

WFDF 2016 Annual Congress - Minutes

London, UK, June 18, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Beales Hotel Hatfield

1 Call to order

Rauch welcomed all participants at 10:15 hrs and after a round of introductions introduced the WFDF representatives and Board members as well as guests. The list of participants is annexed to the minutes as Annex 1.

2 Roll call of National Associations present & confirmation of votes allotted

Australia (5):	Simon Wood, Anson Chun
Austria (5):	Christoph Nurschinger
Canada (5):	Brian Gisel
Colombia (4):	Mauricio Moore
Czech Republic (2):	Petr Kotesovec
Egypt (1):	Ibrahim El-Sayed
France (5):	Ludovic Romano
Germany (5):	Volker Schlechter
Hungary (2):	Dániel Kovács
India (1): Narayanan	Thara Natesan, Sneha Patil, Manickam
Ireland (3):	David Ferguson, Jennifer Cooper
Japan (5):	Fumio Morooka, Yuta Saito
Latvia (1):	Reinis Otisons, Martins Taurenis, Janis Bernans
Lithuania (0):	Gintarė Petrauskaitė, Barbora Kundelytė
Mexico (2):	Andrea Moreno, Rolando Garcia
Netherlands (4):	Jos Verhoeven
People`s Republic of China (2):	Su Ken
Poland (1):	Maciej Antoniak
Portugal (1):	Sofia Pereira van der Valk
Qatar (0):	Caz Malone
Russian Federation (2):	Ekaterina Barabanova, Alex Shebunyaev
Singapore (4):	Joanne Soh I Ting, Emily Wong Shu Wei
South Africa (2):	Nicholas Zaloumis, Jay Hart
Spain (3):	Nicolas Chauveau
Sweden (3):	Paul Eriksson
Switzerland (4):	Isa Güttinger
United Arab Emirates (1):	Patrick Fourcampe-Maye
United Kingdom (5):	Graham Mynott, Si Hill
USAU (5):	Tom Crawford
USGPA (1):	Steve Taylor
Venezuela (2):	Fred Burke

Discraft presentation

Pad Timmons made a presentation on Discraft as WFDF partner and underlined that he would be on-site for the week of WUGC in an attempt to encourage the growth of youth Ultimate in all countries. He brought 600 free discs and will hand out packs of 10 to youth or anybody trying to get more Ultimate involved in their countries. In the past 5 years Discraft has had three discs (molds) approved for championship play and are now poised to go into retail stores in the USA. Timmons presented the JStars which are smaller Ultimate disc for Juniors (145g), similar to UltraStar.

3 2015 Congress Minutes (already approved)

Rauch presented the minutes of the 2015 Congress, which had been previously approved by Congress in an electronic vote.

4 Decisions taken by Congress between 2015 and 2016 Congresses

Rauch referenced the decisions taken by Congress since the 2015 Congress in London in the briefing book.

5 Report by the President

Rauch referenced his written report in the briefing book and gave a summary of the highlights of WFDF's development and work since the 2015 Congress. He welcomed the new staff Rob McLeod, Director of Communications and Global Media, and Tim Rockwood, Managing Director, Broadcasting and Marketing, the latter of whom is spearheading the Broadcast production for WUGC 2016. Rauch reported about the WFDF Beach Ultimate Development Grant inaugural program and the WFDF Development Grant Program awards which have been attributed for the second year and presented results of the Coaches clinics at all three Continental Championships. The BULA MOU was renewed in December 2015. PDGA terminated their membership in February 2016 but Charlie Mead had been named WFDF Disc Golf Committee Chair to reconstitute the committee. WFDF has approved of new World Record standards and policies in October. Slovakia became the 13th WFDF NGB recognized by their NOC in May 2016, joining Chinese Taipei, Finland, Hong Kong China, Hungary, Czech Republic, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States. On the commercial development Rauch explained the Broadcast plan developed and funded to live stream two dozen games and have TV broadcast in the US on CBS Sports Network and acknowledged the huge crowdfunding campaign which made that possible.

