



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORTS MEDICINE (FIMS)

Meeting of the Council of Delegates

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 26 October 2024 - h. 16:00

Minutes

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

On behalf of FIMS, Prof. Pigozzi welcomed all participating Delegates and expressed his greetings and gratitude to the organizers of the 38th FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine in Dubai in particular to Dr. Hashel Al Tunai.

2. ROLL CALL – J. Kawazoe Lazzoli

The following countries (making up total of 43) were officially physically represented at the meeting (listed in alphabetical order): Albania, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Brazil, Chile, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Italy, Jamaica, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Mexico, North Macedonia, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America.

Belgium, Croatia were represented by proxies (making up a total of 02).

A total of 45 countries represented.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – F. Pigozzi

Decision 1: The Agenda was unanimously approved.

4. APPROVAL OF THE LAST MEETING MINUTES – Guadalajara (MEX), 24 September 2022–

Decision 2: The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council of Delegates, in Guadalajara, Mexico, on September 24th 2022 were unanimously approved.

5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT – F. Pigozzi

The President again welcomed all Delegates and began his speech by paying tribute to three distinguished colleagues who had passed away since the last Council of Delegates, Ernst Raas, Costas Christodoulakis and Constant Roux, and asked the Council to observe a minute's silence.

Prof. Pigozzi then reported on his participation in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, including the scientific activities carried out by FIMS, and on the preparation of the next Winter Olympic Games, Milan Cortina 2026, in Italy. Prof. Pigozzi reports on his forthcoming participation in the ANOC Medical Commission meeting in Cascais, Portugal on 28 October, as he continues to serve this Commission as FIMS President.

Prof. Pigozzi expressed again great satisfaction with the brilliant organisation by the Local Organising Committee of the FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine in Dubai. He cited not

only the high scientific level, but also the exceptional support of the local authorities and the impressive exhibition. He also mentioned the operational aspects, which worked perfectly. Prof. Pigozzi reported then on the FIMS scientific production in terms of articles. In particular he mentioned the Position Statements on fairness, inclusion and discrimination based on gender identity and sex variations, the Editorial published in BJSM on the Enhanced Games and the article related to the Global Alliance for the Promotion of Physical Activity: the Hamburg Declaration. He then reported on his participation to International Scientific Congresses and Events.

With respect to the FIMS Cooperation with international organizations in Sports Medicine the President pointed out that there are three members of the FIMS Executive Committee who are Members of the IOC Medical Commission: Pigozzi, Pitsiladis and Zahar in the wake initiated by Eduardo De Rose, among those present the first to be admitted as a member of the IOC Medical Commission, since 1984. He then reported that the IOC has recently established a Working Group in the Global Alliance for the Promotion of Physical Activity. He commented that among the many institutions involved in this important initiative, FIMS is one of the main participants.

He then made aware the Executive Committee that he attended the meetings 2023-2024 of the WADA Health, Medical and Research Committee in Montreal as FIMS representative. Also Prof. Pitsiladis attended the events as Committee Member.

Continuing his report Prof. Pigozzi mentioned that FIMS at the moment has 25 CCSM's and there are new expressions of interest and reported on the CCSM Annual Meeting 2023, held in December, in the Olympic Museum, Lausanne, Switzerland.

He thanked Prof. Li and Mrs. Miao for the permanent joint work and cooperation and for the organization of the Inauguration Ceremony of the FIMS Collaborating Centres of Sports Medicine (CCSM) Coordination Centre, to be held from 1 to 4 December 2024 in Sanya, China, and for the invitation to the Bureau, the Honorary President, the Vice Presidents and the Chairmen of the FIMS Commissions to attend the event.

The President reported that FIMS currently has two sponsors, Esaote and Tiaflex, and emphasized that stable sponsors are much needed and therefore any support from national and continental federations would be helpful and appreciated.

