

XXXVI ORDINARY CONGRESS
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION

10-13 November 2017

Antalya / TUR



MINUTES



PROGRAMME

Accommodation / Meetings: Granada Luxury Belek Hotel
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Tuesday, 7 November 2017

All day Arrival of IHF Executive Committee members

Wednesday, 8 November 2017

11:00 IHF Executive Committee meeting

All day Arrival of IHF Council members

Thursday, 9 November 2017

10:00 IHF Council meeting

Friday, 10 November 2017

All day Arrival of Congress delegates

17:00 Ordinary Congress of Asian Handball Federation

19:00 - 20:00 Meeting of Mediterranean Handball Confederation

20:00 - 22:00 Meeting of European Handball Federation

20:00 Meeting of Pan-American Team Handball Federation

20:00 Meeting of Oceania Continent Handball Federation

21:00 Meeting of African Handball Confederation

Saturday, 11 November 2017

Morning Breakfast

10:00 - 11:30 Ordinary Congress Session

11:30 - 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 - 13:30 Ordinary Congress Session

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:30 Ordinary Congress Session

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 19:00 Ordinary Congress Session

20:00 Dinner



Sunday, 12 November 2017

11:00	IHF Council meeting
19:00	Closing banquet

Monday, 13 November 2017

All day	Departure
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 - 13.9 Election of the Chairman of the Commission for Development (CD)
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 - 13.11 Election of the Chairman of the Arbitration Commission and of the 10 members
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 - 18.5 Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2022
 - 18.6 Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2022
19. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress
20. Awarding of the IHF President's Development Award (formerly called Hans Baumann Trophy) and Honours
21. Miscellaneous
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Comments

These minutes are kept as a record of decisions and contain only the most important speeches/statements.

The full proceedings of the Congress are recorded on tape and can be listened to in the Head Office in Basle. The tapes will be kept until the next Congress during which elections are held.

The decisions and resolutions in these minutes are indented and printed in bold.



1. OPENING OF THE CONGRESS

President Moustafa declared the International Handball Federation's XXXVI Ordinary Congress open and welcomed all those present.

President Moustafa welcomed the delegates, honorary IHF members and guests as well as representatives of the partners and sponsors and pointed out the importance of the present Congress meeting for the future of handball.

President Moustafa expressed his gratitude to the Turkish Handball Federation chaired by Mr Bilal Eyuboglu for hosting the Congress. He then gave the floor to H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of Asian Handball Federation (AHF), Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), to address a few words to the Congress participants. H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah took the floor informing the Congress delegates how honoured he is to be in Antalya with the handball family as he is part of the family. He added that he is pleased to see the handball family growing as the number of National Federations has increased remarkably, which proves the great development of the IHF over the last years. In his capacity as ANOC President, he informed the Congress about the ANOC World Beach Games 2019 which shall be held in San Diego, USA and include Beach Handball. He concluded by congratulating the IHF President who will be elected for a new term today as well as the rest of the IHF elected bodies and expressed his wishes for a successful meeting.

Afterwards President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Abdurrahim Boynukalin, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey, who welcomed the participants to Turkey and wished them a fruitful meeting.

President Moustafa congratulated all Presidents of National Federations who have been newly elected or re-elected since the last IHF Congress in 2015.

President Moustafa asked the delegates and guests to rise for a minute's silence to honour the memory of the colleagues who passed away during the congressional term.

Bernhard Kempa (GER)

Roland Bürigi (SUI)

Øivind Bolstad (NOR)

Slavko Miljanovic (SRB)

Gamal Shams (EGY)

Vasily Kudinov (RUS)

Gheorghe Gruia Marinescu (ROU)

Tor Lian (NOR)

Falah Al Nuaimi (IRQ)

Jokely Tienstra (NED)



members, Member Federations and Continental Confederations no later than two months after the Congress.

He proposed that the Congress elects Mark Schober (GER, for the German version of the minutes) and Philippe Bana (FRA, for the French version of the minutes) as examiners of minutes.

Decision. The Congress unanimously elected Mark Schober (GER, for the German version of the minutes) and Philippe Bana (FRA, for the French version of the minutes) as examiners of the minutes.

5. ELECTION OF THE ELECTION OFFICER AND THE TELLERS

President Moustafa proposed to elect one election officer and four tellers to supervise and confirm the election process.

Election officer:

Mr Stefan Albrechtson (SWE)

Tellers:

Mr Muhammad Shafiq (PAK) – Asia

Mrs Ruth Saunders (RSA) – Africa

Mrs Leonor Mallozzi (POR) – Europe

Mr Ghassan Mamo Kapase (VEN) – Pan-America

Decision. Stefan Albrechtson (SWE) was elected election officer by unanimous decision of the Congress.

In addition the Congress unanimously elected the following colleagues as tellers:

Asia. Muhammad Shafiq (PAK)

Africa. Ruth Saunders (RSA)

Europe. Leonor Mallozzi (POR)

Pan-America. Ghassan Mamo Kapase (VEN)

6. DETERMINATION OF THE ORDERLY CONVOCATION OF CONGRESS

The Managing Director noted the following thereto.



1. The International Handball Federation's XXXV Ordinary Congress, which was held in Sochi (RUS) on 7 November 2015, decided to award the 2017 XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to Australia.
2. In its meeting in Bratislava (SVK) on 23 July 2016, the IHF Council unanimously decided to withdraw the organisation of the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress from Australian Handball Federation according to Article 13.3.21 of the IHF Statutes due to the fact that the Australian Handball Federation did not fulfil its promises made during the bid presentation in terms of participation fee and visa.
3. In its meeting in Paris (FRA) on 28 January 2017, the IHF Council unanimously approved the awarding of the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress to the Turkish Handball Federation.
4. The date of the Congress was announced in a circular dated 10 February 2017 according to Article 12.1.5 of the IHF Statutes.
5. The XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress was officially convened in a letter dated 11 July 2017 according to Article 12.1.4 of the IHF Statutes.
6. Further details as well as the agenda and other Congress papers were sent out to the Congress delegates by the Head Office before 30 September 2017 according to Article 12.1.6 of the IHF Statutes.
7. The working documents of the Congress were submitted to the Congress delegates by the Head Office before 11 October 2017 according to Article 12.1.6 of the IHF Statutes. The working documents included, among others, the report from the last period and the complete strategic plan for IHF in the next period (as per Article 14.3, points 1.2 and 1.3 of the IHF Statutes) as well as the budget, annual accounts and auditors' reports (as per Article 17, points 3 and 4 of the IHF Statutes).

The above-mentioned dates all comply with the dates prescribed by the IHF Statutes. The XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress has thus been convened in accordance with the Statutes.

Decision. The Congress affirmatively took note of the report regarding the convocation of the IHF XXXVI Ordinary Congress 2017.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING CONGRESS

- 7.1 XXXV ORDINARY IHF CONGRESS IN SOCHI, RUS ON 7 NOVEMBER 2015
- 7.2 EXTRAORDINARY IHF CONGRESS IN SOCHI, RUS ON 8 NOVEMBER 2015



President Moustafa explained that the minutes of the XXXV Ordinary IHF Congress held in Sochi, Russia on 7 November 2015 as well as of the Extraordinary IHF Congress held in Sochi on 8 November 2015 were examined by Mark Schober (GER) and Philippe Bana (FRA). The 2015 IHF Congress minutes were forwarded to the Council members, Member Federations and Continental Confederations on 7 January 2016 complying with Article 12.3.14 of the IHF Statutes.

No objection was raised. The Member Federations had likewise submitted no requests for amendments until then.

Decision: The minutes of the XXXV Ordinary IHF Congress and Extraordinary IHF Congress held in 2015 were unanimously adopted.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Moustafa announced to the Congress that a 60-minutes film will be presented to the participants, showing the great achievements of the IHF, not only in the course of the last four years, but also during his entire presidency since 2000.

The film provided some highlights of the Men's and Women's Olympic Handball Tournaments since 2000 with a special focus on the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio as well as figures proving the large development of IHF events, including Men's and Women's World Championships, Junior and Youth World Championships, Men's Emerging Nations Championships (first edition in 2015 followed by second edition in 2017) and the Super Globe. The film also showed the great progress of Beach Handball on many levels (integration in the Youth Olympic Games, Beach Handball Exhibition Match in Lausanne, Switzerland in July 2015 in the presence of IOC President Dr Thomas Bach, first U17 Beach Handball World Championships organised in Mauritius in July 2017, Beach Handball will be showcased at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo).

The film also outlined the different projects the IHF has launched or maintained to further develop handball worldwide, such as the IHF Trophy, Handball at School, Global Coaching Clinic, Traveller Coach, Global Referee Training Programme, Development Aid project, Four-Year Plan, New Markets' project and Former Players' project.

In addition the film focused on the collaboration with international organisations such as the IOC, the development of women's handball, the development of the game thanks to



changes to the Rules of the Game, the increased social media activities of the IHF and the tremendous development of the total income of the IHF.

President Moustafa expressed his readiness to answer the questions of the delegates after the film.

After the film, President Moustafa conveyed his congratulations to Mr Michael Wiederer on his election as President of European Handball Federation during the 13th EHF Ordinary Congress held in St Wolfgang, Austria on 17/18 November 2016. He also congratulated H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah on his re-election as President of Asian Handball Federation as well as on his re-election as President of Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC). The IHF fully supports H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah and respects what he has been doing for sport in general and for handball in particular.