6 Report by the Executive Director

Bernardi referenced topics like Anti-Doping matters and good governance. The work with Multisport-Games organisations like the IWGA or IMGA has increased and WFDF is preparing the World Games 2017 event in Poland for which WUGC 2016 serves as a qualification event. Communications are conducted with the continental associations to give a better structure for regional communication in particular when it comes to development work. Bernardi asked for members to respond in a more timely matter to official communications and particularly event deadlines. He thanked the members for improving co-operation and communication during the last years.

Generally the administrative demands are getting heavier. Bernardi reported on the application procedure for additional events at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games in which WFDF unsuccessfully applied.

7 Review of 2016 Member Census

Rauch thanked the members for responding to the census in a timely manner and provided summary statistics. The highlight is the total number of active players which has grown from 134,000 to 146,000. These figures only show active players involved with NGBs but noted many more individuals are playing on a less competitive basis in leagues and schools, as well as informally.

8 IOC Recognition - Overview and Update - WFDF participation in Multi-Sport Games - international governance issues

Bernardi highlighted the IOC session 2015 in Kuala Lumpur where the session awarded permanent recognition to WFDF as an International Federation by presenting the official IOC video which can be found on YouTube under (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-sjlUeNbk>). He underlined that after many years of work this is not the end of the story but the beginning, as it opens up many possibilities. But on the other hand there are many duties as the IOC is likely to evaluate the status of the recognition from time to time and WFDF must not lose progress or good governance standards.

Rauch added that WFDF needs participation in Multisport Games as much as possible and the IWGA World Games are the biggest showcase for WFDF. In the Olympic Agenda 2020 there are provisions making TWG important for the evaluation of the future Olympic programme. Additional opportunities are World Masters Games and Universiade following World University Championships. Each event has its challenges but WFDF needs to look into the opportunities. The first edition of the ANOC World Beach Games are another example, although the initial event seems to be postponed to 2019.

Rauch underlined that WFDF is considering the impact on current events which is quite crucial, as the WFDF event schedule is already packed. WFDF will be trying to set up schedules as early in advance so that NGBs, athletes, and teams can plan.

On University World Championships, there might be a need to co-ordinate with WU24 but it must be mentioned that WFDF is not yet close to Universiades. But if WFDF becomes a part of the University Sport Movement managed by FISU there would be a need to adapt the schedule and stagger events. On Masters Games, Rauch reported that WFDF has split off Masters Clubs for 2018. But it will take at least until 2025 before WFDF could become part of World Masters Games so there would be time to plan ahead and set up a long range plan. There were requests to have the World Championships earlier in the year (like late June) and this seemed to work out well for this year's WUGC. Consequently events can be moved around in the event year.

Wood (AUS) requested a clarification on the events to which members need to send teams in order to qualify for events like the World Games. He also suggested that WFDF should get African and Asian countries more involved in Multisport Games as

this would help WFDF increase chances for the Olympics. Rauch confirmed that for World Beach Games the previous World Championships of Beach Ultimate are planned to serve as qualifier. For 2017 this might be too short a notice but the event most probably will be rescheduled.

He underlined that in 2013 before TWG at Cali, WFDF made efforts to develop the sport in Colombia to raise their quality as participants for their home World Games, a project which greatly worked out as Team Colombia narrowly missed a medal rank.

The same project is planned for Poland with a coaches training program, which also was conducted in Uganda (Africa) and Hong Kong (Asia) as well as in Cancun (America). WFDF is doing what is possible with limited resources.

9 Discussion Topic 1: Flying Disc as a Spectator Sport

Rauch introduced the topic by underlining that in today's world professional sports are seen as "entertainment" and bind IFs to "Knowing Your Fan, Understanding Your Consumer" principles. WFDF must think about finding a balance to not lose focus on current players and at the same time present Flying Disc sports to a larger audience. WFDF is somewhat tapped out in resources and to get to a new level there is a need for more resources and these cannot come from mainly the players any more.

