



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORTS MEDICINE (FIMS)

Meeting of the Council of Delegates

Athens (GRE), 24 September 2021 - h. 17.15

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS - F. Pigozzi

On behalf of FIMS, Prof. Pigozzi welcomed all participating Delegates and expressed his greetings to the organizers of the 36th World Congress in Athens.

He mentioned the difficult period for more than 18 months due to the Covid-Pandemia and added to be delighted to see so many Delegates in presence. Then Prof. Pigozzi welcomed also the representatives of the bidding cities, namely Zagreb - Croatia and Kazan - Russia. He asked then all Members of the Council of Delegates for a minute of silence comemorating Prof. Dr. Wildor Hollmann, who passed away last year. Prof. Hollmann was a worldwide acknowledged scientist, representing Sports Medicine over decades of years, was Rector of the Sport University, Cologne and served also in different positions in FIMS, also as FIMS President from 1986 to 1994. FIMS will keep him a honourable memory forever.

2. ROLL CALL – N. Bachl

The following countries (making up total of 26) were officially physically represented at the Meeting (listed in alphabetical order): Austria, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Chile, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Egypt, Germany, Great Britain, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Latvia, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, U.S.A.

Argentina, Belgium, Greece, North Macedonia, South Africa were represented by proxies.

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE PARLAMENTARIAN – N. Bachl

Peter Baumgartl, Christian Schneider and Bruno Di Pietro were unanimously appointed as Parliamentarians.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – F. Pigozzi

The Agenda of the Meeting of the Council of Delegates on 24th September 2021 was unanimously approved.

5. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES – Rio de Janeiro (BRA) 13th September 2018 – N. Bachl

Prof. Bachl presented the minutes from the last meeting of the Council of Delegates held in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) on 13 September 2018, which were unanimously approved by the Delegates.

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – F. Pigozzi

First of all, the President explained again, that the postponement of the Council of Delegates in combination with the World Congress of Sports Medicine was necessary, due to the longlasting Covid-pandemic and the travel restrictions. He then stated that the strategic plan 2018-2022 is accomplished now, even only virtual meetings took place in the last 18 months, and thanked the members of the Bureau, all the Executive Members and the Chairs of the Commissions for their optimal cooperation during these challenging times. He then reported, that at the moment FIMS has 120 National Federations and 25 CCSMs. He mentioned also the close cooperation with the CCSM Coordination Headquarters in Sanya and regretted that the Executive Committee meeting which was planned there in 2020 has been postponed due to the pandemic in agreement with the respective authorities in Sanya. The President then highlighted the results of the last CCSM Directors Meeting in Antalya on 2019 and the Commissions activities during the pandemic which resulted in a great number of publications; to this respect he thanked all the contributors and in particular Prof. Yannis Pitsiladis for the outstanding performance in coordinating all the papers. The President then briefly reported about the FIMS sponsors, namely NBS -Siffra, Esaote and O2H and mentioned that Esaote and O2H are present with stands during the World Congress in Athens. In terms of FIMS Journal, the President informed the Council that the contract with CSMR expired in 2019 and therefore there are still negotiations to find a new journal; in the meantime the budget, which has been allocated for the FIMS Journal, has been devoted to cover the FIMS publication expenses in high ranked Journals. He thanked again Prof. Pitsiladis for his great support, also as Head of the Scientific Commission of the World Congress in Athens, organizing an excellent scientific program. He finally reported that FIMS has also a Partner Journal, *Medicina della Sport*, with an impact factor 0.7, which is edited by the FMSI.

The President then reported about the International Congress of Sports Medicine and Health Summit in Hamburg, in which the document of the "Global Alliances" has been signed; FIMS was contributing with the following sentence: *"Promote a healthy and active lifestyle through high qualification education and implementation of evidence-based Sports Medicine."* Because of severe travel restrictions he attended the event virtually and FIMS was represented on site by Prof. Yannis Pitsiladis. It is worth to mention, that Prof. Ugur Erdener, IOC Member and Chairman of the Medical and Scientific Commission mentioned in his opening address the very close cooperation between the IOC and FIMS. The Global Alliance could be the beginning of a new aera to enhance the global cooperation.

+ The President also briefly reported on the International Olympia Symposium "Becoming an Olympic Athlete without Doping. A holistic approach" organized in Olympia on 24-25 June 2019 by Prof. Pitsiladis with the participation of WADA and many important stakeholders. The Symposium was held at the International Olympic Academy with topics such as providing strong support for antidoping efforts.

In terms of cooperation with international organizations he informed the Delegates about cooperation with the IOC, WADA, GAIFS, IPC, ASOIF and AWOIF.

As for the IPC, the FIMS awaits the appointment of Peter van Viet's successor, while the new ASOIF representative is Dr. Xavier Bigard. Regarding SportAccord, the President informed of the upcoming meeting in Ekatarinenburg, Russia, in which Prof. Pitsiladis and Prof. Pigozzi will actively participate in "HealthAccord".

7. REPORT OF THE TREASURER – J. Kawazoe Lazzoli

a. Approval of the biannual budget 2018 – 2020

Prof. José Kawazoe Lazzoli presented the treasurer's report highlighting the different funds and balance of FIMS. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Treasurer's report.

8. CHANGE OF THE STATUTES- Norbert Bachl

No proposals of changes of the Statutes have been received.

9. SELECTION OF THE HOST CITY FOR THE FIMS WORLD CONGRESS OF SPORTS MEDICINE 2024

The Secretary General Norbert Bachl reported that the FIMS has received 3 bids to host the FIMS 2024 World Congress, namely Belgrade/Serbia, Zagreb/Croatia, Kazan/Russia and that Belgrade has finally withdrawn. Then, he invited the representatives of the 2 candidate countries to submit their bids to host the 2024 World Congress before the vote.

<u>Final results of the vote to host the 2024 World Congress</u>

- 31 countries present (including 5 proxies)
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• Zagreb / Croatia: 10 votes

• Kazan / Russia: 21 votes

After the announcement of the result, the President congratulated the winner and signed the contract together with Prof. Boris Polayev, President of the Russian Association of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation of Patients and the Disabled and the Minister of Sport of Tartastan.

10. NEXT MEETING - N. Bachl

The next Council of Delegates will take place during the 2024 World Congress to be held from 21 to 24 September 2022 in Guadalajara, Mexico. The President of the Organizing Committee, Dr. Felipe Ballesteros, gave a brief update on the Congress, the venue and the infrastructure and stated that the scientific program will be organized in collaboration with the Chairman of the Scientific Commission, Prof. Pitsiladis.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing to report

12. ADJOURNMENT

The President, Prof. Pigozzi once again thanked all the Delegates for their presence and collaboration and again recalled that this Council of Delegates was after a long time the first opportunity to meet in person. He closed the Meeting by wishing all the Delegates a safe trip home and hoping to see them all in Guadalajara in 2022.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary General, Prof. Dr. Norbert Bachl