President Moustafa informed the Congress about the status of the resin-free ball which is currently being developed by official IHF ball supplier Molten and which shall be a revolution for handball. He pointed out that several ball tests have been conducted while some additional tests will follow, adding that the ball will only be officially introduced after all tests have been finalised to guarantee that the ball is convenient for the athletes.

Decision. The Congress applauded to the comprehensive report provided by the President and unanimously approved the President's report.

8.1 PERSPECTIVE OF IHF ETHICS COMMISSION

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez, IHF Ethics Commission Member, who provided brief information about the IHF Ethics Commission, an independent adjudicating body of the IHF, established by the Congress.

He also stressed the importance of the IHF Ethics Code which applies not only to the members of the National Federations, but to the entire handball family. He outlined some provisions of the Ethics Code, including the conduct to be complied with (e.g. dignity, integrity, good governance), and referred to the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, Rules concerning Candidacy for IHF Office and Conduct of Elections and Rules on Conflicts of Interest of IHF Officials, which constitute an integral part of the Ethics Code.



Decision. The Congress took note of the presentation regarding the IHF Ethics Commission made by Ethics Commission Member Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez.

8.2 SIGNING OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN IHF AND FCH

President Moustafa informed the Congress about the partnership agreement to be concluded between the IHF and Forum Club Handball. He welcomed Mr Xavier O'Callaghan, President of Forum Club Handball, Mr Zsolt Akos Jeney, President of Women Forum Club Handball, and Dr Gerd Butzeck, Managing Director of FCH and WFCH, to come to the stage to sign the corresponding contract.

President Moustafa outlined that the fields of cooperation include the following: international match calendar; insurance for professional players to be released for IHF or Continental Confederations' competitions; governance; compensation for the release of national players to IHF events; international transfers; development activities inside and especially outside Europe; using best practice from the FCH and its clubs to introducing professionalism on several fields on handball activities around the world; developing club events on international level; involving former players into the handball family; sponsorship and marketing; updating IHF Statutes regarding clubs' involvement.

President Moustafa added that the idea of the cooperation is to bring the entire handball family under one umbrella and work in the same direction to further develop handball.

Decision. The Congress took note of the signing of the partnership agreement between IHF and Forum Club Handball.

9. FINANCIAL AND AUDITORS' REPORT

President Moustafa gave the floor to the acting IHF Treasurer Mr Miguel Roca Mas who presented the financial reports of the years 2015 and 2016 as well as the auditors' reports of 2015 and 2016 to the Congress. The financial reports had been audited and confirmed by the external auditing company Copartner Revision AG as well as by the internal IHF auditors. All corresponding documents had been submitted to the Congress in writing within the deadline stipulated in Article 17, point 4 of the IHF Statutes.

In consideration of the positive figures and the increased income, the acting IHF Treasurer announced that more investments into different IHF projects are planned. He expressed his



gratitude to the President, the Executive Committee and the Council for their work since the last Congress.

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Simon Rey, representative of the external IHF auditor Copartner Revision AG, who presented more details on the auditors' reports of 2015 and 2016.

President Moustafa asked the Congress participants to vote on the 2015 and 2016 financial reports by raising their voting cards. The Congress unanimously approved the 2015 and 2016 financial reports.

Decision. The 2015 and 2016 financial reports were unanimously approved by the Congress.

10. MEMBERSHIP ADMISSIONS

10.1 APPLICATIONS FOR FULL IHF MEMBERSHIP

10.2 APPLICATIONS FOR ASSOCIATED IHF MEMBERSHIP

President Moustafa reported that three national handball federations (Fiji, Jamaica and Timor-Leste) had applied for full IHF membership. They fulfilled all requirements according to Article 7.2 of the IHF Statutes and have been granted provisional membership by the IHF Council.

President Moustafa asked the Congress participants to vote on admitting the handball federations of Fiji, Jamaica and Timor-Leste as full members of the IHF by raising their voting cards. The Congress unanimously decided to admit the handball federations of Fiji, Jamaica and Timor-Leste as full members of the IHF.

President Moustafa reported that two national handball federations (England and Scotland) applied for associated IHF membership. They fulfilled all requirements according to Article 7.2 of the IHF Statutes and have been granted provisional associated membership by the IHF Council.

President Moustafa asked the Congress participants to vote on admitting the handball federations of England and Scotland as associated members of the IHF by raising their



voting cards. The Congress unanimously decided to admit the handball federations of England and Scotland as associated members of the IHF.

Decision: The Congress unanimously decided to admit the following three handball federations as full members of the IHF:

Fiji (FIJ)

Jamaica (JAM)

Timor-Leste (TLS)

The Congress unanimously decided to admit the following two handball federations as associated members of the IHF:

England (ENG)

Scotland (SCO)

Representatives of all handball federations were present and awarded a certificate of recognition by President Moustafa.

After admission of the new named federations the International Handball Federation henceforth has 209 members (201 full members, four associated members, four regional members). Representatives of three new handball federations entitled to vote were present and a representative of one Member Federation entitled to vote arrived after agenda item 3 of the Congress.

Consequently, the new determination of the number of votes was as follows:

Number of full members present (number of votes): 152

Number of associated members present: 3

Number of regional members present: 1

11. DISCHARGE

While treating this agenda item Mr Jean Brihault, formerly Europe's Vice-President of the IHF, Honorary President of European Handball Federation and Chairman of the IHF Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, chaired the Congress. He requested discharge of the President and of the entire Council from the Congress delegates by raising



their voting cards. The Congress unanimously gave discharge to the President and the entire Council.

Decision. The Congress unanimously gave discharge to the President and the entire Council.

12. TREATMENT OF ELECTION-RELATED STATUTES MOTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS

12.1 MOTION FROM THE IHF PRESIDENT

Mr Brihault informed the Congress that one election-related Statutes motion had been submitted to the Congress and gave the floor to President Moustafa who addressed the Congress delegates, stating that the presentation of the motion related to the Pan-American continent would take a long time, therefore he will explain the main concept of the motion. In addition, he referred to the meeting of the Pan-American Team Handball Federation in the evening prior to the Congress, during which he made a detailed presentation of the motion.

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the motion concerned had been presented to the IHF Council in its meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18 August 2017, stating that the Council (with four abstentions) was in favour of the content of the motion and agreed to submit the motion to the Congress as per Article 13.3, point 11 of the IHF Statutes.

The wording of the motion was as follows.

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<p>10.2 Continental Confederations – General Conditions</p> <p>2. The IHF shall recognise only the following five confederations which shall decide on their corporate denomination and inform the IHF thereupon.</p> <p>a. African Handball Confederation b. Asian Handball Confederation c. European Handball Confederation d. Oceania Handball Confederation e. Pan-American Team Handball Confederation</p>	<p>To be changed as follows.</p> <p>2. The IHF shall recognise only the following six confederations which shall decide on their corporate denomination and inform the IHF thereupon.</p> <p>a. African Handball Confederation b. Asian Handball Confederation c. European Handball Confederation d. Oceania Handball Confederation e. North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation f. South and Central America Handball Confederation</p>
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Justification.

- An increase in the handball activity in all areas – resulting from financial advantages due to shorter distances and reduced travel costs; the remaining money will increase the handball activity in all areas.
- Especially the North American market is decisive for the development of handball worldwide and for the position of handball worldwide. North America is the key market for receiving status and income related to the Olympic Games. A development in North America will strengthen the position of handball in the IOC and at the Olympic Games and will guarantee that handball stays on the Olympic Programme and that Beach Handball can be added as a discipline.
- Organisational advantages such as shorter distances. Due to the shorter travel distances, more tournaments can be staged on a regular basis in all categories and even on club level resulting in increased handball activity on continental level. The IHF can hereby provide support in several matters and provide assistance in the kick-off phase.
- Providing the opportunity to focus on the Caribbean zone with tailor-made projects for Beach Handball. This would give these countries a realistic chance to take part in IHF events, as they would then belong to the North America and the Caribbean Handball Confederation, avoiding the traditionally strong Beach Handball nations from the south.



- *Increased motivation from teams from North and South which usually don't qualify for IHF events to qualify for a major event as there is then a realistic pathway. With earning a qualification to IHF events and with the experience gained at international events, these teams will have the chance to close the gap to the dominant teams and also the currently dominant teams will benefit from stronger opponents.*
- *Smaller qualification tournaments, group stages similar to football or handball in Europe would be possible in a second step; finishing the qualifications for IHF events earlier would be beneficial for the planning on a long-term basis and for setting up the IHF calendar of events.*
- *With realistic chances of success on competitive level, also the chances for raising funds from different sources (sponsors, NOC, governmental institutions) increase significantly.*
- *More professional administrative bodies could be established, and better service to the Member Federations is expected, since the respective body will take care of a smaller number of federations. This could contribute to enhancing the work quality (more focused and specialised).*
- *Through having more handball activity on continental level, more human resources such as coaches, referees, delegates, handball managers, etc. could be identified and promoted/educated accordingly.*
- *Giving the IHF the possibility to further develop the IHF Trophy tournament in order to include this tournament in the qualification pathway for Junior World Championships.*

The motion is to divide the continent of PATHF into two as follows:
– North America and the Caribbean.