Prof. Pigozzi then briefly reported on the FIMS E-Circular, emphasising that this medium is a good way for a member to follow FIMS activities, and on FIMS institutional sponsors ESAOTE and MEDHECA TRADE (TiaFlex®), both of which were present in Dubai with their respective stands. Then, he reported the details of the ongoing progress for the preparation of the FIMS Sport Physician Manual which is scheduled for publication by May 1st 2025.

Finally, he warmly his sincere thanks to the members of the FIMS Bureau, Executive Committee and Commissions for their continued support.

6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL / TREASURER – J. Kawazoe Lazzoli

The Council of Delegates was informed that Prof. Lazzoli included in his report the Treasurer's report on behalf of Dr. André Debruyne, as the latter was unable to attend the meeting in Dubai, based on the decision of the Executive Committee in Guadalajara that, according to Article 17.08 of the FIMS Statutes, Secretary General José Kawazoe Lazzoli will act as the authorised representative of Treasurer Dr. André Debruyne.

Prof. J. Kawazoe Lazzoli presented in his report the biannual budgeted 2022-2024 highlighting the different funds, investments and the balance of FIMS. A discussion followed where details on the auditing of the financial accounts have been given by the FIMS Legal Advisor Prof. Geistlinger.

Decision 3: The report of the Secretary General / Treasurer was unanimously approved.

Prof. Lazzoli presented the new application of the Kosovo Association of Sports and Exercise Medicine, stating that they have complied with the relevant documentation.

Prof. Geistlinger as FIMS Legal Advisor confirmed that the proper documentation was received, and all the requirements previewed in FIMS Statutes are fulfilled.

Decision 4: Kosovo was approved as a new FIMS Member Sports Medicine Association, with one abstention: Georgia.

7. CHANGE OF THE STATUTES AND BY-LAWS – J. Kawazoe Lazzoli

Prof. Lazzoli explains that the change of the By-Laws was unanimously approved to be submitted for decision to the Council of Delegates in the previous Executive Committee meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, last March.

Prof. Lazzoli gives a thorough explanation about the FIMS National Associations' of Sports Medicine annual fees, that have been having the same cost since 1994, making comparisons with the inflation in USD during this period. He emphasizes that it is not an increase, but rather an update in the Annual Fees amounts.

Prof. Pigozzi argued that the FIMS expenses are subject to inflation and this update is necessary to continue running FIMS activities and to maintain FIMS financial health.

Prof. Geistlinger explained the reality of the international federations and states that this update is very important and decisive to FIMS.

Decision 5: After a thorough and extensive discussion, the update of the National Associations of Sports Medicine members of FIMS annual fee was unanimously approved, as follows (see further details in Enclosed 1):

- **For 2025: 50% update**
- **For 2026: 25% additional update**
- **For 2027: 25% additional update**

8. NEXT MEETING – J. Kawazoe Lazzoli

The next meeting of the Council of Delegates will be held during the 39th FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine, to be held on October 2026, in Santiago, Chile.

Dr. Marcelo Sajuria, representative of the Chilean Society of Sports Medicine, gave finally a presentation regarding the preparation of the 39th FIMS World Congress of Sports Medicine, to be held in Santiago, Chile on 24-27 September 2026.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Among miscellaneous, the prospect of an official FIMS journal and optimising the updating of data of FIMS member national associations were discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The President, Prof. Pigozzi, once again thanked the Delegates for their participation and great cooperation during very difficult years, welcomed the new member, and said he looked forward to active and fruitful cooperation. Finally, he thanked the Representatives of the local Organizing Committee of the World Congress together with the members of his staff who had done a great job during these days.

The President closed the Council of Delegates at 18:30.

Respectfully submitted by the Secretary General, Prof. José Kawazoe Lazzoli

Enclosure 1: Changes to the By-Laws

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORTS MEDICINE (FIMS)

Proposals of Change By-Laws by the Executive Committee to the Council of Delegates
Dubai (UAE), 26 October 2024

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