The idea is building up a spectator base as that can support efforts to develop new revenues. WFDF should consider the possibility of broadening its horizons and developing a fan base while at the same time not losing focus on the best aspects of our sport. That includes appealing to local or national interests, building up loyalty, people who want to watch and support their local club. Examples are Team India sending a Women's team for the first time building up excitement beyond just the Ultimate community. Or a call from the New York Times saying that they see people playing and someone mentioned WUGC. WFDF needs to show them that we are credible and accessible.

Spirit of the Game (SOTG) is one of WFDF's best branding tools. He feels that the semi-pro leagues have it wrong with saying the sport needs referees. Game Advisors can keep the game moving while keeping the game in the hands of the players and WFDF must focus on basics. WFDF must realize that in particular the Tournament Organizing Committee in London is very well organized, but some countries don't have the resources like good fields, or the ability to implement well organized scheduling, transport, accommodations. WFDF is trying to help centrally with e.g. registration systems.

On building a fan base McLeod added that people root for players but some of the best Ultimate players are not the best speakers. Van der Valk commented that teams do better in appealing to players and mentioned the AUDL and the Dallas Roughnecks as example.

Rauch commented that getting fan support for a franchise can help. Rooting for local teams is what sports entertainment is all about, but a second aspect are the stories that can be told about the sport, mostly about individuals, but also on how a team has done over the years.

Wood asked whether WFDF is aiming to have flying disc as a globally watched sport. If so, WFDF might think about focusing on the live streaming of events as AFDA did it for an event and that was very cheap. Rauch responded that as an international body, WFDF's focus is on world/global events. The drawback about live streaming is that one only reaches those who already know to search for it, but coverage on broadcast networks attract people who flip through channels. Live streaming can be fairly cost effective, but a well-produced stream is still costly.

Rockwood mentioned that WFDF would need to significantly grow the sport for there to be a commercially attractive endemic audience. The 2016 WUGC streams of WFDF are not behind a pay wall (like in Lecco 2014 or Sakai 2012) and WFDF is doing a legacy broadcast next Saturday for free at EUTEL SAT 10a transponder at 18.00 hrs. He acknowledged the huge crowdfunding support given by the community.

Crawford commented that USAU has been pursuing this with ESPN for years and have a lot of data on what works and what does not. There is a need to get youth involved. USAU does a lot of live streaming but this does not really help grow the sport. USAU provides a high quality stream and games often have less than 1,000 viewers. They have invested time and money towards ESPN. For them to be successful getting a broadcast partner, they need to have a schedule set four years in advance as otherwise it is difficult to get anything contracted. And the networks want to know all details well ahead in time. Crawford emphasized that one must get way ahead with the schedule and he encouraged other NGBs to look for broadcast contracts. On the ESPN viewership in the USA, he commented that the summer is potentially of interest to the network but in fall there are many competing sport events and there is limited broadcaster interest.

Rauch commented that Universities are a good platform to get fans excited about a sport. But this is not only about TV broadcasts as there is a need to make events interesting for people to come as spectators with their kids and one must take care of kids at events. Just having eight games going on across a big open field is not that accessible to spectators. The next level would be to sell tickets and get more resources and focus on providing an entertainment experience.

Crawford responded that there are some tradeoffs and there must be a communication with teams so that they are prepared. USAU has Observers enforcing language and this has caused pushback from certain players. But if you have parents watching with their kids you must discourage foul language, even if some players feel it is part of the playing culture. Sani requested that these questions should be framed in the SOTG and one should make the players realize they have a responsibility for the spectators. On the question whether players can be heard by people watching it was underlined that if you look at pro sports coverage globally players get microphones as well as game advisors. This can be a turnoff for parents.

Perreira commented that on the one hand you want the fans to get to know and feel the players and at the same time you would restrict players' behavior. This is trying to sell not the reality and something is lost for both. As such this is not suitable. Rockwood responded that in several sports athletes being sponsored sign an ethics clause within their contract. You need to behave like an adult, otherwise you won't get sponsored

Güttinger reported that in Switzerland the SUA is dealing with such questions as they got a sponsorship contract and it happens that people don't want a certain logo or don't want to participate in a video for the sponsor. Players sometimes need to adjust their attitude if they want the benefits of financial support, stated Rauch, and there is a need to communicate to the players that they are expected to behave well.