Full members: ANT, BAH, BAR, CAN, CAY, CUB, DMA, DOM, GRL, GRN, HAI, IVB, LCA, MEX, PUR, SKN, TRI, USA – total of 18 countries plus two regional members: GLP, MTQ

– South and Central America.

Full members: ARG, BIZ, BOL, BRA, CHI, COL, CRC, ECU, ESA, GUA, GUY, HON, NCA, PAN, PAR, PER, URU, VEN – total of 18 countries plus one regional member: GUF

By means of this motion, the following will be fulfilled.

- 1. Guaranteeing the representation of each continent in the IHF Council;*
- 2. Reducing the distances;*
- 3. Guaranteeing larger number of teams to take part in the qualification events organised by the continents;*
- 4. Facilitating the organisation of the IHF Trophy;*
- 5. Avoiding the creation of subcontinents inside Pan-America.*



President Moustafa expressed his dissatisfaction with the development of handball in Pan-America due to a lack of activities. He outlined that at the beginning of his presidency in 2000 the IHF had 19 Member Federations from Pan-America whereas the IHF currently has 40 Member Federations from Pan-America thanks to the efforts of the IHF President; nevertheless only a small number of federations are actually active. He pointed out that the intention of the IHF is to develop handball in the continent and preserve the position of handball at the Olympic Games, taking into consideration that the development of handball in Pan-America resulting from the current system is not comparable with the development happening in the other continents in all fields. He stressed that the IHF is not against or in favour of any persons or entities.

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the IHF Council decided in its meeting in Antalya, Turkey on 9 November 2017 to ask the Congress to authorise the Council to discuss, evaluate and take a decision on the motion regarding the IHF Statutes related to the Pan-American continent.

President Moustafa then asked the Congress delegates if they agree on authorising the IHF Council to discuss, evaluate and take a decision on the motion regarding the IHF Statutes related to the Pan-American continent and consequently on the relevant IHF Statutes changes.

The delegates cast their votes by raising their voting cards. The election officer and tellers counted the following votes (counting of votes was repeated to guarantee the correct result of the voting):

Yes: 102

No: 26

Abstain: 24

President Moustafa thanked the Congress delegates for authorising the IHF Council to discuss, evaluate and take a decision on the motion regarding the IHF Statutes related to the Pan-American continent and consequently on the relevant IHF Statutes changes.

President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Mario Moccia, President of Pan-American Team Handball Federation, who stated that he abstained from voting when the motion concerned was presented to the IHF Council meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18 August 2017. He also referred to the autonomy of the Continental Confederations according to Article 12.3, point 10 of the IHF Statutes, stressing that a continent's specific issue shall be decided by the



continent concerned. Referring to the voting procedure, he remarked that the voting on changes to the IHF Statutes should be by secret ballot to ensure that delegates can express themselves freely. He asked President Moustafa to reconsider the motion, adding that the Pan-American continent is united and wants to stay united.

President Moustafa explained about the IHF financial support granted to the Pan-American continent. For instance, the IHF assisted the PATHF in 2014 through a sponsorship to get USD 1,000,000 to spend on PATHF handball activities and help the PATHF countries to develop handball. President Moustafa stated that PATHF has not submitted to IHF the supporting administrative and financial documents which prove the correct spending of the awarded sponsorship, aiming to further develop handball throughout the continent. He added that despite the financial assistance granted to the Pan-American continent by the IHF, no significant development has occurred in Pan-America.

President Moustafa informed the Congress that all details related to the motion concerned, including the IHF future plan in Pan-America, will be sent to the IHF Member Federations to give them the possibility to have the full picture of the disadvantages of the current system and the benefits of the new system, which proves that the IHF is working in the best interest of handball.

Decision. The Congress by a two-third majority decided to delegate its authority to the IHF Council to discuss, evaluate and take a decision on the motion regarding the IHF Statutes related to the Pan-American continent and consequently on the relevant IHF Statutes changes.

13. ELECTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Mr Brihault referred to Article 13.3.5 of the IHF Statutes, according to which the IHF Council shall confirm the candidates' applications (submitted to the IHF Head Office by 11 August 2017) and their compliance with the conditions stipulated in the Statutes. Therefore, similar to the procedure applied in 2013, the IHF Council decided on 4 May 2017 to form a Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions as per Article 13.3.15 of the IHF Statutes, which shall study all candidatures for the different IHF positions, including the continental candidates to the Council and Commissions and Commission members. At the same time, due to the fact that some IHF Council members are involved in the elections, the IHF Council authorised the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions to confirm the candidatures which will be submitted to the Congress.



Mr Brihault explained that the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, according to the Council decision, is composed of himself as chairman as well as Mr Jörgen Holmqvist (SWE), IHF Honorary Member, and Mr Gerhard Hofbauer (AUT), President of Austrian Handball Federation, as members. He added that Mr Ulrich Rubeli, President of Swiss Handball Federation, had also been invited by the IHF President to join the working group, but he apologised for his non-availability.

The Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions met in Tbilisi, Georgia on 17 August 2017 to study the candidatures received by the deadline of 11 August 2017 in terms of their compliance with the IHF criteria for candidates standing for IHF positions, which had been communicated by the IHF Head Office to the IHF stakeholders on 11 July 2017, including Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes (*"A candidate standing for one of the IHF major positions must have held six years' high level involvement and experience in his National Federation or Continental Confederation as an administrator, player, coach or referee"*). Mr Brihault stated that the working method as well as the outcome of the working group had been reported to the Council meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18 August 2017. He stressed that the work of the working group was based on information received from federations/candidates and did not reflect any personal opinion concerning the candidates. He emphasised that the working group had no political function or mission, as they undertook a technical work under the mandate of the Council.

After studying the candidatures based on information received from federations/candidates, the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions grouped the candidates into the following categories:

- ✚ Fulfilling all criteria
- ✚ Not fulfilling criteria, such as the 6-years high-level involvement in handball according to Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes

Mr Brihault reported that according to the IHF Council decision dated 18 August 2017, official letters including the input of the working group were sent to all candidates separately on 1 September 2017.

Mr Brihault gave the floor to the Managing Director who informed the Congress about the voting provisions in the IHF Statutes.

According to Article 12.5.



1. As a rule, voting shall be by open ballot. Voting by secret ballot shall be subject to a federation's request. An electronic voting system shall be used for all IHF Congresses.
4. Every candidate shall stand for only one position within the IHF.
5. Elections require an absolute majority of votes present. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of offices, voting shall be by secret ballot.
6. If no candidate obtains an absolute majority, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates who obtained the largest number of votes in the first ballot. In the second ballot, a simple majority shall decide. In the case of a tie, the voting process shall be repeated.
7. In the case of joint elections, candidates are elected in the order of the number of votes obtained. If two or more candidates tie for last place, voting for those candidates shall be repeated.

Referring to Article 12.1.2 of the IHF Statutes, according to which IHF bodies shall be elected every four years, Mr Brihault started the election procedures for the next term of office 2017–2021.

13.1 ELECTION OF THE IHF PRESIDENT

Mr Brihault informed the Congress that Dr Hassan Moustafa (EGY) is the only candidate standing for this position and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 104

No: 9

Abstain: 4

Mr Brihault declared Dr Hassan Moustafa IHF President for the next term of office. He conveyed his congratulations to Dr Moustafa and returned the floor to him.

Decision. The Congress elected Dr Hassan Moustafa (EGY) as IHF President for the following four-year term 2017–2021.

13.2 ELECTION OF THE IHF 1st VICE-PRESIDENT

President Moustafa informed the Congress that Mr Miguel Roca Mas (ESP), Mr Ulrich Rubeli (SUI) and Mr Joel Delplanque (FRA) are standing for the position of the IHF 1st Vice-President and asked the Congress to cast their votes.



The result of the voting was:

Miguel Roca Mas (ESP): 64

Ulrich Rubeli (SUI): 13

Joel Delplanque (FRA): 58

The Chairman of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal remarked that none of the three candidates obtained an absolute majority required as per Article 12.5, point 5 of the IHF Statutes. Therefore, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates who obtained the largest number of votes in the first ballot, considering that a simple majority shall decide in the second ballot. Consequently, President Moustafa informed the Congress that Mr Miguel Roca Mas (ESP) and Mr Joel Delplanque (FRA) obtained the largest number of votes in the first ballot of the election of the IHF 1st Vice-President and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Miguel Roca Mas (ESP): 63

Joel Delplanque (FRA): 69

Invalid votes: 2

President Moustafa declared Mr Joel Delplanque IHF 1st Vice-President for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Delplanque.

Decision. The Congress elected Joel Delplanque (FRA) as IHF 1st Vice-President for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

13.3 ELECTION OF THE TREASURER

President Moustafa informed the Congress that Mrs Anna Rapp (SWE) is the only candidate standing for the position of the IHF Treasurer and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 130

No: 6

Abstain: 7

President Moustafa declared Mrs Anna Rapp IHF Treasurer for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mrs Rapp.



Decision. The Congress elected Anna Rapp (SWE) as IHF Treasurer for the following four-year term 2017–2021.

13.4 ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President Moustafa informed the Congress that according to the input of the IHF Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, one candidate for the position of Executive Committee Member, Mr Sergey Shishkarev (RUS), did not fulfil the criterion of 6-years high level involvement in handball as per Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes. President Moustafa stated that Mrs Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU), Mr Frantisek Taborsky (CZE) and Mr Bogdan Wenta (POL) are standing for the two positions on the Executive Committee. The Managing Director referred to Article 12.5.7 of the IHF Statutes, which will apply in this case, and asked the Congress to cast their two votes for the two positions of IHF Executive Committee Member, considering that the delegates shall cast their first vote and wait for the announcement of the second vote.

