



ISSF COUNCIL MEETING IN MUNICH

ON 24 AUGUST 2005 IN MUNICH, THE INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING SPORT FEDERATION HELD A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MEMBERSHIPS

After discussing some membership matters, the Executive Committee unfortunately had to examine the inactivity of a few member federations. For four years, two member federations have failed to respond to any notification from our international federation and have not paid their membership fees. In cases like these, it is very difficult for us to investigate whether or not these federations are still active in their countries and still represent the shooting sport nationally. After detailed considerations, it was decided to suspend the following member federations: Shooting Federation of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Negara Brunei Darussalam Shooting Association. These federations will have the possibility, according to our constitution, to apply for re-affiliation after they have settled their outstanding membership fees and have provided us with

confirmation that they are still representing the shooting sport in their country and are in good standing with their national sports organizations. By paying a 200.00 Swiss Francs re-affiliation fee they have the possibility to apply for new membership.

DOPING CASE

In its meeting, the Executive Committee once again regretfully had to deal with a doping case which occurred in the World Cup in Munich this year. A shooter from Qatar participated in the Air Rifle Men's event and obtained a very bad score which placed him at the end of the result list. He was randomly selected for a doping test and the laboratory reported a positive case for beta blockers and the Executive Committee had to penalize the shooter with a two-year suspension.

ISSF WORLD CUP FINAL

The Executive Committee received reports on the successful organization of the world cup finals in the year 2004. The Shotgun events in Olympic Trap, Skeet and Double Trap were well organized by our member federation of Slovenia on a new shooting range in Maribor and all participating shooters and officials enjoyed excellent hospitality. The World Cup Final in the Rifle, Pistol and Running Target events with the participation of the medal winners of the Olympic Games in Athens was also very successfully organized by our member federation from Thailand in Bangkok. This world cup final was coordinated with the celebration of the South East Asian Shooting Championships. The participants in these Asian competitions enjoyed the opportunity to watch the world's best shooters in the Rifle, Pistol and Running Target disciplines,

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who competed in fair and exciting competitions for the title of the world cup final of the year. Concerning participation in the world cup final competitions every year, the Executive Committee decided on a small addition to the rules: in addition to the eight best shooters of the world cups of the year, the three winners of the Olympic Games, the World Championships and the defenders of the title of the world cup finals of the previous year, it was decided to give the organizing country a possibility to enter one male and one female athlete into these world cup final competitions if they do not already have a qualified shooter from their country. This decision was taken to give smaller member federations a possibility to organize a high-class world cup final competition in their country and have at least one or two shooters from their country taking part in these world cup finals.

ISSF WORLD CUP SERIES 2006

The Executive Committee further decided the final locations of the world cups for the year 2006, the year of our large 49th World Championships in Zagreb, Croatia. As the Running Target discipline has unfortunately been eliminated from the Olympic program, we only have four world cups next year in the Rifle and Pistol disciplines, which will be organized in Guanzhou City, China; Resende City, Brazil; and the traditional locations of Munich, Germany and Milano, Italy. In the shotgun events, Olympic Trap, Double Trap and Skeet, we will have world cups in Qingyuan, China; Kerville, USA; Cairo, Egypt; and Suhl, Germany. Our readers will find the exact dates of these world cups in this issue of our ISSF News.

ISSF WORLD CUP FINAL 2006

We are also very happy to inform our member federations, athletes and officials that next year, 2006, we will have the world cup final in all Olympic events in one location: our member federation, the Royal Spanish Shooting Association, has taken on the responsibility of organizing this world cup final in all Olympic events on the new shooting ranges in Granada, Spain. The preliminary dates that have been proposed are from October 3-8, 2006. We would like to express our warm appreciation to our friends from the Spanish Shooting Association for taking over this organization and we are confident that all participants will enjoy organization and excellent hospitality of this world cup final.

ISSF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006

The Executive Committee had to re-examine the dates of our meetings of the Executive Committee and Administrative Council next year in coordination with the 49th World

Championships in Zagreb, Croatia. Unfortunately, an overlap with the Central American Games was discovered and therefore the dates of these meetings had to be changed as follows:

- July 27th, 2006 - Executive Committee
- July 28th, 2006 - Administrative Council
- July 29th, 2006 - General Assembly, first day
- July 30th, 2006 - General Assembly, second day
- July 30th, 2006 - in the afternoon, Council, second meeting

We kindly ask all our member federations to take due notice of these changes, which of course have also been published in this issue of our ISSF News. The dates of the 49th World Championships of all events in Zagreb have not been changed and these Championships will be organized from 21 July until 25 August, 2006.

REPORTS

In its meeting on 24 August, the Council also heard reports on the activities of the continental confederations as well as the reports of some section committees that had met prior to this date. Most of the section committees will only meet in October of 2005, and therefore those reports will be presented in the next meeting of the Council.

ADHOC SPECIAL COMMISSION

Two days before the meeting of the Executive Committee, on 21 and 22 August, 2005, the ADHOC Special Commission on Rifle shooters' clothing had its second meeting, also in Munich. During one and a half days of intensive discussions and work sessions that included the observation and evaluation of testing equipment and procedures, the commission evaluated the experiences of the 2005 ISSF championships and world cups and efforts made to properly enforce the ISSF clothing regulations through the "transition plan". The commission concluded that the effort to fully enforce the existing ISSF clothing regulations was making significant progress towards its overall objective of getting the Rifle shooters' clothing under regulation. Representatives of the athletes in this commission commented that proper testing procedures have effectively established competitions where all shooters shoot with clothing having similar capabilities, rather than having certain shooters wear clothing that provides special advantages. The commission finally made some recommendations and decisions which were then, three days later, reported in the meeting of the Administrative Council on Wednesday, 24 August, 2005. The Council unanimously agreed to these decisions and the proposed rule changes in art. 7.4.1.1 to 7.10.8. These rule changes are to be

published in the next issue of the ISSF News and we kindly ask all our member federations to make sure that these rule changes are forwarded to all officials, coaches and trainers and also to all the Rifle shooters who will have to observe these rules in all competitions from now on.

25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In the afternoon of August 24, the Council celebrated the 25-year anniversary of the election of the President and Secretary General of the ISSF, both of whom were elected into their offices on 14 February, 1980. We have published a separate report in this issue of the ISSF News for all interested readers.

We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for the many letters and congratulations received on this occasion and both of us are looking forward to continuous fruitful work for the benefit of our shooting sport.

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