Kalpala reported that in Finland they have made progress with Broadcasting. They started with Juniors and needed to make contracts with them through their parents. They told the players that when representing their country one must behave well. Last year a Finnish broadcasting partner attended EUC and checked to see if every player was aware of such clause.

Petz mentioned that players are sometimes afraid that their sport might change but ÖFSV tells them that if they want to benefit then they also have duties and making player contracts is a good way to communicate this.

Crawford asked whether WFDF has explored co-operation opportunities through the new Olympic channel network. OC needs content and now is the time to get on it. Bernardi confirmed that WFDF has discussed with the IOC whether non-Olympic sports could join the network and it was confirmed that all recognized IFs and their sports can and should contribute and this does not end the existence and co-operation with the World Games channel.

VC Ultimate presentation

Adriana Withers was invited to give a presentation as WFDF Merchandise and Apparel partner VC Ultimate. Rauch thanked VC for their support during the last year. Withers reported on the official supplier partnership with WFDF which exists since 1.5 years and acknowledged the growth of the sport. VC does the event merchandise and is supporting WFDF in any way they can.

Attending continental events is difficult but VC found a good solution to get WFDF merchandise with pre-orders for the Asian championship. They started a new initiative with Disc Golf and they are doing the team world disc golf event in Vancouver.

Hill thanked Withers and VC for the co-operation at last year's event and at WUGC 2016.

10 Ultimate Committee Discussion Topics

a) General Update

Gisel reported that WFDF has now a more packed event schedule but it is WFDF's intention to increase possibilities to play Ultimate in the World. Results show up immediately and as an example he highlighted the regular participation of UPAI India in WFDF events.

b) Upcoming WFDF events: 2016 - WUGC and WJUC report

Gisel reported that WFDF is looking forward to WUGC as best world championship event ever.

WJUC will be held in Poland in August and the preparations are looking fine.

c) World Games 2017 - Presentation

Gisel reported that WUGC 2016 serves as qualification event for the Ultimate event of the 2017 World Games, which will be staged in Wroclaw (POL) from 20 to 30 July 2017. The qualification will be decided based on the finishing positions of the teams in Open, Women's and Mixed divisions with a new tie breaker which is the standing of the Mixed division. Six teams will participate with Poland as host nation qualified automatically, with the remaining five spots to be earned.

Bernardi added that the Ultimate event of the World Games will be held from 18/19 July (depending on the jet-lag arrival day for teams from outside of Europe) to the departure day on 24 July 2017. The Competition Manager is Polish Federation President Michal Dul.

A political shift in Poland has impacted the venue master plan as the local organizers must use now venues owned by the government or the city of Wroclaw. This is why a new venue is proposed which belongs to the University of Physical Education in Wroclaw (AWF), the Marsowe fields venue. But WFDF will not have reliable information until end of August 2016, when the 2nd Competition Managers meeting is held and when WJUC is finished as a test event, where we will be checking on the quality of the artificial turf on the field being proposed for the event.

Team sizes for Ultimate will include 6 teams with 14 athletes and one coach each with arrival on 18 or 19 July depending on the travel distance, a training day on 20 July, games being staged from 21 to 23 July. and departures on 24 July. This schedule will not be changed even if a new venue is approved by WFDF.

The report was followed by a presentation of Maciej Antoniak, who works as Team manager of Poland Mixed on behalf of Competition Manager Michal Dul. He reported that this event is a lifetime opportunity for a small federation like Poland and the Team is trying to develop skills as much as possible to stage a good home event.

d) Continental Championships 2017: Africa, Asia/Oceania, PanAmerica, Europe

EUFC reported that in 2017 there will be the next edition of the European Ultimate Masters Club Championship (EUMCC). The EUFC Club Championship in the Masters divisions is played every 4 years. The EUFC Board has decided to hold the Masters divisions separate in time and location from the divisions without age limits.