In the course of the election of the IHF Executive Committee Members, the President of Handball Federation of Russia, Mr Sergey Shishkarev, asked for the floor. President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Shishkarev who justified that his candidature for the position of IHF Executive Committee Member complies with the provisions stipulated in Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes, taking into consideration that he has chaired the Handball Federation of Russia for almost three years after having been Adviser to the Head of Board of Trustees of Handball Federation of Russia for four years. He argued that the working group analysed his experience incorrectly, and requested to give the Congress the possibility to vote on his candidature. The same arguments were stated in a letter from the Handball Federation of Russia which was submitted by a representative of the mentioned federation to the IHF Managing Director ten minutes before the opening of the present Congress.

Mr Jean Brihault, Chairman of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, took the floor outlining again the working method of the working group, pointing out that no proof of the required 6-years high-level involvement in handball was attached to the letter from the Handball Federation of Russia, which had been submitted to the IHF Managing Director who immediately forwarded it to the working group chairman. After Mr Brihault's input related to the letter from the Handball Federation of Russia, Mr Shishkarev did not make any remark. Therefore, the election process of the IHF Executive Committee Members was continued without any objection from Mr Shishkarev.



The result of the voting was:

Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU): 110

Frantisek Taborsky (CZE): 87

Bogdan Wenta (POL): 43

President Moustafa declared Mrs Narcisa Lecusanu and Mr Frantisek Taborsky members of the IHF Executive Committee for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

Decision: The Congress elected Narcisa Lecusanu (ROU) and Frantisek Taborsky (CZE) as IHF Executive Committee Members for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

13.5 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF ORGANISING AND COMPETITION (COC)

President Moustafa informed the Congress that Mr Per Bertelsen (DEN) is the only candidate standing for the position of COC Chairman and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 115

No: 9

Abstain: 8

President Moustafa declared Mr Per Bertelsen Chairman of the IHF Commission of Organising and Competition for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Bertelsen.

Decision: The Congress elected Per Bertelsen (DEN) as IHF COC Chairman for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

13.6 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLAYING RULES AND REFEREES COMMISSION (PRC)



President Moustafa informed the Congress that Mr Ramon Gallego (ESP) is the only candidate standing for the position of PRC Chairman and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 126

No: 3

Abstain: 2

President Moustafa declared Mr Ramon Gallego Chairman of the IHF Playing Rules and Referees Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Gallego.

Decision: The Congress elected Ramon Gallego (ESP) as IHF PRC Chairman for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

13.7 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF COACHING AND METHODS (CCM)

President Moustafa informed the Congress that Mr Dietrich Späte (GER) is the only candidate standing for the position of CCM Chairman and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 126

No: 5

Abstain: 4

President Moustafa declared Mr Dietrich Späte Chairman of the IHF Commission of Coaching and Methods for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Späte.

Decision: The Congress elected Dietrich Späte (GER) as IHF CCM Chairman for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

13.8 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDICAL COMMISSION (MC)



President Moustafa informed the Congress that Dr Francois Gnamian (CIV) and Dr Gabor Erdelyi (HUN) are standing for the position of MC Chairman and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Dr Francois Gnamian (CIV): 87

Dr Gabor Erdelyi (HUN): 47

President Moustafa declared Dr Francois Gnamian Chairman of the IHF Medical Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Dr Gnamian.

Decision: The Congress elected Dr Francois Gnamian (CIV) as IHF MC Chairman for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

13.9 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT (CD)

President Moustafa informed the Congress that according to the input of the IHF Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, one candidate for the position of CD Chairman, Mrs Rhonda Clarke (TRI), did not fulfil the criterion of 6-years high level involvement in handball as per Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes. In addition, Mr Rafael Sepulveda (PUR) had withdrawn his candidature. President Moustafa stated that Mr Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX) and Mrs Raquel Pedercini (CAN) are standing for the position of CD Chairman and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Mario Garcia de la Torre (MEX): 68

Raquel Pedercini (CAN): 75

President Moustafa declared Mrs Raquel Pedercini Chairwoman of the IHF Commission for Development for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mrs Pedercini.

Decision: The Congress elected Raquel Pedercini (CAN) as IHF CD Chairwoman for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

13.10 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL AND OF THE 10 MEMBERS



President Moustafa informed the Congress that Mr Zoran Radojicic (MNE) is the only candidate standing for the position of Arbitration Tribunal Chairman and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 104

No: 7

Abstain: 5

President Moustafa declared Mr Zoran Radojicic Chairman of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Radojicic.

President Moustafa informed the Congress that according to the input of the IHF Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, two candidates for the position of Arbitration Tribunal Member, Mr Marjan Nachevski (MKD) and Mr Eugen Saracini (KOS), did not fulfil the criterion of legal qualification. In addition, the candidature of Mr Tal Lavie (ISR) had been withdrawn by Israel Handball Association. President Moustafa stated that Mr Pedro Mourao (POR), Mr Juan Maria Perez-Ortiz (ESP) and Mrs Agata Dziarnowska (POL) are standing for the ten positions of Arbitration Tribunal Member and asked the Congress to elect the three members to the Arbitration Tribunal.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 98

No: 11

Abstain: 16

President Moustafa declared Mr Pedro Mourao, Mr Juan Maria Perez-Ortiz and Mrs Agata Dziarnowska members of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

Afterwards President Moustafa asked the Congress to authorise the Council to fill the other seven vacant places of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal, which was unanimously approved by the Congress.

Decision: The Congress elected Zoran Radojicic (MNE) as IHF Arbitration Tribunal Chairman for the following four-year term 2017-2021.



The Congress elected Pedro Mourao (POR), Juan Maria Perez-Ortiz (ESP) and Agata Dziarnowska (POL) as IHF Arbitration Tribunal Members for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to fill the seven vacant places of the IHF Arbitration Tribunal.

13.11 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARBITRATION COMMISSION AND OF THE 10 MEMBERS

President Moustafa informed the Congress that Mr Tomislav Grahovac (CRO) is the only candidate standing for the position of Arbitration Commission Chairman and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 120

No: 6

Abstain: 2

President Moustafa declared Mr Tomislav Grahovac Chairman of the IHF Arbitration Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Grahovac.

President Moustafa informed the Congress that according to the input of the IHF Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, five candidates for the position of Arbitration Commission Member, Mr Alireza Rahimi (IRI), Mr Willy Tobler (SUI), Mr Aloys Nahayo (BDI), Mr Abdul Wahed Al Dawood (KUW) and Mr Bogdan Sojkin (POL), did not fulfil the criterion of legal qualification. In addition, the candidature of Mr Evgeniy Petrushevskiy (UKR) was unclear on the criterion of legal qualification; the IHF requested from the candidate a copy of his diploma, which has not been sent until the date of the present Congress. President Moustafa stated that Mr Miguel Fernandes (POR), Mr Filip Miloshevski (MKD) and Mr Nurul Fazal Bulbul (BAN) are standing for the ten positions of Arbitration Commission Member and asked the Congress to elect the three members to the Arbitration Commission.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 104

No: 8

Abstain: 7



President Moustafa declared Mr Miguel Fernandes, Mr Filip Miloshevski and Mr Nurul Fazal Bulbul members of the IHF Arbitration Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

Afterwards President Moustafa asked the Congress to authorise the Council to fill the other seven vacant places of the IHF Arbitration Commission, which was unanimously approved by the Congress.

Decision. The Congress elected Tomislav Grahovac (CRO) as IHF Arbitration Commission Chairman for the following four-year term 2017-2021.
The Congress elected Miguel Fernandes (POR), Filip Miloshevski (MKD) and Nurul Fazal Bulbul (BAN) as IHF Arbitration Commission Members for the following four-year term 2017-2021.
The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to fill the seven vacant places of the IHF Arbitration Commission.

13.12 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION AND OF THE THREE MEMBERS

President Moustafa informed the Congress that current IHF Ethics Commission Chairman Mr Göran Petersson had apologised for not submitting his candidature for re-election. Therefore, President Moustafa stated that Mr Hussein Moustafa Fathy (EGY) who was nominated by Egyptian Handball Federation is the only candidate standing for the position of Ethics Commission Chairman and asked the Congress to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 114

No: 7

Abstain: 6

President Moustafa declared Mr Hussein Moustafa Fathy IHF Ethics Commission Chairman for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to Mr Fathy.

