the FIAS Anti-Doping Commission to ensure compliance to applicable laws and legal precedents.

Mr. R. Ferraris proposed the motion that the members vote to adopt the reports of FIAS Legal Commission.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the motion be adopted by majority vote.

IX. Report by FIAS Finance Commission

Speaker: Mr. A. Klyamko

Mr. A. Klyamko gave a detailed report on the financial status of FIAS and then Mr. Ferraris proposed the motion that the Members present vote to FIAS Balance Sheet for 2015 , FIAS Auditors Report , Provisional FIAS budget for 2016.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

X. Amendments to the FIAS Statutes

Speaker: Mr. S. Gopi

Mr. S Gopi informed the Congress that in order to Comply with IOC regulations and as pointed out by IOC during the scrutiny of the FIAS application for IOC membership , it is required that FIAS must amend its Statutes as under :

That the Chairman of the FIAS Athletes Commission will be an Executive Board Member of FIAS with the right to vote and speech.

It should be clarified that the Chairman of Athletes Commission is elected by the members of the Commission Independently and the present elected Chairman is Mr Victir Savinov from Ukraine.

2. It is also proposed that in order to fulfil our FIAS Social Responsibility, the **FIAS Commission for the Disabled** be Constituted so as to empower the Blind and the Deaf through SAMBO training.

It is also proposed that the FIAS Executive Board Nominate a suitable Chairperson for this Commission with prior expertise in training the disabled.

Mr. R. Ferraris proposed the motion that the members vote to ratify and adopt the amended FIAS Constitution.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

XI. FIAS Membership fees

Speaker: Mr. R. Ferraris

Mr. Ferraris informed that FIAS has today 86 Full Members , but unfortunately several national sambo federations have not made timely payments of their Annual Membership fees of USD 300/year .

Mr.Ferraris asked kindly note that effective from 2016 the relevant FIAS commissions will monitor timely payments of Membership fees as a precondition for continued membership and recommend action on same.

Mr.Ferraris asked the Members to vote on approval of sai motion.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the motion be adopted by majority vote.

XII. FIAS Calendar of Events 2016-2018

Speaker: Mr. S. Eliseev

Mr.Ferraris announced that the above report was just for information snf asked the Members to vote on adoption of the Calendar if Events for 2016-2018.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

XIII. Issues raised by national sambo federations

Speaker: Mr. R. Ferraris

Mr. R. Ferraris announced that proposal from Lithuanian Sambo Federation have been received: to include age categories in the masters competitions Men 70 years, Men Plus 70 years

Mr. R. Ferraris proposed that FIAS Executive Committee will consider this proposal and will request opinions from other NSF and will revert on this before 31st December 2015 and requested the Members to Vote on the said proposal.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

XIV. Issues raised by the FIAS Executive Committee

Speaker: Mr. R. Ferraris

Mr. Ferraris proposed that the Members Present RE-Approve and once again Ratify the Resolutions as Approved by the FIAS Congress at St Petersburg in 2013 including Motion to Ratify and Re-Approve and Re-Confirm the Resolutions of the 2013 FIAS Congress at St. Petersburg. [Elections of the Executive Committee [EC] Members , Election of the FIAS President , Secretary General , Vice Presidents and all other points on the said Agenda and Minutes].

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

Mr. R. Ferraris proposed the motion regarding Ratification of The Authority and Collective Signature of FIAS President Mr Vasily Shestakov , FIAS Secretary General Mr Roberto Ferrais , FIAS First Vice President Andrey Klyamko.

Mr. R. Ferraris requested the Members to vote on taking this motion.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

Mr. R. Ferraris proposed to approve the appointment of Mr. P.-O. Wellauer as the FIAS legal attorney , empowered to file all documents with the Canton Vaud Trade Register, for the registration of FIAS EC members, the Collective Signature rights , registration of FIAS statutes as was adopted at the XXV FIAS Congress at St.Petersburg (Russia) in October 2013, XXVI FIAS Congress at Narita (Japan) in November 2014, along with the Amendments to the Statures as approved by XXVII Congress in Casablanca (Morocco).

Mr. R. Ferraris requested the Members to vote on taking this motion.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

XV. Date and place of the next FIAS Congress

Speaker: Mr. S. Eliseev

Mr. R. Ferraris proposed a motion that the Members present vote to hold the next FIAS Congress in November 2016 in the city of Sofia (Bulgaria) one day prior to the start of the World SAMBO Championship 2016.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

XVI. Any Other Business

Speaker: Mr. R. Ferraris

Mr. R. Ferraris informed that Austrian SAMBO federation has resigned from FIAS membership and as Ms Svetlana Neubauer- Sokolik, doesn't want to work with FIAS any longer Mr.Ferraris proposed that the Members vote to exclude and remover Ms. Svetlana Neubauer- Sokolik for her post in the Executive Committee of FIAS .

Mr. R. Ferraris requested the Members to vote on taking this motion.

Ballot: 61 Members Voted for the Motion, Nil against, Nil abstained
Resolved that the Motion be adopted unanimously.

XVI. Closure of FIAS Congress

Vote of thanks was given and the XXVII FIAS Congress was declared as closed.

President
International SAMBO Federation (FIAS):
V. Shestakov



Secretary General
International SAMBO Federation (FIAS):
R. Ferraris