Continental Championships sanctioned by WFDF will be held in 2017 in Manila (PHI) for Asia/Oceania and Buenos Aires (ARG) for PanAmerica. The African event will be held in Nairobi (KEN).

e) Ultimate events 2018: WMUCC, WUCC, WU24 (2017) and WJUC

Gisel reported that WFDF aims to announce its major events at least 24 months in advance. The WMUCC will be held in Winnipeg in 2018 and the applications for other events are under review. WUCC and WJUC are well going through an event review phase and results are expected to be announced by July/August 2016. Gisel was very satisfied with the high quality of all bids.

WUCC have become too big to run and even WUGC has gotten much larger than WFDF ever expected, so it had been decided to separate out the Masters division from the other divisions, which will permit more teams to participate while keeping logistics manageable. The bid from Winnipeg in Canada is very strong and they possess a great Ultimate community and organizing experience.

f) Masters: American Masters Games Vancouver, World Masters Games Kansai

Gisel reported about WFDF's participation in the American Masters Games in Vancouver (CAN) at the end of August until 4 September 2016 as a demonstration sport. Vancouver is asking for at least 500 athletes attending which would be some 25 teams. It is unlikely we could achieve this with such short notice but Gisel is asking for interest now and expects to decide whether to move forward by end of June.

On the 2021 Kansai World Masters Games Morooka informed that WFDF was not able to include Flying Disc as a sport but a demonstration event would be likely.

In response to a question by Woods, Gisel responded that it is unlikely that Masters will be able to further participate at WUGC and even without Masters WFDF might be forced to stage qualification rounds.

g) Beach Ultimate - General Update and World Beach Games

Van der Valk reported about the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between WFDF and BULA for the next 4 years. The next WCBU will be held from 18 June 2017 in Royan (FRA). In 2011 there were 1,000 players participating and WCBU 2017 should hit the mark of 1,500 players.

The WFDF Beach Ultimate Committee was rejuvenated and van der Valk is still looking for someone from Spain to be added as a Committee member.

The 2016 Beach Ultimate Grants were awarded to the Philippines (Youth), Venezuela (small fishing villages, sports for kids) and a Beach Ultimate events for Women in Lisbon and India.

The World Beach Games were expected for 2017 but now it looks like they will be pushed back to 2019. WFDF will need to decide on the qualification procedure. The Beach committee is reviewing how the SOTG rating might be taken into consideration.

h) Spirit of the Game - General Update

Moore reported that he took over the office as SOTG Sub-Committee chair from van der Valk in January 2016. SOTG is formalized in Ultimate but the Sub-Committee is looking into expanding this into other Flying Disc sports. They are consolidating the Committee with some people stepping down and are trying to expand to more countries like Colombia and South Africa. They are creating a list with SOTG contact persons for every country and created a document to suggest a national Spirit Directors in National Associations. The document is displayed on wfdf.org. There is also some documentation added about being a Spirit director at a tournament. Completely new is the "What is Spirit?" document which will be published soon and also be available as a poster print at WUGC 2016.

Barabanova reported on how the Committee is working in Russia and recommended to set up a Spirit Director position in each NF. All Committee members in Russia are from different teams.

i) Other variations: Indoor, Wheelchair

Bernardi reported about the correlations between Indoor and Wheelchair Ultimate as both are played indoors. Wheelchair Ultimate might have complicated classification rules on who may participate. A representative from IWAS (International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation) will visit WUGC in London and he will discuss with CEO Hooper the co-operation possibilities to develop Wheelchair Ultimate and the requirements of classification and rules. Bernardi will attend the new IF learning stream workshop at the Rio 2016 Paralympics to learn more about the disabled sport questions. Bernardi asked the Congress delegates to inform him about any wheelchair or Indoor Ultimate in their countries.