President Moustafa informed the Congress that according to the input of the IHF Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, four candidates for the position of Ethics Commission Member, Mrs Esther Aluko (NGR), Mr Mohammadreza Rajabi (IRI), Mr Muhammad Shafiq (PAK) and Mr Ugur Kilic (TUR), did not fulfil the criterion of legal qualification. President Moustafa reported to the Congress that in addition to the



candidature for the position of Ethics Commission Member submitted by Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez (MEX), the IHF Council proposed Mr Marko Vujosevic (SRB) as a candidate for the position of IHF Ethics Commission Member according to Article 6.2 of the IHF Legal Provisions. President Moustafa asked the Congress to vote on electing Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez (MEX) and Mr Marko Vujosevic (SRB) as Ethics Commission Members.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 110

No: 10

Abstain: 4

President Moustafa declared Mr Jorge Pulido Vazquez and Mr Marko Vujosevic members of the IHF Ethics Commission for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

Decision. Further to the nomination by Egyptian Handball Federation, the Congress elected Hussein Moustafa Fathy (EGY) as IHF Ethics Commission Chairman for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

Upon the Council's proposal the Congress elected Jorge Pulido Vazquez (MEX) and Marko Vujosevic (SRB) as IHF Ethics Commission Members for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

13.13 ELECTION OF TWO INTERNAL IHF AUDITORS AND ONE SUBSTITUTE AUDITOR

President Moustafa informed the Congress that Mr Günal Ensari (TUR) and Mr Ulisses Pereira (POR) are standing for the two positions as internal IHF auditors and asked the Congress to vote on the two candidates.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 113

No: 7

Abstain: 3

President Moustafa declared Mr Günal Ensari and Mr Ulisses Pereira internal IHF auditors for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.



Referring to Article 12.4, point 12m. of the IHF Statutes, according to which a substitute auditor should be appointed, President Moustafa asked the Congress to delegate this mission to the IHF Council, which was approved by the Congress.

Decision. The Congress elected Günal Ensari (TUR) and Ulisses Pereira (POR) as internal IHF auditors for the following four-year term 2017–2021.
The Congress approved the authorisation of the Council to appoint a substitute auditor.

13.14 CONFIRMATION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS FROM THE CONTINENTS

Due to the fact that the IHF Congress delegated its authority to decide on the motion related to the Pan-American continent to the Council, the confirmation of Pan-America's Vice-President of IHF did not take place.

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the African Handball Confederation, Asian Handball Federation and European Handball Federation nominated the following candidates as continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF:

Africa: Mr Mansourou Aremou (BEN) – IHF Council granted its provisional confirmation on 11 November 2016

Asia: Mr Bader Al-Theyab (KUW) – election was held on 10 November 2017

Europe: Mr Michael Wiederer (AUT) – IHF Council granted its provisional confirmation on 28 January 2017

President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to give their definite confirmation to the continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF by raising their voting cards. The Congress delegates agreed to give their definite confirmation to the continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF.

President Moustafa declared Mansourou Aremou (Africa), Bader Al-Theyab (Asia) and Michael Wiederer (Europe) continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

Decision. The Congress unanimously confirmed the following persons as continental Vice-Presidents of the IHF for the following four-year term 2017–2021:

Africa: Mansourou Aremou (BEN)

Asia: Bader Al-Theyab (KUW)

Europe: Michael Wiederer (AUT)



13.15 CONFIRMATION OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE CONTINENTS

Due to the fact that the IHF Congress delegated its authority to decide on the motion related to the Pan-American continent to the Council, the confirmation of Pan-America's Representative of IHF did not take place.

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the African Handball Confederation, Asian Handball Federation and European Handball Federation nominated the following candidates as continental representatives in the IHF Council.

Africa: Mr Charles Omboumahou (CGO) – IHF Council granted its provisional confirmation on 11 November 2016

Asia: Mr Yoshihide Watanabe (JPN) – election was held on 10 November 2017

Europe: Mr Predrag Boskovic (MNE) – IHF Council granted its provisional confirmation on 28 January 2017

President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to give their definite confirmation to the continental representatives in the IHF Council and asked them to cast their votes.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 105

No: 10

Abstain: 2

President Moustafa declared Charles Omboumahou (Africa), Yoshihide Watanabe (Asia) and Predrag Boskovic (Europe) continental representatives in the IHF Council for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to them.

Decision: The Congress confirmed the following persons as continental representatives in the IHF Council for the following four-year term 2017–2021.

Africa: Charles Omboumahou (CGO)

Asia: Yoshihide Watanabe (JPN)

Europe: Predrag Boskovic (MNE)

13.16 CONFIRMATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ATHLETES' COMMISSION (AC)



President Moustafa referred to the election of the IHF Athletes' Commission held during the period from 8 to 11 August 2016 on the fringes of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. All athletes participating in the Olympic Handball Tournaments were entitled to vote according to Article 4.4.2 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission.

According to Article 4.5.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the largest number of votes cast were obtained by the candidate Gro Hammerseng-Edin (178 votes).

In its meeting in Herzogenaurach, GER on 11 November 2016, the IHF Council unanimously confirmed the election result of the IHF Athletes' Commission, according to Article 4.4.2 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, for the four-year term 2016-2020:

Gro HAMMERSENG-EDIN (NOR)	Chairwoman
Diego SIMONET (ARG)	Member
Mouna CHEBBAH (TUN)	Member
Cristina NEAGU (ROU)	Member
Igor VORI (CRO)	Member

According to Article 15.1.2 of the IHF Statutes and Article 5.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the Council provisionally approved Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin as Chairwoman of the IHF Athletes' Commission until the XXXVI Ordinary IHF Congress in 2017.

On 24 March 2017, Athletes' Commission Chairwoman Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin informed the IHF about her plans to end her career as a professional player in June 2017.

Due to the fact that Athletes' Commission Chairwoman Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin is no longer an active handball player, which is not in compliance with Article 4.2.1, point d), of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, the Council in its meeting in Tbilisi, GEO on 18 August 2017 unanimously decided to keep Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin involved as Chairwoman of the Athletes' Commission until the end of her term of office without the right to be a full member of the IHF Council.

According to Article 15.1.2 of the IHF Statutes and Article 5.1 of the Regulations for IHF Athletes' Commission, Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin shall be confirmed as Chairwoman of the IHF Athletes' Commission by the Congress.



President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to give their definite confirmation to the Chairwoman of the Athletes' Commission by raising their voting cards. The Congress delegates agreed to give their definite confirmation to the Chairwoman of the Athletes' Commission.

President Moustafa declared Gro Hammerseng-Edin Chairwoman of the IHF Athletes' Commission until the end of her term of office (2020) and conveyed his congratulations to Ms Hammerseng-Edin.

Decision: The Congress unanimously confirmed Ms Gro Hammerseng-Edin (NOR) as Chairwoman of the IHF Athletes' Commission (AC) until the end of her term of office (2020).

13.17 CONFIRMATION OF THE SUPERVISORY BODY

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the current supervisory body of the IHF, Copartner Revision AG, has applied for the same position, and asked the Congress to grant its confirmation.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 110

No: 6

Abstain: 5

President Moustafa declared Copartner Revision AG IHF supervisory body for the next term of office and conveyed his congratulations to the company.

Decision: The Congress confirmed Copartner Revision AG as IHF supervisory body for the following four-year term 2017-2021.

14. MOTIONS TO THE CONGRESS

All motions under agenda item no. 14 had been submitted to the Congress in writing prior to the meeting. According to Article 12.5.8 of the IHF Statutes, a two-thirds majority of delegates present and entitled to vote shall decide on changes to the Statutes.

14.1 MOTIONS FROM THE IHF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



14.1.1 IHF STATUTES

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the IHF Executive Committee proposed to the Congress the following motions regarding the IHF Statutes, which were approved by the Council.

Motion no. 1.

Current Version	Motion
	<p>To add a new article.</p> <p>Stakeholders Handball stakeholders include any person or organisation that belongs in any capacity whatsoever to handball activities. They are bound by the provisions of the IHF Statutes and shall abide by the decisions of the IHF. Handball stakeholders include but are not limited to the following.</p> <p><u>Organisations.</u> International Handball Federation Continental Handball Confederations National Handball Federations (NFs) Clubs – youth centres</p> <p><u>Persons:</u> Coaches Referees Officials Players Medical staff</p>
<p>Justification. The IHF has to deal with all its stakeholders in all aspects related to the sport. All stakeholders that are practising handball shall do their utmost to represent IHF in a fair and decent manner. The IHF stakeholders may appeal to the IHF legal bodies according to the IHF Legal Provisions (Articles 1.1.3 and 3.3), i.e. they will be under the IHF jurisdiction anyway, so why should they not be integrated as stakeholders?</p>	



President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to cast their votes on motion no. 1 from the IHF Executive Committee regarding the IHF Statutes (related to exact definition of IHF stakeholders).

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 114

No: 6

Abstain: 6

Decision: The Congress approved motion no. 1 from the IHF Executive Committee regarding the IHF Statutes (related to exact definition of IHF stakeholders).

Motion no. 2:

Current Version	Motion
<p>12.4 Congress – Congress Agenda</p> <p>12. Elections and confirmations</p> <p>e. Election of the Chairman of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC)</p> <p>f. Election of the Chairman of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)</p> <p>g. Election of the Chairman of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)</p> <p>h. Election of the Chairman of the Medical Commission (MC)</p> <p>i. Election of the Chairman of the Commission for Development (CD)</p> <p>j. Election of the Chairman of the Arbitration Tribunal and of the 10 members</p> <p>k. Election of the Chairman of the Arbitration Commission and of the 10 members</p> <p>l. Election of the Chairman of the Ethics Commission and of the three members</p> <p>p. Confirmation of the Chairman of the Athletes' Commission (AC)</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>12. Elections and confirmations</p> <p>e. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Organising and Competition (COC)</p> <p>f. Election of the Chairperson of the Playing Rules and Referees Commission (PRC)</p> <p>g. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission of Coaching and Methods (CCM)</p> <p>h. Election of the Chairperson of the Medical Commission (MC)</p> <p>i. Election of the Chairperson of the Commission for Development (CD)</p> <p>j. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Tribunal and of the 10 members</p> <p>k. Election of the Chairperson of the Arbitration Commission and of the 10 members</p> <p>l. Election of the Chairperson of the Ethics Commission and of the three members</p> <p>p. Confirmation of the Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission (AC)</p>
<p>Justification:</p> <p>Due to the fact that a woman is currently heading the IHF Athletes' Commission and the other commissions might also be chaired by women in the future, the term "Chairman" should be changed to "Chairperson" in the above-mentioned article "Congress Agenda" and any related provision in the Statutes.</p>	



President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to cast their votes on motion no. 2 from the IHF Executive Committee regarding the IHF Statutes (related to changing the term “Chairman” to “Chairperson”).

