



**E&A Development Commission Minutes of Meeting 10/11/2012
Barcelona (SPA)**

Present:

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DC Members

Discussion re the future of the Development Commission in both E&A and IWWF. Following the 2012 E&A Seminar in Egypt where lectures were Jean- Michel Cau, Ricky Casilli, Florian Butty and Maureen, it was decided that the proposal for the above team to be official members of E&A Development Commission be put to E&A President, Alain Amade.

John Wood has decided to step down from the E&A Development Commission but continue with the IWWF D Commission. JW is to contact Kuno Ritchard to agree a meeting next year during the Worlds in Chile.

The new format of DC, under submission to ADMINCOM, is:

President: Jean-Michel CAU (FRA)

Members: Florian BUTTY (SUI), Ricky CASILLY (ITA), Maureen WRIGHT (MON).

2012 Seminar report

The Coaching and Judging Development seminar has been held in SHARM EL SHEIKH – EGYPT -10th/13th of May 2012.

The lecturers were Jean-Michel Cau (FRA) and Ricky Casilli (ITA) for Coaching, Maureen Wright (MON) for Tournament Judging and Florian Butty (SUI) for Wakeboard.

The venue was held at the Hotel Laguna Vista in Sharm El Sheikh. It is a Holiday resort and not really ideal for seminars, as the conference rooms were not situated close to each other. The limited Wi-Fi availability (reception area only) made it

difficult for some lecturers to deliver all of their presentations on demand. Going forward, more emphasis on the seminar rooms requirement need to be a priority.

Delegates attended from 7 countries in total, all wishing to improve their knowledge. It was nice to see 2 delegates (President) from Latvia who are keen after a long lapse to re establish the sport in their country. Cyprus, Lebanon and Turkey although signed up to attend, failed to show up and this was disappointing especially after the push for the Mediterranean Countries to improve in light of the Med Games next year.

This year for the first time, 3 different sections were included:

- Judging (both tournament and wakeboard),

☒- Classical coaching plus Wakeboard coaching,☒☒

resulting in 50 hours of lectures over the 4 days.☒ Participants would switch from section to section, thus broadening their knowledge in both their own discipline and other areas. The Development Commissions' decision to branch out this year and include Wakeboard proved to be hugely successful and is the way forward, maybe to also include Cable wakeboard in the future.

It is important that going forward, some of these new lecturers should be into the Development Commission.

The Seminar was attended by the IWWF President Kuno Ritschard on the Saturday where he shared a few words on the future development and direction of the sport.

2013 Seminar

JMC has been approached by the Ukraine and also St Petersburg (Russia) for the next seminar in 2013. At present Turkey had put a bid as this will tie in with the Mediterranean Games 2013 but as they have not committed to running it, JMC is to meet with the representative from the Ukraine this weekend to discuss the option of hosting.

A phone contact has been established with Turkish vice-president Bedry Sincar. He confirmed that Turkey postpone his bid to 2014.

Mediterranean Games

JMC has been already 3 times in Mersin and 2 times in Istanbul. A total of 100 hours of meetings has been completed. Administrative process is finished. Active phase will start beginning of 2013. Setting the stadium and boat contract are the priority. JMC get the opportunity of having this weekend in Barcelona most of the officials operating in the Games to run a short meeting presenting what is going on and the way the event will be run.

Mediterranean countries strategy

E&A DC has got a special funding for preparing your athletes from Mediterranean countries for the 2012 season and for the next 2013 Med. Games. A Training camp has been organised for young skiers (under 12) whose target was to take part in the Topolino Trophy in Roma, Italy, 1st – 2nd September 2012. E&A is paying full board and coaching for skiers.

5 skiers from Cyprus and 2 from Monaco got the benefit of this funding. Egyptian team did not turn up at the last minute, without any apology!

Next meetings

RC and FB will meet up in December in Italy for setting up new presentations for next seminar.

JMC will be the DC representative during next 2013 congress in Switzerland.

Jean-Michel CAU

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