He also underlined that, while PDGA was a WFDF member, WFDF had asked them to participate in the WFDF Para sports working group activities, but they had not responded.

j) Other

11 Disc Sports other than Ultimate

a) General Update

Rauch reported that WFDF has tried to increase activities of all Flying Disc sports in the last year and that the respective Committees have increased tasks like new WFDF events (like TDGWC 2016 and WOFC 2017).

b) Disc Golf

Mead referenced his discussion paper to be used as a discussion brief within the member associations and asked how Disc Golf might fit into the WFDF national organizational structure of its members. PDGA represents individuals. Delegates represent countries which are national members. PDGA only represents individual PDGA members. UK Disc Sports represents all Disc Golfers, not just PDGA members. The Team World Disc Golf event in 2016 will not attract many teams due

to a clash with the European Disc Golf Championships. In 2017 the date will be better and many more players will attend. He asked delegates to find someone in their NGB who has a responsibility for Disc Golf and have him find players who will represent the country in Colchester in 2017. Mead asked the Congress for a budget to develop the sport and delegates would have to vote for that. Disc Golf is moving forward in Great Britain to have disabled athletes play disc golf (going through army with soldiers coming from conflict zones). Mead recommended to try that with armed active forces in other countries.

Mead confirmed that, for development of the sport, courses are needed in India and Africa. There is a gender mix for teams at the World Championships as teams have 2 open and 2 women and 2 Masters playing (6 players) and in 2017 there would be additional 2 Women masters

Rauch commented that the early WFDF member associations were set up to oversee all disciplines but over the last 30 years a specialization happened. In the last 12 years of WFDF, many new members are Ultimate only. If WFDF follows the Olympic Movement model there needs to be one national body to be an interface for all Flying Disc sports. This also can be achieved by establishing a Confederation between including both national Disc Golf and Ultimate associations. This should be the medium to long term plan.

c) Freestyle

There was no report from the Freestyle Committee.

d) Overall/Field Events

Rauch reported that WFDF has put out a call for 2017's WOFC and the incoming bids are under review with an announcement to be expected shortly

e) Guts

Taylor reported on Guts. The sport was developed in 1958 and the sport used to be quite big, but faded as Ultimate and disc golf took off; he believes that it is growing again. It is great to see 2 teams from Germany and a team from Belgium attend WUGC 2016. The growth in Europe is going forward.

f) WFDF governance issues relating to non-Ultimate Disc Sports

The topic was discussed under the Disc Golf report.

12 Annual Risk Assessment

Rauch referenced the Annual Risk Assessment 2016 in the briefing book and added that WFDF permanently is working on detecting risks and controlling them. There are eight types of risks identified and Rauch asked for a vote to approve this risk assessment report.

A motion was made by Hill to approve of the assessment, seconded by van der Valk. The report was approved unanimously.

13 WFDF Anti-Doping Program & WADA Compliance

Bernardi reported that the global fight against doping continues to intensify and is leading WADA to new measures. If an IF is not WADA code compliant there are sanctions so WFDF's full compliance is vital. There were changes in the WADA Code taking effect on 1 January 2015 and these were implemented in WFDF's rules. But there are International Standards annexed to the Code which change every year. Meldonium for example was added to the Prohibited List as of 1 January 2016. Other changes are published on the WFDF website annually. The TUE process will be much stricter in the future and TUEs must be registered in the WADA ADAMS system.

As a consistent principle WFDF always tries to minimize the burden on the athletes.

On education Bernardi reported that increasing education helps keep the numbers of tests low. Athletes must take the education quiz every year as the rules change every year.

Bernardi added that when WFDF enters Multisport Games there is a need to do testing for that sport. It would add one more test, and it is likely that if WFDF enters the ANOC World Beach Games there would be a need to test a Beach Ultimate player.

14 Financial Report

a) 2017 Dues proposal

Rauch informed the Congress that the last dues increase happened in 2010 and that we are putting forward a proposal to increase membership dues from US\$1.50 to US\$1.65 per player within a country, with the minimum fee remaining at US\$ 300 and the maximum increasing pro-rata.