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 118

No: 3

Abstain: 2

Decision: The Congress approved motion no. 2 from the IHF Executive Committee regarding the IHF Statutes (related to changing the term “Chairman” to “Chairperson”).

14.2 MOTIONS FROM THE IHF MEMBER FEDERATIONS

14.2.1 IHF STATUTES – MNE / NOR

MNE – Motions no. 1-4:

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the Handball Federation of Montenegro submitted to the Congress the following motions regarding the IHF Statutes related to the authorisation of the IHF Council to award the younger age category World Championships.

Current Version	Motion
12.4 Congress Agenda	To be changed as follows.
17. Awarding of events which are not subject to a Council decision	17. Awarding of events which are not subject to a Council decision
18. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress	17. Scheduling time and place of the next Congress
19. Miscellaneous	18. Miscellaneous
20. Close of the Congress	19. Close of the Congress
Justification:	
The motion of the Handball Federation of Montenegro is based on a regulation that the IHF Council awards the organization of the championships, women’s and men’s, in all age categories, so the concerned point should be excluded from the Congress Agenda.	



Current Version	Motion
<p>13.3 Council Duties</p> <p>19. Awarding Men's and Women's World Championships</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>19. Awarding Men's and Women's World Championships in all age categories (seniors and younger age)</p>
<p>Justification:</p> <p>According to the valid IHF Statutes, the IHF Council awards the organization of senior men's and women's championship. Due to it, we consider it justified that the awarding of World championships for Younger age categories should be also given to the IHF Council.</p> <p>The awarding of IHF Championships for Younger age categories doesn't represent the strategic decision which is usually under the Congress authority, but the operational one. The passing of this decision should be left to the IHF Council because the IHF Council can examine the bid conditions and the course of the preparations for the championship organization in a higher quality way. The IHF Council can, in case of a need correct more efficiently its already passed decisions related to the championships awarding.</p>	

Current Version	Motion
<p>13.3 Council Duties</p> <p>21. Deciding in case of discrepancies which might occur after the awarding of World Championships or Congresses by the Congress</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>21. Deciding in case of discrepancies which might occur after the awarding of World Championships or Congresses by the Congress</p>
<p>Justification:</p> <p>In case IHF Congress adopts the Motion 2 of the Handball Federation of Montenegro, then from the Article 13.3 point 21 the wording "World championships or" should be deleted because the awarding of the World championships for all age categories will be given to the IHF Council.</p>	

Current Version	Motion
<p>18.3 Awarding Events</p> <p>5. The Council with help from the staff in the Head Office shall examine carefully and completely the applicants' bidding proposal in order to decide whether the application fulfils the quality standards and levels. If this is the</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>5. The Council with help from the staff in the Head Office shall examine carefully and completely the applicants' bidding proposal in order to decide whether the application fulfils the quality standards and levels. If this is the case, and</p>



<p>case the Council shall choose two candidates to continue the bidding process in the Congress. The Council shall inform the Congress, without any ranking, of the two applicants at least six weeks before the start of the awarding Congress. The Congress shall make the final decision.</p>	<p>if the bidding proposal is for the organization for the World championships for all age categories, men’s and women’s, the Council passes the final decision related to the awarding of these Championships. In other cases, the Council shall choose two candidates to continue the bidding process in the Congress. The Council shall inform the Congress, without any ranking, of the two applicants at least six weeks before the start of the awarding Congress. The Congress shall make the final decision.</p>
<p>Justification: In case the Motion 2 of Handball Federation of Montenegro is adopted this motion is logical and technical change and amendment of Article 18.3 point 5 which is necessary to be done.</p>	

President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to cast their votes on motions no. 1–4 from the Handball Federation of Montenegro regarding the IHF Statutes (related to the authorisation of the IHF Council to award the younger age category World Championships).

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 90

No: 20

Abstain: 8

Decision. The Congress approved motions no. 1–4 from the Handball Federation of Montenegro regarding the IHF Statutes (related to the authorisation of the IHF Council to award the younger age category World Championships).

NOR – Motion no. 1:

President Moustafa informed the Congress that the Norwegian Handball Federation submitted to the Congress the following motion regarding the IHF Statutes related to gender equality:

Current Version	Motion
12. Congress	To add a new article under Article 12.



In any IHF body, both genders shall be represented.

Justification:

The intention of the motion is to follow up EHF's declared ambition of promoting gender equality in handball.

The organization should continue to integrate female representatives in their structures, and empower female leadership, as well as to encourage the stakeholders to follow.

Based on the fact that females constitute more than 50-70 % of the members in most handball federations, we will argue that females are highly underrepresented in the international handball bodies.

We acknowledge it should be highly respected that methods for the implementation of gender equality may vary considerably between differing cultures and nationalities.

Accordingly, the Norwegian Handball Federation would only consider positive incentives as a method to increase the gender balance in the international perspective.

As we stated in 2013, we still believe that rather courageous incentives are necessary to obtain progression towards the goals we are striving for. And we will also argue that although perfect or ideal steps are not identified, we should be willing to implement and test conditions that in fact may stimulate to change.

Reference is also made to the 2016 EHF Congress, which decided to implement gender equality as principle for all EHF elections and appointments.

We hereby submit a motion aiming towards gender equality in all IHF bodies.

The motion shall be valid from the next Congress where elections take part.

The assessment of where to correct place the new article in the Statutes of the IHF, we leave to the IHF to decide.

President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to cast their votes on motion no. 1 from the Norwegian Handball Federation regarding the IHF Statutes (related to gender equality).

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 97

No: 23

Abstain: 3

Decision: The Congress approved motion no. 1 from the Norwegian Handball Federation regarding the IHF Statutes (related to gender equality).

NOR – Motion no. 2:



President Moustafa informed the Congress that the Norwegian Handball Federation submitted to the Congress the following motion regarding the IHF Statutes related to the Rules of the Game:

Current Version	Motion
<p>20. Rules of the Game</p> <p>1. All IHF Member Federations shall be obliged to play handball according to the Rules of the Game approved by the Council. With the PRC's agreement, a Member Federation may, for a limited period, play according to modified rules in order to try them out.</p> <p>2. Once they have been passed by the Council, changes to the Rules of the Game shall be announced at the Congress taking place the year of the Men's World Championship, and reported to all Member Federations by the Head Office. They shall be published by 1 March of the following year and come into force on 1 July of the same year.</p> <p>3. IHF Member Federations shall be responsible for quickly making the changes known within their federation. They shall be entitled to declare that changes to the Rules of the Game already announced shall immediately become valid within their federation.</p>	<p>To be changed as follows:</p> <p>1. All IHF Member Federations shall be obliged to play handball according to the Rules of the Game approved by the Council. With the PRC's agreement, a minimum of three Member Federations of different sports level shall, for a limited period of at least one season, play according to modified rules in order to try them out.</p> <p>2. Once they have been passed by the Council, changes to the Rules of the Game shall be announced at the Congress taking place the year of the Men's World Championship, and reported to all Member Federations by the Head Office. They shall be published by 1 March of the following year and come into force on 1 July of the same year.</p> <p>3. IHF Member Federations shall be responsible for quickly making the changes known within their federation. They shall be entitled to declare that changes to the Rules of the Game already announced shall immediately become valid within their federation.</p>
<p>Justification:</p> <p>The intention of the motion is to strengthen point 1 in Article 20 in the IHF Statutes. It is our opinion that any new rules should be tried out over a period of at least one season before they come into force. This in order to make sure that the proposed rule has reached the consequence and effect that originally was intended, as well as to increase the interest and popularity for our beloved sport of handball. When a rule has been thoroughly tried out, we are convinced that a change can be highly appreciated among the players, media, sponsors and spectators.</p>	



President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to cast their votes on motion no. 2 from the Norwegian Handball Federation regarding the IHF Statutes (related to the Rules of the Game).

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 88

No: 29

Abstain: 9

Decision: The Congress approved motion no. 2 from the Norwegian Handball Federation regarding the IHF Statutes (related to the Rules of the Game).

15. REPORT ON CHANGES TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS RATIFIED BY THE COUNCIL

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Managing Director who reported on the changes to the Rules and Regulations ratified by the Council, pointing out that all related information had been submitted to the Congress in writing.

15.1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CODE (III)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council on 20 September 2017 by email communication. On 6 October 2017, the revised version of the Player Eligibility Code was communicated to all IHF stakeholders and uploaded to the IHF website.

http://ihf.info/files/Uploads/NewsAttachments/0_03%20-%20player%20eligibility_GB.pdf

Decision: The Congress took note of the report on the changes to the IHF Player Eligibility Code, which had been ratified by the Council.

15.2 REGULATIONS FOR TRANSFER BETWEEN FEDERATIONS (IV)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council on 20 September 2017 by email communication. On 6 October 2017, the revised version of the Regulations for Transfer between Federations was communicated to all IHF stakeholders and uploaded to the IHF website.

http://ihf.info/files/Uploads/NewsAttachments/0_04%20-%20Regulations%20for%20Transfer%20Between%20Federations_GB.pdf



Decision. The Congress took note of the report on the changes to the IHF Regulations for Transfer between Federations, which had been ratified by the Council.

15.3 REGULATIONS FOR IHF COMPETITIONS (V)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Paris (FRA) on 28 January 2017 as well as by the IHF Council on 30 March 2017 by email communication. On 6 October 2017, the revised version of the Regulations for IHF Competitions was communicated to all IHF stakeholders and uploaded to the IHF website.

http://ihf.info/files/Uploads/NewsAttachments/0_Regulations%20for%20IHF%20Competitions_GB.pdf

Decision. The Congress took note of the report on the changes to the Regulations for IHF Competitions, which had been ratified by the Council.

15.4 GUIDELINES FOR THE WORK OF IHF NOMINEES AT IHF COMPETITIONS (VII)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Bratislava (SVK) on 23 July 2016. On 6 October 2017, the revised version of the Guidelines for the Work of IHF Nominees at IHF Competitions was communicated to all IHF stakeholders and uploaded to the IHF website.

http://ihf.info/files/Uploads/NewsAttachments/0_07-GuidelinesForNominees_GB.pdf

The entire regulation (Guidelines for the Work of IHF Nominees at IHF Competitions) is currently being updated by the relevant bodies.

Decision. The Congress took note of the report on the changes to the IHF Guidelines for the Work of IHF Nominees at IHF Competitions, which had been ratified by the Council.

15.5 ETHICS CODE (XV)

The concept of an independent IHF Ethics Code was approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Bratislava (SVK) on 23 July 2016, taking into consideration that the Council members did not vote on the text of the Code itself, as the text was elaborated by the IHF Ethics Commission to preserve the neutrality of the Ethics Commission. The new IHF Ethics Code



came into force on 1 September 2016 and is binding for all IHF stakeholders. On 31 August 2016, the new IHF Ethics Code was communicated to all IHF stakeholders and uploaded to the IHF website.

http://ihf.info/files/Uploads/NewsAttachments/0_Ethics%20Code_GB.pdf

Decision. The Congress took note of the report on the changes to the IHF Ethics Code, which had been ratified by the Council.

15.6 REGULATIONS CONCERNING PENALTIES AND FINES (XIX)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Tbilisi (GEO) on 18 August 2017. On 8 September 2017, the revised version of the Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines was communicated to all IHF stakeholders and uploaded to the IHF website.

http://ihf.info/files/Uploads/NewsAttachments/0_XIX%20Regulations%20Concerning%20Penalties%20and%20Fines_GB.pdf

Decision. The Congress took note of the report on the changes to the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines, which had been ratified by the Council.

15.7 REGULATIONS FOR AWARDS (XXI)

Amendments were approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Paris (FRA) on 28 January 2017. On 7 July 2017, the revised version of the Regulations for Awards was communicated to all IHF stakeholders and uploaded to the IHF website.

http://ihf.info/files/Uploads/NewsAttachments/0_Regulations%20for%20Awards_GB.pdf

Decision. The Congress took note of the report on the changes to the IHF Regulations for Awards, which had been ratified by the Council.

15.8 COACHING EDUCATION REGULATIONS (XXVII)

The newly drafted IHF Coaching Education Regulations were approved by the IHF Council Meeting in Tbilisi (GEO) on 18 August 2017 following a decision of the IHF Council Meeting in Bratislava (SVK) on 23 July 2016 with regard to the new IHF coaching education structure. On 8 September 2017, the IHF Coaching Education Regulations were communicated to all IHF stakeholders and uploaded to the IHF website.



http://ihf.info/files/Uploads/NewsAttachments/0_XXVII%20IHF%20Coaching%20Education%20Regulations_GB.pdf

Decision: The Congress took note of the report on the IHF Coaching Education Regulations, which had been ratified by the Council.

16. CONFIRMATION OF THE IHF PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

President Moustafa gave the floor to the Managing Director who presented the IHF four-year programme for the electoral period 2017-2021, which had been submitted to the Congress in writing prior to the meeting according to Article 14.3, point 1.3 of the IHF Statutes. She explained that the programme is based on the following five main pillars.

Rules: Increase of the attractiveness of handball; simplification of the rules; introduction of new floor that can absorb the players' sweat; launch of new resin-free handball which is in the process of being developed by official IHF ball supplier Molten

Administration: Boost and enforce the IHF administration to serve the National Federations; increase of the number of Member Federations and handball stakeholders; application of principles of good governance by preserving integrity of handball and guaranteeing autonomy of Member Federations; IHF TV; use of advanced technologies (new webpage; social media activities; IHF Education Centre platform; IHF permanent mobile application); organisation of 3rd IHF Women's Conference (to enhance gender equality) and 3rd IHF Forum for the Future of Handball; digitalisation of handball (establishment of handball management platform); granting players' compensation during IHF Senior World Championships

Relation with other organisations: Sustain and boost the relationship with other organisations such as the International Olympic Committee

Finances: Increase of the IHF income to boost the IHF support to its Member Federations and to launch more projects serving the Member Federations; attraction of additional sponsors; reduction of operational cost and administrative expenses

Technical issues: Technical improvement of handball with the help of several tailor-made projects, including but not limited to Handball at School, Traveller Coach, Four-Year Plan, IHF Trophy, Emerging Nations Tournament, Former Players' project, women's handball, Development Aid project, wheelchair handball, New Markets' project, Global Coaching Clinic, and education courses on all levels and in different fields.



President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates if they agree on the proposed IHF programme of activities. The Congress delegates unanimously approved the IHF programme of activities by raising their voting cards.

Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the IHF programme of activities.

17. SETTING MEMBERSHIP FEES AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET

President Moustafa informed the Congress about the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Antalya, Turkey on 9 November 2017, according to which the revised allocation of Member Federations to the membership fees' categories A-C as per Article 1 of the IHF Financial Regulations (proposed by the working group formed by the Council) was unanimously approved.

Category A - Annual fee CHF 3,500.-

ALG - ARG - AUT - BLR - BRN - CHN - CRO - CZE - DEN - ESP - FRA - GER - HUN - IRI - ISL - ITA - JPN - KOR - KSA - KUW - MNE - NED - NOR - OMA - POL - QAT - ROU - RUS - SLO - SRB - SUI - SVK - SWE - UAE

Category B - Annual fee CHF 2,000.-

ANG - BEL - BIH - BRA - EGY - FIN - GRE - HKG - ISR - JOR - KAZ - LBA - LUX - MAR - MKD - POR - SIN - TUN - TUR - UKR

Category C - Annual fee CHF 150.-

AFG - ALB - AND - ANT - ARM - ASA - AUS - AZE - BAH - BAN - BAR - BDI - BEN - BHU - BIZ - BOL - BOT - BRU - BUL - BUR - CAF - CAM - CAN - CAY - CGO - CHA - CHI - CIV - CMR - COD - COK - COL - COM - CPV - CRC - CUB - CYP - DJI - DMA - DOM - ECU - ESA - EST - ETH - FAR - FSM - GAB - GAM - GBR - GBS - GEO - GEQ - GHA - GRI - GRN - GUA - GUI - GUM - GUY - HAI - HON - INA - IND - IRL - IRQ - IVB - KEN - KGZ - KIR - KOS - LAO - LAT - LBN - LBR - LCA - LES - LIE - LTU - MAC - MAD - MAS - MAW - MDA - MDV - MEX - MGL - MHL - MLI - MLT - MON - MOZ - MRI - MTN - NAM - NCA - NEP - NGR - NIG - NRU - NZL - PAK - PAN - PAR - PER - PHI - PLE - PLW - PNG - PRK - PUR - RSA - RWA - SAM - SEN - SEY - SKN - SLE - SOL - SOM - SRI - SSD - STP - SUD - SWZ - SYR - TAN - TGA - THA - TJK - TKM - TOG - TPE - TRI - TUV - UGA - URU - USA - UZB - VAN - VEN - VIE - YEM - ZAM - ZIM

Associated members: MNP, TAH

Regional members: GLP, GUF, MTQ, NCL



New members: ENG, FIJ, JAM, SCO, TLS

New members will generally be allocated to category C.

In addition, President Moustafa stated that the Council unanimously agreed that Member Federations of categories A and B shall pay membership fees to be used for the development of handball, while Member Federations of category C shall be exempted from paying membership fees for the years 2018–2019. President Moustafa asked the Congress to vote on the Council's proposal.

The delegates cast their votes by raising their voting cards. The Congress agreed with one vote against that Member Federations of categories A and B shall pay membership fees to be used for the development of handball, while Member Federations of category C shall be exempted from paying membership fees for the years 2018–2019.

Afterwards President Moustafa gave the floor to Mr Simon Rey, representative of the external IHF auditor Copartner Revision AG, who presented the proposal of the budget for the years 2018 and 2019 to the Congress, outlining the total incomes and total expenses of the two years. He stated that the event-related expenses in 2019 are significantly higher than in 2018 due to the Men's and Women's World Championships taking place in 2019. Referring to the TV rights, which are the largest source of IHF revenues, he explained that the contract with current IHF TV rights partner beIN Sports is expiring at the end of December 2017, adding that the new TV rights contract is yet to be concluded.