There was a motion to approve of the proposal by Crawford, seconded by Wood. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Vote: Approval of 2017 budget

Bergeron reported that the four year event cycle has a major impact on the budget and WFDF tries to be conservative in odd years as income won't be that large. The majority of income comes from the dues and player fees. On sponsorship, WFDF is working with Tim Rockwood. We hope to be successful and put US\$ 80,000 into the proposed budget. There is a larger sanctioning event fee income. Interest rates are too low to be insignificant. The largest expenses are the full time staff. WFDF also spends on events like Congress and a biannual face-to-face Board meeting. Also there are costs in getting officials to WFDF events. WFDF spends money for marketing and dues to memberships like SportAccord, and IWGA. Other costs are the Anti-Doping program and development grants or projects.

For 2017 there is a proposal for negative revenue of US\$ 35,000, but WFDF might get close to a balanced budget with cost containment.

There was a motion to approve of the budget by Taylor, seconded by Morooka. The motion was approved unanimously.

c) Presentation of year end 2015 and interim 2016 reports

Bergeron reported on the financial reports included in the briefing book.

d) Vote: Approval of 2016 Auditor

Bergeron referenced the preliminary auditor report. WFDF uses a professional auditor used to auditing large companies. With a new bookkeeper WFDF has a recommendation for an auditor to which WFDF would like to change for 2016 (Ken Law & Partners).

There was a motion to approve of the change of the auditor by Crawford, seconded by Gisel. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rauch added that WFDF has looked into possibilities to move the office to Lausanne which has obvious benefits. However, the expenses in Switzerland are high and WFDF might have to re-incorporate from USA to SUI. There not being any concerns Rauch explained that WFDF would be investigating options over the coming months.

15 Discussion Topic 2: Targeting the 2024 Olympic Games

Rauch informed the Congress that the IOC will decide on the host of the 2024 Olympic Games in 2017 at the session September in Lima (PER). As per the Olympic Agenda 2020 proposal the host can propose up to 5 additional sports with their events (additional events) and WFDF will try to see if disc sports can be considered for 2024. WFDF will assemble an Advisory Council to help here.

16 Commission Reports

a) Athletes' Commission

There was no report of the Athletes Commission.

b) Women's commission

There was no report of the Commission.

c) Youth Commission

There was no report of the Commission.

d) Sport for All/Development Commission

Gisel referenced the 2015 report and reported on the grants which were awarded and also on the plan to approve grants for 2016.

17 Continental Association Reports

a) Africa - AAFDF

There was no report of AAFDF.

b) Asia/Oceania – AFDF

Morooka reported that there are now 18 member countries in AFDF and that Hu was re-elected as Secretary General.

c) Europe - EFDF

The EUF Board has announced that the EUCF2016 will take place from 30 September through 2 October 2016 in Frankfurt am Main (GER).

Bernardi added that the EOC (European Olympic Committees) would only accept EFDF as a partnering organization and that the European Games 2019 most likely will be withdrawn from Russia.

d) PanAmerica - PAFDF

There was no report of PAFDF.

18 Discussion Topic 3: WFDF 75 member target - project and strategies

Sani reported on new member countries prospects including Serbia, Cambodia, Armenia, Bolivia, Uruguay, Guatemala, Brunei, Romania, Sri Lanka, Palestine and Ecuador. These are working to be able to apply as members. In many countries it is difficult to set up registered associations.

Bernardi added that WFDF must take a careful approach as it is easy to get more members but we want to ensure that applicants are institutionalized and have a solid position in promoting disc sports. WFDF receives applications from certain developing countries every week and one cannot accept just any members. WFDF uses as its initial screen evidence that there is real disc sports activity in the country before moving further.

19 Other Business

Rauch informed that the date and venue for the next Congress in 2017 is not decided yet. This would be decided at the next Board meeting as there are many events offering options in 2017.

Crawford thanked WFDF and its members and staff for their work on behalf of USAU.

Rauch responded thanking the member associations and representatives for their support and Congress participation.

20 Adjournment

There being no other business, the Congress was adjourned at 15:43 hrs.

Submitted by Thomas Griesbaum, WFDF Secretary