President Moustafa asked the Congress to approve the budget for the years 2018 and 2019.

The result of the voting was:

Yes: 107

No: 5

Abstain: 4

Decision: The Congress agreed with one vote against that Member Federations of categories A and B shall pay membership fees to be used for the development of handball, while Member Federations of category C shall be exempted from paying membership fees for the years 2018–2019.

The Congress approved the budget for the years 2018 and 2019.



18. AWARDING OF EVENTS WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A COUNCIL DECISION

President Moustafa informed the Congress about the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18 August 2017, according to which the bids received for the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2020, the Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in 2021 and the Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in 2021, which are in compliance with the IHF requirements as confirmed by the COC, shall be forwarded to the Congress for decision. He gave the floor to the COC Chairman who explained in brief the procedures of the bidding presentations.

18.1 WOMEN'S YOUTH (U18) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2020

The COC Chairman pointed out that no bids were received for the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2020.

President Moustafa referred to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18 August 2017 to ask the Congress for authorisation to award the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2020. He asked the Congress delegates to vote on the request of the Council by raising their voting cards. The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to award the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2020.

Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to award the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2020.

18.2 WOMEN'S JUNIOR (U20) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2020

The COC Chairman informed the Congress that Romania is the only bidder for the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2020 and asked ROU to present their bid. The Romanian representative informed the Congress participants about the two host cities (Bucharest and Brasov) and the related playing, training and accommodation facilities. The daily participation fee will be CHF 120 per person.

President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to vote on awarding the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2020 to Romania by raising their voting cards. The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2020 to Romania. President Moustafa congratulated the Romanian Handball Federation and wished them good luck with the organisation of the event.



Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2020 to Romania.

18.3 MEN'S YOUTH (U19) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2021

The COC Chairman reported to the Congress that Greece and Hungary applied for the organisation of the Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in 2021. As Hungary withdrew its bid prior to the Congress, the COC Chairman asked GRE to present their bid. The Greek representative informed the Congress participants about the concept of hosting the event in one city (Athens) with two sports halls and four training halls, and also presented the proposed accommodation facilities. The daily participation fee will be CHF 120 per person, taking into account that the fee for additional persons as well as additional days will be CHF 130 per person per day.

President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates to vote on awarding the Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in 2021 to Greece by raising their voting cards. The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in 2021 to Greece. President Moustafa congratulated the Hellenic Handball Federation and wished them good luck with the organisation of the event.

Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Men's Youth (U19) World Championship in 2021 to Greece.

18.4 MEN'S JUNIOR (U21) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2021

The COC Chairman reported to the Congress that Greece, Hungary and Romania applied for the organisation of the Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in 2021. As Greece and Romania withdrew their bids prior to the Congress, the COC Chairman asked HUN to present their bid. The Hungarian representative informed the Congress participants about the host city (Budapest) and the proposed arenas (Fradı City and HHF Arena) as well as training and accommodation facilities. The daily participation fee will be CHF 150 per person.

President Moustafa remarked that the proposed participation fee is too expensive for the participants. Therefore he asked the Hungarian delegation to reconsider the participation fee and proposed to the Congress to authorise the Council to decide on the participation fee. He asked the Congress delegates to vote on awarding the Men's Junior (U21) World



Championship in 2021 to Hungary and on authorising the Council to decide on the participation fee by raising their voting cards. The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in 2021 to Hungary and the authorisation of the Council to decide on the participation fee which shall be reduced. President Moustafa congratulated the Hungarian Handball Federation and wished them good luck with the organisation of the event.

Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the awarding of the Men's Junior (U21) World Championship in 2021 to Hungary and the authorisation of the Council to decide on the participation fee which shall be reduced.

18.5 WOMEN'S YOUTH (U18) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2022

The COC Chairman pointed out that no bids were received for the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2022.

President Moustafa referred to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18 August 2017 to ask the Congress for authorisation to award the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2022. He asked the Congress delegates to vote on the request of the Council by raising their voting cards. The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to award the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2022.

Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to award the Women's Youth (U18) World Championship in 2022.

18.6 WOMEN'S JUNIOR (U20) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN 2022

The COC Chairman pointed out that no bids were received for the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2022.

President Moustafa referred to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18 August 2017 to ask the Congress for authorisation to award the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2022. He asked the Congress delegates to vote on the request of the Council by raising their voting cards. The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to award the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2022.



Decision. The Congress unanimously approved the authorisation of the Council to award the Women's Junior (U20) World Championship in 2022.

19. SCHEDULING TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT CONGRESS

Before giving the floor to the President of Handball Federation of Russia, Mr Sergey Shishkarev, to present his bid for the organisation of the 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress, President Moustafa referred again to the letter received from the Handball Federation of Russia ten minutes before the opening of the Congress regarding Mr Shishkarev's candidature for the position of IHF Executive Committee Member and gave the floor to Mr Jean Brihault, Chairman of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, who explained once again the working method of the working group. In addition, the IHF Arbitration Tribunal Chairman stated that the letter and its content cannot be considered as motion and cannot change the opinion and outcome of the working group. Mr Jörgen Holmqvist, member of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions, fully agreed with their interpretation. President Moustafa asked the Congress delegates if they agree to the outcome of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions and the IHF Arbitration Tribunal Chairman with regard to Mr Shishkarev (not fulfilling the IHF criteria according to Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes). The delegates cast their votes by raising their voting cards.

With one vote against and ten abstentions, the Congress agreed to the outcome of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions and the IHF Arbitration Tribunal Chairman with regard to Mr Shishkarev (not fulfilling the IHF criteria according to Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes).

President Moustafa gave the floor to the President of Handball Federation of Russia, Mr Sergey Shishkarev, to present his bid for the organisation of the 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress. Mr Shishkarev informed the Congress that the Handball Federation of Russia withdraws its bid for the organisation of the 2019 Ordinary IHF Congress.

Decision. With one vote against and ten abstentions, the Congress agreed to the outcome of the Working Group of Candidatures for IHF Positions and the IHF Arbitration Tribunal Chairman with regard to Mr Sergey Shishkarev (not fulfilling the IHF criteria according to Article 12.3.15 of the IHF Statutes).
The Congress unanimously decided to authorise the IHF Council to award the XXXVII Ordinary IHF Congress 2019.



20. AWARDING OF THE IHF PRESIDENT'S DEVELOPMENT AWARD (FORMERLY CALLED HANS BAUMANN TROPHY) AND HONOURS

According to Article 2 of the IHF Regulations for Awards, the IHF President's Development Award is granted to two IHF Member Federations every two years at the Ordinary Congress of the IHF. It is awarded for particular services to the development and spread of handball in the Member Federations' own countries and/or throughout the world. The IHF President's Development Award is granted to two applicants on two levels:

1. Handball developed countries
2. Emerging federations

President Moustafa announced to the Congress that, according to the IHF Council decision made in its meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia on 18 August 2017, Russia will receive the IHF President's Development Award in the category "Handball developed countries" while Mongolia will receive the IHF President's Development Award in the category "Emerging federations". He congratulated the representatives of Handball Federation of Russia and Mongolian Handball Federation and awarded them the trophies and certificates.

Afterwards the Managing Director announced to the Congress that certificates of appreciation will be awarded to the outgoing Council members, including Mr Jean Brihault (formerly Europe's Vice-President of the IHF) and Mr Manfred Prause (former IHF PRC Chairman), and other handball personalities, including Mr Günter Pfeistlinger (Chairman of AIPS-Handball Commission). The certificates were handed over by the President.

Afterwards the Managing Director announced to the Congress that certificates of gratitude will be awarded to the organisers of the following IHF events held between 2015 and 2017:

- XXII Women's World Championship 2015 in DEN
- VI Women's Youth World Championship 2016 in SVK
- XXXV IHF Ordinary Congress and IHF Extraordinary Congress 2015 & XX Women's Junior World Championship 2016 in RUS
- Super Globe 2016 & 2017 in QAT
- VII Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships 2016 in HUN
- XXV Men's World Championship 2017 in FRA
- XXI Men's Junior World Championship 2017 in ALG
- VII Men's Youth World Championship 2017 in GEO



- II Men's Emerging Nations Championship 2017 in BUL
- XXXVI IHF Ordinary Congress 2017 in TUR

The certificates were handed over by the President.

Decision. The Congress took note of the awarding of the 2017 IHF President's Development Awards to Handball Federation of Russia and Mongolian Handball Federation.

The Congress also took note of the awarding of certificates to the outgoing Council members and other handball personalities as well as to the organisers of IHF events between 2015 and 2017.

21. MISCELLANEOUS

No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

22. CLOSE OF THE CONGRESS

President Moustafa thanked all Congress participants, the Council members, the interpreters and the staff of the Head Office for their collaboration and their contribution to the success of the Congress. He addressed special thanks to the President of the Turkish Handball Federation and the organising committee for the excellent organisation of the Congress.

President Moustafa promised to continue working hard to the benefit of the Member Federations, and asked the delegates for their collaboration in promoting handball in their countries. He reiterated his willingness to support the Member Federations and wished them good luck in their activities.

Afterwards President Moustafa declared the XXXVI Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation officially closed.



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